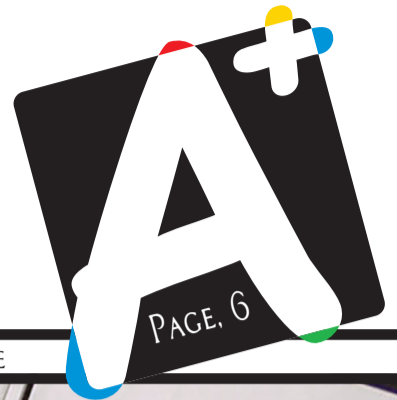


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Lisa and Erich RussekRobbins with ukuleles from NOVA Music Center. Hawaiian dancers, crafts, food and Ono Brewing Co.'s tropical beers made this Chantilly brewery's Sept. 28 anniversary celebration special.



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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF
AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRIC FACILITIES: LOUDOUN-OX
230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PARTIAL REBUILD
CASE NO. PUR-2019-00128**

On August 13, 2019, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia ("Dominion" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate electric transmission facilities in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties, Virginia ("Application"). Dominion filed the Application pursuant to §56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code §56-265.1 *et seq.*

Dominion proposes to rebuild, entirely within an existing right-of-way or on Company-owned property, five separate segments of its existing 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission Lines #2173, #295, #265, #200, #2051, #2063, #266, and #2008, which are collocated at various points within the existing transmission line corridor between the Company's existing Loudoun and Ox substations ("Rebuild Project"). The Company proposes to:

(i) remove approximately 4.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2008 between Structure #2008/1A and Structure #2008/24, retire approximately 8.4 miles of existing 115 kV transmission Line #156 between Loudoun Substation and Bull Run Substation, cut and loop in existing Line #265 into Bull Run Substation as the line passes directly overhead, and perform related substation work at the Loudoun, Bull Run, Mosby, Sully, and Clifton Substations (collectively, the "Loudoun-Bull Run Segment");

(ii) remove approximately 3.9 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2173 on double circuit structures between Structure #2173/1A and Structure #2173/21, remove idle 230 kV transmission Line #1265, and rebuild approximately 3.9 miles of Line #2008 and Line #2173 on new, shared double circuit structures along the Line #2008 centerline between #2008/1A and Structure #2008/21 (collectively, the "Loudoun-Elklick Segment");

(iii) rebuild approximately 4.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #295 on new double circuit structures from existing Structure #295/21, remove idle 230 kV transmission Line #1265, rebuild 0.4 mile of Line #2008 between Elklick Junction and Dulles Junction on structures shared with Line #295, and rebuild approximately 4.0 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #265 between Dulles Junction and Bull Run Substation on structures shared with Line #295 (collectively, the "Elklick-Bull Run Segment");

(iv) rebuild approximately 3.2 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #265 on new double circuit structures between Bull Run Substation and Structure #265/4, rebuild approximately 0.6 mile of existing 230 kV transmission Line #200 on structures shared with Line #265 between Bull Run Substation and Pender Junction, and rebuild approximately 2.3 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2051 on structures shared with Line #265 between Pender Junction and Structure #265/4 (collectively, "Bull Run-Clifton Segment"); and

(v) rebuild a combined total of approximately 6.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #2035 on new double circuit structures and rebuild a total of approximately 6.4 miles of existing 230 kV transmission Line #266 on structures shared with Line #2063 along the Clifton Substation DP section and the Moore DP-Ox Substation section (collectively, the "Clifton-Ox Segment").

Dominion states that the Rebuild Project is necessary to maintain the structural integrity and reliability of its transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability Corporation Reliability Standards. Further, the Company states that the Rebuild Project will replace aging infrastructure that is at the end of its service life.

The Company states that the expected in-service date for the Rebuild Project is December 31, 2024. The estimated cost of the Rebuild Project is approximately \$67.5 million, which includes an estimated \$59.0 million cost for transmission-related work and approximately \$8.5 million for substation-related work. The estimated cost for each segment of the Rebuild Project is approximately (i) \$8.11 million for the Loudoun-Bull Run Segment, (ii) \$9.65 million for the Loudoun-Elklick Segment, (iii) \$13.14 million for the Elklick-Bull Run Segment, (iv) \$9.72 million for the Bull Run-Clifton Segment, and (v) \$18.35 million for the Clifton-Ox Segment.

The proposed Rebuild Project is located entirely within Dominion's service territory and existing right-of-way in Loudoun, Prince William, and Fairfax Counties.

The Loudoun-Elklick Segment includes replacement of 19 structures, currently ranging in height from 106 feet to 136 feet, with an average height of 124 feet. As proposed, the new structures for the Loudoun-Elklick Segment would range in height from 50 feet to 150 feet, with a proposed average height of 131 feet.

