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The Clifton band, Not Dead Yet, featuring Kevin Maney, Mark Holmes, Mac Bollman, Phil Hamm and Henry Dudek, will be performing at Centreville Day.

Centreville Day: This Weekend

Parade, international entertainment, food, games and fun.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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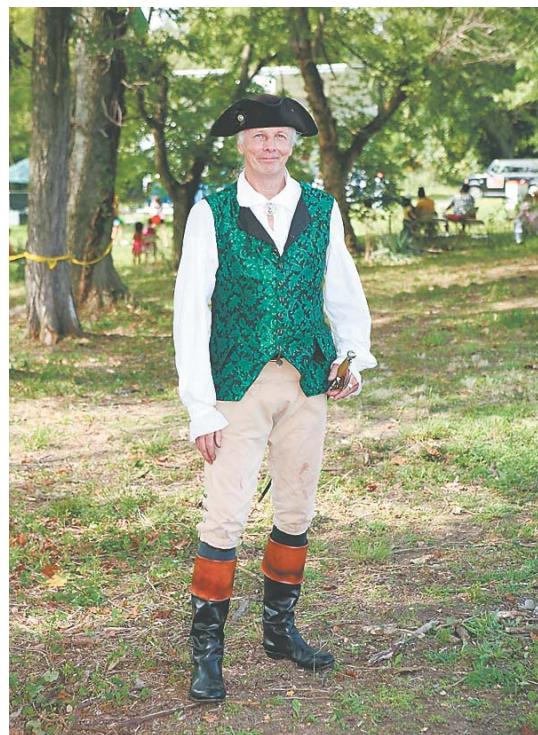
Cet ready for a full day of fun and entertainment. The 18th annual Centreville Day festivities are this Saturday, Sept. 26, beginning with a parade and ending with music at the stage in Centreville's Historic District.

The Knights of Columbus Color Guard will lead the parade. Highlights include a youth band, local Scouts, fire engines, Potomac Inline Hockey and the Jim Moyer Circus Club. Children are welcome to decorate their bikes, scooters, wagons, etc. and join the parade, too.

The procession leaves Colin Powell Elementary at 10 a.m. and travels along Leland Road to Braddock Road in the Historic District. Great views can be had along Leland Road in Faircrest, along Pickwick Road and Wharton Lanes and in the festival area of the Historic District.

Then, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., people of all ages may enjoy a variety of activities in the Historic District, off Route 29 and Braddock and Mount Gilead roads. Free parking and shuttle buses to the event are available at 5860 Trinity Center Parkway (same lot as Starlight Cinema).

"Centreville Day is an opportunity for the community to showcase itself," said Supervisor



Centreville resident, and Swordmaster of the 18th Century, Charlie Anderson.

Michael R. Frey (R-Sully). "Community groups, youth groups, schools, churches — all the different elements of our community get to put themselves out in front of thousands of people. It's also a chance for residents to explore everything the community has to offer. It's a chance to have fun, meet new people and make new friends and to

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Murder Charges Sent to Grand Jury

Victim is Centreville teen-ager.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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The bad feelings Guillermo Alvarado had toward Bryan Vidarte had been simmering ever since a friend of Alvarado's was sentenced last fall to eight years in prison — allegedly with Vidarte's help.

So when Alvarado and Vidarte encountered each other in July at a party in Sterling, tempers flared and boiled over.

Rasheed Nurse, a friend of Alvarado, was also there — with a gun. And when a fight ensued

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Nurse

Alvarado

and Nurse fired his weapon, Vidarte, 19, of Centreville, was killed. But whether it was self-de

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Cyclists Raise Funds For MS Research

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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For the 11th year in a row, several area residents went on a 150-mile bike ride to raise money for the MS Society for multiple sclerosis research. Called the S&K Long Riders after sponsors Stitely and Karstetter, CPAs of Chantilly, the eight-person team raised almost \$6,000.

Beginning and ending at MeadowKirk in Middleburg, the summertime event was a big success and, said Paul Karstetter, "Our adventures were definitely something to write home about."

Comprising the team were Karstetter and son Philip, 20, of

Centreville's Sequoia Farms community; Frank Stitely of Ashburn; former Greenbriar West Elementary Assistant Principal Bill Rice, Reston; Mike La Plante, Springfield; former Centreville resident Quentin Miller, now of Allentown, Pa.; Mark Simon, Warrenton; and Steve Kennedy, Haymarket.

Paul Karstetter said the group's dedication to this cause stems from two things. "First of all, a number of our friends and neighbors have been afflicted with this terrible disease, and that gives us the main reason for our efforts," he said. "Secondly, the new areas of re

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Some of the members of the S&K Long Riders bike team are (from left) Mike La Plante, Quentin Miller, Bill Rice, Frank Stitely, and Philip and Paul Karstetter.

Raising Money for MS Research

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search that medical scientists are delving into lead us to believe that they are closer than ever to reaching a cure in our lifetimes. We'd like to be a part of that solution."

The first day of the two-day ride dawned cool and clear, he said. "We had a beautiful view of the surrounding hillsides and enjoyed having this new base location of MeadowKirk for our camping sleepover that night."

The local cyclists quickly joined the pack of 800 riders, some of whom were experienced riders, although most were not. "We left the park and continued through Airmont, Upperville, Marshall and into The Plains for lunch," said Karstetter. "The MS folks have plenty of food and drink at the breaks, with the Corner Bakery providing a wonderful lunch at the halfway mark. After all the hills, we were ready for a nice nap in the shade following lunch to get our legs back — and our energy level."

Much to their delight, the temperature stayed no higher than 80 degrees, both days. "It was almost perfect weather, a few clouds, a little breezy and great scenery," said Karstetter. "We finally dragged ourselves across the finish line, the first day, about eight hours and 63 miles after we started. We were then ready for an evening of music, beverages, fine food and very welcome showers."

"The second day provided more great weather, a 53-mile circuit, a few sore bottoms and aching muscles and more than a few challenging hills," he continued. "After leaving Meadowkirk, we headed

north this time, towards Hillsboro, Lovettsville, Waterford, Purcellville and back toward camp."

But on their way from Purcellville, past Lincoln, they were heading down a steep hill between 25-30 miles per hour when trouble struck. As it happened, a car in front of them accidentally acted as a pace car; however, at the bottom of the hill was a one-lane bridge. Suddenly, a car came around the blind corner from the other direction, causing the driver of the "pace" car to slam on his brakes and stop.

The bike team's two front riders — who weren't too far behind the car — had to hit their brakes. One was successful, one was not. "The second rider went sideways in the road, missed the car by a foot and then crashed onto the pavement in great agony," said

Karstetter. "The result was three broken ribs and a broken collarbone. The end of the ride had come for him, as well as for some teammates who assisted him, called an ambulance and then made sure all their bikes got safely back to camp. The good news is that he recovered successfully and was back on his bike in a few weeks."

