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# CENTRE VIEW

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## Homecoming



Students ride on an "Under the Sea" float during Westfield High's Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 27.



Westfield High School Principal Tim Thomas and bulldog mascot, Brutus.

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## Ready To Fight

Design public hearing on roundabout is Oct. 9 at Stone Middle.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

In the long-distant past, Civil War soldiers from the North and South fought in the Centreville area. And although the newest battle brewing on the horizon doesn't involve weapons, it's a bitter fight, nonetheless.

In it, Fairfax County is pitted against Loudoun County. The issue is the roundabout proposed for the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads — and an upcoming meeting about it promises to be anything but civil.

VDOT's holding a design public hearing Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6-8 p.m., at Stone Middle School, 5500 Sully Park Drive in Centreville. And in a show of strength for their position, proponents from both counties are vowing to bring as many people as possible to the event.

Although the project is located in Fairfax County, a good deal of Loudoun County money has gone into it. And it's no wonder, say many Centreville residents, because it will benefit Loudoun commuters to the detriment of Centreville motorists and residents alike.

"There'll be no break in traffic from Loudoun County," said Priscilla Knight of Centreville's Sully Station II community. "People won't be able to get out of their neighborhoods. We're strongly against that roundabout."

The Braddock/Pleasant Valley

roads intersection is beside Cox Farms in Centreville and near the Fairfax/Loudoun border. It regularly backs up at rush hour so, at Loudoun's urging, VDOT plans to build a 105-foot circle there to move vehicles through that spot quicker.

To date, Loudoun, VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board have secured some \$2.8 million for the roundabout. But estimates for this project have risen to more than \$4 million, leaving a funding gap of about \$1.4 million, and Loudoun wants VDOT to make up the difference.



However, many Centreville residents living near that intersection — as well as those whose neighborhoods would be impacted by the increased flow of Loudoun County motorists the improvement would bring — are vehemently opposed to a roundabout. They also stress that the circle would skew dramatically in Loudoun's favor, with Fairfax drivers being mostly out of luck.

"Right now, the majority of the traffic comes from Loudoun and, once they're in the roundabout, no one else will be able to get in," said Judy Heisinger of Bull Run Estates. "I think there'll be accidents and people from Loudoun won't slow down."

Virginia Run's Ted Troscianeki also has a safety concern. "Just east of Braddock Road is the notorious S-curve," he said. "And improving that intersection puts more pres-

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## Candidates Have Their Say

Hugo, Foltz, LeMunyon and Nguyen discuss the issues.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

With the general election just a month away, a Candidates Night was held last Wednesday, Sept. 25, in Chantilly. Presented by the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and the League of Woman Voters of the Fairfax Area, it let residents meet local incumbents and challengers and hear their positions on various issues.

Among the participants were Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and challenger Jerry Foltz, plus Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) and his opponent, Hung Nguyen. To begin, each one told something about himself.

### FOLTZ

Foltz said he had organized a nonprofit, food co-op, worked with Habitat for Humanity, has lived in Centreville for 17 years and helped start Wellspring United Church of Christ here. "My experience working with congregations will help me in the General

Assembly because I've worked to build consensus with others in the community," he said.

He also noted how, a few years ago, he and his wife Alice joined with other churches and foundations to create the Centreville Labor Resource Center "to get [day laborers] off the streets and give them a place where they could get jobs and be paid fairly. It's an example of how people with good hearts can work together to solve problems."

Foltz said he supports Virginia's recent bipartisan, transportation-funding bill and looks forward to "helping spend that money wisely and carefully." But, he added, "We also need to support public transportation — we need to look at the whole transportation picture."

Regarding education, he said his wife's a retired teacher and he believes "we need to reduce class size and support problem-solving and creative thinking in the schools, as well as PE., music and the arts."

### HUGO

Hugo provides tax returns for low-income people and has served in the House for 10 years. "As a delegate, I try to focus on local issues," he said. He then



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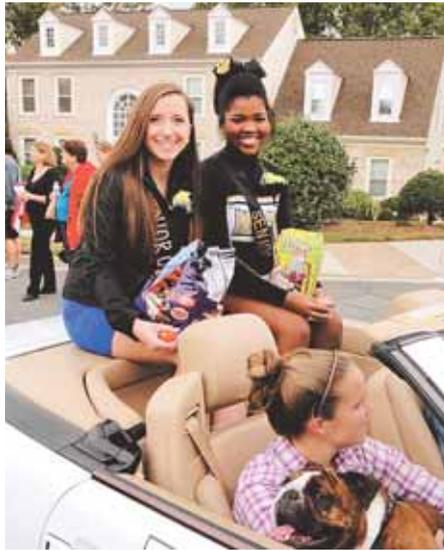
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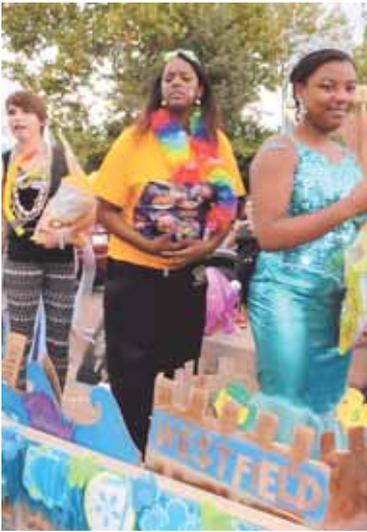
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# Westfield High's Homecoming Parade

