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Westfield High's marching band.

Westfield's on the March

Westfield High's homecoming parade was Friday, Oct. 19, in Centreville's Sully Station community.



The homecoming king and queen.



Senior Class princesses.



Cub Run Elementary.



SYA cheerleaders.

Fantasy Pumpkins To Thrill and Delight

Centreville man creates Halloween enchantment.

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

In his daily life, Noel Dickover is a federal contractor for the State Department. He's also a science-fiction junkie and an expert pumpkin carver.

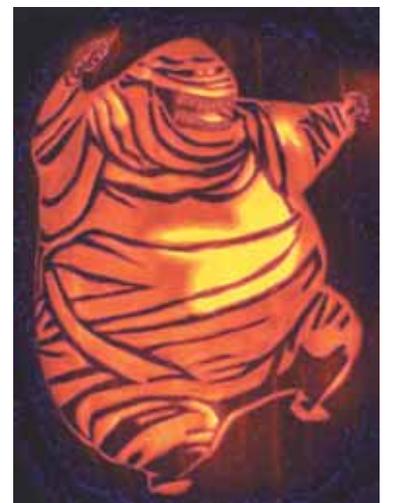
So as Halloween approaches, when he comes home at night to Centreville's Westbrooke community, he busies himself designing and carving the 50 or so pumpkins that'll be displayed in his front yard at 14223 Hartwood Court on Halloween night.

The glowing spectacle attracts 500 to more than 1,000 visitors each year, and word of his creations has spread internationally. Dickover puts his patterns online for free and just asks anyone who does them to send him photos of their finished creations.

"Last December, I was doing a technology event for nongovernmental organizations," he said. "I was in Bucharest, Romania, and this guy comes up to me and says, 'I know you — I did your Angry Birds pattern.' I was just floored by that — that was awesome."

Dickover's been designing and carving Halloween pumpkins for 14 years now. It takes him from one to 24 hours to carve each one, depending on the degree of difficulty and complexity. Those he completes earlier are kept in the refrigerator to preserve them. He coats the cut parts with Vaseline and sprays them with a bacterial solution to keep the pattern moist and prevent fungus from growing.

To view his previous, Halloween creations, go to <http://fantasypumpkins.com>. To see his current pumpkins, add /2012-pumpkins/ to the end of that Web



Murray the Mummy from "Hotel Transylvania."



Sparky the dog from "Frankenweenie."

address.

Dickover doesn't have to carve all the pumpkins himself. Over the years, he's shared his knowledge and techniques with his wife, Nam; son Justin, now a sophomore at GMU; daughter Sarah, a Centreville High freshman; nephew Joseph Chang, plus other assorted friends and relatives.

So each year, they all make their

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Man Charged: Drugs, Weapons Crimes

A Centreville man was among more than 100 people arrested recently as part of a nearly year-long operation by three law-enforcement agencies. He is Kevin Young of Bull Run Post Office Road in Centreville. He was charged with two counts of drug distribution and one count of possessing a firearm while in possession of schedule I or II narcotics.

He was arrested Aug. 19, but police didn't release that information until last week, when they released details of the operation. Participating were officers and detectives with the Fairfax County and Prince William County police departments, plus the Virginia State Police.

According to Fairfax County Police Capt. John Piper, commander of the Criminal Intelligence Division, "We decided to create an opportunity through a sustained enforcement effort, using nontraditional investigative methods to seek long-term solutions to

attacking crime and to address quality-of-life issues."

Early this year, officers and crime analysts were asked to help identify problematic areas, and people associated with criminal activity in those areas, concentrating enforcement efforts along the lower portion of the Richmond Highway corridor in Fairfax County, extending into Prince William County.

Eventually, the investigation resulted in dozens of arrests. The criminal charges, 168 in all, range from possession of stolen property to attempted murder-for-hire.

Besides the arrests, more than \$560,000 in cash, 23 guns, two ballistic vests and a variety of stolen property – including electronics, jewelry, credit cards and tools – were recovered. A variety of narcotics, both prescription and non-prescription, were also seized.

— Bonnie Hobbs

CVHS Offers College Financial Aid Program

Paying for College, a program offered by the Centreville High School Student Services Dept, will be presented on Monday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. in the CVHS theatre. Information on the different types of financial aid programs that are available, as well as how to apply for them,

will be included. All high school and middle school families are invited to this informative program.

Korean and Spanish translation will be available. For more information, contact Claire Leftwich, career center specialist, at caleftwich@fcp.edu.

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Roundups

Fire Destroys Centreville House

Fairfax County firefighters responded to a single-family house fire, last Tuesday, Oct. 16, around 6:35 p.m., at 14927 Lee Highway in Centreville. Firefighters encountered heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear and through the roof of the ranch-style home upon arrival. They fought the blaze from both inside and outside the house, but had to withdraw when a portion of the roof caved in.

Since the home was vacant, firefighters also faced boarded-up windows while attempting to gain access. It took firefighters approximately 50 minutes to bring the flames under control. The house was a complete loss, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Clifton Haunted Trail

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

Since the fright level is so intense, it's not recommended for children under 8. But they can watch Movies under the Stars on a large screen at the park's entrance. 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.

Bike Summit Oct. 27

The inaugural Fairfax Bike Summit will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at George Mason University. The goal is to bring together current and future bicyclists, bicycle organizations, bike shops and transportation professionals to discuss how to make Fairfax County a better place to live by making bicycling a major component of the transportation system.

Register for free at <http://ffxbikesummit.eventbrite.com>; attendance is limited to 200 people. Display space is free and available for bicycle businesses and organizations. The event will be held at The HUB at GMU in the front-middle ballroom, 10423 Rivanna River Way in Fairfax. Further information is available at www.fabbikes.org and bikesummit@fabb-bikes.org.

Goblin Gallop is Oct. 28

The 19th annual Goblin Gallop 5K race, 1K fun run and 5K walk will be held this Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. It's a family-friendly race with many participants wearing Halloween costumes. Afterward are refreshments, music, a moonbounce, a costume contest, race prizes, plus more than \$3,500 in door prizes.

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/#.

All proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. To donate, send checks payable to The John Quadrino Foundation to P.O. Box 4614, Falls Church, VA 22044. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Nov. 1 and 15, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in

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Holding Annie Ermlick, as Sister Amnesia, are (from left) Lori Muhlstein, Becca Harney, Ellen Woodstock, Holly McDade, Rianke Krugel, Holly Czuchna, Valerie Hartnett, Hana Tawil and Evan Kohnstam.

'It's Just Good, Wholesome Fun'

Alliance Theatre presents musical comedy, "Nunsense."

By Bonnie Hobbs
Centre View

When 52 of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, a convent in New Jersey, die after eating bad potato-leek soup, the remaining 19 nuns need to bury them. But first, they have to put on a talent show to raise enough money to do so.