The finish line was a festive scene, complete with balloons flying, music blaring, crowds cheering and Subway subs for the riders. Then, after a few celebratory congratulations to

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— Paul Karstetter

each other, the S&K Long Riders packed their bikes and headed for home.^o

"It was a thrill being able to raise such a large sum of money this year for such a worthy cause," said Karstetter. "We were concerned that, due to the economy, it might be harder than usual. But we worked extra hard on our fund-raising efforts, and it turned out better than ever."

ROUNDUPS

Charges in Fight Dropped

In August 2008, Fairfax County police responded to the area of Federation Way and Singleton's Way in Centreville for a report of a fight after a car was vandalized on Winding Ridge Lane.

Police said several people came out of the house to scare away the vandals and a fight broke out. In the course of the melee, a man and a woman were both injured, and police charged Luis Merino, then 21, and Josue Palacios, then 23, both of Centreville's Heritage Estates community, with malicious wounding by mob and gang participation.

A year later, Aug. 25, they appeared in General District Court before Judge Michael Cassidy. At that time, the charges against both men were dropped.

Centreville Farmers Market

Fresh fruits, vegetables, cheese, pasta and sauces, meats, wine, honey, soaps, baked goods and coffee are all available at the Centreville farmers market. It's off Route 29 in Trinity Centre, behind Life Time Fitness, at 5875 Trinity Parkway. It's open for business, rain or shine, every Friday, from 3:30-6:30 p.m., and runs until Oct. 30. The next one is this Friday, Sept. 25.

Learn about Domestic Violence

The SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council is a partnership between senior citizens and law enforcement to inform seniors about crime prevention projects and recruit and train volunteers to work with local law enforcement. The Sully SALT council meets monthly, and the next meeting is slated for Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 12:30 p.m., at the Sully Senior Center, 5690 Sully Road in Centreville. The topic is "Domestic Violence: The victim, the aggressor, the witness — what should be done?"

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 8 and Oct. 22, 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.

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

Help WFCM Food Pantry

The Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) food pantry is in great need of food to help serve its many clients in the local community. Especially needed are: Soup, canned meats and tuna, dry pasta, dried beans, oil, pancake mix, syrup, baked beans, Hamburger Helper, canned fruits and beans, and cake and frosting mixes.

Also needed are size 5 diapers and toiletries, as well as flour, sugar, fruit juice, dried beans, hot cereal, coffee, tea, condiments, and canned evaporated and sweetened condensed milk. Items may be brought to the food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly.

Shelter Resumes Dog Adoptions

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has reopened its adoption kennels. Following an outbreak of canine influenza, shelter staff spent weeks doing comprehensive sanitizing procedures and careful isolation and quarantine of the dogs and were able to stem the outbreak.

The public is welcome to visit the animal shelter again at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax, on Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, noon-7 p.m. For more information about the shelter, or to view animals available for adoption, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/adoption.htm.

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Singing and swaying to the band's rendition of Kelly Clarkson's hit song "Break Away" are (from left) sixth-grader Tea Leitch; teachers Kathy Morford, fifth grade; Kim Reiser, advanced academics; and Carolyn Frank, third grade; plus sixth-grader Riley Newell.

Music, Food and Fun

Students, teachers, parents and siblings enjoyed themselves Friday evening, Sept. 11, at Centreville Elementary's Welcome Back Picnic. Community resources such as the Park Authority, SYA, Boy and Girl Scouts and the Centreville Regional Library were on hand to provide information to families, and a band comprised of CES teachers, The Flock of Eagles, entertained.

Attendees either brought their own dinner or ate food provided by

a variety of ethnic restaurants reflecting the school's population. They included Soo Won Gai Bi (Thai), Sushi Sashimi (Japanese), Bangkok City (Thai), Cici's Pizza (Italian), Baja Fresh (Spanish), Baskin Robbins and Chick-Fil-A.

"A lot of time, effort and planning went into it," said counselor Lee Kaiser, who organized the event. "But the turnout tonight was tremendous, so it makes it all worthwhile."



The Flock of Eagles band, mainly comprised of Centreville Elementary teachers, rocks out in the school gym. Back row, from left, are guitarists Brian Hollingsworth, fifth-grade, and Steven Bennett, plus drummer Steve Thorne, third grade. Front row, from left, are vocalists Aubrey Dimock, first grade; Gretchen Polivka, math; and Brian DuFour, fifth grade. Not pictured are music teachers Sue Eisenburg on guitar and Misha Chernov on keyboard.



From left, kindergartner Ian Lopez-Gonzales, 5, and sister Emily, 4, are thrilled to stand inside a fire engine from Centreville's Station 17. Their parents are Claudia Gonzales and Fernando Lopez.



Sporting matching fire hats from Station 17 are Centreville Elementary P.E. teacher Matt Mydlinski and daughter Jillian, 2 and a half. Mom is Jessica Mydlinski.

Centreville Day Arrives This Weekend

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celebrate both the history and the future of Centreville."

Event co-chairs Cheryl Repetti and Felicia Owens-Smith, both of the Centreville Community Foundation (CCF), say this year's celebration should be better than ever and offer something for everybody. For example, among the eye-catching participants will be the Topaz Vaulters, behind the Harrison House, at the corner of Mount Gilead and Braddock roads.

"People stand on horseback and do tricks while riding," said Repetti. "And in between performances, they'll offer pony rides, plus a petting zoo with goats, rabbits and chickens."

In recognition of Centreville's becoming a melting pot of residents from many different countries and ethnic backgrounds, the theme of this year's Centreville Day is "Celebrating Our Diversity: Centreville at the International Crossroads." Performing at the Justice Title Showmobile on Mount Gilead Road, opposite the historic Sears House, will be:

Furia Flamenca, doing Flamenco dancing; the Christian Dream Youth Orchestra and Karis String Ensemble, a mainly Korean children's orchestra; the Peace Mission

Dance Group, doing traditional Korean drum dances; the International School of Dance, performing Latin and Middle Eastern dances; the Korean Central Presbyterian Church dance team; the Bull Run Cloggers and the Creative Dance Center Performing Troupe, an award-winning dance school. Bands performing are Anne Albright and the All Star Jazz Band, and the local rock group, Not Dead Yet.

Children's activities will be near the stage. In the Kid Zone will be inflatables from JumpWorks. In the adjacent Play Zone, Boy Scouts from Troop 670 will offer carnival games, popcorn and Sno Cones.

Special treats are also in store for history buffs, and even for those who aren't. Centreville resident Charlie Anderson of Swordmasters of the 18th Century will dress in period costume and discuss the development of weaponry, including swords. He'll be on the Mount Gilead House lawn and will fire a cannon and give children demonstrations in fencing.