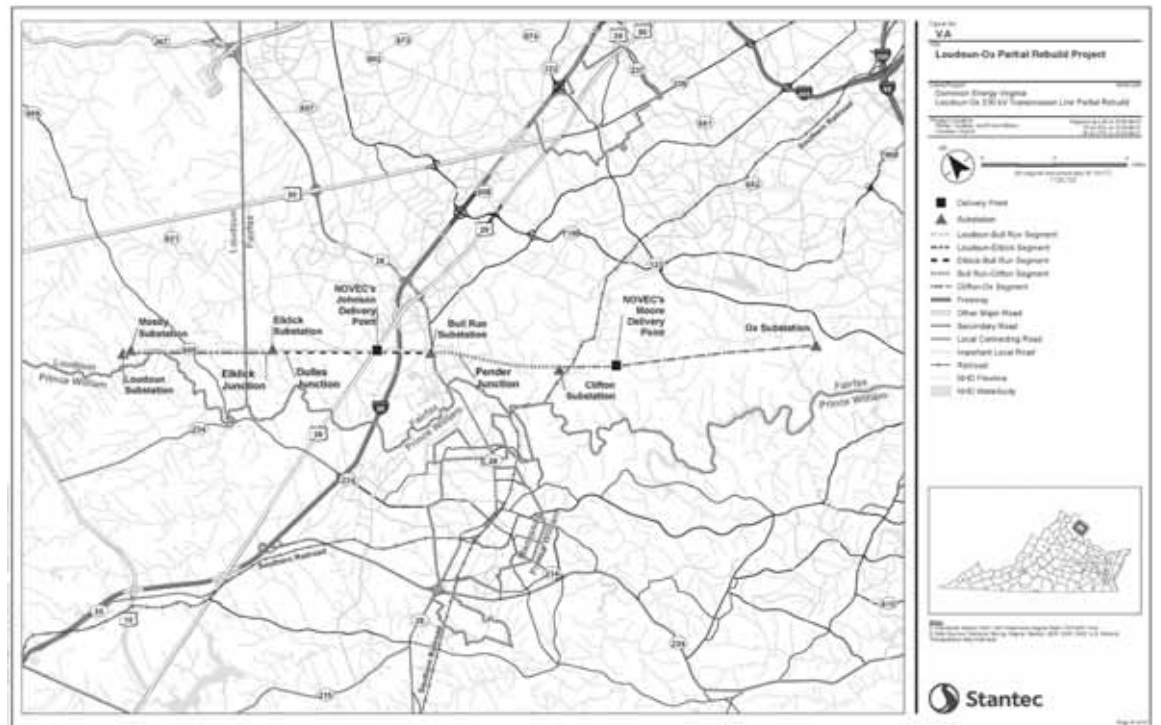
The Elklick-Bull Run Segment includes 2 sections: the Elklick Junction-Dulles Junction section and the Dulles Junction-Bull Run Substation section. The Elklick Junction-Dulles Junction section includes replacement of 4 structures, currently ranging in height from 35 feet to 115 feet, with an average height of 93 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 50 feet to 125 feet, with a proposed average height of 101 feet. The Dulles Junction-Bull Run Substation section includes the replacement of 24 structures, currently ranging in height from 95 feet to 140 feet, with an average of 117 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 85 feet to 147 feet, with an average height of 125 feet.

The Bull Run-Clifton Segment includes 2 sections: the Bull Run Substation-Pender Junction section and the Pender Junction-Clifton Substation section. The Bull Run Substation-Pender Junction section includes replacement of 4 structures, currently ranging in height from 109 feet to 151 feet, with an average height of 129 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 152 feet, with a proposed average height of 132 feet. The Pender Junction-Clifton Substation section includes replacement of 13 structures, currently ranging in height from 101 feet to 134 feet, with an average height of 119 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 147 feet, with an average height of 129 feet.

The Clifton-Ox Segment includes replacement of 39 structures, currently ranging in height from 101 feet to 158 feet, with an average height of 119 feet. As proposed, the new structures would range in height from 110 feet to 162 feet, with an average height of 130 feet.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website: <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/pur/elec/transline.aspx>.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without



additional notice to the public.

A more complete description of the Rebuild Project may be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing and a Correcting Order in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings in Fairfax County and Richmond, Virginia. A local public hearing will be convened on January 29, 2020, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. The public hearing will resume on April 22, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff.

Copies of the Application and documents filed in this case are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Copies of the Application and other supporting materials also may be inspected during regular business hours at the following location:

Dominion Energy Virginia
10900 Nuckols Road, 4th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23060
Attn: Lane Carr, Siting and Permitting Specialist

Interested persons also may obtain a copy of the Application by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, David J. DePippo, Esquire, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before December 20, 2019, a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00128. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing and the Correcting Order.

On or before April 15, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Application shall file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 15, 2020, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact discs or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00128.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing and the Correcting Order in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above.

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Food, Fun, Information At WFCM Client Fair

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

As part of Hunger Action Month, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) held a Client Fair on Saturday, Sept. 28. More than 30 of the families it serves attended and were greeted with a variety of food and information.

Partners participating in the fair included: Girls on the Run NOVA, Cake4Kids, Department of Family Services, La Cocina VA and United HealthCare.

The event included garden talks showing attendees how to make a healthy bean salad and how to make pickles. Afterward, the attendees enjoyed samples.

Gifts for clients included: Breakfast bags for children from NOVEC HELPS; energy-efficiency kits from Dominion Energy; gift cards from Chick-fil-A in Sully Plaza; pumpkin bread from La Cocina VA; cupcakes from CAKE4KIDS; personal-care kits for men, women, children and babies from a local church; and shirts from Girls on the Run NOVA.

Emma Chernisky, a Girl Scout who's creating a recipe book for WFCM clients as part of her Gold Award project, was on hand providing food samples. "I really enjoyed participating in this event," she said. "It was especially great to see people coming back for seconds and taking recipe cards to make the dishes at home."

"CAKE4KIDS is very excited to be in Fairfax County bringing cakes to deserving children," said Mary Campbell, Cake4Kids Fairfax County ambassador. "Our chapter opened May 22, and we've delivered more than 50 cakes. We're looking forward to baking many more." Also pleased to participate was La Cocina VA. According to its programs coordinator, Paloma Martinez, "We're a nonprofit that uses the power of food to create socioeconomic development in marginalized communities."