Westfield High's homecoming parade was Friday, Sept. 27, in Centreville.



Freshman Class "Atlantis" float.



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Students dress as pirates to "sink the Fairfax High Rebels" in the Homecoming Football Game.



JV volleyball players.



From left are Senior Class President Ezra Solomon and brothers Brandon and Julian Sanchez.



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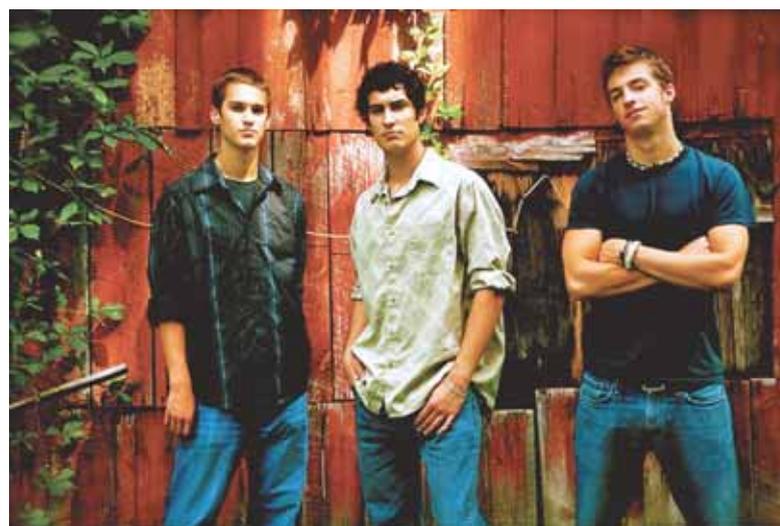
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## NEWS



**Clifton's own Colin Thompson Band will entertain the crowd.**

## Almost Time for Clifton Day

**46th annual festival is Sunday, Oct. 13.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Featuring everything from a strolling bagpiper to a woman on a unicycle — plus handmade crafts, pony rides, Civil War re-enactors, live bands and food galore — the 46th annual Clifton Day is set for Sunday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rain date, Oct. 20).

“Clifton Day is a fun way for all ages to spend a fall day,” said event Chairman Barbara Hutto. “What makes it special is that it’s more of a community event than just a craft festival. Clifton Day is organized and run by volunteers who showcase local artisans, local talent and town businesses. Sitting in the beer garden with your friends listening to live music, it feels more like a block party.”

Oddly enough, the Clifton Presbyterian Church’s annual spaghetti dinner led to her heading up Clifton Day. She and her husband Kevin were there at the same time as previous chairman, Fred Ansick, and Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) President Michelle Stein.

“Over cannoli, I heard my husband volunteering me to be chairman,” said Hutto. “[Then] Fred convinced me [it] would be more fun than work, and he was right. It’s the dedicated group of volunteers who make it happen, and it’s a great way to be involved with the community.”

The CBA puts on Clifton Day and proceeds go to the town’s nonprofit groups, including the Clifton Lions Club, Girl and Boy Scouts, Clifton Presbyterian Church, Clifton Gentleman’s Club, Clifton Woman’s Club, the CBA and Acacia Lodge.

Admission is free; parking is \$5/car (\$10 on the floodplain), with proceeds going to charity — and Clifton Day is the largest fund-raiser for all the town’s nonprofits.

The town park off Chapel Street will host an array of children’s activities. JumpWorks will have inflatables and moonbounces there and a balloon artist will twist colorful balloons into fanciful shapes. Local Girl and Boy Scout troops will have booths in the park with games such as safe darts and

beanbag toss.

The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Academy will offer pony rides near the barn behind Acacia Lodge. It will also provide a pony for petting in the park. The renowned Unicycle Lady will perform mainly in the park, but will also do some stunts on Main Street. And the Banjo Man, Jim Haner, and bagpiper Michael Ahnell will perform while strolling through town.

The stage on Chapel Road will feature a variety of singers, dancers and musicians. At 11 a.m. will be the Boyle School of Irish Dance; 11:30 a.m., Lily’s Lookout, an all-girl band playing a mix of classic rock, current hits and original music; and 12:15 p.m., Super NOVAS, local students from Sophia Music Studio’s pop-rock workshops.

