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Fire Prevention Week Some of Station 21's B Shift firefighters and EMTs stand beside one of their engines, after returning from a call. Back row, from left are Annita Reynolds, Ryland Chapman, Adam Lieb, Mike Lattanzio, Rudy Iturrino and George Coyne. Front row, from left are Svetlana Feofanova, Marcy Kinkaid, Kelley Wine and Station Chief Mark Servello.

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Taking a Stand To Save Lives

Rocky Run holds Bullying Awareness Day.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

It's important to learn academics in school, but caring, compassion and understanding also have a place. And last Friday, Oct. 12, schools throughout the Chantilly High Pyramid hosted their first Bullying Awareness Day.

The theme was "Stand by Me," and students — who were encouraged to wear purple shirts — learned what bullying is and how to deal with it if ever faced with a bullying situation. They received purple wristbands bearing the words, "Stand by Me," and took an anti-bullying pledge.

The pledge stated: "Students in the Chantilly Pyramid are bully free; I will not bully others. I will stand up to help others who are being bullied. I will report bullying to an adult. If I see something, I will say something. I know sticking up for someone is the right thing to do. My name is _____ and I will stand by you, in return, I hope you will stand by me."

Children at all grade levels participated and, at Rocky Run Middle School, students were enthusiastic about the event. Those in teacher Lenore Ale's eighth-grade civics class, for example, recited the pledge together and signed it before receiving their wristbands.

"It's important to help others being hurt mentally or physically,"



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Aalaniz Rivera, a Rocky Run seventh-grader, wears her hand-decorated, anti-bullying T-shirt.

said eighth-grader Arash Azizi. "And since bullying is such a big problem, we should all stand up to help others."

Classmate Michelle Cao said bullying "destroys lots of people's lives, so it's something that should not be allowed. Sometimes, people don't know how to ask for help, so it's up to us to help them."

She said students are "really nice" at Rocky Run but, if she saw someone being bullied, she'd take their side and tell an adult. After all, said Michelle, "We can't just stand by, because then we'd be just as guilty as the bully."

"There are many people I know from elementary school who have been bullied and gone through these situations, and it's wrong," added eighth-grader Diana Rodriguez Rosales. "If it were happening to us, we'd want others to stand up for us." If she saw bully-

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Ready To Be Scared?

Frights abound along Clifton Haunted Trail.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

Screams pierce the night in the middle of a dark and spooky forest, while scary creatures frighten all those brave enough to enter. "It's only 8 acres — what could possibly happen to you?" That's the slogan of the Clifton Haunted Trail, and the bloody mayhem is once again ready to be unleashed.

The annual event is set for Saturday, Oct. 27, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. (Rain date is Oct. 28). Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10, children; there are no advance sales. Sturdy shoes are recommended; snacks and beverages are available.

"It's the scariest trail around," said Haunted Trail Chairman John Powell. "Many people have told me they go to other haunted houses and trails every year, and ours is the best, by far."

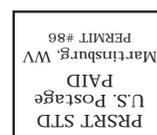


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Julie Thompson as Medusa.

Since the fright level is so intense, parents should accompany children along the trail, and it's not recommended for those under 8. However, children not wanting to go on the trail, plus parents waiting for teens to emerge from it, will be able to watch Movies under the Stars on a large screen at the park's entrance.

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News

Ready for Centreville Day

20th annual event this Saturday.

Performance Schedule

11 a.m. - Opening ceremonies: Westfield High's Sarah Berrios singing the National Anthem, Chantilly High's Air Force JROTC doing the flag ceremony, plus various presentations
 11:30 a.m. - Chinese Dragon Dance
 12 noon - Mia Saunders Ballet
 12:30 p.m. - Centreville Dance
 1 p.m. - Alliance Theatre
 1:30 p.m. - Epic Quartet
 2 p.m. - St John's plaque presentation: Dedication of the Sesquicentennial Civil War Trails sign
 2:30 p.m. - Harmony Road School of Music
 3 p.m. - Tae Kwon Do and Hispanic singers
 3:30 p.m. - Alberto Ramirez, Benito Chavez and the Flock of Eagles band
 4 p.m. - SYA Cheer
 4:30 p.m. - Creative Dance Center

By Bonnie Hobbs
 Centre View

Step right up and join the parade — or, at least, come watch it. And then head over to Centreville's Historic District for the 20th annual Centreville Day celebration. The fun includes children's activities, a trick-or-treat trail, live entertainment, food and crafts.

The festivities are this Saturday, Oct. 20, and kick off with the Zombie Slouch 5K Run and Walk at 9 a.m., to benefit DC Candlelighters. Participants may wear Halloween costumes; prizes will be awarded for the most creative adult, most creative child, plus the fastest male and female runners and the fastest runner under age 12.

The Zombie Slouch begins at Colin Powell Elementary, 13340 Leland Road in Centreville, followed by the Centreville Day parade starting in the same place at 9:45 a.m. Both events will travel from Leland Road to Pickwick Road, around to Braddock Road, across Mount Gilead Road and Wharton Lane, back to Pickwick and around to Braddock again, ending on Mount Gilead in the Centreville Historic District.

Strollers and dogs are welcome in the one-mile, Zombie Slouch walk. Registration that day is \$20 for runners; \$15, walkers; and \$25, families. Organizations and groups may register to be in the Centreville Day parade at www.centrevilleva.org; cost is \$15. It's free for families and individuals, and people and pets in costume are welcome.

After the parade, residents will flock to the Centreville Historic District - 5714 Mount Gilead Road - where the Centreville Day events will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Parking is at the Trinity Centre at 5860 Trinity Parkway in Centreville, and free shuttle

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Westfield Walk Helps Homeless

Westfield High is holding a Help the Homeless Walk as part of its Homecoming Parade, this Friday, Oct. 19, at 4:15 p.m., and is inviting all its feeder schools in the Westfield Pyramid to join in. It's sponsored by the school's Interact Club and SGA.

The cost to walk in Westfield's Help the Homeless Parade Walk is \$20, youth (25 and below); and \$30, adults. All walkers receive a free T-shirt and registration fees are tax deductible. To register, visit tinyurl.com/WestfieldParadeWalkforHomeless.