WFCM Executive Director Harmonie Taddeo was happy, as well, with the success of this event.

"It was wonderful to offer this Client Fair in partnership with several local businesses and nonprofits as part of Hunger Action Month," she said. "Food



Girls on the Run NOVA Director of Programs Nicole Wright.



Girl Scout Emma Chernisky serves pumpkin muffins.

Pantry Director Pamela Montesinos carried out her vision for this event with cooking demonstrations, great cost-saving information about energy, medical and food programs, and special treats for the families that attended. We look forward to building on this event in the future to continue to provide services to our clients that will help their families with finances and food security."



BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Nolbia Hernandez holds son Christopher, in his Ninja Turtle costume, at last year's festival.

'Come Have a Good Time' at Fall Festival

**Ox Hill Baptist invites the
community to annual event.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

There'll be fun for all ages at the Ox Hill Baptist Church Fall Festival. It's set for Saturday, Oct. 26, from 3-6 p.m., at 4101 Elmwood St. in Chantilly. Putting it on jointly with the church are Fairfax County's Neighborhood and Community Services, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington and Pohanka Automotive Group.

Children are encouraged to come in their Halloween costumes to join in a parade. They can also enjoy games, face-painting, cupcake walks, crafts, food, deejay music, a moonbounce and an inflatable slide. And adults will have the opportunity to learn about various resources and programs that can help them.

"It's a way for us to collaborate with our community partners to be able to further reach local residents," said event organizer John Majette, the church's minister of Community Engagement and Youth. "We want to bring awareness of the services available to them."

Free Chick-fil-A sandwiches, hot dogs and beverages will be among the food offered. And the festivities will include a touch-a-truck area, with a police cruiser from the Fair Oaks District Station and a fire engine from Fire Station 15 in Chantilly.

Each child will receive a basket to take around and collect surprises from each table. They

may also bring their bicycles to the festival to participate in a bike rodeo. The Fairfax County Police Department's Bike Patrol will be on hand to teach them bike safety and skills.

"Our Spanish-speaking congregation, Rio Poderoso, will also participate," said Majette. "People can meet their pastor and congregation and learn about their activities."

Ox Hill Baptist was one of Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) original member churches and, in partnership with this nonprofit, it's taking part in WFCM's Project Clean. This effort provides free detergent, dryer sheets and quarters so local people in need can do their laundry. So at the festival, there'll be a mission table where people can help fill water bottles with detergent.

In addition, coats will be collected for the Boys & Girls Club to distribute to people in need. To arrange for a pickup on Oct. 21, email Majette at John@OxHillBaptist.org.

A public-health nurse with the county Health Department will be available to talk about the vaping crisis in the community, and the county will also offer free health screenings.

Hoping for a good turnout at this second-annual festival, Majette encourages everyone to "Come have a good time and meet other people in the community. We're looking forward to it." For more information, call 703-324-5347 or go to communityfallfestival.splashthat.com.

Dates, Deadlines and Candidates

❖ On or About Sept. 20: Absentee Voting begins at the Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax

❖ Oct. 15: Voter Registration Deadline. In-person: 5 p.m., online: 11:59 p.m.

❖ Oct. 29: Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 2 Final day to vote absentee in-person, 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Deadline to return your ballot to the Office of Elections, 7 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Election Day, Polling Places open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Voter ID Requirements:

Per Virginia law effective July 1, 2014, all residents must provide valid photo identification when they vote in-person. Please consult the VA Department of Elections for the most up to date information regarding acceptable forms of voter photo ID.

Many types of photo ID are acceptable for voting in Virginia. You only need to show ONE acceptable photo ID to vote. Photo IDs can be used to vote up to one year after the ID has expired. Acceptable forms of valid identification: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, United States passport, Employer-issued photo ID, Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia, Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID, Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID, Virginia Voter Photo ID card



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- ❖ Sheriff, vote for one
- ❖ Chairman Board of Supervisors, vote for one
- ❖ Member School Board at Large
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- ❖ Member School Board, vote for one in your district
- ❖ Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District
- ❖ School Bonds Referenda

Voter Registration and Voter Photo ID Opportunities

The Office of Elections is open during normal business hours to provide residents the opportunity to register to vote or obtain a free voter photo ID if needed. The Office of Elections also provides residents opportunities to attend offsite events throughout the year.

School Bond Ballot Question

This is the text of the public school bond question that will be on the Nov. 5, 2019, general election ballot:

Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement

bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$360,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishing and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

Candidates, Fairfax County

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Jeffrey C. McKay (D)
Joseph F. Galdo (R)

Commonwealth's Attorney

Steve T. Descano (D)
Jonathan L. Fahey (I)

Sheriff

Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)
Christopher F. De Carlo (I)

Board of Supervisors, District Representatives

Braddock District
James R. Walkinshaw (D)
S. Jason Remer (R)
Carey Chet Campbell (I)

Dranesville District

John W. Foust (D) incumbent
Ed. R. Martin (R)

Hunter Mill District

Walter L. Acorn (D) unopposed

Lee District

Rodney L. Lusk (D) unopposed

Mason District

Penelope A. "Penny" Gross (D) incumbent
Gary N. Aiken (R)

Mount Vernon District

Daniel G. "Dan" Storck (D) incumbent, unopposed

Providence District

Dalia A. Palchik (D), unopposed

Springfield District

Linda D. Sperling (D)
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R) incumbent

Sully District

Kathy L. Smith (D) incumbent
Srilekha R. Palle (R)

School Board

School Board At-Large (vote for three)