At 1:15 p.m., TheyCallMePiano, a female teen singer from Centreville, will perform; 2 p.m., Hot Buttered Nuggets, a Vintage Americana group; and 3 p.m., Colin Thompson Band, playing American roots music. In 2011, Thompson was listed at number 21 on The Alternate Roots list of top, roots-music guitar players.

Artisans on Main Street’s Ayre Square will demonstrate crafts such as wood-carving, wool spinning, wine-making, weaving and pottery- and basket-making. And some 200 arts-and-crafts vendors will sell their wares throughout the town.

Items include jewelry, candles, plant hangers, glasswork, children’s clothing, baskets, ceramics, woodworking products, furniture,

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**TheyCallMePiano will perform at this year’s Clifton Day.**

## ROUNDUPS

### Fair Oaks Man Dies after Crash

Richard Walker, 32, of Fair Oaks, was killed last week after his car crashed into a tree on Popes Head Road. The tragedy occurred last Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 1:52 p.m., near the Fairfax County Parkway.

According to Fairfax County police, preliminary investigation indicates that he was driving a 2012 Mercedes sedan westbound on Popes Head Road "at an excessive speed" as he approached a curve. He was unable to negotiate the curve, ran off the road to the right and struck a tree.

Police say Walker was pronounced dead at the hospital that day, shortly after 2:30 p.m. Crash Reconstruction Unit detectives are continuing to investigate the crash; they believe he "was not wearing a safety belt."

### Immigration Advocate Summit

The Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) is one of the organizations sponsoring the fourth annual Immigration Summit. It will be held Friday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

Advocates from across the state, including leaders and members of some of the state's most active immigrant organizations, will gather to discuss the current state of comprehensive immigration reform. They'll review legislative priorities for the coming session of the Virginia General Assembly, including full implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

They'll also plan and develop action steps to address the specific concerns of the immigrant community and mobilize advocates. Attendees may learn about topics such as accessing the new, health-insurance marketplace; implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Virginia; voting protection; and immigration fraud.

### Help Plan Centreville Day

Local residents are invited to help plan

the annual Centreville Day celebration slated for Oct. 19 in Centreville's Historic District. Come to the Centreville Day Planning Committee meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

### NTSB Chair at Woman's Club

The GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club invites area women to meet Deborah A. P. Hersman, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. The Chantilly High grad will address the club Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road.

Reservations are required; contact Mary Jane at 703-378-4250 or mjhasse331@verizon.net to reserve seating. The public is welcome to meet

Hersman, hear about her experiences, meet the woman's club members, learn about WFCWC activities and enjoy a desert bar.

### Braddock/Pleasant Valley Roundabout

VDOT will hold a design public hearing Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6-8 p.m., at Stone Middle School on the controversial plan to build a roundabout at the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads in Centreville. Local residents are urged to attend this meeting to make their feelings about this project known. Stone Middle is at 5500 Sully Park Drive in Centreville.

### Tour of Dispatch Center

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sully District Police Station is offering a tour of the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) – especially the dispatch center. It's set for Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 7:30-9 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the police station to the facility on West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-814-

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# Virginia's Easy Access to Guns

BY RUTH HOFFMAN

How do you respond to a 7-year-old when she comes home from school and says "we did our bad man drill today Mommy, but don't worry it was just for practice, no one really came into our school to shoot us"?

After the Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting on Dec. 14, 2012, I learned that this was a routine drill she had been doing since she started kindergarten in 2011. It was only after Sandy Hook that I had discovered that fact. So what else did I not know? As it turned out — plenty.

Like so many, I was horrified by what had happened in Newtown and as a mother of a 6-year- and 3-year-old, at the time, I wanted to do what any mother would do and find out what precautions my schools were taking. Certainly our schools in Fairfax were safer from gun violence than, say, the schools where I grew up in rural Brookville, Kansas where guns were prevalent. I embarked on this journey and made some startling discoveries.

First, I attended our PTO meeting in February and listened to our principal explain what they could and could not do — there were limitations and budget constraints, and that our school was at a greater risk of a shooting from a custody dispute or domestic violence than a mass shooting. While I acknowledged his comments, it was unsettling to learn he prepares for risks of gun violence stemming from custody disputes.

Soon after, I discovered that Virginia is among the states that allow open carry. When I was in my grocery store and saw a customer wearing a "I shoot to kill" t-shirt, I asked the manager if weapons were banned from the store. He replied that Virginia was an open carry state but he reassured me that patrons would have to openly display weapons if they carried them.