Fannie Mae's Help the Homeless Program helps raise awareness and funds to prevent homelessness and hunger in the local community. All online registrations will benefit WFCM's (Western Fairfax Christian Ministries) food pantry which provides food to those struggling with poverty and hunger in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton and Fairfax Station.

Student government leaders, spirit teams and school clubs are invited to join this effort. Students are encouraged to make posters or signs to carry in the parade to show their school spirit and their support of preventing homelessness and hunger. For more information, contact Becky Rice, Westfield's Interact Club sponsor, at rarice@fcps.edu.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 18, and Thursday, Nov. 1, 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 may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Democratic Women of Clifton

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) will meet Sunday, Oct. 21, from 3-5 p.m., in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are invited. The guest speaker will be Hilaire Henthorne, a life coach and public speaker who's worked as a lawyer, led a congregation and raised a family. In her presentation, "From Distressed to De-Stressed: Wellness Wisdom for Women," she'll discuss the top stressors for women and offer practical strategies for reducing stress.

For more information, e-mail cliftonwomendems@aol.com or visit www.democraticwomenofclifton.org.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Centreville Immigration Forum

The annual meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) is Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7:30 p.m., at Mount Olive Baptist Church, 6600 Old Centreville Road in Centreville. Shani Moser, retiring director of the Centreville Labor Resource Center, will report on the 2011-2012 year's growth, and Interim Director Molly Maddra will present plans for the future.

The CIF will also honor Moser for her service. Said CIF President Alice Foltz: "As the first director of the Centreville Labor Resource Center, she set the standard for a welcoming community center that provides quick and friendly outreach to both workers and employers."

In addition, the CIF will also recognize its volunteers, who

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The starting line at last year's Goblin Gallop 5K in Fairfax Corner.

19th Annual Goblin Gallop Is Oct. 28

Benefits families of children with cancer.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

As Halloween draws near, it's time for autumn leaves, pumpkins and the Goblin Gallop. And this year's 19th annual event is Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center.

It's a family-friendly race in a cheerful atmosphere, with many of the participants, plus those cheering them on, dressed in Halloween costumes. And afterward, there are refreshments, music, a moonbounce for the children and a costume contest.

"It's a fun day — everybody in costume, the moonbounce, the hot dogs," said event organizer George Quadrino. "It's a festive occasion."

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K race, at 9 a.m.; and the 5K walk, at 9:10 a.m. Entry fees through Oct. 25 are \$23 for the 5K run, \$20 for the 5K walk and \$15 for the 1K fun run. From Oct. 26 on, those fees, respectively, are \$25, \$22 and \$20. Register at www.goblingallop.org/#.

People may run individually or as part of 5K teams competing against each other. Participants may be on a coed team of at least four people; the categories are organizations, families and friends. The top team in each category will receive fun awards for best team costume, fastest team – adding up the four members' times, and for the team with the most members registered before packet pickup on Oct. 26.

Fairfax Station's Dixon Hemphill is the race director; and because of its headline sponsor, the race's official name is the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop. It's also a charitable event that helps a great many people.

All proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. George Quadrino established it after his son John died of the disease

in 1985 at age 7. And each year, money raised from the Goblin Gallop is used for numerous, small grants to help childhood cancer victims and their families.

"We raised almost \$42,000 last year and hope to do even better this year," said Quadrino. "About 2,300 people participated in last year's Goblin Gallop; and so far, we're running about the same this year. Last year, we had 700 people sign up on race day."

The course is USATF-certified, and prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50 are awarded to the top three, overall, male and female finishers. Prizes are also given to the top three male and female finishers in

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donated more than 300 hours in each month of center operation. The community is invited to participate in the meeting and enjoy refreshments.

Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The panel will hear a presentation by Mike McGurk of TransUrban on the new I-495 express lanes. For details, call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

WFCM Seeks Food, Help

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of oil (48 oz. or smaller); flour (2-5 lb. bag); sugar (2-5 lb. bag); rice; canned meats; salad dressing, jelly; jam; peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit; canned beets and collard greens; canned soup and beans; dry pasta and beans; ketchup, mustard, pancake mix and syrup; hot and cold cereal and coffee. In addition, the Food Pantry would appreciate fresh produce, such as tomatoes, from local gardens.

Also needed are laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and diapers (sizes 4, 5 & 6). WFCM clients are also in great need of gasoline cards.

Bring all items to WFCM'S food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Volunteers are also needed:

Thrift store: Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-4

p.m., to receive donations. Contact Volunteer Manager Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656.

Food pantry: Regular volunteers are needed needed to pick up donated food from Costco on Thursday mornings and from Harris Teeter on Fridays between 9-10 a.m.

Meals on Wheels Drivers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Self-Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation. The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class.

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various age categories, including a masters group for those over 40. All children participating receive runner's medals on ribbons to wear around their necks. All competitors will receive a free, commemorative, glow-in-the-dark T-shirt. It's decorated with the words, "Goblin Gallop," in scary orange letters and features a scene of a haunted house on a slate-gray background. It's also available in long sleeves for \$5.

After the race, the band Shaky Ground will perform classic rock on the Fairfax Corner stage, costumes will be judged and more than \$3,500 in door prizes will be given away. Most are donated by local merchants and include Redskins tickets, restaurant meals and gift certificates at running stores. Glory Days Grill is the largest prize-contributor, donating \$1,000 worth of goodies.

No strollers, dogs or headphones are allowed in the 5K events, but walkers are welcome in the 1K. A computer chip in the runners' numbers will register their starting and finishing times.

The route is challenging, but runners like it because it's fairly flat, with few hills and all right turns. Pacers Events will handle scoring and results, and the awards ceremony will be on the stage in front of Coastal Flats. Results will be posted that afternoon at <http://pacerevents.com/>.

Because of the Goblin Gallop, the John Quadrino Foundation is able to make 300 or more grants per year totaling \$85,000. The recipient families are referred by pediatric social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children's hospitals, and the grants are given

directly to these families.