Abrar E. Omeish (endorsed by Democrats)
Cheryl A. Buford (endorsed by Republicans)
Priscilla M. DeStefano (endorsed by Republicans)
Rachna Sizemore Heizer (endorsed by Democrats)
Vinson Palathingal (endorsed by Republicans)
Ilryong Moon, incumbent (withdrawn)
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)
Braddock District, School Board

Zia Tompkins (endorsed by Republicans)
Megan O. McLaughlin, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Dranesville District, School Board

Anastasia S. Karloutsos (endorsed by Republicans)
Ardavan Mobasheri
Elaine V. Tholen (endorsed by Democrats)

Hunter Mill District, School Board

Laura Ramirez Drain (endorsed by Republicans)
Melanie K. Meren (endorsed by Democrats)

Lee District, School Board

Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax, incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

Mason District, School Board

Ricardy J. Anderson (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom L. Pafford

Mount Vernon District, School Board

Pamela C. Ononiwu
Steven D. Mosley (endorsed by Republicans)
Karen L. Corbett Sanders, incumbent (endorsed by Democrats)

Providence District, School Board

Andrea L. "Andi" Bayer (endorsed by Republicans)
Jung Byun
Karl V. Frisch (endorsed by Democrats)

Springfield District, School Board

Laura Jane H. Cohen (endorsed by Democrats)
R. Kyle McDaniel
Elizabeth L. Schultz, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

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Stella G. Pekarsky (endorsed by Democrats)
Tom A. Wilson, incumbent (endorsed by Republicans)

Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District Vote for Three

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Christopher A. Bowen (endorsed by Republicans)
Edward F. McGovern (endorsed by Republicans)
Jonah E. "Jet" Thomas
Monica A. Billger (endorsed by Democrats)
Gerald Owen "Jerry" Peters Jr., incumbent, (endorsed by Democrats)

General Assembly House of Delegates

District 34
Kathleen J. Murphy (D), incumbent
Gary G. Pan (R)

District 35

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District 36

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‘Socktober’ Held in Chantilly

“Local residents donate nearly 1,800 pairs of socks for homeless neighbors in Radio Station clothing drive.

BY MARTI MOORE
THE CONNECTION

A small clothing accessory most people take for granted is needed desperately by homeless shelters nationwide.

Socks.

The Mid-Atlantic region is no exception and Washington-area radio station WGTS 91.9-FM is on a mission to help two local charities the Central Union Mission of D.C. and the Salvation Army distribute socks to the people they serve.

Residents of the District, Maryland and Virginia are heeding the call of the station’s “Hands and Heart” project and donating pairs of clean, dry socks each Friday at a different location in the DMV where WGTS has a collection booth their promotions team calls a “sticker stop.”

At this regular community outreach event, volunteers hand out bumper stickers, pens, sticky note pads and business cards that explain how motorists can make a difference at local drive-through windows by paying the bill for the car behind them.

“Encouragement that sticks” is what the on-air personalities call their music station’s overall mission.

The WGTS “sticker stop” is inside the Walmart Supercenter at 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive Oct. 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. during the station’s weekday radio program “Afternoons with Johnny and Stacey.”

As the collection drive begins at 3 p.m., two large cardboard boxes that measure 24-by-18-by-18 inches already are filled and a third box is half full. First-time volunteer Christine Miller of Herndon helps greet Walmart shoppers and organize these in-kind donations as WGTS plays 2018 gospel single “Counting Every Blessing” by Rend Collective.

“This is the only radio station I listen to,” says Miller, who attends

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Centreville resident Tina Atwell is a first-time volunteer for Washington-area radio station WGTS 91.9 at its “Socktober” collection drive Oct. 11 at the Chantilly Walmart, where she accepted donations of socks for two local charities the Central Union Mission of D.C. and the Salvation Army that serve homeless individuals and families.



Chantilly resident Mary Anna Fry, 11, is relieved she didn’t miss the “Socktober” collection drive and drops a pair of boys’ ankle socks into a white cardboard Salvation Army box as the Oct. 11 charity event closes up shop in the Walmart Supercenter at 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive.

the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Herndon.

At 7 p.m., the afternoon rush-hour show is over and the WGTS crew packs up its booth. A young lady outside the Chantilly Walmart

is concerned she’s too late to make a donation.

Mary Anna Fry, 11, finds two WGTS cargo vans parked near the store entrance and is happy to drop a pair of boys’ ankle socks



At register No. 1 in the Walmart Supercenter at 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, cashier Pramila Dawadi and Centreville resident Trish Worrell participate in the WGTS “Socktober” collection drive a half hour before it wraps up Friday evening.



From left: Donor Ryan Murheat, volunteer Christine Miller, and donors Lisa Cirillo and Peter Siakam help a music radio station begin its weekly “Socktober” collection drive on a good note Friday by delivering almost 30 pairs of socks from the Community Residences of Herndon.



Brennan Wimbish, “Hearts and Hand” program director of Washington-area radio station WGTS 91.9 stacks the last box into the cargo van Friday evening with the help of collection drive volunteers Margaret and Rick Campbell of Herndon. They worked with several other volunteers to collect 12 boxes of clean, dry socks for homeless individuals.

into a collection box that’s still open — as if it has been waiting especially for her. Her dad, Matthew Fry of Chantilly, says his daughter has been looking forward to participating in this special

“Socktober” event for days and asked if he would drive her to Walmart after work.

“She was waiting on the porch for me when I got home,” said the proud father.

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Make sure that costumes are fire resistant, use reflective tape and opt for face paint instead of masks to help keep children safe this Halloween. Parents or other adult should accompany children under 12.