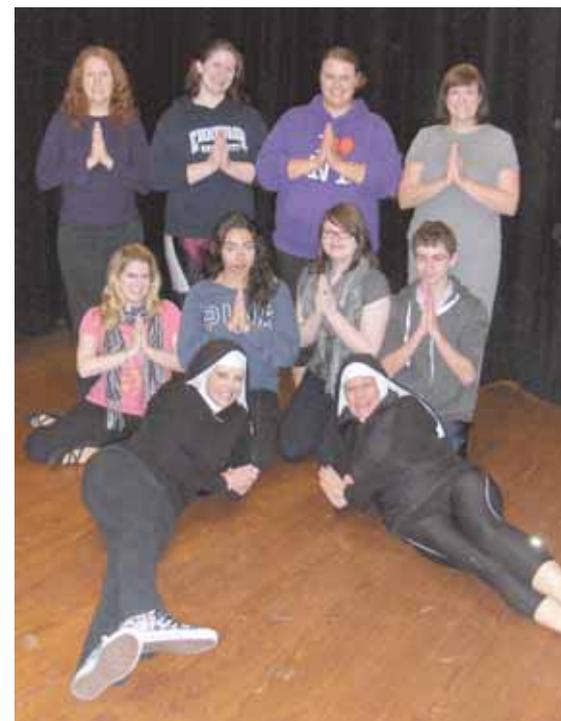
That's the premise of "Nunsense," The Alliance Theatre's rollicking new musical comedy. It's being performed weekends, from Nov. 2-18, at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court in Centreville.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3 and Nov. 9-10, and Nov. 16-17, all at 7:30 p.m., plus Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16/adult; \$14/child (12 and under); \$14/senior citizens; go to boxoffice@thealliancetheatre.org.

The cast has been rehearsing since August, and Director Scott Olson – who performed in Alliance's "Camelot" and directed its "Legally Blonde" – says everyone's doing great. "They're all incredibly talented and the story is just good, wholesome fun."

"This is not your typical, Broadway show," he continued. "It has quirks, and you get to learn a little about each nun's back story. The audience will like the frivolity of it all and how the story's intertwined within it."

Playing the Mother Superior is Holly Czuchna. "She's in charge of this chaos," said Czuchna. "She



Several cast members of Alliance's "Nunsense" are (back row, from left) Ellen Woodstock, Holly McDade, Rianke Krugel and Holly Czuchna; (middle, from left) Becca Harney, Hana Tawil, Valerie Hartnett and Evan Kohnstam; and (front, from left) Annie Ermlick and Lori Muhlstein.

wants desperately for things to be the best for the sisters, but doesn't always make the wisest of decisions. So she tries to make amends for her mistakes,

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Westfield High freshman Sara Berrios sings the National Anthem beside the Chantilly Academy's Air Force JROTC color guard.



People enjoy the day in Centreville's Historic District.

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Celebrating Centreville Day



JMU alumni's Chinese Dragon Dance.



This vendor sold jewelry and other items from Ecuador and Bolivia.



Kristen Shin of Korean Central Presbyterian Church gives out cotton candy.



From left: Jennifer Bui and Kaitlin Phan, Colin Powell Elementary sixth-graders, shoot toy arrows at a RulyScapes car.



Phase Cheer & Dance had a booth at Centreville Day.



SYA cheerleaders.

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Brownie Troop 1143 marches in the parade.



An antique car.



Photo Courtesy of Howard Kempbell

Centre View reporter Bonnie Hobbs with her Citizen of the Year award from the Centreville Day Planning Committee.



A vendor makes sand art for Ava Vidanes, 5, and brother Christian, 2 1/2, of Franklin Farm.



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Mountain View Teacher Hoffman Is Honored

Mountain View High math teacher Anne Hoffman received the Educator of the Year award Saturday from the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. She was honored during the opening ceremonies of the Oct. 20 Centreville Day celebration in Centreville's Historic District.

Mountain View Principal Dave Jagels presented her award; but first, he told those attending why Hoffman is so special and why the school chose her to receive this honor.

"Anne Hoffman exemplifies the meaning of holistic education," he said. "When working with students, she leaves no stone unturned. It's often said that Anne brings out the best in her students; she's able to develop a relationship with them based on trust, respect and compassion."

Jagels said her caring nature, teaching expertise and "vast educational experience" are the qualities that "make her stand above the rest." He also stressed that Hoffman goes "far above and beyond" the call of duty

when helping her students.

"She is the epitome of what a teacher should be," he said. "[And] former students continue to contact her for things, well after they graduate - whether they're asking for help or sharing milestones in their lives." Jagels said that shows the kind of impact Hoffman has on her students' lives.

"We are extremely grateful to have the talents that Anne brings to the students of Mountain View on a daily basis," he added. "It is an honor to recognize her as Mountain View's selection for teacher of the year."

— Bonnie Hobbs

From left are Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce President Eileen Curtis, Del. David Bulova (D-37), Mountain View Principal Dave Jagels, teacher Anne Hoffman, Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and Shak Hill.



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Holy Communion (Third Sunday) 10:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study
and Spiritual Development Courses: 7:00 PM
(Includes Youth Bible Study)



Schools



Photos by Deb Cobb/Centre View

Redskin Visits Lees Corner

Damian Parson, a sixth grader at Lees Corner Elementary School, won a contest sponsored by talk radio station ESPN980 and the fast food chain Wendy's that brought Redskins Linebacker Ryan Kerrigan, #91, to the school for a visit on Oct. 23. Kerrigan, who has a math education degree from Perdue University, spoke to students about the importance of staying in school, leading a healthy life, and standing up to bullying. Above, Kerrigan shakes Damian's hand during an assembly as Principal Robert D'Amato looks on.



Lees Corner Sixth grader Damian Parson gets his jersey signed by Redskin Ryan Kerrigan.

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Opinion

Be Part of the Children's Centre View

Call for student artwork and writing; deadline Dec. 3.

During the last week of each year, the Centre View devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

The annual Children's Centre View is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 3.

Some suggestions:

❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money

Letter to the Editor

Many Contributed To Centreville Day

To the Editor:

"It is our joy to serve our community," is how Bill Hatcher, pastor at Centreville Baptist Church, has so perfectly expressed the spirit of all the people who came together and help make Centreville Day possible. As the president of Friends of Historic Centreville, I can't begin to state how deeply grateful I am to all of those people: to members of the planning committee, to the sponsors and vendors of Centreville Day, to the community and school volunteers, to the churches and other property owners of the Historic District, to our local government, to everyone who contributed in any way to making this Centreville Day a success.

Centreville Day benefits the Friends of Historic Centreville (FHC), a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving local history and to help make Historic Centreville Park a meaningful part of our community. FHC is a small group, however, and Centreville Day, as evident from the length of the list below, is a large undertaking. Each contribution was important to

what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

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❖ Opinion pieces about family, friends, movies, traffic, sports, food, video games, toys, trends, etc.

❖ News stories from school newspapers.

We welcome contributions from families, public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Children's Centre View to Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Centre View, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 3. The Children's Centre View will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands out as a holiday connected to an increase in drinking and driving.

creating the whole and greatly appreciated. Thus, is no special order, I want to acknowledge and thank the following:

Our sponsors: Gold sponsor, G&C Auto and Tire Center. Greg and Christine Caldwell's generous gift enabled Centreville Day to again offer free children's rides. Long-time silver sponsor, the Korean Central Presbyterian Church. New bronze sponsors the Kiddie Academy and Apple Federal Credit Union. Historic Centreville Society provided funding for living history enactors Charlie Anderson (the Swordmaster) and Beverly Pelcher (aka Cornelia Peak McDonald). Burke and Herbert Bank happily mustached Centreville Day. The Goddard School, Walgreens, The Rotary Club of Centreville and Chantilly, Bryan Hunt CPA, and Windows Plus were also business sponsors. A host of in-kind sponsors provide valuable services: Sign-a-rama, Republic Trash Removal and Recycling, RulyScapes, the Trinity Center and Cassidy-Turley property management, and Pack Rat. The Centre View can't be thanked enough for its wonderful support and coverage of Centreville Day over the last 20 years.