Because medical bills can be overwhelming, parents of seriously ill children often need help with rent, utility bills or car-repair costs. Often, one parent must quit a job to stay home and take care of the child. And a family with no prior financial problems suddenly finds itself in dire straits. That's where the Foundation comes in. "Last year, for example, we gave six grants for generators," said George Quadrino. "They went to families whose child relies on a lifesaving machine at home so, if the power goes out, it could be devastating. They'd have to grab the child and head for the hospital."

"We've also purchased wigs for children who've lost their hair to radiation/chemotherapy," he said. "It's especially important for teenagers who are embarrassed to go out, otherwise."

In addition, said Quadrino, "We pay a lot of utility bills for electricity, gas and cell phones. Cell phones are so important for a parent to stay in touch with a child in the hospital."

That's why having a successful Goblin Gallop is so crucial. "It means so much to the Foundation's families," said Quadrino. "It allows us to help twice as many families as we could, otherwise. And that's what the Foundation does - raise money to help people with a child with cancer."

To donate to the organization, send checks payable to The John Quadrino Foundation to P.O. Box 4614, Falls Church, VA 22044. Contributions are tax-deductible and may also be made via the Combined Federal Campaign by designating CFC No. 8931, or via the United Way by selecting No. 59426.



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Pick Your Own Election Day

It's called "absentee voting in person," and there are a lot of reasons why you should.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. The deadline to register to vote is past, although in Northern Virginia, it's clear that a very high percentage of eligible voters are registered.

Four years ago in the presidential election of 2008, there were 5,034,660 voters registered in Virginia, and 3,752,858 actually voted. Just in the month of September 2012, Fairfax County saw more than 6,000 newly registered voters, for a total of 646,881 active voters. Arlington registered more than 3,300 new voters in September, with more than 130,000 active voters total. Alexandria added more than 1,300 new voters last month alone, with 81,847 active voters.

Voting on Election Day at one's home precinct is often a wonderful experience, especially if you are a regular voter. Yes, there will be lines, but if the weather is nice, you can chat with your neighbors and enjoy the process. Assuming you can get to your polling place, the weather is nice and ...

In a survey by The Weather Channel last month in battleground states, between 20 and 35 percent of registered voters said that if there is bad weather on Election Day, they would be likely not to vote. Remember that the great Northern Virginia Earthquake was on a Primary Election Day, and that moderately unusual

events, weather related and otherwise can turn the commute home into a multi-hour ordeal that could cause many voters to miss the 7 p.m. closing time at the polling places.

There is a way for voters to choose their own Election Day. Pick a day that works for you, check the weather forecast and go vote.

From now until Nov. 3, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify.

Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area, and more.

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite" voting locations. If you have not been to the government center, it's worth having a look.

❖ Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035. Open for voting Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and the next three Saturdays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, and Nov. 3: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The satellite locations in Fairfax County are also open for absentee in person voting through

ware and Payne's Restaurant. She has covered the joys we share as a community during Centreville Day or high school home-



comings, but she has covered the community's tragedies as well.

This may seem to be merely a reflection of the news, but journalism has the power to both report the news and to shape a community's identity and spirit, as anyone weary of the parade of murder and mayhem stories that crowd local television reporting knows. Bonnie has consistently chosen to report on the community as a multifaceted whole and with sensitivity to the effect her stories might have on the lives she covers.

In all of her stories, but especially in those that describe suffering and loss, Bonnie uncovers the deeper human experience without sensationalism. As Meg Crossett, who met Bonnie 20 year ago when she first started reporting on Centreville, observes, "she has covered the tragedies in such a way that we all feel the grief of the family who has lost a loved one, she

honor their memory as she tells their story." Some stories have also served to help overcome loss by featuring events such as the candlelight vigils for officers Vicky Armel and Michael Garbarino, or fundraising events such as the Angel Kisses race, St. Baldrick's Day, or Centreville Day's newly established Zombie Slouch Fun Run.

Bonnie works tirelessly, often sacrificing her own free time to attend community events, and she is regularly up past midnight writing stories and preparing the paper for publication. She has achieved all this without sacrificing journalistic excellence, having been repeatedly recognized by the Virginia Press Association and the American Society of Professional Journalists. We are privileged to recognize her contributions at the Centreville Day opening ceremonies at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20 at the stage at St. John's Episcopal Church, 5640 Mt. Gilead Road. Note access to the area is restricted due to road closures. See www.CentrevilleVA.org for information about free parking and shuttle service.

Cheryl Repetti
Centreville Day Planning

Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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❖ Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, VA 22101

❖ North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Dr. Reston, VA 20190

❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

❖ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers La., Alexandria, VA 22306

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It's worth looking at the absentee ballot application online before going to vote absentee in person. <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf>

Westfield's 2012 Haunted House

Westfield High theatre students will hold their annual Haunted House Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 22-23, from 6-8 p.m., in the school theater. This community event provides a safe and fun environment for all ages, while raising money for the school's award-winning theater department.

This year's Haunted House will be divided into two areas, with two levels of fun. The first, called the Carn'Evil, is for younger and meeker attendees. The Haunted House, however, is not for the faint of heart. Zombies will be unleashed and the electric chair will be charged.

Students come together from inside and outside the theater department to design, build and perform in the Haunted House/Carn'Evil. "The actors have just as much fun as their audience," said Theater Director Susie Pike. "It's just a really good time."

Tickets are \$3 for the Carn'Evil and \$5 for both attractions. Refreshments will be sold. For details, email Becky Hawryluk at bahawryluk@fcps.edu.

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Letter to the Editor

Hobbs Named Citizen of Year

To the Editor:

It is with great pleasure that the Centreville Day Planning Committee announces that the recipient of the Centreville Day Citizen of the Year Award is Bonnie Hobbs in recognition of her service to the Centreville community in her role as a reporter for the Centre View newspaper. This year Centreville Day celebrates its 20th annual festival and 220 years of Centreville community. Coincidentally, Ms. Hobbs is also celebrating her 20th anniversary with the Centre View.

Bonnie Hobbs began her career in journalism in the San Francisco Bay area, where she grew up. She has worked for papers in North Carolina and elsewhere in Virginia. But it is in Centreville that both Bonnie and her stories have become an integral part of the community.