Encamped nearby will be the Civil War re-enactors of the 42nd Virginia Infantry. They'll involve spectators in drills and fire muskets. Historic buildings including Mount Gilead, the Sears House and the Old Stone Church, will be open for tours.

Parade awards will be given at the

Showmobile stage. Presentations will also be made to a CCF Citizen of the Year and a Centreville Business Citizen of the Year. The latter award will be given for the first time.

"The Centreville businesses do so much, we wanted to recognize that category of community involvement, too," explained Repetti. "This year's recipient is Rayman Hamid, who owns Baskin-Robbins ice cream in Centreville Plaza."

Possessed of a generous spirit, Hamid believes in helping others and giving back to his community. Last year, his store donated \$5,000 to nine local schools.

"He has tirelessly done fund-raisers for so many groups," said Repetti. "And he does it with such enthusiasm and obvious caring that it's a pleasure to work with him. There's probably not a [local] school or youth sports group for which he hasn't held a fund-raiser."

The Citizen of the Year is Rita Koch, president of the Historic Centreville Society. "She's a native Centrevillian whose family goes back to the 1830s here," said Repetti. "We chose her because of her leadership in helping expand and preserve the Centreville Historic District. She's supported Centreville Day and its historical activities and helped

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Learn About Centreville's Past

The Old Stone Church at the end of Braddock Road, the Sears House on Mount Gilead Road (opposite the stage), St. John's Episcopal Church and the Mount Gilead House are open for tours. Centreville historian Mildred DeBell's exhibit of Centreville Day memorabilia can be seen at the Mount Gilead House.

* On the lawn at Mount Gilead, the Swordmasters of the 18th Century will fire their cannon and give child-friendly lessons in fencing. Civil War re-enactors of the 42nd Virginia Infantry will demonstrate drilling and musket firing.

* While at Mount Gilead, learn the techniques of Revolutionary War medicine from Nick Kalenich. Newgate, as Centreville was called in the Revolutionary War, was a center for recruiting soldiers. Civil War re-enactors Tony DiPalma and Bernadette Klima will be roaming throughout the festival to greet and inform visitors. Like an estimated 400 women during the Civil War, Klima portrays a woman masquerading as a man in order to be a soldier.

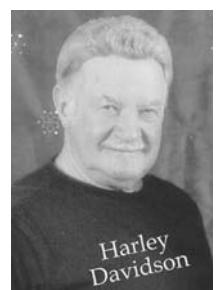
* Sully District History Commissioner Debbie Robison will give 45-minute tours of the Historic District at 1 and 4 p.m. And at 2:30 p.m., Civil War author Michael O'Donnell will conduct a tour of the area's defensive earthworks built by Confederate soldiers. Wear comfortable covered shoes. Both tours start near the Inside Scoop broadcast tent in front of St. John's.

OBITUARY

William Earl Cole

William Earl Cole, of Centreville, died Sept. 15, 2009. Beloved husband of Frances K. Cole. Loving father of Beverly Sprague. Cherished grandfather of Stacey Sprague (fiance Ronald Lee Mullins) and great grandfather of Savannah Nicole Mullins. Dear brother of Cecil E. Hemby (Ray Hendrickson), James Albert Cole (Janice), Henry Allen Cole (Pat) and Gatha Cole Tyson (Richard). Adored nephew of Corina Cole Rankin. Brother-In-Law of Violet K. Mitchell. Also survived by his nieces, nephews and other extended family. Mr. Cole was an avid motorcycle enthusiast and had been the proprietor of an air conditioning and electrical company.

The family received friends at the Everly Funeral Home, 10565 Main Street, Fairfax on Sunday, Sept. 20 where funeral services were held Monday. Interment is at Rest Haven Cemetery, Shenandoah, Va.



Carol Drake Friedman

Carol Drake Friedman died after a long illness on Sept. 19, 2009, in Logan, Utah.

She was born on April 19, 1930, in Summit, N.J., to Raymond F. and



Mary Frey Drake. She grew up in Berkeley Heights, N.J. and attended Dayton Regional H.S. in Springfield, N.J. Before settling in Centreville, in 1972 with her husband Daniel, she lived in New Jersey, Alabama, Wisconsin, and England. She was a member of the Centreville United Methodist Church.

As a teenager during WWII, she volunteered as a candy striper, tending wounded servicemen in her hometown. After high school, she worked for many years as a dental hygienist. Her interest in history led her to historical research, preservation, and writing. She founded the Historic Centreville Society in Fairfax County and initiated the "Adopt-a-Cemetery" program to preserve local family cemeteries. She was a member and president of the Fairfax County History Commission and became a feature writer for the Centre View newspaper. Several of her writings were published in the U.S. Congressional Record. Over the years, she received many commendations, including the title of "Lady Fairfax" in 1990, "Honorary First Citizen of Centreville" in 1998, and recipient of the James D. McDonnell Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Service in 2000.

She was an avid reader and an accomplished painter and photographer. She enjoyed bridge, bowling, gardening, and bird watching, and was passionate about politics and history. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, telling stories, sharing a pot of tea, and playing Upwords.

She is survived by her husband Daniel, of Logan, Utah; two daughters: Susan Johnson (Douglas) of Jacksonville, Fla.,

and Claire Cardon (Joel) of Logan, Utah; and four grandchildren: Danielle Johnson of Atlanta, Ga.; Michael Johnson of Gainesville, Fla.; Emma Cardon and Lucy Cardon of Logan, Utah.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Sunshine Terrace Foundation, 225 North 200 West, Logan, Utah 84321. Condolences and memories may be expressed online to the family at www.allen-mortuaries.net.

Arrangements are by Allen-Hall Mortuary.

Corinne Elaine Ice

Corinne Elaine Ice, 46, of Manassas, formerly of Centreville, died peacefully at home surrounded by her family, Sunday evening, Sept. 6, 2009 after a short illness with lung cancer.



She was born Aug. 30, 1963 at Wheelus Air Force Base, Tripoli, Libya. She was raised in Manassas, graduating from Osbourn Park High School in 1981.

She attended Bay Path Junior College in Longmeadow, Mass. and later started a career in mortgage banking. She returned to Virginia in 1984 and began a career in the real estate management and later in real estate sales, receiving several awards.

Recently she attended ECPI in Manassas maintaining a 4.0 average toward a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She was very involved in charity work in

Centreville assisting with the annual parade in many ways, and also assisted in the Redskins annual charity events.

She loved people and all her friends proved to her family how much she was loved during the time of her illness — people of all ages from Derrick's friends to others who had reached their senior years, called her their friend.