Keeping Children Safe on Halloween

Safety advocates offer tips ranging from costumes to trick-or-treating.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

From princesses to superheroes, within the next two weeks, as Halloween approaches, many children will be choosing a costume. As children express their creativity with the help of wigs and light sabers, public safety advocates are encouraging caution both in costume selection and mapping-out a Halloween night route.

"There are several components to safety, first make certain the costumes are well-fitted so they aren't a tripping hazard," said Tammy Franks, senior program manager for Home and Community Safety at the National Safety Council. "Instead of masks that could obstruct their view try using non-toxic face paint."

It's possible to use face paint that is free of toxins, but doesn't sacrifice a creative disguise, says Aieda Turner of costume supply store Total Fright in Arlington. "Mehron face paint is completely safe and it's made of aloe vera and cucumber and doesn't have any alcohol which can irritate a child's skin," she said. "Almost all children's costumes made now, even elaborate costumes, are fire resistant."

When children are trick-or-treating without a parent, says Franks, drivers should be able to see children, especially if they are wearing a dark costume.

Adding glow-in-the-dark or reflective tape can help. "Children should carry a flashlight or glow stick so that they can see and be seen," she said. "Parents should make sure that costume is flame resistant and they should add a reflective component."

The costume itself shouldn't have accessories that pose hazards, says Franks. "For example, if your costume includes a sword or knife, make it out of foam or cardboard or something flexible," she said.

When out-and-about trick-or-treating on Halloween, retired pediatrician Julia Baker, MD, advises parents to accompany children under the age of 12. "Parents know their children best and should use their own judgement when it comes to allowing a child to go trick-or-treating [without an adult]," she said. Parents should make a plan with their child about the route they'll take so they'll know where to find them in an emergency situation. They should also agree on the time when a child should be back at home.

Children should carry a cell phone so that parents can contact them if necessary, says Baker. "Parents should definitely be able to reach their children on Halloween," she said. "As hard as it might be these days, parents should stress to their children the danger of texting and keeping their head buried in their phones while trick-or-treating."

Staying in well-lit areas and trick-or-treating with a group of friends can help make Halloween activities safer. "The same basic rules of pedestrian safety also apply on Halloween," said Franks. "Cross the street in cross-

"The same basic rules of pedestrian safety also apply on Halloween. Cross the street in crosswalks, stay on the sidewalk ... and walk instead of running when crossing the street so that you don't trip."

—Tammy Franks, Home and Community Safety at the National Safety Council

walks, stay on the sidewalk instead of running through yards and walk instead of running when crossing the street so that you don't trip."

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NEWS

Cox Farms Fall Festival Continues to Draw Community For More Than 40 Years

Celebrating more than 40 years, Cox Farms in Centreville has one of the largest fall festivals in the area, with family-friendly attractions and activities including spooky hayrides, rope swings, giant slides, farm animals, a cornfield maze,

Kiddie Zone and Foamhenge. Best of all, everyone loves the free apple cider and apples. The festival is open daily through Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and open until 5 p.m. in November.

— DENISE LEW



From Fairfax, friends Heather, Keith and Amanda enjoy the hayride at Cox Farms fall festival.

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DENISE LEW
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From Alexandria, Yesenia Monsalvo and her children Eduardo, 11, Angelina, 6, and Valentina, 2 months, visit Cox Farms fall festival for the fourth time.



From Aldie, siblings Connor, 3, Natalie, 8 months, and Hannah, 5, play in the Kiddie Zone at Cox Farms fall festival.



Lucy Do, 22 months, of South Riding goes down a giant slide at Cox Farms fall festival.

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Public Meetings 2019 Fall Transportation Meetings

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with a brief open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, including:

- Adjustments to Virginia's project prioritization process (SMART SCALE)
- Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- VTrans Draft Mid-term Transportation Needs (Virginia's Statewide Transportation Plan)
- Adjustments to the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Representatives of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia's transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, during which you may provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

Meeting Dates and Locations

Open House begins at 4 p.m. in each of the locations unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019* Richmond District Richmond Marriott Short Pump 4240 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060 *This meeting will also provide opportunity for comment on the I-95 Corridor Study Plan	Tuesday, October 22, 2019** Northern Virginia District Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.	Monday, October 28, 2019*** Staunton District Doubletree Hotel Harrisonburg 1400 E. Market Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801 ***meeting begins at 3 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 2019 Salem District Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive Roanoke, VA 24017	Monday, November 4, 2019 Lynchburg District Lynchburg District Complex Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	Wednesday, November 6, 2019 Hampton Roads District Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435
Thursday, November 7, 2019 Bristol District Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210	Tuesday, November 12, 2019** Fredericksburg District James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.	Wednesday, November 13, 2019 Culpeper District VDOT Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701

Fall meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/> beginning October 15, 2019.

You may submit comments on any transportation projects and initiatives to OIPI Deputy Director Ronique Day, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or PublicComments@OIPI.Virginia.gov. **Comments will be accepted until November 30, 2019.**

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440 (TTY users call 711).

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Chantilly Farmers Market. Thursdays, 3:30-7 p.m., through Nov. 11 in the parking lot at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. The farmers market is a family-friendly weekly event where everyone can access local foods around, and build connections with local farmers, small business owners, and their neighbors. Farmers and vendors bring locally raised fruits, vegetables, breads and baked goods, meats and eggs, local honey, wine, soaps, prepared foods, and more each week. Free admission. Visit www.community-foodworks.org/chantilly for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Virginia Run Community Yard Sale. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the Virginia Run Community, Centreville. At the intersection of Wetherburn Road and Pleasant Valley Road.