Though Bonnie says that crime is her favorite subject to cover, her reporting has covered every aspect of life in Centreville from school events such as art shows, retirements and international nights, to business openings or the closing of local icons such as Hunter Hard-

Photo by Bonnie Hobbs/Centre View



This seventh-grade class at Rocky Run Middle took the anti-bullying pledge.

Rocky Run: Bullying Awareness Day

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ing, said Diana, "I'd tell an adult and stand up for them because you're helping that person and saving them from a whole life of feeling bad about themselves."

Classmate Devarsh Modh said Rocky Run's anti-bullying event was important to do "so people in our school can stay here happily and won't snap. It also

makes us more aware of bullying. It feels bad to see people being bullied. It hurts others' feelings, and there's no point in bullying because, if the bullies want fun, they can find it another way."

Students in teacher Laurie Simmons's seventh-grade activities class also participated. "I feel that kids shouldn't be bullied," said student Haley Alder-

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Valon Salon Stylists Create Runway Royalty at New York Fashion Week



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The models coming down the runway at Venexiana's Spring 2013 Fashion Week show were powerful and feminine, forming a seemingly endless parade of glamorous gowns and cocktail dresses. Backstage, a team of exhausted stylists – including Stephanie Kulla and Nora Serrano from Centreville's Valon Salon – looked on with pride as the models showed off a style that ModernSalon.com called "the most couture hair" at Fashion Week.

Creating event hair, whether it's for a prom, a wedding, or a runway show, is all about finding a wearable look that will perfectly complement the client's overall look without upstaging the dress. For the Venexiana show, world-famous stylist Philip Pelusi worked with designer Kati Stern to create a look he dubbed "Rockin' Royalty... because it's royal, it's regal, it's elegant, and it rocks the house." The princess-y style features strong rolls framing the face, with a softer, more complicated low bun and braids at the back of the head.

Learning to accomplish the complex updo was a two-day process for Pelusi's team of hand-picked stylists from around the country. Pelusi and his creative director, Jeffery Reitz, consulted with Venexiana designer Kati Stern to perfect all the details of the design, with the rest of the stylists working frantically to master the techniques needed to apply the style in the frenzied backstage atmosphere of a runway show.

The challenge for the team's stylists was to create a perfectly uniform look on a group of models with wildly different hair types, many of whom showed up with damaged, product-filled hair from an earlier show. With a lot of hard work, cooperation, and Philip Pelusi's Tela Organics line of styling products, they were able to finish all the models' hair - even the ones who walked with half an hour left to showtime. According to Kulla, it was an amazing experience to see the models all walking down the runway at the end of the day, and even more amazing that the crew backstage managed to get it all done!

This is the third season that stylists from Valon Salon have been invited to work the Venexiana show in New York, giving them insight into the hair trends and techniques that hit the scene with each successive Fashion Week. The salon has long been a supporter of Philip Pelusi's P2 line of hair styling products, which Stephanie Kulla describes as the "the best products [she's] ever used – they make your hair feel like hair!" Kulla and fellow stylist Nora Serrano join the group at Valon Salon that describe themselves as "honored and energized" by the opportunity to be a part of Fashion Week.

If you're ready to get your own taste of the Fashion Week experience, call Valon Salon at 703-266-7660 or make an appointment online at www.valonsalon.com. Your perfect event hair – or your whole new look – is right around the corner.

Entertainment

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos welcome.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-21

Book Sale. The Friends of the Centreville Library will conduct their semi-annual used book sale at the Centreville Library, 14220 St. Germain Dr. A members-only sale will be held on Oct. 18 from 6-8:30 p.m. Membership fee of \$15 will be collected from new members beginning at 5:30 p.m. The sale will be open to the public on: Oct. 19, Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Oct. 20, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Oct. 21, Sunday 1-3 p.m.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 19-20

Rummage Sale. Friday evening sales (5-9 p.m.) will benefit NOVACO, helping victims of domestic abuse. \$5 donation. Saturday sales (8 a.m.-1 p.m.) will benefit Fairfax FISH, supporting local families in temporary need of life's basic necessities. Contact Michelle Sherman at msherman@csuinc.com or 703-926-0274. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Dr.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Gardening Just for Kids. 10 a.m. This seminar is ideal for children, 6-12, who love to garden and get dirty. Each student will bring home a pumpkin that they've planted with flowers. Parents must be present. Pre-registration required. At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy. Call 703-968-9600 or visit www.merrifieldgarden.com.

Historic All Hallows Eve. 5-7 p.m. Bring family for a lantern lit tour of

the 1794 house and grounds and discover some of the origins of today's Halloween traditions. \$10. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way.

Gospel Concert by the Proclaimers. 6 p.m. No admission. A love offering will be taken. At Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle. Call 703 631-1799.

Party in Pink Zumbathon. 7-9 p.m. Zumba to end breast cancer. Tickets are \$10 and all will be donated to Komen for the Cure. At Cheer Tyme in Chantilly. RSVP to gozumbafun@gmail.com Bring mothers and daughters (12 and up).

Free Trick-or-Treat. The merchants of three local shopping centers are hosting free trick-or-treating, rain or shine. Noon-2 p.m. at Franklin Farm Village Center in Herndon, 1-3 p.m. at the Colonnade at Union Mill in Clifton and 2-4 p.m. at Centreville Plaza in Centreville. Franklin Farm Village Center is at the intersection of Franklin Farm Road and Fairfax County Parkway. Colonnade at Union Mill is at Union Mill and Braddock roads. Just west of the Route 28/29 intersection, Centreville Plaza is at 14125 St. Germaine Dr.

Enchanted Forest and Monster Dash.

2-4 p.m. Families are invited to bring their costumed ghouls and goblins to search the enchanted woods behind Cub Run RECenter for treats. Various characters will greet them on their way to hear stories read by the storybook princess in the amphitheater. Free. Cub Run RECenter, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd.

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

Annual Marty Shanton Golf Classic for ALS Patients. 10:30

a.m.-9 p.m. Includes golf and dinner with entertainment. \$225 for individuals, will raise money for research to find a cure for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave. To register, contact Steve Shanton at 561-670-3625.