Our Vendors: Are too numerous to list here, see the list on our website. Please know that

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

Editorials For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as

a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

Sponsors of this year's Halloween SoberRide offering include: Anheuser-Busch, AT&T, Diageo, Giant, MillerCoors, Red Top Cab of Arlington, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 55,694 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. For more information visit www.wrap.org

Last Call

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 26 to be considered for publication. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Ideal letters will be about 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

— Mary Kimm,

mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

your support makes Centreville Day possible and we appreciate it. I will give a shout out to our food vendors: Mrs. P's Concessions, Coyote Grill, Smokes BBQ, and Chick-Fil-A.

Our Centreville Day Volunteers: A cadre of youth volunteers, most from Ormond Stone Middle School, did great job of prepping the area, greeting vendors, face painting, cleaning up and made the day run smoothly.

Churches: One of the nice things about Centreville Day is the participation of so many of the area's churches. Centreville Baptist Church gives us the free shuttle service from the Trinity parking location (yes, we'll do better on the parking signs next year), the Korean Central Presbyterian Church sweetens the day with cotton candy and the Hallelujah Taekwondo Mission. N-Zone and New Life Church brought the Fun-Zone. Wellspring United Church gave the day our awesome DJ, Myra Flemister of HB Productions. The two historic churches in the district, Saint John's Episcopal Church and the Church of the Ascension were open for tours and other activities. The church of the Latter Day Saints and Oakton Baptist Church participated in our community marketplace.

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Letter

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Entertainers: Centreville Day is proud to feature local talent, and Centreville has definitely got talent. Many thanks to (in order of their scheduled performance): Sara Berrios sang the National Anthem, the JMU Dragon Dancers, Mia Saunders Ballet, Centreville Dance Theatre, Alliance Theatre, the Epic Quartet, Elizabeth Officer sang God Bless America, Harmony Road School of Music, the Tae Kwon Do Mission, singers Alberto Ramirez and Benito Chavez, Flock of Eagles, SYA Cheer and the Creative Dance Center. (We know illness prevented some performances: plan on next year!)

Planning Committee and Non-profit Partners: Thanks to honorary chairs Eileen Curtis, president of the Dulles Regional Chamber and Shak Hill, vice chair of the Families and Children Trust Fund, Vendor Coordinator Dr. Marla Gebaide of Centreville Chiropractic Center, and Entertainment Coordinator Meg Crossett. Meg was also the liaison with DC Candlelighters, who organized the new Zombie Slouch race. Bill Hatcher, Outreach Pastor for Centreville Baptist Church was our Transportation Chairman. Steve Hunter of American Legion Post 1995 is our parade master.

The parade also benefited from the support of the Faircrest Neighborhood Watch thanks to Steven and Donna Yeh. Boy Scout Troop 1995 did a great job running parade announcement cards and scouts and parents helped tremendously by cleaning up at the end of the day.

Karen Waltman communicated with and oversaw all of our youth volunteers as well as running all over Northern Virginia in pursuit of prizes, programs and signs. SYA Cheer's Tammy McCarron, Cheryl Lawson of the Flourless Pan, Marva Williams and Matt Lannon of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department all made vital contributions. Carol Robison and Harriet Graves cheerfully led Alpha Delta Kappa's wonderful children's activities while Jim Daniels and Dr. Ted McCord coordinated the wonderful volunteers from Sully Historic Site and Mount Gilead docents. Joy Regis opened the Havener House and Sully History Commissioner Debbie Robison interpreted the Spindle Sears House.

Fairfax County Government: It wouldn't be Centreville Day without Supervisor Michael Frey onstage. His assistant, Virginia Eller, does a wonderful job supporting this event. We couldn't ask for a more community-spirited officer than Lt. Ryan Morgan of the Sully District.

The professionals and volunteers of the Centreville fire stations also lend their expertise and support every year. I also want to acknowledge Winnie Williams of the Permits section of the Zoning office and all the personnel in various oversight departments who cope gracefully with late submissions and all the other contingencies of community events in a busy October season. And, last mentioned but not in any way least, is the cooperation and support of the Fairfax County Park Authority, especially Todd



Centreville Day Organizer Is Honored

The Rotary Club of Centreville & Chantilly presents its own Citizen of the Year award to Centreville Day organizer Cheryl Repetti during the Oct. 20 event. From left are Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce President Eileen Curtis, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Repetti, Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, Rotary Club President Linda Christ and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11).

Brown, John Shafer, Lee Ann Shenefiel, Richard Fain, Eric Malmgren, and the volunteers and staff at Sully Historic Site.

Thank you one and all.

And many, many thanks to the people who came out and attended Centreville Day.

We're already booking delightful weather for next year, so put us down on your calendars and we'll see you in October 2013.

Cheryl Repetti

President, Friends of Historic Centreville



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Lawmakers Debate Eminent Domain Ballot Question

Some argue amendment fails to increase property owner's protections, but may shut down popular parades.

By Victoria Ross
Centre View

In 2007, responding to a populist backlash against a Supreme Court decision allowing the government to use the power of eminent domain to aid private development, Virginia legislators passed a law restricting that power.

Now a measure on the Nov. 6 ballot seeks to enshrine those restrictions in the Virginia Constitution, and provide additional areas of compensation to landowners.

Many local lawmakers question the wisdom of incorporating these provisions into the constitution, where they say it will be difficult to change, and may lead to "unintended consequences."

"This is not something that belongs in the Constitution," said Del. Scott Surovell, (D-44), who wrote about issue in his Sept. 29 online newsletter, "The Dixie Pig." "The language in this amendment is completely unnecessary — it bans actions currently illegal in Virginia."

TAXPAYERS SHOULD BE CONCERNED, say opponents of the amendment, which include Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors, The City of Fairfax, The Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League.

They argue the amendment goes too far, requiring taxpayers to compensate landowners not only for the value of condemned property, but for lost access to their property and lost benefits.

They contend the proposed amendment invalidates the current "public use" definition in the code and creates uncertainty as to what constitutes public use, which could invite litigation.

"I don't think anyone's arguing that private property owner's rights are not important," said City of Fairfax Councilman Dan

Drummond. "But this is a solution in search of a problem."

He said the fear is that the amendment could have a "chilling effect" on economic progress and projects that benefit the public.

"Nobody really knows from a local government perspective how this will be used, but the fear is that it could open up a Pandora's Box of litigation that would leave taxpayers footing the bill."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) said business-owners could construe this amendment as "taking away or diminishing" their profits when streets are closed and their shops are shut down during popular parades and festivals, such as Viva Vienna or the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, events that attract up to 40,000 people during one weekend.

"These are community-building events, and we're concerned the language in the amendment can be read by individuals as way to seek compensation for lost profits," Bulova said. "A shop owner could complain they lost revenue, that festival vendors are taking their business away," Bulova added. "What if someone decided to make that an issue and seek compensation for lost profits under (the amendment)? The Town of Vienna can't afford to reimburse every shop owner ..."

Surovell said requiring the government to pay for not only the value of land, but for lost profits and lost access could run up the costs of infrastructure projects all over Virginia.

"Imagine what that means for widening U.S. 1 or what they would have meant in terms of the disruption caused on Route 7 for the construction of the Silver Line. This bill will make roads and transit even harder to construct," he said.

Del. Dave Albo (R-41) who co-sponsored

one of the versions of the law, acknowledged that "lost profits and lost access" could end up making roads more expensive to build.

"But it's fair," Albo said. "If they run a road and cut off your driveway to the point that no one can get into your restaurant and ruin your business, you should be compensated."