That led me to my third discovery and that was the facts around concealed weapon permits in Virginia. When I think of someone with a concealed weapon permit I think of someone with extensive training. But the threshold in Virginia was lowered in 2009. Virginia enacted a law allowing an applicant to demonstrate competence with a gun by participating in electronic, video, or online training. Essentially all that is needed is an internet connection, a printer, and small fee. Handling a gun is not a prerequisite.

I discovered these revelations about the time Congress failed to pass a background check, which brought me to my fourth discovery — Virginia does not require universal background checks.

The only thing more startling than learning of the low thresholds and deficiencies in background checks was the revelation that the trajectory over the past 10 years has been to weaken gun laws in Virginia.

I want complete and thorough background checks before someone purchases a gun in Virginia. Why would anyone not want that, espe-

cially in light of Virginia's existing laws allowing open carry and granting a low bar for concealed permits? I want to know that if I'm in my local grocery store shopping for milk and eggs that the customer next to me with a concealed weapon purchased the gun through a background check. I want to know that any risk stemming from a custody dispute or domestic violence, which could spill over into my school, has been mitigated by a law that requires a background check. And most importantly, I want to prevent dangerous weapons from falling into the hands of criminals, violent abusers, and the dangerously mentally ill.

I listened to the governor's debate on Sept. 25. In a post-Newtown and Navy Yard context, I welcomed Mr. McAuliffe's strong position for universal background checks. As a mother, my first priority is protecting my children. A candidate seeking the highest elected office in Virginia should have the wellbeing of all of our children among his highest priorities. Gun violence is a growing threat in this society with Virginia Tech, Tuscan, Aura, Newtown and the Navy Yard. For such a serious issue we need serious solutions from serious candidates not what the NRA is serving up which is a campaign of distraction to excuse the violence committed with guns.

As far as seeking the right words to respond to my daughter's declaration about their "bad man drills" — I haven't found the right words, I just hug her and thank God it was just a drill and she made it through the day safely.

*Ruth Hoffman is a resident of McLean.*

GUEST EDITORIAL

## VTV Family Outreach Given Grant Money

Funds will be used to make schools safer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

After the April, 16, 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech, the families and survivors joined together and created a nonprofit foundation dedicated to making America's schools safer and assisting victims of mass tragedies.

And last week, The VTV Family Outreach Foundation was awarded a \$496,000 grant to implement the campus-safety initiatives it advocates. With these funds, it will be able to develop a school resource officer (SRO) curriculum that will include the entity, Actively Caring for People (AC4P).

AC4P is a process for positive reinforcement created in the aftermath of the massacre by a Virginia Tech psychology professor and his students. These students distributed thousands of green, AC4P wristbands across the country to people they observed performing acts of kindness. The recipients were told to pay it forward when they saw others doing the same and then share their stories at AC4P.org.

The new curriculum would teach SROs the AC4P principles, and the SROs would have the AC4P wristbands with them when they inter-

act with students.

According to the plan, the SRO training curriculum would detail how the SRO's duties would coordinate with all aspects of school safety, including "physical security, emergency preparedness and crisis response, prevention and wellness promotion, overall school safety and climate, early identification and support for students at risk of harming themselves or others, mental health and service provision, and student, parent and community engagement."

U.S. Senators Mark R. Warner (D-VA) and Tim Kaine (D-VA) made the announcement about the grant last Friday, Sept. 27. The money is part of nearly \$3.3 million in U.S. Department of Justice grants that Virginia will receive to fund more police officers in Arlington County and Newport News, as well as expand community-policing initiatives with a focus on programs designed to promote school safety.

Centreville's Joe Samaha, whose daughter Reema, a Virginia Tech freshman who was among the victims killed in the tragedy, wrote a note to the two senators to express his appreciation for their help.

"We are honored and humbled," he wrote. "Thanks for your timeless support and encouragement. Together we will do better and make a difference — promise." And he signed it, "In perpetual memory and honor of our 32 [victims] and survivors and the victims of other

senseless school and campus tragedies."

The funds will come via the federal, Community Policing Development (CPD) grant program. CPD funds are used to advance community policing through training and technical assistance, plus development of innovative community-policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks and best practices.

"We need to take every possible step to ensure that our kids are safe when they go to school," said Warner. "At a time of increased challenges and limited budgets, the top priority must be strategic investments that help strengthen key, law-enforcement capabilities."

Agreeing, Kaine said, "There's no better investment than one that improves the safety of Virginia's schools and communities. "These important grants will give families across the commonwealth greater peace of mind with more cops on the beat and an increased focus on school safety."

"We are honored to work with the VTV Family Outreach Foundation to collaboratively provide a school safety model that aims to cultivate an Actively Caring for People (AC4P) culture in schools," said Dr. E. Scott Geller, Alumni-Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Virginia Tech. "Together, we can empower all stakeholders to develop a value of AC4P and use research-based strategies in order to reduce conflict and violence."