MONDAY/OCT. 22

Greenbriar Garden Club. 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Rd. Barbara Glickman will talk about her new book, "Capital Splendor: Gardens and Parks of Washington, D.C." Open to public. Contact Diane at 703-378-0994 or Kathy at 703-817-0708.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/OCT. 22-23

Annual Haunted House. 6-8 p.m. Westfield High School Theatre will hold its annual haunted house in the school's theatre. Safe and fun environment for all ages. Costumes are encouraged and candy will be plentiful. This year's Haunted House will be divided into two areas. Tickets are \$3 for the Carn'Evil and \$5 for access to both attractions. Concessions available for purchase.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Stitchers Session. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Centreville Stitchers welcome adults who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other needlework crafts, at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr. Admission is free. Contact Jo at 703-803-0595 or email joknitter@verizon.net.

FRIDAY/OCT. 26

Haunted Meadow. 7-10 p.m. Children 8 and older are invited to take a wagon ride through the Haunted Meadow at E. C. Lawrence Park. There will also be scary movies to watch. The cost is \$6 for children under 12, \$8 for adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-631-0013. At Cabell's Mill in the park at 5235 Walney Rd.



Fall Festival at Chesterbrook Academy

Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Chesterbrook Academy hosts its annual Fall Festival at 3753 Centerview Drive, Chantilly. Join the fun and merriment with vendors, food and drinks, face painting, a moon bounce, games, a Scholastic Book fair and more. Admission is free. R.S.V.P. at 703-397-0555.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 26-28

Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. Fiction and non-fiction books, plus audio/video recordings. Sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd. Call 703-502-3883 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Layered Gardening. 10 a.m. David Culp shares techniques for color and interest throughout the year and will autograph copies of "The Layered Garden." At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy. Call 703-968-9600 or visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com.

VolunteerFest. Held in conjunction with national "Make a Difference Day." Projects take place throughout Northern Virginia at schools, libraries, parks and nonprofits. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Humane Society Fundraiser. 2:30-6:30 p.m. At Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Rd. Bring the whole family — children and costumed dogs — for food, wines, vendors, music and silent auction. Tickets at www.hsfc.org (\$35) or at the door (\$45).

Chantilly Haunted High School. 1-

10 p.m. Chantilly Girls' Field Hockey and Soccer Teams present their third annual haunted house. \$10. Purchase tickets in advance at chantillyhauntedhighschool@gmail.com. Chantilly Haunted High School, 4201 Stringfellow Rd. 1-5 p.m.: Scary (11 years and under); 6-10 p.m.: Frightening (12 years and older).

Party in Pink Zumbathon. 9:30-11:30 a.m. In support of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Project. Free and open to the public, donation is requested. Registration is required. Register at bit.ly/PARTY2012. Email womensclub@aol.com or call 703-817-0700. The Women's Club, 14175 Sullyfield Circle.

ONGOING

White House Ornament Sale.

The Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2012 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors William Howard Taft. This ornament features President and Mrs. Taft delivering Christmas present in a White Steamer automobile. The ornaments cost \$19. Proceeds benefit charity. Order by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216.

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Taking Great Halloween Photos

Local photographers offer advice for perfect pictures on Halloween.

By Marilyn Campbell
Centre View

While Halloween often brings fright, taking pictures should not. With sightings ranging from pirates to princesses, Oct. 31 is one of the most photographed holidays of the year. From low lighting to fast-moving superheroes, local photographers say overcoming some challenges to composing great photographs is easier than one might think.

Let the photographs depict a tale from beginning to end: "Try telling the story of the whole night in pictures instead of just taking shots of the kids in costume," said Alyson Cohen of Orange You Glad Photography in Arlington. "Include images of getting into costume, getting goodie bags ready and heading out the door. If neighbors don't object, get some pictures of them reacting to your child as they open the door. And most importantly, take a picture of the candy haul at the end of the night."

Create a setting: "Try to take real portraits," said Cohen. "Superman could be in a phone booth, a witch in the woods [or] a ladybug in the park."

Try a pre-Halloween photo session: "I recommend getting photos of your kids in the costumes before Halloween, that way they get a dry run in their costumes to make sure they are comfortable and safe to walk around in," said Amber Scroggs of Little Moon Photography of Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria. "This also prevents the stress of running around last minute on Halloween night trying to get good photos."

Scroggs suggests finding a leafy backdrop: "The week or so before Halloween, find a nice spot outside where the fall foliage is beautiful and aim to take the photos either earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon when the sun's light isn't as harsh and is lower in the sky," she said. "If your child is a toddler who's on the move, I highly recommend bring-

ing along something for them to sit on and to contain them, like a cute chair or even a bail of hay. You could also bring along a few pumpkins for them to hold or sit next to them."

"The night of Halloween, once they are all dressed up, take them out on your front porch that's been decorated festively and get a few more images before you begin trick-or-treating," said Scroggs.

Go low for great shots: "Get down on your child's level and take some pictures from there," said Cohen. "Add interesting angles to monsters and vampires for fun pictures."

Lighting can add an eerie element to Fright Night pictures: "Turn your flash off and use candlelight, pumpkin light, flashlights and any other sort of ambient light to add some mystery to



Courtesy of Orange You Glad Photography

Alyson Cohen of Orange You Glad Photography suggests using photographs to tell a complete story. "Include images of getting into costume, getting goodie bags ready and heading out the door," she said.

your photos," said Cohen. "Lighting is tricky on Halloween night, but some of the most interesting images happen when there isn't much light and the picture starts to look extra spooky. Try taking some pictures at twilight. Turn your auto-flash off and let your little one become a silhouette against the sky."

Adjust your ISO to compensate for that low light. "If you have a manual camera and can adjust your ISO to a higher number, the camera becomes more sensitive to light," said Cohen. "The compromise is that the image might look a little grainy depending on your camera, but in some cases the grain can give your Halloween images a nostalgic effect."

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Letters

Closure for Lanigan Family

To the Editor:

A happy celebration to mark a new start and the end of what has been a lengthy and life-changing ordeal for me and my family is planned. As many of you know, the belated and miserly settlement from the School Board in my case did not cover the devastating personal financial costs battling the false accusations against me incurred. The costs impacting my family have run into tens of thousands of dollars and remain a heavy burden.