Survivors include her son, W. Derrick Ice of Centreville; her mother and step-father, Constance and Thomas Stake of Manassas; her father, Norman Bernier of Florida; her sister and family, Anne and Stephen Keaton, their children, Joshua, Matthew, Katie, Daniel and Jonathan of Manassas; her half-brothers, John Bernier and his family of Virginia Beach and Mark Bernier of Florida. Corinne's extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins, precious to her, are located from Virginia to California, and from Georgia to Massachusetts.

A few years ago, a little four-legged companion, a Maltese dog called Hailey, came into her life and filled many hours especially in the recent months of illness.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated noon, Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, with the Rev. Gregory Thompson officiating. Interment followed at Stone Wall Memory Gardens, Manassas.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Corinne's name to the American Lung Association, the American Cancer Society, and/or Capital Hospice, 2900 Telestar Court, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 or www.capitalhospice.org.

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com

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Murder Victim Is Centreville Teen-ager

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fence or second-degree murder is something a jury will have to determine.

Meanwhile, a judge in Loudoun County has sent the murder charges against Alvarado, 20, of Sterling (formerly of Centreville), and Nurse, 26, of Herndon, to the grand jury. And, barring any pleas, if they're indicted for murder, both men will stand trial for the teen's death.

The tragedy occurred July 19, around 2:47 a.m., outside a home on Tappahannock Place near Lowes Island Boulevard in Sterling. Details were revealed Sept. 10 and 15 during a two-day, preliminary hearing in Loudoun County General District Court.

"Next thing we know, someone's yelling, 'Gun, gun, gun,' and then we hear a pop."

— Alexis Herrera

During a preliminary hearing, the prosecution presents enough evidence to convince the judge to allow the case to move forward; defense attorneys can cross examine, they do not present a defense at the preliminary hearing.

RIGHT FROM the start of the hearing, the atmosphere was emotionally charged. As the defendants — wearing orange-and-white jail jumpsuits and with their ankles shackled — entered the courtroom, the victim's mother burst into tears at the sight of them. Crying uncontrollably, she repeated the words, "Por que?" [Spanish for 'why?'] over and over, and had to go outside to compose herself.

Testifying first was Xavier Guerra, who was sitting next to Vidarte at the party, which began July 18, when he noticed Alvarado staring at them. In October 2008, a friend of Alvarado's was sentenced to eight years in prison — five, for robbery,



Vidarte

and three, for using a firearm — in Fairfax County Circuit Court. Alvarado blamed Vidarte for his friend going to jail, according to testimony.

"[Alvarado] comes over to us," said Guerra. "He's yelling [at Vidarte],

"Why did my boy get five years?" They acted like they were going to fight, and Guillermo [Alvarado] puts his arm around [Vidarte] and says, "We're gonna go talk."

Guerra said Vidarte and Alvarado went outside, but he didn't follow. "Then I heard a gunshot and ran out," said Guerra. "I saw Bryan on the fence. He held out his hand and then just dropped."

Partygoer Alexis Herrera said he saw Alvarado walking out of the house as he was arriving. He said Alvarado "looks a little upset and [tells me], 'I'm probably gonna fight some guy inside.'"

After awhile, said Herrera, some 15-20 people were in the backyard and, "Next thing we know, someone's yelling, 'Gun, gun, gun,' and then we hear a pop. I saw somebody staggering, stumbling toward the fence, saying, 'Bro, I got shot.'

He fell back and rolled onto his face; I turned him over and saw it was Bryan. I couldn't believe it."

Herrera said Vidarte was shot in the neck and the homeowner put pressure on the wound to try to stop the bleeding. "I was with Bryan, saying, 'You're gonna be OK; it's gonna be all right.' I've known him all my life."

DR. SHANE CHITTENDEN, with the Virginia Medical Examiner's Office, performed the autopsy on Vidarte and testified regarding his findings. He said cause of death was a gunshot wound to the neck and chest, where the bullet perforated Vidarte's left lung.

"It was a contact wound — meaning the muzzle of the barrel of the gun was in contact with the surface of the skin at the time the bullet was discharged from the gun," he said. Hearing these words, Vidarte's mother covered her face and cried.

Chittenden said Vidarte had a small laceration on a knuckle on his right hand that "appeared to have happened around the time he died." He also said he recovered the bullet from Vidarte's back.

Nurse's attorney, Matthew Snow,

asked if the laceration would be "consistent with the decedent punching someone in the mouth and knocking a tooth out," and Chittenden said, "Yes." He also said Vidarte's blood-alcohol count, when he died, was .18 — more than twice the legal limit to drive.

Chittenden said that, "Because of the path the bullet took, the firearm's handle had to be pointed toward the right ear." However, Alvarado's attorney, Dan Lopez, got Chittenden to acknowledge he wasn't certain about the relative positions of Vidarte and the shooter when the gun was fired.

SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATOR

Kelly Poland interrogated Nurse. She said he told her that, before Vidarte hit him, Alvarado told Nurse, "Gimme your gun; I'm gonna shoot him." Then Vidarte punched Nurse and he shot Vidarte, said Poland, adding, "[Nurse] stated it was self-defense and he was trying to get Vidarte off him."

"Bryan went back and Alvarado was over him, tussling and wrestling on the ground," said Poland. "The gun was a .380 automatic weapon. [Nurse] said he didn't aim it — he just pulled the trigger and fired" as Vidarte was about to strike him a second time. Later, said Poland, Nurse told Alvarado, "I'm done with you; you set me up." She said Nurse was missing a tooth and a second one was loose.

Poland said Nurse was upset to discover Vidarte had died and told her he'd had no intention of killing him. Nurse didn't reveal why he'd brought a gun to the party; she said he'd worn it for "his protection."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Sean Morgan said the two elements of second-degree murder are that a defendant killed someone, and with malice. "There's a presumption of malice by use of a deadly weapon," he said. Morgan also said Alvarado was equally culpable because of "concert of action" when he asked for the gun and because he "instigated this confrontation and the events that led to the shooting."

Defense attorney Snow said Nurse fired in self-defense and without malice. Lopez called it "mutual combat" because Alvarado had no weapon and Vidarte was willing and able to fight. And, said Lopez, "Nurse had no malice, so there's no concert of action."

Morgan said a jury would have to decide these things and said Vidarte's contact wound contra-

dicted Nurse's account of the shooting. Ultimately, Judge Dean Worcester agreed with Morgan. He said Alvarado and Nurse could have left the scene before the confrontation, but didn't. Worcester then certified their charges to the grand jury and both defendants returned to jail.