"Basically, we don't want the government taking private property for something that is not a bona fide government use, for example taking old houses in the name of economic development and then transferring the land to a private hotel," Albo added.

ALBO AND OTHER SUPPORTERS maintain a constitutional amendment is needed because, without it, future lawmakers and special interest groups could weaken Virginia's current statute.

At the crux of the debate is the Supreme Court's landmark 2005 decision known as the "Kelo decision," widely considered by scholars, land-use attorneys and local government to be one of the most controversial rulings in recent U.S. history.

"I think all of this is an overreaction to Kelo," said Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and poli-

What Is the "Kelo" Ruling?

"Kelo v. City of New London" came before the Supreme Court in 2005. In a 5-4 decision, the Court held that the general benefits a community enjoyed from economic growth qualified private redevelopment plans as a permissible "public use" under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

In 1998, the drug company Pfizer built a new plant in New London, Conn., making adjacent property desirable for economic development. Although 100 property owners agreed to sell the city their property for commercial development, 15 property owners resisted, and the city used the power of eminent domain to force the 15 holdouts to sell.

The property owners, including lead plaintiff Susette Kelo, sued the city in Connecticut courts, arguing that the city had misused its eminent domain power.

Prior to Kelo, only seven states specifically restricted the use of eminent domain for private development.

As of June 2012, 44 states had enacted some type of reform legislation in response to the Kelo decision, according to the National Conference of



Photo contributed

Some local lawmakers are concerned that if the Constitutional amendment ballot question on eminent domain passes, festivals and parades, such as Viva Vienna and the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, will spark lawsuits from business owners who could argue that the public events cost them private profits.

tics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics." "Historically, property owners have always been favored under Virginia law."

State Legislatures. Of those states, 22 passed laws that severely inhibited the takings allowed by the Kelo decision, while the rest enacted laws that place some limits on the power of municipalities to invoke eminent domain for economic development.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), who is Surovell's law partner in the Fairfax firm of Surovell, Isaacs, Petersen & Levy PLC, said he stands with supporters of the amendment, and thinks that litigation fears are overblown.

"The eminent domain amendment basically puts the current state law into the Constitution, so it's not a major change at all," Petersen said.

Surovell disagrees: "I just don't see a large enough problem where we need a statewide constitutional solution."

Bulova said local officials take the power of eminent domain seriously: "Eminent domain is a very heavy power and absolutely needed only for the greater good. We haven't used it to force people off their property. That just doesn't happen in Fairfax County and it never has," Bulova said.

Helicopter Unit Helps Save Two Children

Thanks to a series of coordinated efforts among helicopter, K-9, and the Project Lifesaver program, an 8-year-old boy was rescued and delivered home safely.

Police were alerted to a missing juvenile on Saturday, Oct. 13. The little boy, who is autistic, left his Clifton area home on his scooter around 2 p.m. Family and officers searched the home and neighborhood but did not find the missing boy.

Fortunately, this family had registered their son with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Program. He wears an electronic bracelet at all times that helps officers locate him in the event of an emergency. With the assistance of the FCPD helicopter, a K-9 team, Fairfax County Sheriff's deputies and ground patrol officers, a faint transmitter signal was heard that led search-

ers to a heavily wooded area near Otter Run Court. After about an hour's search, officers spotted the child waist-deep in the frigid waters of Otter Run creek, looking up and watching the helicopter. Officers allowed the boy to pet the K-9, named Nero, and pulled him to safety. The boy, although cold and wet, was not seriously injured and did not require hospitalization.

After reuniting the boy with his parents, helicopter officers heard a call for emergency help at 4 p.m. A police officer working at Cox's Farm had encountered a toddler who was choking and unconscious. Since the crew was in the vicinity, the crew was immediately able to land in the hay field. They rendered aid and brought the child to Inova Fairfax Hospital, rendering care throughout the flight.

Turkey Trot Sign-Ups Are Open

Registration is now open for the 24th Annual Virginia Run Turkey Trot.

A local tradition, the 5K run and 2K walk are set for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, at 8 a.m. at the Virginia Run community center in Centreville.

Both courses travel through Virginia Run, and this year's event is being held in memory of resident Bonnie Huneke.

All proceeds from the Turkey Trot benefit Life with Cancer, INOVA Health System's nonprofit program for cancer patients and their families.

This year, registration in the 5K

is limited to the first 4,000 entries; the walk has unlimited entries. Secure registration (with no additional fees) is available online at www.virginiarun.com/turkeytrot. The 5k Entry fee is \$25 for pre-registration; after Nov. 1, the entry fee increases to \$30. The walk is \$15, increasing to \$20 after Nov. 1.

Entry fees include a cotton, short sleeved T-shirt (entrants must pick up their shirts in person), post-race snacks and raffle participation. Prizes are awarded in an overall male and female category, to Virginia Run residents and in various age brackets.

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Centreville's First Zombie Slouch

The first annual Zombie Slouch 5K Run and Walk was held Saturday, Oct. 20, in Centreville. Proceeds benefited the DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation.



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Halloween Enchantment: One Pumpkin at a Time

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own pumpkin creations. And, said Dickover, “It’s nice because the family gets to sit together around the kitchen table and carve.”

“Justin just did a Zombie Thor pumpkin,” he continued. “And Joseph will do the Avengers — Thor, the Hulk, Capt. America, the Black Widow and Ironman — on an 80-pound pumpkin. It’s a complicated pattern that’ll look really cool.”

Dickover often takes his inspiration from the most popular books and movies, so he just finished an “Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Slayer” pumpkin and is currently completing one from the hit movie, “Brave,” featuring Merida and the three, little bears peering around a corner.

He plans to carve a pumpkin or two from the movie, “Snow White and the Huntsman,” including the bridge troll. Also on his list are a couple patterns from the movie, “Hotel Transylvania,” with Murray the Mummy.