Through a friend, the good people at Sully's Restaurant & Lounge in Chantilly have offered it as a venue for a celebratory party. We have a set date for the gathering of Friday, Dec. 14, from 5-9 p.m.

As part of the event, we will have a Silent Auction to raise money to defray my remaining unpaid legal costs. I have already received commitments from supporters who have offered to donate to the cause: signed baseball from Willie Mays and other items from Major League Baseball players; autographed soccer jerseys from David



Back row, from left are Sean, Briana, Karin and Kylie Lanigan, with Daniel Lanigan in front.

Beckham and Landon Donovan.

What I am asking for from my friends and supporters is anything of value that we could add to the list for the Silent Auction.

This could be sporting event tickets, rounds of golf, sports equipment, hairdressing appointments, barber services, car washes, beach vacations, Mary Kay cosmetics, Miche

Bags, gift cards — anything of value that people would bid on, with the proceeds going to help end this personal and financially painful event.

Finally, the capacity at Sully's is about 250 people. I would really like to pack the house on Dec. 14 to mark this new beginning and fresh start. Anything [the readers] could do to promote this event with friends would be greatly appreciated and would mean so much to me and my family.

Thank you so much for your help and support. Financial donations may also be made via Pay Pal at https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=NAQMB62VU7NFU.

Sean Lanigan
Centreville

Note: In January 2010, Sean Lanigan, a P.E. teacher at Centre Ridge Elementary and a youth soccer coach, was accused of inappropriate conduct by a student. He was suspended from work, jailed and forced to raise more than \$100,000 to defend himself. In May 2010, a jury acquitted him of all charges, but he then had to fight the Fairfax County School Board for reimbursement of his legal costs. He received a partial settlement, but is still out \$60,000. He now teaches P.E. at South Lakes High.

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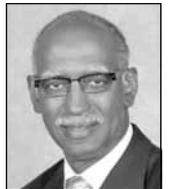
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News

Taking A Stand

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man. "We have the right to stand up to the bullies to make a difference in the victims' lives because they may be afraid to stand up for themselves. You want to learn this now because, when you grow up, you don't want to bully others. And if you were bullied, you want to get over that anger and not bully other people."

Seventh-grader Aalaniz Rivera took Friday's event so seriously that she decorated her own purple T-shirt especially for the occasion. She sewed purple ribbons at the shoulders and wrote the words, "Stand by Me," on the front and "Bully Free Zone" on the back. For her, it was personal.

"My sister has special needs — she's 4 and has autism," said Aalaniz. "And it's very important that she has a happy life, even though she has that standing in the way. She'll go to Greenbriar East Elementary, and I don't want anybody to bully her when she starts school." Besides, added Aalaniz, "You don't gain anything from bullying; you just lose friends and it doesn't do any good. It's hard to see somebody being bullied and, if you're a bystander, you don't want that happening to you. I'd go to the nearest adult or I'd help [the victim] out if no adult was nearby."

Basically, she said, "Bullies just want power. Maybe they experienced something in their lives that made them feel small, and they want to gain that control and power, but it's wrong. Bullying has to stop because kids can get depression and can lose their lives from it."

All in all, said Rocky Run Principal Matt Eline, "I think it was a powerful day and everyone took part. Bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers, teachers, administrators and students all wore the same color for anti-bullying. It has brought an awareness that this is an issue in all our schools. And because it's a student issue, it really needs to be solved by students."

Actually, said Eline, "That's the idea behind the event. There's always someone who sees bullying going on; and if they'd either stand by the person being bullied or tell an adult, I think it would go a long way toward solving this problem and making it better. It has to be kids standing up for kids. We can help and support them, but they hide it from us, so we need them to have the courage and awareness to come forward and to do something about it."

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Rocky Run Principal Matt Eline with a group of eighth-grade students on Bullying Awareness Day.



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Rocky Run Middle School eighth-grader Arash Azizi (on left) signs the anti-bullying pledge with his classmates.

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EMT Meika Wood tells a family about changing the batteries in their smoke detectors.

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Frights Abound along Clifton Haunted Trail

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Flashlights are not allowed on the trail. Free parking is available at Clifton Elementary and in the flood plain, and hayrides will take trail-goers to and from the park. For more information, see www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

More than two dozen, spine-tingling scenarios will fill the forest, with zombies, ghouls, ghosts and all manner of undead and angry creatures ready to pounce on unsuspecting visitors who dare to disturb them. And they're deadly serious.

"Our trail is just a one-night affair, so the actors go all out," said Powell. "They're really invested and immersed in it. They think up their skits and costumes, get the appropriate props, rehearse and really get into character."

Some 200 Clifton-area volunteers put on the Haunted Trail and act in the scenarios which include everything from vampires to witches, pirates, skeletons and dangerous men wielding chainsaws. Powell oversees the whole event, with help from Clifton's Ester Pline.

"She's really carrying the brunt of the workload this year," he said. "She's managing all the skits and doing a lot of the coordination, and she's also in charge of all the volunteers."

Eager to unleash all these terrors of the night, Pline says this year's Haunted Trail is nothing short of "spooktacular. Striking terror into the hearts of trail-goers will be Eric Hencken and his clan of creepy clowns, plus Boris Populoh lurking under the Bunnyman Bridge."

Karen Gentry will ensnare visitors in her spidery webwork and Julie Thompson will host a sinister soiree with ghoulish dinner guests. Meanwhile, Jeff Harper will hold a boogie of the bones. Witchy woman Jacquie Lambertson will lead the witches' coven while vampiress Erin Tengesdal bares her fangs.

Swashbuckling Stephanie Ryan will sail the Ship of Dread while Sara Holbrook and Pline haunt the spirit vortex. Lanette Shea Waite and Patrick Pline will hang out with the Creepers, and John Kinter will innocently ask trail-goers if they want to play a "game."

Peril also awaits all those summoning enough courage to enter Scarecrow Alley led by Rick Peterson, Geri Yantis and Carter Wyant; the land of the undead led by Fred Ansick; or the twisted



Photo Courtesy of Jeff Harper

Beware Boris Populoh as the Bunnyman.

thicket of the Mossmen headed by Steve Goetzinger.