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# Boy Named 'Honored Hero'

**Billind Salhi, 8, will participate in Light The Night Walk.**

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Each year, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) holds Light The Night Walks to raise money for research and patient services. Locally, a walk will be held this Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Reston Town Center — and an 8-year-old Centreville boy will be one of the event's Honored Heroes.

He's Billind Salhi, a third-grader at Colin Powell Elementary. Diagnosed with leukemia in November 2010, he's still undergoing treatment but, if all goes well, he should be done with it in January.

"Last year, he asked me, 'Am I going to die from this?'" said his mother, Barizah Taib. "I told him, 'Nobody's told me you are.' He understands that he has leukemia, a cancer, but he has a 'good kind' that's able to be treated so it won't come back."

Billind lives in Centreville's Faircrest community with his mom; dad Waria Salhi, a subcontractor and consultant; and sister Venus, 5, a Colin Powell kindergartner. And Taib's currently expecting a third child, another girl. Taib came to the U.S. from Iraq in 1993 and has lived in Centreville 20 years. She's completed medical school, but residency is on hold for now, while she raises her family.

She describes her son as "the nicest, sweetest boy you'd ever meet. He's calm, organized and detail-oriented and enjoys playing piano and riding his bicycle. He also likes school and — because he's missed so much [due to his illness] — he appreciates every day and minute he's there."

Leukemia's a blood cancer and, said Taib, "For a parent, it's a nightmare you can't wake up from." She said Billind's problems began at age 5 in September 2010. After his first week of kindergarten, he ran a high fever for several days. His pediatrician did a blood test which revealed a very low, white blood-cell count.

"She sent us to [Inova] Fair Oaks Hospital to make sure the blood work was accurate," said Taib. "Then I took him to a doctor in Manassas for a second opinion and his blood work was repeated. He told us to go straight to [Inova] Fairfax Hospital for a bone-marrow test, biopsy and aspiration."



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**Billind Salhi in August before starting third grade.**

But after more blood tests, she said, "They initially thought it was a viral infection, so we cried tears of joy. His counts improved and we thought he was fine."

But two days after Halloween, Billind again ran a fever and his counts plummeted. This time, though, doctors saw some atypical cells and tested them — and that's when they diagnosed him with leukemia. Another bone-marrow test confirmed it, and he started chemotherapy that day."

For his mother, it was a new and frightening experience in more ways than one. "As a med student, I was always on the other side of things," said Taib. "And now I was in the hospital [as a mom] with my 5-year-old crying and saying, 'I'm scared.'"

At first, she said, "I don't think I believed it. I cried at night, but I had to smile for my child. I also

consulted all my colleagues from med school." As for Billind, she said, "He was terrified. He didn't like being in the hospital, being poked and having [tubes and medical equipment] attached to him."

He received chemo for a month, plus a high dose of steroids and continual bone-marrow tests to see if the treatment was working. He was responding well to it so, after that month, he was considered to be in remission and began maintenance therapy.

"It's three years of daily chemo at home," said Taib. "And once a month at the clinic, he gets steroids and chemo. He also has a spinal tap every three months. Billind still gets anxious about going to the clinic. But I feel lucky, in a way, that there are treatments for him. I don't want any parent to go through what I did."

As for the upcoming Light The Night Walk, she said her son's "very excited" to be designated an "Honored Hero" and get to participate in the event. "Our whole family will walk, along with some friends and other family members," said Taib. "I feel honored, too, for him to be the voice of the rest of the kids going through this. And I think anything we can do to raise awareness of childhood cancer is a good thing."

"The Light the Night Walks provide inspiration and hope for our patients and their families, showing them they are not alone in their fight, while remembering those that have lost their battle," added Beth Gorman, executive director of LLS's National Capital Area Chapter. "With the support of our walkers, corporate sponsors and media partners, we will walk to the end of cancer, and help make someday, today."



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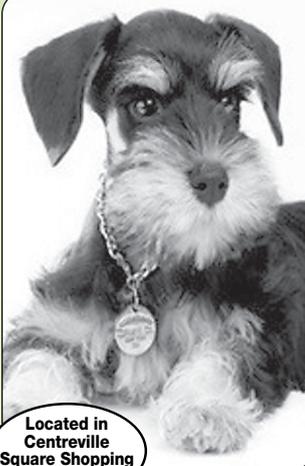
**Lindsay Nash** of Centreville received a master of science in education from Wilkes University.

**Katelyn Rebelo** of Centreville High School was named a 2013 Na-

tional Scholastic Press Association Newspaper Pacemaker finalist for infographic design of the year.

**Jin Sig Min** of Centreville, received academic honors from the Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University by making the university's dean's list for the spring 2013 semester.