1940s Hangar Dance Fundraiser. 6-11 p.m. At the Freedom Museum, Manassas Regional Airport, 10600 Harry Parrish Blvd., Manassas. The evening includes dinner and dancing to the music of the 1940s and 1950s with the big band Swing Machine, a short swing dance lesson, as well as live and silent auctions for one-of-a-kind treasures. Vintage aircraft and vehicles will be on display. Admission is \$125 for a single ticket and \$200 per couple. Tickets and sponsor information are at freedommuseum.org and the Facebook page.

Clifton Barn Dance. 7:30 p.m. At Clifton Barn, Main Street, Clifton. Adult members of Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) are sponsoring a Clifton Barn Dance Hootenanny. Bring a dessert or covered dish to share; drinks will be provided. CBA Members \$35/couple, non member guests \$45/couple; Singles \$25. This is an event to remember so put on your cowboy duds and git on down.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Girl Scout Day at the Lab. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. At the Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. The Children's Science Center Lab is offering its first Sci-sational Girl Scout Day. Celebrate Girl Scout Founder, Juliette Gordon Low's 159th Birthday Party at the Lab and learn how you can help make the world a better place. Use self-exploration guides to experience the Lab with other scouts and leaders. Visit pop-up demonstrations, special animal encounters, and the Van De Graff generator. All scouts will receive a unique Children's Science Center Lab Fun Patch with their admission. Please register for a specific time frame to explore the Lab. Time slots available are: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; and 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Secret Mission Vietnam. 2-5 p.m. At Old Bust Head Brewery, 7134 Farm Station Road, Vint Hill. Cost is \$35. Discussion on the Army Security Agency's Secret War in Vietnam 1961-1973. Presenters Lonnie Long and Gary Blackburn, former intelligence professionals, will draw from their book to tell the story of a secret, ongoing intelligence mission during the Vietnam War. Visit the website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/by-order-of-the-president-the-army-security-agencys-secret-war-in-vietnam-1961-1973-tickets-67896055931>

MONDAY/OCT. 21

Centreville Garden Club Meets. 7-9 p.m. At Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Centreville Garden Club monthly meeting with guest speaker David Yost, "Putting Our Gardens To Sleep." Come learn some helpful tips to prepare your garden for winter. Meeting generally third Monday each month. Learn more at CentrevilleGardenClub.blogspot.com. Visitors and new members welcome. Email: centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 22

AARP Dinner Group. 5-8 p.m. At City Grille of Manassas, 10701 Balls Ford Road, Manassas. AARP has reserved a section of City Grille of Manassas for AARP members and their guests to enjoy dinner together with a 15 percent discount on their entrée. Meet new people, make new

Centreville Day Is Saturday, Oct. 19

Fun and games, history and a chance to enjoy a fall day outdoors with friends and family – that's the 27th annual Centreville Day celebration. It's slated for Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Historic Centreville Park, 5714 Mount Gilead Road (off Braddock Road, across Route 29 from the IHOP).

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

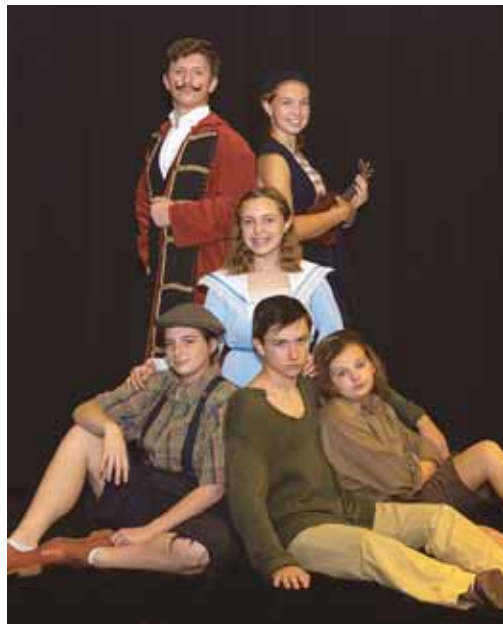


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Performing in Westfield High's "Peter and the Starcatcher" are (top row, from left) Matthew Krelovich (Black Stache) and Beverly D'Andrea (Smee); (middle) Kylee Weimeister (Molly); and (bottom row, from left) Julia Manser (Ted), Jason Tongarm (Peter) and Cassandra White (Prentiss).

friends, connect with neighbors, and enjoy dinner together. Visit the website: <https://aarp.cvent.com/ManassasDGOct22>.

OCT. 25-27

Used Book Sale. At Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books for children and adults. Sponsored by Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library to benefit programs and renovation projects at the library. Free entrance. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, October 25; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, October 26; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, October 27. Visit the website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Chantilly High Haunted House. 1-5 p.m. (less scary) and 6-10 p.m. (for braver goblins). At Chantilly High School, Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. The fun includes chills and thrills, games/crafts, a hypnotist, hot food and a bake sale. Fundraiser for girls' soccer and field hockey teams. Tickets are \$10 in advance from any CHS girls' soccer or field hockey player or via www.chshauntedhouse.com. A limited amount of tickets will be sold at the door for \$12.

Amazing Reptiles, S'mores, a Night Wagon



BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Children try their luck at the climbing wall at Centreville Day 2018.

Westfield High Presents 'Peter and the Starcatcher'

A comedy with music and a love story, "Peter and the Starcatcher" is the prequel to "Peter Pan" and is Westfield High's upcoming play. It also marks the debut of Enza Giannone-Hosig as the school's new theater director.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, Oct. 18-19, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m.; and Friday-Saturday, Oct. 25-26, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door, or \$10 with a student I.D. or via www.westfieldtheatre.com.