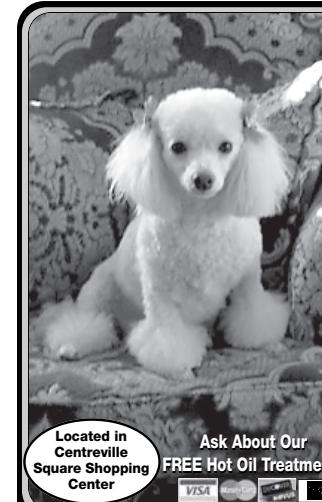
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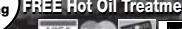
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OPINION

On Political Signs

A little local enforcement would go a long way.

Candidates for public office uniformly define themselves as law-abiding citizens with the public good at heart.

So why then does virtually every candidate allow or encourage their campaign workers to violate the law by posting hundreds of signs in the public right-of-way in the **EDITORIALS** medians of major roads?

Political signs on private property, homes and businesses, are part of good political discourse. The person who owns the home or business is endorsing a candidate in a powerful way.

Political signs which are not on private property are almost all illegal.

Political signs in roadway medians simply scream that the candidate in question has enough money to print signs and pay staff members to put them up. Certainly some signs are put in medians by enthusiastic volunteers.

Meanwhile it is not OK for a citizen to take down political signs even if they are illegally in the public right-of-way.

A little local enforcement, citing candidates

Program for Youth Leadership

To the Editor:

I am a 17-year-old senior at Centreville High School and would like to spread the word about an exciting opportunity, open to juniors in Fairfax County schools to learn more about our local government. One or two juniors are chosen annually from each Fairfax County high school to participate. Monthly meetings begin in February of junior year, during which the students learn about the various departments within the county government system and how each works with other programs to provide the best services possible to citizens. During the summer, students are placed according to their areas of interest with a county program for a three-week paid internship. The monthly meetings resume in September of senior year, culminating in a graduation ceremony in January.

I found the most memorable part of this incredible experience to be the three-week internship with the Fairfax County government. I interned with Volunteer Solutions, operated by the Area Agency on Aging in the Department of Family Services, a program dedicated to assisting older adults and adults with disabilities in the Fairfax area.

The Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program was an excellent learning opportunity and I strongly encourage all Fairfax County high school juniors interested in government to apply. For more information you can check out the Web site: www.co.fairfax.va.us/dmb/FCYLP

Elizabeth Esser

Centreville High School Senior

for violations with an accompanying press release while removing the illegal signs, would go a long way towards curbing this unsightly practice.

Register, Vote

The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 5. To register to vote, download a form from:

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Fill it out and mail it to your local elections office, along with a copy of a photo identification or current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

You can also register in person at the elections office during business hours or at the DMV, or you pick up a form in a library or other public places.

After you register, you will receive confirmation and a voting card in the mail. You can call the elections office to verify that you are registered.

To find your polling place, go to www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on "voter information." Polling places will be open from 6

Proper Compromise

To the Editor:

National Health Care has been intensively debated during August. After its recess Congress resumes its session, with the need to decide this and other very important issues.

Incorporation of a public health insurance policy is a major question. Democrats believe that this is essential to control the cost of government. Republicans think that it would lead to socialized medicine, thereby ruining the country.

Some Republicans believe that the acute deficiencies including the high cost of our present health care system can be corrected without the public option, but, in their spirit of compromise and cooperation, they have offered to accept it, but only after delaying it for five years in a trial period. They say that this would allow, or rather, encourage the health insurance industry to reduce costs and get their house in order.

I do not usually agree with Republican views, but I would tend to agree — almost — with this proposal. I would insist, however, that the sequence be reversed: the public option must be included in the health care bill, and should take effect immediately. Then Republicans and Democrats, after a five-year trial period, could review the happenings and could pose changes perceived to be needed. By then all should know if health care costs were under control, or otherwise.

This seems to me to be the proper compromise — legislators are always looking for one. It should make Democrats and some Republicans happy, and could produce enough votes in Congress to easily pass it. Americans could then live happy and healthy lives, at peace with one another, ever after.

Larry Baldwin
Centreville

a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Check with your local elections office for information on absentee voting.

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Or you can vote early in person at the local elections office and some satellite locations. Call the registrar or check the Web site for hours.

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Can't Live in the Past

To the Editor:

I learned early in my childhood that the world held different rules for girls and boys. Title IX was a thing of the future — intramural competitive sports were unavailable to girls; in gym class we were taught a wimpy form of basketball. It was widely anticipated that we would marry and leave the workforce as soon as the babies came along; that our husbands would be the family breadwinners; and that if we wanted to re-enter the workforce after our children grew up, it would be totally our option (the assumption being that the need to earn a living and support a family would not be a factor; our husbands would take care of that).

It was a world Bob McDonnell would surely love. Too bad (for him) he couldn't keep it preserved in amber.

The world changed. Women entered the workforce in record numbers (in fact, in today's recession-battled nation, there are reports that women in the workforce will soon outnumber men). We became doctors, lawyers, and corporate executives. We hold high positions in government and academia. And we have often been the breadwinners. Equality has been, and continues to be, our aim.

The question is, has Bob McDonnell changed? His now-famous thesis was written in 1989, long after the start of the "Women's Movement." He was in his mid 30's at the time. And his tenure in Virginia government shows that he championed many of the reactionary tenets that were outlined in his thesis.

If Bob McDonnell were to assume the governorship, there is a genuine fear that he would pursue an agenda that would move Virginia back towards the pre-women's equality days of my youth.

B. Jacob, Clifton

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SCHOOLS



Second grade teacher Peggy Ewoniuk speaks with Catherine Tran and Tiffany Nguyen, 7, during London Towne Elementary School's open house on Sept. 3. The school also hosted a community picnic on the playground.



Jennifer Lopez, 7, and Erika Hurdado look at the class list posted on the wall.



For the Community

Antoinette Lansdowne fills out student information cards. At right is Elijah Lansdowne, 7, and, at left, Sey-J Lansdowne, 8.

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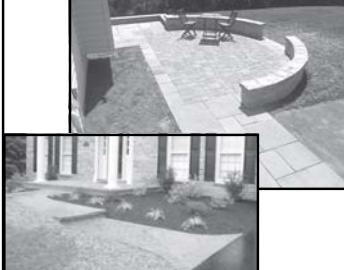
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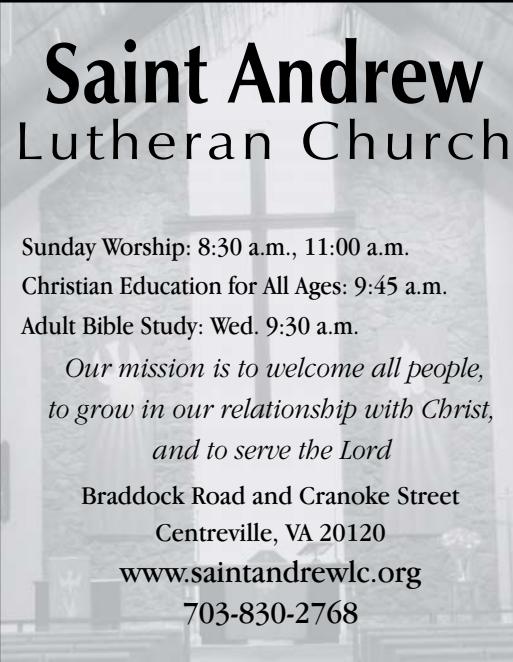
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Craft Vendors are needed for the Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road. Leased spaces for vendors are going quickly. Book your vendor space now! Contact novemberbazaar@hotmail.com or 703-830-2684.