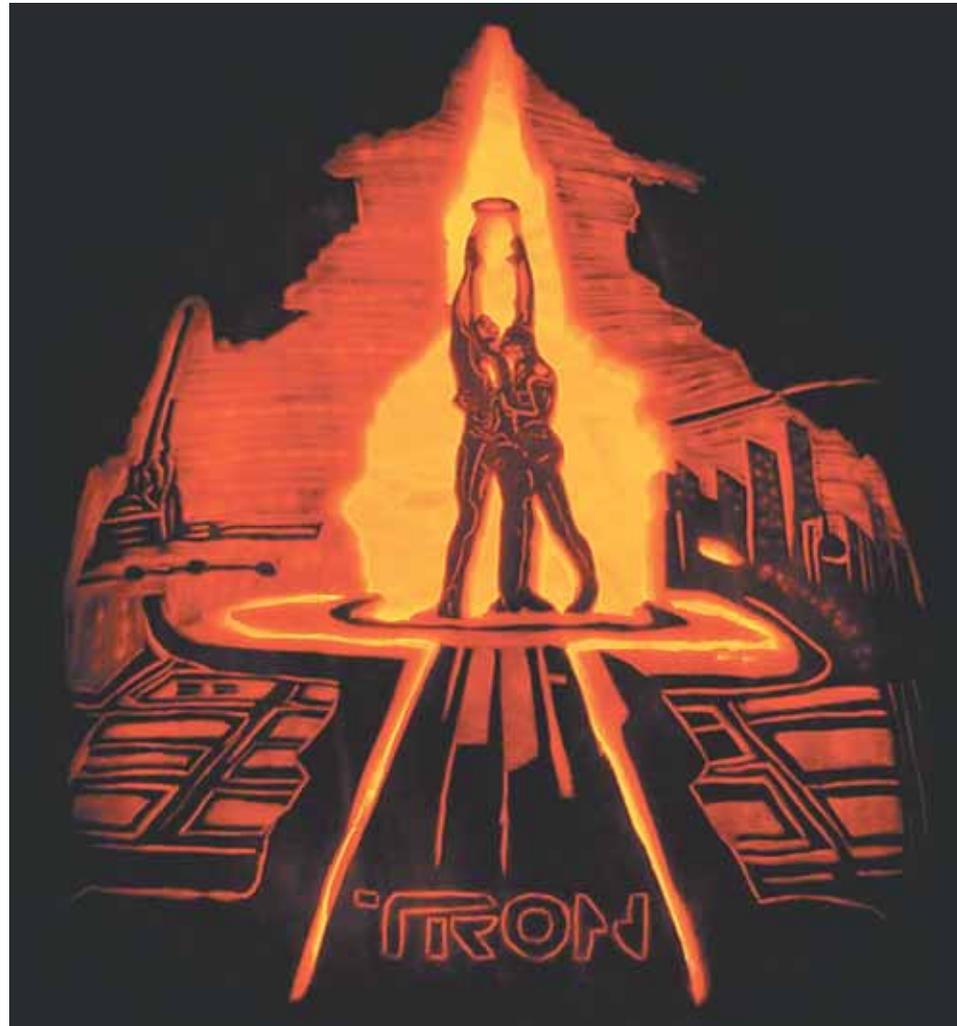
“We have four, 80-pound pumpkins, and I’ll probably do something from ‘Prometheus,’” said Dickover. “It’s insanely difficult. I might also do Michael Jackson as a zombie in ‘Thriller.’”

Not everything is scary, though. “We have a ton of pumpkins for little kids,” said Dickover. “We have fairies and cartoon characters.”

There’ll be pumpkins starring “Thomas the Tank Engine,” plus the characters Toby and Percy, are planned. There’ll also be Scrat from the “Ice Age” movie and a character or two from “Frankenweenie.”

Other creations will include Bean, the villain from the recent “Batman” movie; Frankensmurf; a werewolf and Johnny Depp as Barnabas Collins in “Dark Shadows.” There’s even Troll Face, an Internet meme Dickover describes as “gross-looking.”

“I’m trying to do a ‘Star Wars’ space-battle scene, which is ridiculously complicated,” he said. “This will be a 20-hour carving, at least, with 25 spaceships.” And if he can find the perfect elongated pumpkin, he’ll also sculpt the head of the creature from “Alien.”



A scene from “Tron.”

Nam’s contributions include “The Lorax” and the symbol from “The Hunger Games.” Justin, said Dickover, likes to make “cool zombie things and also did a scary Joker coming out of a jack-in-the-box. Sarah already did a Pokémon character and will do some other fun pumpkins, probably anime figures. And I’ll probably also do — from the TV show, ‘Game of Thrones’ — Daenerys with a dragon on her shoulder.”

Toughest, he said, is getting everyone started on their pumpkins, plus figuring out the complex patterns. “And for me, I started later this year because I was out of the country for my job,” said Dickover. “But I’ll take

some time off before Halloween so I can have five, straight days of carving.”

He uses special, wood-carving tools from Warren Cutlery to ply his craft. For beginners, he recommends the Speedball Linoleum cutter set, available for \$12 at craft stores.

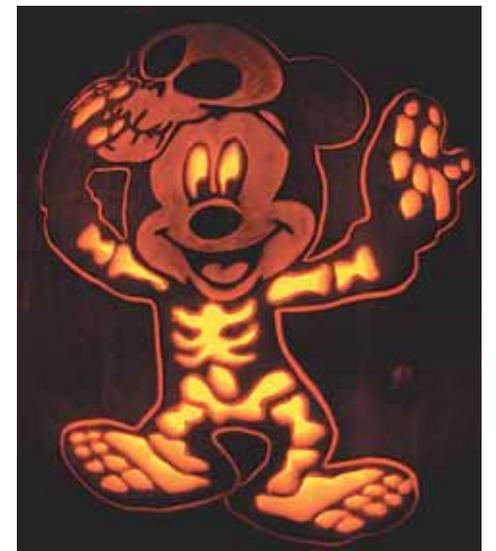
“Sometimes I say, ‘Why am I doing this? This is crazy,’” said Dickover. But it’s all worth it, he said, when people flock to his yard to look at the finished products. “I’m exhausted by then, but it’s actually pretty neat watching everybody see the display and have a good experience,” said Dickover. “It’s a neat way to give back.”

Directions to Dickover Home

The Dickover home is at 14223 Hartwood Court in Centreville. From Route 28 south, turn left on Compton Road, go down the hill and up again. Take the first left onto Hartwood Lane. The third right is Hartwood Court, and the house is on the corner of Hartwood Lane and Hartwood Court.



Zombie Thor.



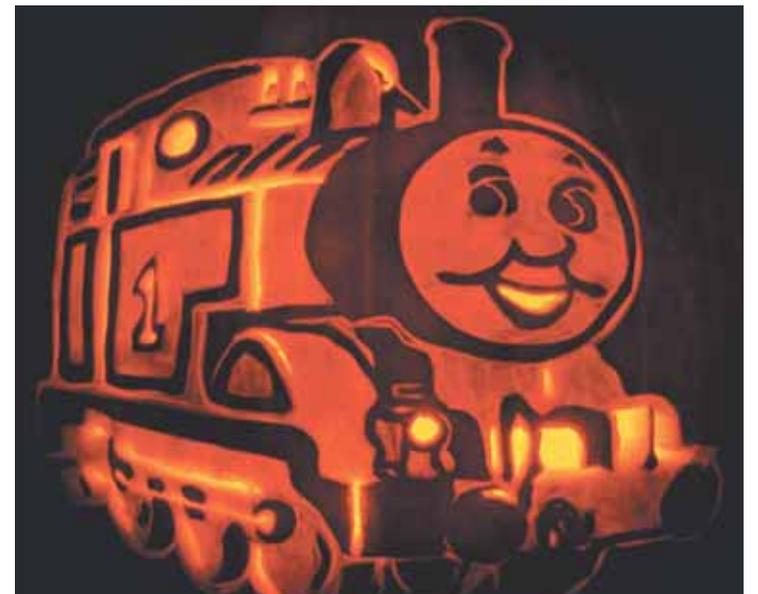
Mickey Mouse skeleton.



Shelob vs. Sam from “Lord of the Rings.”



Spooky playing cards.



Thomas the Tank Engine.

Entertainment

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THURSDAY/OCT. 25

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 26-28

Chantilly Library Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Huge selection of adult and children's 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/events.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Layered Gardening. 10 a.m. David Culp will share his design techniques

for color and interest throughout the year. He'll also autograph copies of his new book, "The Layered Garden." At Merrifield Gardens at Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy. Call 703-968-9600 or visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com.

VolunteerFest. An area-wide day of community service held in conjunction with national "Make a Difference Day" that mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own. Most projects begin mid-morning and end around lunch time. Projects take place throughout Northern Virginia at schools, libraries, parks and nonprofit organizations. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Fundraising Event. 2:30-6:30 p.m. The Humane Society of Fairfax County is having its annual fundraiser at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Rd. Bring the whole family — children and costumed dogs — for a day in the country with food, wines, vendors, music and silent auction. Discounted tickets are available on the website (\$35) or at the door (\$45). Visit www.hsfc.org.