Ride. 5-8 p.m. At Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play games, test your courage with a touch table and see some of the park's amazing reptiles up close. Calm your nerves by roasting s'mores at a campfire while listening to stories and then join us for a refreshing wagon ride through the autumn woods. This program is appropriate for participants age four to adults. The cost is \$10 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence/>

Family Costume Party. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At the Children's Science Center Lab in Fair Oaks Mall. Join in a frightfully good time. Enjoy the Haunted Lab after hours and wear your favorite costume. Prizes will be awarded for creative and original ideas. Your family will engage in multiple not-so-spooky science activities including Boo Bubbles and Cob Web Slime. Eat, drink and be scary! Light refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Colebrook Road at Bluegrass Barn. 7 p.m. At Bluegrass Barn, Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Doors open at 6 p.m., show time is 7 p.m. The Bluegrass Barn series at the park's Visitor Center is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Frying Pan Park. Food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Festival of the Nutcracker. 3-6 p.m. At Creative Dance Center, 43130 Amberwood Plaza, #10, Chantilly. Introduce your children to the magic of the Nutcracker. Kids will make a holiday craft, enjoy treats of the season, join a dance party, and meet the stars of the Nutcracker in a

Shell: Clara's Wish performance. Cost is \$5/child; free/adults. Visit the website: www.ipayouth.com/nutcracker

SUNDAY/NOV. 3

Wine Tasting. At Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. The Assistance League of Northern Virginia is hosting a wine tasting. Tickets, available at the door or in advance, include two glasses of wine and light hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds will benefit Assistance League's community-based programs that feed, clothe and educate local children. Cost is \$25. For more info, email Carrie: info@alnv.org Assistance League is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Visit the website: www.alnv.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

"Ties that Bound: Founding First Ladies and Slaves." 4-6 p.m. At Sully Historic Site, Chantilly. Maria Schwartz will be discussing her book, "Ties that Bound," which is an exploration of the relationships between the first ladies and the enslaved people who served them. Schwartz is the Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island and the author of multiple books on the history of enslaved individuals in America. Her most recent book goes beyond the image of first ladies as glamorous hostesses to shed light on the often-overlooked relationship they had with slaveholding culture in early America. Limited seating is available and advance registration is required to reserve a seat. The cost of each program is \$35 per person, which includes wine. Call 703-437-1794 to make a reservation, or book online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully. Call 703-324-8662 or at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

Sideline at Bluegrass Barn. 7 p.m. At Bluegrass Barn, Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Doors open at 6 p.m., show time is 7 p.m. The Bluegrass Barn series at the park's Visitor Center is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Frying Pan Park. Food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door.

MONDAY/DEC. 2

African-American Genealogy. 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. An African-American Genealogy study group meets the first Monday of the month (except September and November). Participation in the study group is free but registration is requested. To register, or for more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/events or call 703-830-2223.

ONGOING

Fitness for 50+. Daytime hours, Monday-Friday at Sully Senior Center, 14426 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly. Jazzercise Lite, Zumba Gold, Hot Hula Fitness (dancing Polynesian style), Strength Training, Qi Gong, Tai Chi and more. Membership is \$48 a year, and waivers are available. Email lynne.lott@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-322-4475 for more.

History Volunteers Needed. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs history buffs. The Museum offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in Museum events, programs and administration. Email volunteers@fairfax-station.org or call 703-945-7483 to explore opportunities. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. It is open every Sunday, except holidays, from 1-4 p.m. www.fairfax-station.org, 703-425-9225.

Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.

Carolina Shag Dance. Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.

Open Rehearsal. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilairs.org for more.

SPORTS

Bulldogs Beat Warhawks in Concorde District Thriller

The Westfield Bulldogs (5-0) hosted the Madison Warhawks (4-2) in a Concorde District thriller on Oct. 11.

The Bulldogs would strike first when Noah Kim would score his first of two rushing touchdowns with 1:34 in the 1st quarter. After a successful PAT the scoreboard now had Westfield up 7-0.

On Madison's ensuing possession, QB Ry Yates would find teammate Brendan Ryka for an 83-yard touchdown reception. A successful PAT evened the score at 7. Later in the quarter Westfield was again back in business when Isaiah Daniels ran in from 65 yards and Westfield now led 14-7. Westfield managed the clock well after

Madison failed to run the half out and Noah Kim ran in from 7 yards out for a 3-yard TD. Westfield would go into the half up 21-7.

After a scoreless 3rd quarter, Madison would score with 4:58 to play in the game, pulling the Warhawks to within a touchdown, 21-14. Madison would later get the ball back and threaten in the closing minute and a half of the game, but on 4th down the Bulldogs were able to stop the Warhawks and took over on downs and ran the rest of the clock out. Madison falls to (4-3) (0-1) while Westfield improves to (6-0) (1-0). Madison will host Chantilly (6-0) on 10-18. Westfield will play at Oakton (2-4).

—WILL PALENSCAR



Isaiah Daniels #1 breaks away from Madison defenders for a 65-yard touchdown run for Westfield.

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Avery Howard #17 looks to avoid the special teams of Madison after receiving a punt.



Westfield's Noah Kim #10 and Madison's Nolan Crowley #6 show great sportsmanship after a hard-fought game.



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ROUNDUPS

Chantilly High Hosts Annual Haunted House

Chantilly High students have conjured up ghoulish spirits to create an evening of spine-tingling fright at its ninth annual haunted house. It's set for Saturday, Oct. 26, from 1-5 p.m. (less scary) and 6-10 p.m. (for braver goblins) in the cafeteria.