The **Centreville Farmers Market** will be operating every Friday until Oct. 30 from 3:30-6 p.m. at 5885 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Vendors will change throughout the season.

THURSDAYS

Hope for Today Al-Anon Family Group. 7:15 p.m. Help for friends and family of problem drinkers. At Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Hwy., Centreville. Go to www.AlAnonVA.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 24.

The Brookfield Civic Association quarterly meeting, 7:30 p.m. At Brookfield Elementary School. Go to www.brookfieldcivic.org.

Social Security Talk. 6:30-8 p.m. Everything You Need to Know But Were Afraid to Ask. Presented by David Milton, Social Security Administration. At Ameriprise Financial, 5870 Trinity Parkway, Suite 100, Centreville. RSVP to Christopher D. Allen at 703-825-2382.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Neighborhood Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 100 houses participate in the Fair Lakes Glen neighborhood, off of Stringfellow Road between Westbrook and Autumn Willow, one block from the intersection of Stringfellow and Lee Highway.

Fall Festival. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Games, prizes, moon bounces, food, and more. At St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly.

Cox Farms Fall Festival. Over 90 acres of farmland attractions, five giant slides; unlimited hayrides; rope swings; farm animals and their babies; the Cornundrum Cornfield Adventure; straw tunnels; goat village; live entertainment; and a patch pumpkin. Also two new kids' features: Kiddie Zone and Animal Helpers. Admission is \$15 on weekends. The Fall Festival runs now thru Nov. 8. Hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sept. 19- Nov. 1, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nov. 2-8. Cox Farms is at the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley Roads. Go to www.coxfarms.com.

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Capital Home Show. More than 500 home, design and remodeling experts will be at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Hours: Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

18th Annual Centreville Day. Parade at 10 a.m. opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. Entertainment by the Bull Run Cloggers, International Dance Center, Christian Youth Dream orchestra, Furia Flamenca, Creative Dance Center, Peace Mission Dance, Korean Presbyterian Church Dance Team, and Anne Albright and the All-Stars Jazz Band, and the Not Dead Yet Rock Band. Also, KidZone and Moonbounces by the JumpWorks, pony rides and petting zoo, historic tours of Centreville, Mount Gilead, Civil War Forts, Living History Medicine Man, 42nd Virginia reenactors and swordsmasters. Performances by the Topaz Vaulters, and more. To be held in Centreville's Historic District, Mount Gilead Road, Centreville.

Greenbriar Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many of the 1,900 homes in the community will participate. Greenbriar is on Route 50 west of the Fairfax County Parkway. The community is also accessible from Stringfellow Road at the intersections of Melville Lane, Poplar Tree Road and Point Pleasant Drive.

Fall Festival. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Games, prizes, moon bounces, food, and much more. At St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly.

Friends of the Poor Walk. 10 a.m. at Frying Pan Park. Will benefit the local poor through St. Timothy's Society of St. Vincent De Paul. Proceeds go to relieve the suffering of those in need of food or financial assistance. Register to walk or sponsor a walker at: www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org. (To register as a walker on this site click on 'Become A Walker' and type 'St. Timothy' in the search box/click search and scroll down 8 items to St. Timothy Chantilly, VA and click the blue Set button on the left to register).

Due to the national scope of 'The Friends of the Poor Walk', it is necessary to specify which conference/area you wish to support. To assist the poor in Centreville, go to St. Timothy Conference/Diocese of Arlington/Chantilly, VA. Or mail a contribution to: St. Timothy SVDP Conference, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly, VA 20151. Contact Terri Miller at sttimothys.svdp@gmail.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 28

Study Spiders. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Discuss other meadow creatures including unique species of spiders and insects during this Jr. Naturalists program. A spider craft project is included in the \$5 fee. At E.C. Lawrence Park's meadow. For children ages 7-11. E.C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Call 703-631-0013.

Flu Town Hall Meeting. 7 p.m. Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Director of Health, will be on hand to answer questions about pandemic and seasonal influenza. At the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

SEPT. 28-29

Auditions. 7:30 p.m. The Alliance Theatre is holding auditions for its 2009 production of "A Christmas Carol." Actors will be given audition material but come prepared to sing (a capella) a verse from a favorite Christmas Carol or holiday song. At Mountain View School. E-mail ewilson16@cox.net to be put on the audition list. Go to www.thealliancetheatre.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 29

Rotary Meeting. 11:15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Ingram at 703-966-8168.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Dulles Day Family Festival. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Plane Pull pits teams of 25 people in a game of "tug of war" against a FedEx jet. Teams raise money to benefit Special Olympics Virginia. Visit www.planepull.com or call 703-359-4301.

Help Collect Seeds. 10 a.m. to noon. Help restore the health and beauty of the region by collecting native hardwood seeds at Cub Run RECenter in Chantilly as part of Growing Native's initiative to restore the lands and waters of the Potomac. Go to www.growingnative.org or contact Deanna Tricarico, Outreach Coordinator, at 301-608-1188, x204.

Tag Day at Centreville High. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Centreville High music students will be canvassing local neighborhoods asking for contributions. Donations will enable the music department to purchase uniforms, instruments, equipment, special music and first-rate guest instructors. If you are not home when CVHS students and adult volunteers come by, you can still send a 100 percent tax-deductible donation to Centreville High School Wildcat Band Boosters, c/o Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA. 20124.

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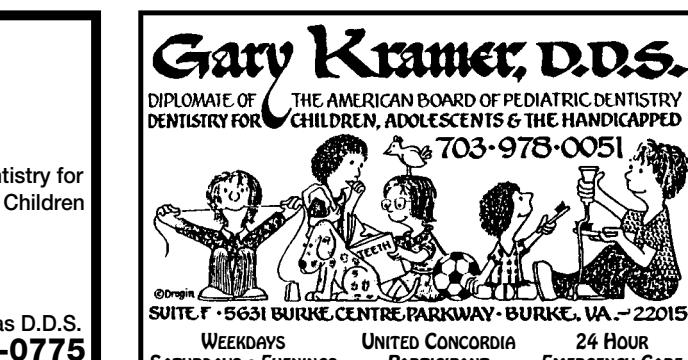
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Centreville Day

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preserve several, historic buildings. And she helped build and sustain a coalition of historic-preservation groups."