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

Annual Party in Pink Zumbathon Event. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Join the second annual event in support of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Project.

All-star Instructors, music, giveaways and more. Free and open to the public, however a donation is requested. Proceeds go to the Cure project. Due to limited space registration is required. Register at bit.ly/PARTY2012. Call 703-817-0700 or send an email to womensclub@aol.com. The Women's Club, 14175 Sullyfield Circle.

Band Competition. CVHS Marching Band is participating in the Virginia Band & Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA) State Marching Band Assessments. The event will be held in seven locations throughout the state. All groups will be assessed by seven judges. The Band has 15 minutes to run and complete their program. At Millbrook High School, 251 First Woods Dr., Winchester. Call 540-545-2800.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/OCT. 30-31

Annual Goblin Gallop. Centreville High will host its second annual Goblin Gallop with a rain date of Nov. 1-2. It's again partnering with Lake Braddock Secondary in hopes of raising \$50,000 for the Food for Others food bank. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) will speak to the students, Oct. 30, at 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

25th Anniversary of Mall-O-Ween. 6-8 p.m. Most of Fair Oaks' 200 stores, services and dining options will treat from their storefronts while also providing sampling and coupon treats for those accompanying trick-or-treaters. Free and open to the public. Fair Oaks Mall (Immediately off I-66 at Route 50, Lee Jackson Memorial Parkway). Visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 18

Volunteer Fair. 6:30 p.m. Teens can discover how to make their volunteer hours count. Middle and high school students and their parents are invited to meet representatives from local organizations that offer volunteer opportunities. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd.

SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Women's Health Fair. 10 a.m. At Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Dr. For information or to register, visit www.inovalinktopink.org or call 1-855-MY-INOVA (1-855-694-6682).

SUNDAY/OCT. 21

College Fair and Night. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Public Schools will host its annual College Fair and College Night at 11700 Fair Oaks Mall. College Night is an evening of workshops on college information and preparation. Among the topics to be covered are SAT and ACT tests, career planning, financial aid, writing the college application essay,

opportunities for student athletes, opportunities abroad, FCPS Family Connection, and considerations for students with disabilities. Free and open to the public. Students are encouraged to register in advance for the event at <http://www.fcpscollegefairs.com>. Call 703-359-8302.

Church Open House. 5 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua American National Catholic Church is an independent Catholic community now worshipping in Centreville. Visit www.MySaintAnthonys.org for information and a detailed list of this month's events, or come to the worship. At 5649 Mount Gilead Road.

MONDAY/OCT. 22

NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting. 11:30 a.m. U.S. Representative Frank Wolf of District 10 will be the featured speaker. Candidate Chris Perkins of District 11, who is opposing U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly of Virginia will also speak. At Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. \$17. Call 703-435-3523 to register by Oct. 18.

Breakfast with George Allen. 8-9:30 a.m. This event is organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and supported by several synagogues, Jewish organizations and interfaith partners. At Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Tpk., Fairfax. \$10 Registration at www.jccouncil.org/Allen. For information, contact Debra Linick at 703-893-4007 or dlinick@jccouncil.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 23

Treatment Options for Breast Cancer. 6:30 p.m. Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Dr. For information or to register, visit www.inovalinktopink.org or call 1-855-MY-INOVA (1-855-694-6682).

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24

Lunch with Tim Kaine. noon-1:30 p.m. This event is organized by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and supported by several synagogues, Jewish organizations and interfaith partners. At Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Tpk., Fairfax. \$10 Registration at www.jccouncil.org/Kaine. For information, contact Debra Linick at 703-893-4007 or dlinick@jccouncil.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Chantilly HS Government Forum. 9 a.m. Representatives from the five parties on the ballot in Virginia will be in attendance. Anesh Chopra, President Obama's former chief technology officer, will represent the Obama campaign. Bill Redpath, the chairman of the National Libertarian Party, will represent the Gary Johnson campaign. Mitch Turner, the chairman of the Virginia Constitution Party, will represent the Virgil Goode campaign. The Romney (Republican) and Stein (Green) campaigns will also be represented. The forum will take place in the Chantilly HS auditorium. Students and community members will have a chance to ask questions.

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Photo by Little Moon Photography



Experts suggest light-hearted costumes for children who could be fearful on Halloween. "I always suggest that young children try to avoid dressing up as characters that are scary," said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University.

Beware: Halloween Can Frighten Small Children

Experts offer suggestions for helping small children who fear Halloween.

By Marilyn Campbell
Centre View

On Halloween, when many don their scariest attire and head out for an evening of frightful fun, not everyone experiences merriment. Experts say some festivities can overwhelm tiny revelers.

"In preschool, children are not logical thinkers and they can only think about one thing at a time. "If something looks like a werewolf, then it is a werewolf. And young children are fearful of things that could hurt them," said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington.

There are a few techniques that parents can employ to take some of the fright out of Halloween. "One of the things that parents can do is to go over the top in preparing small children," said Centreville resident Todd Kashdan, Ph.D. associate professor. Department of Psychology at George Mason University. "Role play with them and say 'you'll see people with blood on their faces, they're not going to hurt you, they are just like actors.' You should be really playful about it. Not only is it useful, but it is actually a fun family activity."

Showing empathy can help children feel secure. "It is natural for children to be scared of scary costumes. One of the major pieces that I would think about is the parents' ability to help children distinguish between fantasy and reality. Offering support and talking through the feelings creates a safe environment during a pretty scary walk down the street with lots of scary figures," said Frederic Bemak, Ed.D., George Mason University professor of Counseling and Development and founder and Director of the Diversity Research and Action Center.

Another suggestion, say experts,

is drawing attention to the light-hearted aspects of the holiday. "Get kids to focus on how interesting and curious and weird Halloween is," said Kashdan. "Tell them to look for the coolest thing in a person's costume as they are about to walk past you. Knowing that someone is about to come by wearing a really cool costume parents can say 'I want you to tell me the coolest thing that you see.' They are intentionally focusing on the positive aspect of the costume and forgetting that it could be scary. It is a playful way for managing you anxiety."

Show compassion. "I always get disenchanted when I see dad's pushing their kids too far and saying 'you're too old to be crying' or 'why are you so scared'," said Kashdan. "Try not to be like a Great Depression [-era] grandfather. Try to be compassionate with your kids. Remember they don't understand their emotions or what causes them. It is really counter-productive when parents push their kids and say that they are supposed to be calm, they are supposed to be having fun. If they feel fear, honor that feeling and appreciate the fact that you have a moment to show your kids compassion and love.

Keep costumes non-threatening. "I always suggest that young children try to avoid dressing up as characters that are scary, because they truly believe that a witch is a real witch," said Gulyn. "It is especially confusing if it is a family member. A dad dressed up like a werewolf can actually terrorize a young child because they'll believe that the Dad has turned into a werewolf."

Give children down time before the evening's festivities. "Make sure they are rested and have something to eat that is healthy," said Gulyn. "They should rest and chill out so they can have fun on Halloween."

Alliance Theatre To Present Musical Comedy 'Nunsense'

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although she doesn't want to admit them. She's got a good heart and is stern when she needs to be but, secretly, she wants to be a star."

Loving her role, Czuchna says it's challenging because it contains so many nuances, but she likes her character's "fun personality. People don't always realize nuns are people, too, with dreams and aspirations." Her favorite song is "Turn up the Spotlight" where the audience discovers how much Mother Superior likes being in that spotlight, herself.