"Be careful not to disturb local artist Palmer Smith as he works on his 'Kill Life,'" said Ester Pline. "And hold tight to your wallets when you pass afterlife saleswoman Deb Dillard." Taylor Williams and John Peterman will also provide chills and thrills, and musician Erich Russekrobbins will play eerie organ music near the entrance to the bridge.

The Town of Clifton sponsors the Haunted Trail and receives the proceeds. "The money helps fund the town," said Powell. "And this year, for the first time, we have additional sponsors - the Clifton Wine Shop and Tasting Room, Anthony Reid and Associates, plus an anonymous donor."

Last year's Haunted Trail was snowed out, but about 1,700 people went through the next night. So if the weather holds out, Powell expects a much larger turnout this time. (Photos of past trails may be seen on the Clifton Haunted Trail Facebook page.)

Proceeds from sales of hot cider, baked goods, soda, candy and popcorn will benefit the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. In addition, Domino's will be on hand to sell pizza. "We'll also have T-shirts for sale this year," said Powell. "They're black with a picture of scary woods on them."

AND WITH all those eerie things lurking in the darkness, the trail is definitely frightening. "One of the scariest components is done by John Peterman, who's in the finale," said Powell. "He keeps it a surprise from us until a few days beforehand. But it's elaborate and always scares the heck out of people. So if you just go to one Haunted House or Haunted Trail, this season, this is it."

Visiting the Local Fire Station

As part of national Fire Prevention Week, Fair Oaks Fire Station 21 held an open house Saturday, Oct. 13. Children explored the fire engines and ambulances, while displays and activities stressed home fire safety.



From left: the Tjahjana brothers, Keenan, 11, and Darren, 7, of Fair Oaks make themselves at home on an ambulance.



Reagan Steger, 3, of Fair Oaks "drives" the fire engine in her sparkly, silver shoes.



The Calder sisters of Fair Oaks (from left) Allison, 7, and Lindsey, 4, prepare to color pictures at the open house.



Kyle Calder, 2, of Fair Oaks shows off his new fire hat.

Sports

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Chantilly's Logan Miller finished fifth as an individual and helped the Chargers capture the team title at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 13.

Chantilly's Sean McGorty won the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational with a time of 14:45 on Oct. 13 at Bull Run Regional Park.

McGorty Breaks Invitational Record

Chargers win boys' team championship.

By Jon Roetman
Centre View

On Sept. 29, Chantilly senior Sean McGorty won the Great American Invitational in Cary, N.C., by producing the nation's fastest high school time, 14 minutes, 43.6 seconds, a performance that would land him in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd."

Two weeks later at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational, McGorty again produced a sub-15-minute time, missing his Great American mark by two seconds. He had to "settle" for a meet record and a pair of first-place finishes.

McGorty finished with a time of 14:45 at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 13 at Bull Run Regional Park, breaking the previous record of 15:03, set in 2001 by Handley's Bobby Lockhart. McGorty's effort helped the Chantilly boys' cross country team win the team title with a score of 31, well ahead of second place Severna Park (91).

"I felt very strong," McGorty said after the race. "This course has been known to be fast. ... I was hoping for sub-15. [To run] 14:45, I'm thrilled with that. That's a great time."

At the Great American Invitational, McGorty had competition pushing him until the end as he edged the second-place finisher by three-tenths of a second. On Saturday, McGorty ran unchallenged, finishing 18 seconds faster than his closest competitor.

"This one was a lot more mental, so I'm thrilled with being able to get that time," he said. "... I'm a lot more mentally stronger than I was at the beginning of the season."

McGorty's effort earned him mention in the Oct. 15 issue of Sports Illustrated.

"That was a huge honor," he said. "That was amazing to see myself in a magazine that I've been looking at my entire childhood."

Along with McGorty's effort, Chantilly's Logan Miller (fifth, 15:42), Faris Sakallah (10th, 15:51), Peter Malander (11th, 15:52) and Adam Huff (17th, 16:07) helped the Chargers take home the team title.

McGorty said the team has hopes of winning championships at the district, region and state levels.

"My teammates have been running awesome," he said. "It's been amazing to see them working so hard in practice and then seeing it all pay off out here. Training with them and doing all that has made the experience so much more special to me. ... We knew we were going to be pretty good [but] we didn't know we were going to be this good, and I think that's definitely because of how hard they've been working.

I think we have exceeded some of our expectations and that's been the fun part of it."

Miller said he's starting to run well after dealing with a nagging injury to his left shin that started bothering him during outdoor track season.

"The hardest part was coming back and trusting it to run fast," he said. "But I'm glad I overcame that."

In girls' action, Chantilly's Kendall Cowne placed fifth (18:20) and led the Chargers to a third-place finish with a score of 124. West Springfield (112)

won the event, followed by second-place Washington-Lee (119).

West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta suffered a setback during the race, but still managed to not only win, but set a course record with a time of 17:42.

"I'm kind of mad because at one point I actually ended up going the wrong way," Alcorta said, "so I feel like that may have cost me a couple seconds."

The previous course record of 17:49 was set in 2007 by James River's Kristen Wolfe. The meet record is held by Centreville's Laura Heiner, who posted a time of 17:23 in 1997. In 2005, the Glory Days meet underwent a course change.

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— Chantilly's Sean McGorty

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"Hey Beez; Beez, It's Me"



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

It was my father all right – in a dream. Standing five feet away, approximately, in a well-lit, local convenience store with which I am extremely familiar. This was no case of mistaken identity. Besides, he was wearing those blue, terrycloth shorts of his that my mother always hated. So yes, I called out to him, surprised as I was to see him, locally as it were.

It's been nearly six years since my father died. But this was the first time (of the half-dozen or so dreams I've had in which my father was present) where he did not respond to me, either verbally or physically (we've actually touched in a couple of dreams). Mostly, we've exchanged pleasantries, looks, awareness and/or acknowledgment of one another. This dream, however, offered no such comfort. It was him. It was me. But it wasn't us.