2014 National Achievement Scholarship program semifinalists are: Centreville High School: **Marvel Onga Nana**; Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology: **Comfort Sampong** and Westfield High School: **Shalisa James, Alexander Moses, John Nicholas O'Connell**, and **Tolunimi Oyeleye**.



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## ROUNDUPS

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### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 10, 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.

### Election Officers Are Needed

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For the application form, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/training/1aAug2013electionofficerappfinal.pdf>.

Residents may also apply online through the Virginia State Board of Elections at <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/OnlineForms/OfficerofElection>. Information submitted will be forwarded to the Fairfax County Office of Elections.

### Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of oil, canned fruit, rice (2-lb. bags), canned meat, canned white beans (garbanzo, northern, cannellini, navy), fruit juice, hot and cold cereal, Hamburger Helper, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, sugar, dry beans, Ritz/Saltine crackers and canned vegetables. Also needed are toothpaste and deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM'S new food-pantry location, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

Thrift-store needs include fall clothing, shoes, and fall and winter coats in good condition for all ages, Bibles in English and Spanish, plus large black yard bags. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, Thrift Store volunteers are needed for two- to four-hour shifts Fridays, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Saturdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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# More Than a Craft Festival

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mixed media, needlework, quilts, sculpture, metalwork, seasonal decorations and holiday items, sports memorabilia, toys, stained glass, and watercolor and oil paintings.

**FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE** in several places. The Clifton Lions Club will offer hamburgers, hot dogs and barbecue; Clifton Presbyterian Church, crab-cake meals, bris-ket meals and corndogs; Cub Scout Packs 1861 and 1104, cotton candy, popcorn, lemonade, cookies, candy and apple cider; Acacia Lodge, pulled pork and Italian sausage.

As for commercial food vendors, Baja Fresh will sell burritos, quesadillas and chicken, fish and shrimp tacos. Also on Chapel Road will be The Barbecue Man offering pulled pork, chicken, sausage and peppers; the CBA will sell beer there, too.

Food vendors throughout the town will sell treats including kettle corn, funnel cakes and Sno-Cones. Also open for business will be the Clifton Café (crepes and more), Cupcaked (new cupcake shop), Main Street Pub (inside The Clifton Store), Trummer's on Main, plus Peterson's Ice Cream and Dog Pound. The town stores will also welcome visitors.

Antiques vendors will be behind Main Street. And for history buffs, Civil War reenactors Tony Meadows and the 49<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry will be encamped in the yard

across from the stage on Chapel Road.

Rite Aid's Wellness65+ will do wellness screenings and blood-pressure checks on Chapel Road. And the Inova Bloodmobile will be next to the Acacia Lodge; those donating a point of blood will be entered in a raffle for prizes.

The VRE train will run to and from Clifton, or festival attendees may park at Clifton Elementary, the floodplain, Kincheloe Road, Newman Road, and Chapel Road at Frosty Meadows. CBA-sponsored shuttles will ferry people to and from Frosty Meadows. For more information, see [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com).

Basically, said Hutto, "Clifton Day offers something for everyone. Whether you like shopping, listening to talented musicians or just being outdoors with friends and family in a picturesque setting, it's the perfect way to enjoy an autumn afternoon."

This year's event sponsors include Ourisman Fairfax Toyota; NVCT; Concise, LLC; Norfolk Southern; VRE; Keolis and Wellness65+, Rite Aid's customer loyalty program. And Stein's thankful for both them and the many local residents who volunteer their help to make the day a success.