"The audience actually gets to participate in the show," said Czuchna. "We talk directly to them and they get to talk back to us. I think it'll surprise them, but it'll be a lot of fun and they'll enjoy it."

Rianke Krugel portrays Sister Mary Hubert. "She's a big personality - a mix between Steve Martin in 'Leap of Faith' and Whoopie Goldberg in 'Sister Act,'" said Krugel. "She's engaging and warm - overly so, sometimes - and she's the mistress of novices, second in charge of the convent. She can abide by the rules, but can kick off her shoes at a moment's notice and take the stage."

Krugel enjoys her part because her character has no reservations and it allows her to "tap into [the sister's] responsive, crazy energy. I just give her free rein and her character creates itself through the music, song lyrics and lines."

She especially likes the number, "Holier than Thou," which she sings. "It encompasses the theme and message of the whole play - find what works for you in your religion and make it your own. There's a lot of energy and comedy in this show and, ultimately, it's just funny to see characters of nuns brought to life on stage in the way that we do."

Playing Sister Amnesia is Centreville's Annie Ermlick, in her 15th Alliance show. "A crucifix fell on her head and she lost her memory, so she's sweet, but ditzzy," said Ermlick. "She does an operatic song, 'So You Want to be a Nun?' with a puppet - her alter ego, Sister Mary Annette. So Sister Amnesia sings in a soprano-type voice and Sister Mary Annette sings in an alto, Broadway belt. It's ventriloquism, and the puppet is hilarious and says very inappropriate things."

Ermlick also likes her role because she gets to interact with the audience, quiz people and be spontaneous. "I like the cast, too, and my best friend, Cathy Arnold, is choreographing," she said.

"Sister Amnesia's so lovable, sweet and playful, she's often the comic relief," continued Ermlick. "And I love the puppet song because it's such a showstopper and I get to sing full-out opera - for which I was classically trained. This is a lighthearted, toe-tapping comedy that'll have people laughing out loud. And it's family-oriented, so all ages will enjoy it."

Music Director Beth Atkins taught everyone the music and helps them express their characters' thoughts through the songs. "I love watching the characters develop as we go through the rehearsal process," she said. "I see the cast grow stronger and stronger every week as they become more confident about their vocal abilities and their characters."

"I love having the chance to blend the music with the action and help tell the overall story through music," said Atkins. "Really strong characters are emerging." Overall, she said, "There's a range of musical styles and lots of catchy tunes that'll stay with the audience. I can't get this stuff out of my head."

Oh "K," Finally



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Off the cancer couch and onto the street to participate in my first fundraiser event for lung cancer research. With the assistance and support of LUNgevity Foundation, on November 4th, I will be joining hundreds of fellow lung cancer survivors, supporters and volunteers in "Breathe Deep DC," (a local "grassroots" event) for a 5K walk around the monuments in Washington, D.C. This is D.C.'s "only walk to support lung cancer research." "Breathe Deep DC" was founded by Bethesda resident, Jerry Sorkin, himself a three-time cancer survivor, having been most recently diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in August 2007. In its three years of existence, "Breathe Deep DC" has raised some \$800,000 for lung cancer research. And so, through the initiative of Team Captain, Jennifer Meacham, a long-time friend, Team "Kenny's Column" has been registered and is on track, rain or shine to walk the talk on November 4th. For more information on how to participate, donate, volunteer, learn more or to simply dip your toe in the cancer water, go to www.lungevity.org.

As for yours truly, I am cautiously optimistic that I can complete the distance. 5K is nearly three miles, right? I think I have the energy. I know I have the interest and desire. However, the neuropathy in my feet (a common side effect of chemotherapy) makes walking distances somewhat challenging. I'll wear comfortable sneakers and loose-fitting clothing and certainly won't be in a hurry. Still, the walk will cover a distance that I've rarely ever walked - in my life, and will require being on my feet for a lot longer than I would prefer. Nevertheless, at this juncture, I am committed (or rather should be) and determined. I've been extremely fortunate to have outlived my prognosis by as many months as I have ("13 months to two years," originally; 44 months and counting at present - thank God!), and the timing of this event, relative to my current health and treatment regimen couldn't be better. It's now or it might be never. And it's high time I got in the game, so to speak.

And the timing to which I refer is even a bit better than that. Last month, I meant Carrie Friedman, Nurse Navigator for Inova Fairfax Hospitals' Thoracic Oncology Program, who came upon a few of my cancer columns and after reading them, contacted me about speaking at their third annual "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" event to be held November 15th at the Dewberry Life with Cancer Family Center located at 8411 Pennell St., Fairfax, VA 22031. Sponsored in part by the Lung Cancer Alliance and Inova Hospital's Life with Cancer Center, the event was created to help raise lung cancer awareness (November being the official Lung Cancer Awareness Month). For further information, go to www.inova.org/events and click on "Shine a Light on Lung Cancer" or call Ms. Friedman at 703-776-3777.

As it has also happened, last month I was contacted by Audrey Weisiger who, likewise after reading a few of my cancer columns, has asked me to appear on a new weekly Internet radio program she's hosting (December 12th is the air date). Ms. Weisiger, a recently retired elite-level figure skating coach (she coached Michael Weiss of Fairfax for 18 years, she told me) is reaching out to the community in this new endeavor in hopes of sharing first-hand accounts of individuals dealing with and/or overcoming their unique challenges.

In my three-plus years of writing about my experiences as a stage IV lung cancer patient, I have received countless cards, letters and e-mails from many fellow patients, their family members and friends, thanking and encouraging me as I have continued to chronicle the demands of being diagnosed with a terminal disease. Only once before have I been involved in a cancer-related event of any kind. Yet, in the next month, I will have immersed myself in three of them. I've always been hesitant to do so, fearful of its effect on me. I guess I've matured and have realized that this cancer thing is much bigger than I am. It's time to stand up and be counted, not merely sat down and read.

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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:

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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.

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Burns' Big Plays, Defense Lead Westfield to Victory

Bulldogs beat Oakton to remain undefeated.

By Jon Roetman
Centre View

Devon Burns' first touchdown was a display of balance. His second score was a flash of speed. The Westfield receiver exhibited his arsenal of athleticism to the tune of 186 yards and two touchdowns on Oct. 19 as the Bulldogs defeated Oakton, 28-14, during a Concorde District football matchup at Westfield High School.

With the score tied, 7-7, in the opening quarter, Westfield quarterback Chris Mullins threw a short pass Burns on the right side of the field. An Oakton defender hit Burns near the sideline, but the Bulldog playmaker managed to stay in bounds and sprinted into the end zone for a 47-yard touchdown.

"I caught the ball, ran down the field [and] as I put my shoulder down in to him, I saw him duck his head," Burns said. "That's when I moved my feet ... and then I was gone."

Westfield was backed up at its own 4-yard line midway through the second quarter when Mullins connected with a wide-open Burns, who raced down the field for a 96-yard touchdown, helping give the Bulldogs a 21-7 advantage.

"We run the ball well and people can put a lot of guys in the box to try to stop that, but if you've got a guy that you've got to



Westfield quarterback Chris Mullins passed for 257 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for another score against Oakton on Oct. 19.



Westfield receiver Devon Burns caught four passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns against Oakton on Oct. 19.

Photos by Craig Sterbutzel/Centre View

fear like Devon, then that helps a lot because he can make you pay," Westfield head coach Kyle Simmons said. "If the safety is coming down into the box on play action, they can't catch back up with [Burns]. It's big."