Disconcerting, unsettling, disappointing; depressing if you want to know the truth. I woke up thinking that whatever connection we had maintained since the his death in early December, 2006 had been severed somehow. Not that we spoke regularly since his passing, or that I ever had a sense of his spiritual hand guiding me, but I did feel he was sort of aware of who I was/what I was doing. Oh sure, I visit his grave site and update him – and my mother of course, on what's happening in my life, but never had I heard back, so to speak, except in the occasional dream where although nothing of substance was ever discussed or any references/inquiries made acknowledging my graveside utterances, I always felt looked after, you know what I mean?

But now, since this last dream, maybe I don't feel so "looked after." And so what? So who knows? Maybe six years is the median length of time after a loved one dies when the spiritual connection fades? Maybe six years is a world record for such relationships and maybe the next dream which includes my father will be different and my father will be cracking some of the same Henny Youngman jokes back to me that I regularly – and repeatedly, said to him after his second stroke left him semi unresponsive? He could never remember the jokes or remember hearing them, so every visit (every other day; my brother and I alternated days), I would start our visit by saying: "Hey Beez, I just came back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport." Smile, laughter. "Hey Beez, do you know I've been in love with the same woman for 30 years? If my wife finds out, she'll kill me." Bigger smile. More laughter. "Hey Beez, I just came back from the doctor; he gave me six months to live. I told him I couldn't pay his bill. He gave me another six months." "Yeah, I know that one," he'd mumble. And on and on I'd go for as long as he laughed.

We had multiple connections: sports, humor, both salesmen, words (he loved crossword puzzles); and we all got along and enjoyed spending time together. However, in this last dream, although we were together, it felt like we were apart. A part of me has accepted it and moved on; and a part of me, as reflected in this column, hasn't.

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Celebrating Community

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buses to and from the Historic District will be provided by Centreville Baptist Church.

This year's theme is "Celebrating 220 Years of Community" because it's the 220th anniversary of the chartering of the Town of Centreville. And both admission and parking are free.

Children of all ages will find things to enjoy, including an inflatable octopus slide and a wizard castle with an obstacle course inside, courtesy of G&C Auto. Vendors will hand out candy, stickers, tattoos and other goodies, and SYA Cheer will give out bags for children to fill as they follow pumpkin symbols along the trick-or-treat trail through the Historic District and vendor marketplace.

The nZone is providing additional rides and games, and a children's area sponsored by Alpha Delta Kappa will have a pretend cow to milk while Miss Charlotte and her friends help children make pot holders, weave mats and create scratch art. They can also play old-fashioned games and compete in tug-of-war and sack races. There'll even be word puzzles, coloring pages, stories and face painting. Also slated is a Faces of Centreville scavenger hunt.

A community marketplace will showcase a variety of crafters, businesses, churches and organizations. And a food court will feature local restaurants, plus festival fare including ice cream, hot chocolate, fudge and funnel cakes.

The live entertainment ranges from a Chinese Dragon dance to singers to a Tae Kwon Do demonstration to a sneak peak at the Alliance Theatre's upcoming production of "Nunsense."

On the lawn of the historic Mount Gilead house, living history interpreter Beverly Pelcher will portray Cornelia Peake MacDonald, giving a woman's view of the Civil War. The Swordmasters of the 18th Century will offer fencing lessons, and Sully Historic Site and Frying Pan Park interpreters will help visitors dip candles and make butter and roof shingles. They'll also demonstrate how to weave and cut silhouettes.

In addition, E.C. Lawrence Park staff members will offer guided tours of Civil War Centreville. Two are by van and two are family-friendly, walking ghost tours. Morning and afternoon tours will start at E.C. Lawrence and end in the Historic District and will include the Civil War museum. But spots are limited and those interested in taking these tours must register in advance at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl.

Centreville Day is organized by the Friends of Historic Centreville in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Centreville Day Planning Committee. For more information, see www.centrevilleva.org.

"It's an opportunity for families to learn about local history, do a little holiday shopping and bring the kids outside for some fun and games," said event organizer Cheryl Repetti. "They'll get to meet the people who make up their community."

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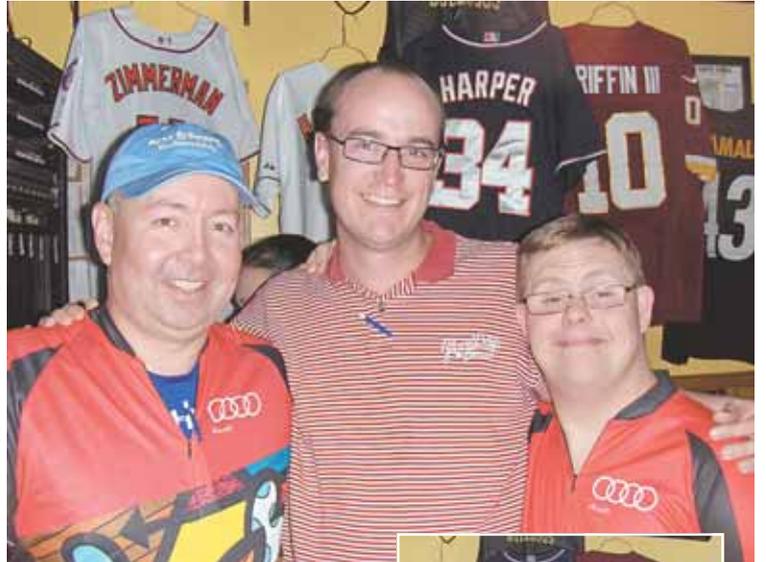
Best Buddies Fundraiser Is Big Success

Chantilly's Eric Latcheran and Centreville's Kevin Whalen are both participating Oct. 20 in the annual Best Buddies Challenge in Washington, D.C. Event proceeds directly benefit local schools — including Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools — containing

Best Buddies chapters. Last Thursday, Oct. 11, Glory Days Grill in Centreville hosted a fundraiser which yielded \$1,000 toward the cause. Washington Redskins running back Evan Royster, a 2006 Westfield High grad, thrilled the crowd with a special appearance.



From left are Ryan Gutkowski of Cavalier Woods, Gina Latcheran (Eric's mom), Kevin Whalen, Evan Royster, Eric Latcheran and William Hingston of Hampton Chase.



From left are Kevin Whalen, Glory Days Manager Mark Huddleston and Eric Latcheran.



Two local heroes (from left): Eric Latcheran and Evan Royster.

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