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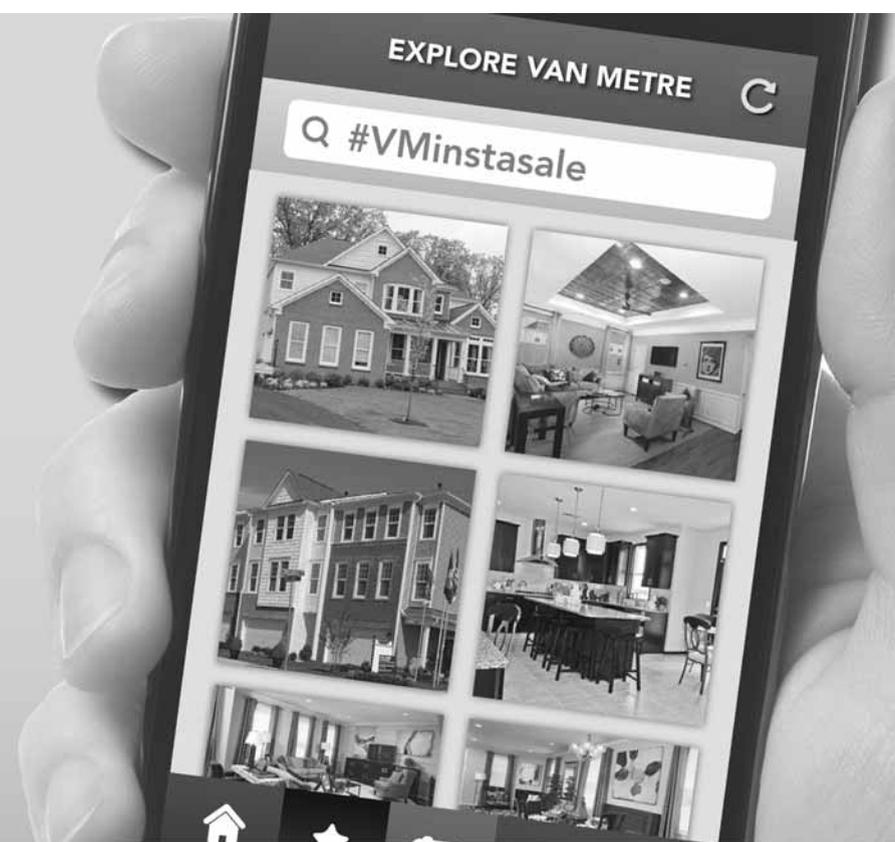
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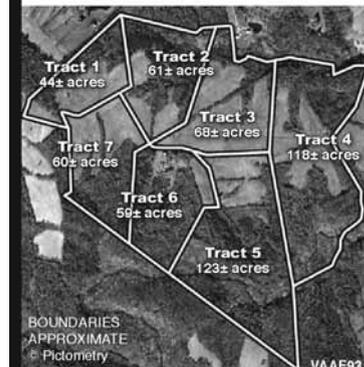
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From left: Jerry Foltz, Tim Hugo and Hung Nguyen listen while Jim LeMunyon answers a question.



40<sup>th</sup> District delegate challenger Jerry Foltz (left) makes a point while incumbent Del. Tim Hugo listens.

## Hugo, Foltz, LeMunyon and Nguyen Discuss Issues

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cited examples of how he'd helped the Virginia Run and Gate Post Estates communities, plus the Mulford School, solve problems they had.

Referring to the roundabout proposed for the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads in Centreville, he said, "We're going to take the fight to Loudoun. A traffic circle in that area will be problematic for all the people who live there."

Hugo also noted how hard he's worked to bring a bill on autism to the floor of the General Assembly, plus his battle against sex-trafficking. He said this practice "is happening in Virginia and it's happening in Centreville. [Working together, Virginia] Democrats and Republicans now have some of the best laws in the nation on this."

In his reelection campaign, said Hugo, he's supported by many organizations, including the Virginia Education Assn., the Chamber of Commerce, Northern Virginia Technology Assn. and credit unions. And, he added, "The state firefighters endorsed me today."

### NGUYEN

Saying he's been a community activist all his life, Nguyen said transportation, education and the economy are his issues. "I live at Route 50 and Stringfellow Road, so I always encounter traffic," he said. "The widening of Stringfellow has been going on for so long; it needs to get done already."

Nguyen also said the state needs to "fully

fund our priorities. Not doing this for education is putting our families and children at risk."

He's served on the Consumer Protection Commission and is vice-chairman of that organization, and is currently a member of the Virginia Asian Advisory Board, as well. He also stressed that Asians comprise 21 percent of the residents of the 67<sup>th</sup> House District.

Overall, said Nguyen, "I believe people of color, minorities and women should get their fair share. [Being a state delegate] is about getting things done."

### LeMUNYON

LeMunyon works in marketing and sales for an Internet trade association in Washington, D.C., and is running for his third term in office. "I've had 24 bills become law, and they were all bipartisan," he said. "My focus is on transportation and education."

He believes in synchronizing traffic and land-use changes. "VDOT can now comment on changes to Comprehensive Plans and whether they create more or less congestion," said LeMunyon.

Noting that the Virginia General Assembly last year got a record amount of money for Fairfax County Public Schools for this school year, he said he's been endorsed by the Virginia Education Association and was designated a "Legislative Champion" by that body for his support of public education.

LeMunyon said he is also a proponent of ethics reform in the state government. And he believes in keeping an eye on the effec-

tiveness of new legislation. "We've got to make sure the transportation and education bills we pass are monitored to see if they get their intended results."

In addition, he says tax reform can be a vital tool in improving Virginia's economy. Said LeMunyon: "Tax reform is the biggest, untapped area to make businesses want to move here and to help existing businesses grow."

### THE ISSUES

Next, audience members asked the candidates their thoughts on various issues. Regarding Obamacare, Foltz said he's in favor of it. "I know too many times that people with no health care waited until too late to get medical attention," he explained. "And it'll create 38,000 new jobs in the medical field." Foltz also said he's for the expansion of Medicare.