This year's event will feature new scares and thrills when the school creaks open its doors to all ages. Tickets are \$10 in advance from any Chantilly High girls' soccer or field hockey player or via www.chshauntedhouse.com. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door for \$12.

The fun includes a games/craft area for those with low scare tolerances, plus hypnotist Russell Hausman during the evening hours. And a bake sale will offer spooky treats, as well as grilled-cheese sandwiches and meatball subs.

This repeat reign of terror comes after the amazing success of last year's event, attracting nearly 1,500 people. Money raised will benefit both the field hockey and soccer programs. For more information, email Bobbie at chshaunted@gmail.com or see www.CHShauntedHouse.com.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Volunteer Photographer

Opportunity. Be the official Centreville Day photographer. Event to be held at 5714 Mt. Gilead Road, Centreville. Note that all photo rights for Centreville Day photographs will be given to the Friends of Historic Centreville. You will receive photo credits and be an in-kind sponsor for Centreville Day 2019. Minimum age is 18. Contact Kiersten Conley at 703-631-0013 or email: kiersten.conley@fairfaxcounty.gov.

p.m. at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

2019 North/West Fairfax County Distinguished Citizen Dinner.

Powhatan District BSA recognizes a distinguished business and civic leader, Frederick P. Baerenz, President & CEO of AOG Wealth Management. Join Us for a Great Evening — Celebrate the impact of BSA Scouting in our area. Benefit BSA programs for boys and girls in North/West Fairfax County.

Time: 6 p.m. Reception, Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

7 p.m. Dinner & Program.

Location: River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066

For more information, please contact: Raymond.Posluszny@Scouting.org. Phone: 202-669-3548

For online registrations: <http://bit.ly/2LYfhGt>

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Sully District Council Meeting.

They will be sponsoring the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area for a Sully Legislative Candidates Night. Candidates for five Senate and five House of Delegate Districts within Sully have been invited to speak and answer questions. To propose questions, go to the League of Women Voters website, <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/>, and ask your questions. Meetings are held at 7

TUESDAY/OCT. 29

Car Seat Safety Check. 9:30 a.m.-

12:30 p.m. at the Sully district police station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. In preparation for inspection, install the seat using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

MONDAY/NOV. 4

DiabetesSisters PODS Meetup. 7-9

p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Join the first meeting of this new PODS Meetup for an evening of sisterhood, encouragement, and peer support. Women living with any type of diabetes are warmly welcome. Free. Email sara@diabetessisters.org or visit diabetessisters.org/pods-part-diabetessisters-meetups for more.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This is a punchline to a joke I heard 50-plus years ago during my adolescence. I never knew what the actual joke was, but somehow it was thought to be funny. And so too was it funny the other day when preparing to take a shower at home, I noticed that the bar of soap waiting for me in the shower was razor thin and insufficient for the task at hand. I then opened the bathroom vanity where I knew I had back up and saw there was only one bar remaining. It was the last hold-out of an eight pack I had bought many months ago. As Maurice Chevalier sang in the movie "Gigi:" "Ah. I remember it well."

And remember it well as I remember other similar bulk-type purchases. Sometimes, being diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer interferes in the most unusual way. When I buy things or make arrangements

when the use/benefit is in the future, I'll often wonder if I'll still be alive to actually derive the benefit from this day's commitment. As involves the soap; that day in the supermarket aisle, I was really looking for a two- or a three-pack, not an eight-pack, hesitating to over-buy when I may under-use. I suppose if I had plenty of money and fewer financial concerns than I do now, I wouldn't have given this soap purchase any thought at all. But I'm me, not somebody else.

And sometimes, I don't want to be me. I'd rather be somebody else. Somebody else who throws a bit more caution to the wind. Somebody who damns the torpedoes and goes full speed ahead. Somebody who's a bit fast and furious and less slowsky, if I can invoke metaphorical Comcast turtles into the conversation. Nevertheless, at the end of the day (at the beginning, too), I may not be Sammy Davis Jr., but "I Gotta Be Me."

And 'me' is someone who doesn't throw caution anywhere, has never sworn at a torpedo and loves turtles, especially when they beat hares. My approach to this excruciating cancer ordeal is to keep my glass half full, compartmentalize, be positive about the negative and not "Live Like You Were Dying," as sung by Tim McGraw, but to live like I was living. Which to me has meant to live normally as if I didn't have stage IV lung cancer, with no bucket list or urgency about anything; and to assimilate having cancer into my life as just another variable, like the weather or the Red Sox bullpen.

Unfortunately, and it might just be me (Oh, really), but this kind of soapy mundane minutiae does occupy (I'm not saying pre-occupy though) my world. But it doesn't necessarily occupy it because I have cancer. It occupies it because I'm more like my mother than I am my father and cancer or not, it's what I do. And being exactly who I am in spite of my diagnosis is how I've rolled through these last 10-plus years. It's been a living for which I remain extraordinarily grateful and to be honest about it: amazingly lucky.

Moreover, I make the same jokes, with or without punchlines, do the same impressions, invoke the same popular culture references and make decisions as I always have. In addition, I allocate resources, juggle funds and plan for the future while being mindful of the present likewise as I always have. My diagnosis certainly defines me, but I try not to let it control me. Still, its reality seeps into every decision I make, from soap to nuts. It's the elephant in the room and the pebble in my shoe (actually that's the neuropathy in my feet).

Still I have to take things in stride - or else. When I saw that last remaining bar of soap, it conjured memories of the tightrope I have to walk (Leon Russell not withstanding). And it gave me pause: Wow, I made it through that entire pack. Now what? Soap. No radio. And so it goes.

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



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