Also at Centreville day will be plenty of food to tempt the tastebuds. Austin Grill will offer charcoal-grilled steak and chicken fajitas; Bonefish Grill, Bang-Bang Shrimp; K.C. Catering, Korean Beef and Chicken Rice Bowls; and Mrs. P's Concessions, curried chicken, red beans and rice, funnel cakes and fresh lemonade.

Guata Java's bringing specialty Guatemalan coffees, Chick-Fil-A, chicken sandwiches or nuggets; and the Old Stone Church, bread, cheese and fruit, plus a baked-goods sale.

Offerings from crafters and retailers include Pashmina shawls; fragrance oils; Indonesian and Malaysian batik clothing; handmade jewelry, furniture, blouses and home décor from India; natural soy candles, honey soaps, goat's milk lotion; children's books, multilingual stories; Greek sweets; baskets and pottery. Nonprofits and other businesses will have informational booths.

Channel 10's Inside Scoop will do a live Webcast. Tune into www.centrevilleVA.org, see what's happening at Centreville Day and come be part of the show. Broadcast tents will be at St. John's Episcopal Church.

"It takes months of work to coordinate all the different elements and make everything come together," said Repetti. "There are always new ideas you want to bring in to keep it fresh, but that brings new challenges. For example, this year we have horses — but also people shooting off cannons and muskets — so we have to have a firing schedule. Best of all, though, is working with people in the community who give their time and talents to support this effort."

SCHOOLS

Chantilly High will have its Homecoming Week Sept. 28-Oct. 3 with the theme "Knight at the Circus." Activities include:

- ❖ Monday, Sept. 28 — Disney day (Dress up as your favorite Disney character);
- ❖ Tuesday, Sept. 29 — '80s Day (Wear bright colors, leg warmers and cut-off sweatshirts); Powder Puff Football Game Seniors vs. Juniors at 7 p.m. (On football field);

❖ Wednesday, Sept. 30 — Superhero Day (Dress like your favorite superhero or make your own superhero costume);

❖ Thursday, Oct. 1 — Color Day (Seniors: green, Juniors: orange, sophomores: red, Freshman: blue; Teachers: purple);

❖ Friday, Oct. 2 — Blackout Day (Get your "Beat Hayfield" T-shirts and wear black); Pep Rally from 1 to 2 p.m.; Homecoming Parade from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Taste of Chantilly from 5 to 6:30 p.m. (tennis courts); Homecoming Football Game at 7:30 p.m. (vs. Hayfield)

Halftime Show (crowning of court, dance team and band performances)

❖ Saturday, Oct. 3 — Homecoming Dance from 8:00 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Congratulations to the following students who were named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for 2010. All semifinalists are eligible to compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarship awards worth \$36 million, to be awarded in spring 2010.

❖ Centreville High School: **Matthew Lapuz**.

❖ Chantilly High School: **Stewart Bell and Megan Quetsch**.

❖ Fairfax High School: **Emily Schutz**.

❖ Robinson Secondary School: **Florence Ahn**.

❖ Westfield High School: **Lyssa Barton, Nicole Barton, Dharanish Gollamudi, Alex Hopkins, Kelly Koupash, and Jeeyun Park**.

Centreville High School's Back-to-School Night is Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 6:30-6:55 p.m. In the media center, activities include hands-on presentation of the online subscription databases. Subscription databases feature information from over 20,000 current and historical periodicals. The

CVHS Media Center also features a Reading Room and Video Viewing Room where students may study or view videos for research projects. The Media Center has access to 2,200 e-books. The CVHS Media Center will also host the annual in-school Book Fair during the week of October 4-9, and the annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair during the first week of December.

Tag Day at Centreville High will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Centreville High music students will be canvassing local neighborhoods asking for contributions. Donations will enable the music department to purchase uniforms, instruments, equipment, special music and first-rate guest instructors. If you are not home when CVHS students and adult volunteers come by, you can still send a 100 percent tax-deductible donation to Centreville High School Wildcat Band Boosters, c/o Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA. 20124.

The Westfield Athletic Boosters invites all WHS alumni to celebrate its 10-Year Anniversary and to attend its first Alumni Flag Football tournament and picnic. The Homecoming weekend is Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Westfield High School. Come to play, come to watch, or come to catch up with old friends! RSVP if you plan to attend. All WHS graduates are invited! Contact Lory Sasek at Lorsas@aol.com.

Jordan Leigh Schwindt of Clifton's Little Rocky Run neighborhood was named to The President's list at The University of South Carolina, Columbia, for both the Fall and Spring semesters last year. She was named after receiving a 4.0 GPA for both semesters. She is a sophomore now, majoring in Criminal justice and is the recipient of a \$42,000 academic scholarship from the University and the J.P. Strom Scholarship for \$8,000 for her essay on "The meaning of Justice post Sept. 11, 2001." She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and The National Society For Collegiate Scholars. She is a 2008 Graduate of Centreville High School and the daughter of Christopher F. and Lauren Schwindt of Clifton.

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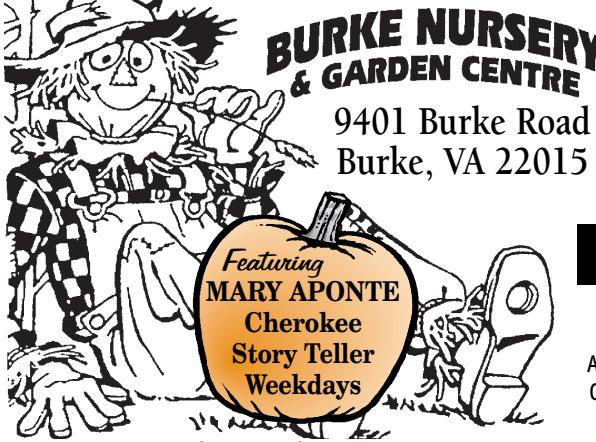
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Wildcats Taste Thrill of Victory

Centreville's 21-20 win against Yorktown High School gives Wildcats its first win in a year.

BY REED S. ALBERS
CENTRE VIEW

For the first time in a year, the Centreville High School football team has the swagger of a winning football team.

The Wildcats defeated Yorktown High School 21-20 on Sept. 17, improving to 1-2 record on the season and ending the Wildcats 10-game losing streak.

"It feels great [to finally get a win]," senior quarterback Cameron Walter said. "We haven't had this feeling for a whole year."

Sophomore running back Manny Smith said that the victory created strong emotions for the team that struggled to a 1-9 record last season.

"It's crazy," Smith said. "After we won we all kneeled down by the coach and I almost came to tears. It's just good to know that we are going in the right direction."