Burns, a junior transfer from Freedom High School in South Riding, finished with four receptions and helped Westfield improve to 8-0, including 3-0 in the Concorde District. Mullins finished 7-of-13 for 257 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He also scored a rushing touchdown. Dalaun Richardson led the Bulldogs' ground attack with 17 carries for 93 yards and a score.

While the Westfield offense came up with

big plays, the Bulldogs' bend-but-don't-break defense surrendered more than 400 yards to the Oakton offense, but limited to the Cougars to 14 points.

"The stats aren't going to be pretty for our defense," Simmons said. "It was funny, I was telling them a story about our 2007 team against Oscar Smith [in the state semifinals] and how we gave up something like 500-and-some yards passing, broke state records and whatnot, but we won the game. It's not about how many yards the other teams gets.

"It doesn't always feel good and it's not pretty, but what's the score at the end of the game? We have that kind of defense this year: they've got to get stops at the right time. We talk about make [an opponent] keep snapping it again and hopefully they'll make a mistake somewhere down the line."

Oakton was able to move the ball and pile up the yards. Quarterback Kyle Downer carried 24 times for 161 yards and a touchdown. He also completed 13 of 23 passes for 94 yards and was intercepted once. Running back Mike Wandey had 13 carries for 98 yards a touchdown. The Cougars finished with 401 yards of total offense, including 307 on the ground. However, the Oakton offense ran 19 plays from inside the Westfield 30-yard line, but managed just one touchdown — a 7-yard run by Downer in the third quarter. The Cougars' other score came on a 35-yard run by Wandey in the first quarter.

Trailing 21-7, Oakton moved the ball to the Westfield 6 on the final drive of the second quarter, but threw an interception in the end zone on the final play of the first half. The drive lasted 17 plays, covered 89 yards and chewed up 7 minutes and 22 seconds, but produced no points.

After Downer's touchdown cut Westfield's lead to 21-14 with 8:31 remaining in the third quarter, Oakton got the ball back two plays later when Bobby Lam snagged an interception at the Westfield 31. The Cougars would drive to the Bulldogs 19, but Oakton missed a 36-yard field goal attempt.

Trailing 28-14, Oakton took over on its own 20 with 10:54 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Cougars moved the ball 56

yards in 13 plays, using more than six minutes, but turned the ball over on downs at the Westfield 24.

"Offensively, we felt great about the way we moved the ball and were able to put long drives on Westfield's defense," Downer wrote in an email. "We needed to improve in the red zone. After the interception, our defense gave us great field position and we needed to capitalize. ...

"We did a couple things to stop ourselves when we got close to scoring. The [Westfield] defense also tightened knowing their backs were against the wall. There is a smaller margin for error the closer and closer you get to the goal line and we did not capitalize."

Oakton dropped to 6-2, including 1-2 in the Concorde District. The Cougars won their first six games, but those opponents have a combined record of 17-31, and only Madison (7-1) has a winning record. Since then, Oakton has lost to district foes Chantilly (42-21 on Oct. 12) and Westfield.

"I think [entering] the Chantilly game, we had not faced very tough competition in a couple weeks and we were caught off guard," Downer wrote. "We really killed ourselves in that game, giving up five turnovers. With how poorly we [took care of] the ball, we still managed to out-gain Chantilly in terms of yards, which showed us how we really hurt ourselves.

"Last Friday, we knew what to expect and matched up punch for punch with Westfield. A few plays here and there and we easily could have come out on the other end. I think we realize the fine difference between district opponents now and what it takes to win in the district."

Westfield will host Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, and close the regular season at Herndon on Nov. 2. Oakton will host Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and finish the regular season at Centreville on Nov. 2.

"In the Concorde District, we come together as a family even more," Burns said. "We come out here, we execute [and] we do everything we have to do. The main subject is do your job and that's what everybody does on our team."



Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/Centre View

Meghan Winesett and the Westfield field hockey team defeated Oakton, 5-0, to capture the Concorde District championship on Oct. 18 at Westfield High School.

Westfield Field Hockey Wins District Title

The Westfield field hockey team defeated Oakton, 5-0, to win the Concorde District championship on Oct. 18 at Westfield High School. On Oct. 23, the Bulldogs opened the Northern Region Tournament with a 13-0 victory against Edison. Westfield advanced to the quarterfinals, where the Bulldogs

will take on McLean at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Westfield enters the quarterfinals with a 17-2 record, having won its last 15 games.

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News

Wildcats on Parade

Centreville High's Homecoming Parade was Friday, Oct. 19, in Little Rocky Run.



The JV cheerleaders.



SYA cheerleaders.



Varsity cheerleaders.



Centreville Principal Martin Grimm and his children, Zachary, 7, and Clare, 6.



Best Buddies ride in the parade.

OPEN HOUSES SATURDAY/SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 & 28

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Burke

5900 Oakland Park Dr.....\$659,000...Sun 1-4.....Yung Kim.....Jobin..703-272-1000
 6200 Fushsini Ct.....\$495,500...Sun 1-4.....James Nellis.....RE/MAX..703-930-0655

Centreville

6487 Trillium House Ln.....\$999,900...Sun 1-5.....Jean Marotta.....Birch Haven..703-402-9471

Clifton

8209 Cub Den Ct.....\$1,125,000...Sun 1-4.....John Cooney.....Fairfax..703-989-9969
 6601 Newman Rd.....\$850,000...Sun 2-4.....Pat Fales.....RE/MAX..703-503-4365
 12387 Henderson Rd.....\$845,000...Sun 12-3.....Kim Kaufhold.....RE/MAX..703-850-4890
 5501 Quail Ct.....\$379,000...Sun 1-4.....Ed Duggan.....Century 21..703-989-7735

Fairfax Station

11107 Hampton Rd.....\$1,295,000...Sun 1-4.....Dana LaFever.....Weichert..703-609-3479
 6901 Wolf Run Shoals Rd...\$899,900...Sun 1-4...Carol Hermandorfer..Long & Foster..703-503-1812
 7507 South Reach Dr.....\$869,950...Sun 1-4...Kathleen Quintarelli.....Weichert..703-862-8808
 11501 Lilting Ln.....\$825,000...Sun 2-4.....Pat Fales.....RE/MAX..703-503-4365
 8723 Cross Chase Cir.....\$749,900...Sun 1-4..Virginia Clark-Billups..Long & Foster..703-967-8700
 11215 September Ln.....\$642,500...Sun 2-4.....Pat Fales.....RE/MAX..703-503-4365

Falls Church

3804 Munson Rd.....\$849,000...Sat/Sun 1-4.....Patrick Kessler..Keller Williams..703-405-6540

Kingstowne/Alexandria

5730 Cassel Glen Ct.....\$899,900...Sun 1-4.....Suellen West.....McEneaney..703-549-9292
 6020 Woodlake Ln.....\$699,999...Sun 1-4.....Susan Day.....Century 21..703-922-4010
 5413 Hopark Dr.....\$529,000...Sat 1-4.....Jim Kanala.....Jobin..703-642-8500
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7107 Ayers Meadow Ln.....\$814,900...Sun 1-4.....Rich Langguth.....Century 21..703-609-3079
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 All listings due by Tuesday at 3 P.M.



Sophomore Class princesses.

Photos by Bonnie Hobbs/Centre View



Centreville High's administrative assistants.



Dance team.



The Wildcat Step Team.



Centreville High's National Honor Society members.



Senior Class princesses.



Theater students act out.



The marching band's tuba section.

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