The Wildcats opened the game with a 62-yard interception return by Marcel Smith and then rode the back of Manny Smith for 136 rushing yards and one touchdown.

Trailing 20-12 in the fourth quarter, Walter punched in the game-winning touchdown with an 18-yard run. With the game tied, the Wildcats successfully executed a 2-point conversion to seal the victory.

"We got the lead and the kids had a good feeling," Head Coach Gerard Pannoni said. "I told the players that if we scored, we'd go for two and we got it. Then we were able to get some momentum and carry it to the end of the game."

The 10-game losing streak is uncharacteristic for the historically strong Centreville football program, but Smith said his teammates believed in their coach and themselves.

"I didn't feel too happy [after we kept losing] but Pannoni knows what he's talking about,"

he said. "We just had to go out and work to accomplish our goals. I knew we couldn't keep hanging our heads low, we just had to keep working."

Pannoni said that the victory could be the spark that changes the team's fortunes as the season progresses.

"All it takes is to win a game. Once you win a game, then you can turn it around," Pannoni said. "When you lose 10 games in a row and then something bad happens — all the kids [hang their heads]. You have to teach them to forget it and keep playing."

With the first win out of the way, Smith said his team is now focused on living up to Centreville's winning tradition.

"I think about [Centreville's winning tradition] every day," he said. "Me and my [teammates] talk about it a lot and we just need to keep the right attitude and keep working hard. We'll get back to that level."

The win didn't just instill some much-needed confidence in the team, but also changed the mood of practice.

"It's a different feeling at practice," Walter said. "It's just exciting now. We know we're a good team. It was disappointing to keep losing, but it's good we got this win early. We can try and build on it."

Walter, a member of the 1-9 Wildcat team from 2008-2009, said that he knew the wins would come after the team's 31-30 loss to Edison High School on Sept. 11.

"We were getting better and we saw that with our loss to Edison," he said. "But we hung in there and we're getting there."

Smith echoed Walters' sentiments about the Edison game.

"It was hard to lose that way, but it made me happy to know we were getting better day by day," Smith said.

The Wildcats continue their season on the road against South County High School (2-1) on Sept. 25.



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Westfield quarterback Danny Fenyak threw for 195 passing yards in the Bulldogs 10-9 loss to Lake Braddock.

Westfield High Falls to Lake Braddock in Defensive Battle

Bulldogs held to three points on offense in 10-9 loss.

BY REED S. ALBERS
CENTRE VIEW

Westfield High School senior quarterback Danny Fenyak can't beat his friend and wide receiver Aaron Scoville in the Madden NFL Football video game. When it comes to working together on the actual gridiron, however, the two rack up yards as if they are playing as one.

"We're just always throwing the ball around together," Fenyak said. "We hang out a lot, watch football together and I think it helps us on the field."

In Westfield's 10-9 loss against Lake Braddock Secondary School on Sept. 17, the two seniors showed the strong connection they have on the field by spearheading the Bulldogs' offense.

Fenyak amassed 195 passing yards, went 15 for 33 and completed eight passes to Scoville for 118 yards, a season high for both players.

The strong chemistry isn't just the result of two friends spending time together, but also a product

of a summer's worth of hard work.

"I've worked out with [Scoville] all summer," Fenyak said. "We hang out on the weekends. In our passing tournaments, I must have thrown 20 touchdowns to him. He's just been my man all summer."

Scoville's right-place-right-time receiving isn't a fluke. The Bulldogs practice plays that play to Scoville's strengths.

"We have timing routes and I just know when [Scoville] is going to get to [the right place]," Fenyak said. "It's what we work on all the time together."

Scoville agreed that the time spent working in the offseason had paid off.

"It helps that we're hanging out after school," Scoville said. "We can tell what each other are thinking out there. It helps with our timing."

ALTHOUGH THE BULLDOGS

were able to rely on Fenyak and Scoville to produce, Westfield's offense was stymied by Lake Braddock's defense.

"We just didn't get the ball in the end zone," Head Coach Tom

Verbanic said. "We must have had 15 first downs, but we couldn't get it in."

The Bulldogs lone touchdown came from an interception return by junior defensive back Harry Van Trees, but the Bulldogs were unsuccessful in developing a running game to complement the passing game.

"We put together some good drives," Fenyak said. "We just couldn't finish them. We were throwing the ball well, but we couldn't establish the running game."

"We put together some good drives, but we just couldn't finish them."

— Danny Fenyak, Westfield quarterback

The Lake Braddock game was expected to be a shootout considering that the Bruins had scored 80 points in two games, but the Bulldogs were able to hold the Bruins to only one rushing touchdown.

"I was very surprised that the score wasn't higher," Fenyak said. "Woodson put 43 points on them the week before."

Despite the struggles on offense, Verbanic said he was proud of his defense's ability to stop the high-scoring Bruins' offense. The Bulldogs shut down Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich and

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SPORTS

Westfield High Falls to Lake Braddock in Defensive Battle

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intercepted five passes.

"I thought our defense was tremendous," Verbanic said. "[The defense] played their hearts out and worked as hard as they could work. We're going to go back to work again, but we just did a tremendous job."

Fenyak said that he felt the offense needed to do a better job of supporting the defense.

"We just need to score," he said. "Our defense was playing so well and held such a great offense to only three [of the team's 10 points]. We really needed to help them

out down the road."

ALTHOUGH WESTFIELD'S two losses have come from small margins, Fenyak said he is confident the team is headed in the right direction.

"We definitely know how to play in close games," Fenyak said. "We can hang with the best, but we need to start finishing our offensive drives."

Scoville agreed with his friend.

"We just need to get back to work," Scoville said. "We could be 3-0 as easily as we are 1-2."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Submit Youth Sports Headlines

The local youth football, tennis, volleyball and cheerleading seasons have started and the Connection doesn't want any child's accomplishments to go unnoticed.

In order to have youth sports items printed or posted on the Web, please send the information to Sports Editor Reed S. Albers at ralbers@connectionnewspapers.com.

Chantilly Rolls Over West Potomac

The Chantilly High School football team defeated West Potomac High School 35-7 on Sept. 17.

The Chargers are now 2-1 on the season with a loss against South County Secondary School (21-23) and a victory against Langley High School (35-7).

On Friday, Sept. 25, the Chargers travel to W.T. Woodson High School (2-1).

Boys Basketball Clinics

The Chantilly High School boys basketball program will be hosting a fall skills clinic at Chantilly High School for athletes from sev-

enth to 12th grade.

Seventh and eighth grade boys will have sessions from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25.

Ninth grade sessions will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25.

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Girls Basketball Skills Sessions

The Chantilly High School girls basketball program will be holding a fall skills clinic at Chantilly High school on Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for players ages 12-18.

The cost for each session is \$20.

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