Hugo, however, said he's a fan of "incremental change" and not something that would "introduce instability into the market. [Obamacare] will pay 100 percent initially but, later, we'll have to pick up the rest. People are upset because their premiums are being jacked up. It'll hurt businesses and union employees. So we should take its implementation slowly — think it through."

Nguyen said, "We need to take care of the poorest of our community [first] and work out the finer points later on. If we don't, we'll all pay for it later when they get sick."

But, warned Hugo, "People will have to decide which programs to cut and which

taxes to raise, if we implement it."

Al Francese of Little Rocky Run asked a transportation question. "I-66 is congested," he said. "Any specific ideas to reduce the number of cars on it?"

Hugo said more people should be encouraged to telework. "The Route 28/I-66 project is our top project in the Northern Virginia area," he said. "It impacts traffic from Arlington to Fauquier County, so money should go toward traffic mitigation."

He also alerted residents that the situation is going to get worse. When Prince William County closes Route 29 through the Manassas National Battlefield Park, said Hugo, "Thousands more cars will go onto I-66."

Foltz then told the crowd that "Hugo voted against the bipartisan transportation bill. I'm glad it got passed." Not certain that the Route 29 road closure would really affect I-66, Foltz said he'd like to learn more about this project before taking a stand on it.

LeMunyon said there are 10 options for improving I-66. "There's also rail, additional lanes, plus the extension of VRE [Virginia Railway Express] to Manassas and Haymarket, to get cars off the road," he said. And he noted the Active Traffic Management program that's already funded.

"In early 2014, there'll be new signs and sensors monitoring traffic and speeds on I-66 from Gainesville to the Potomac River," said LeMunyon. "So [extra] lanes will be opened whenever I-66 traffic gets congested."

Virginia Run's Ted Troscianecki then sought an answer from him regarding the roundabout. "Ninety-one percent of your constituents are Fairfax County residents," said Troscianecki. "How can you support it?"

As things stand now, with a four-way stop at that intersection, replied LeMunyon, "People sit in traffic 15 minutes in a mile-long backup. If the roundabout isn't the solution, then we need to find another answer."

It's a VDOT project that many Centreville residents say will give an unfair advantage to Loudoun motorists since more of them use that intersection than do Fairfax County residents. However, said Nguyen, "I don't necessarily trust VDOT to make the best decisions [for us]."

## Crash Kills Man and Causes Baby's Death

A car crash early Sunday morning on the Fairfax County Parkway killed a Manassas man and caused a pregnant woman to deliver her baby early. Authorities say the newborn did not survive. The incident happened Sept. 29, at 1:40 a.m., just north of Braddock Road.

Fairfax County police say preliminary investigation indicates that Abraham Aragon, 44, of Manassas "was driving his 1993 Mazda MX3 Coupe northbound in the southbound lanes of the [parkway]. Some vehicles were able to avoid impact by veer-

ing away from the oncoming car, but the Mazda struck a 2002 Toyota Avalon head-on."

Aragon was pronounced dead at the scene. The Toyota's driver, 30, and his pregnant wife, 29, from Camp Hill, Pa., were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

But because of the woman's injuries sustained in the crash, their baby daughter was delivered prematurely and died that night, shortly after 8 p.m. According to police, the

pregnancy was 6 months along.

The crash is under investigation by Crash Reconstruction Unit detectives; they're determining whether alcohol was a factor in the crash. All people in both vehicles were wearing seat belts.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org), text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

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**Thriving Three to Fives.** 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

**Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at individual residences in Virginia Run. Treasure maps will be given out on the corner of Pleasant Valley and Wetherburn Drive. Contact Paula Ferrara-Garcia at 703-216-6730 or Helaine Newman at 703-02-3134.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 6

**Encore's Fall Fun Fest.** 12:30-4 p.m. at 4299 Henninger Court, Chantilly. SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 16

## FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**Festival is Back.** Fall Festival at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Enjoy going down the faster, 144-foot slide, multiple slides, children's activities, food and more are available. The festival will be open Saturday, Sept. 28 through Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (closing at 5 p.m. in November.) Pumpkin Madness will be Nov. 2-3 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com) for more.

## FIELDS OF FEAR SCHEDULE

**Get Scared.** Fields of Fear at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville is back. Go through a haunted corn maze, take a hayride or go down a slide. Runs Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 27 through Nov. 2 with a bonus night on Sunday, Oct. 13. Hours are 7:30-11:30 p.m.

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Chantilly running back David Kerns scored three touchdowns against Langley on Sept. 27.



Chantilly quarterback David Sydnor throws a pass against Langley on Sept. 27.

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## West, Casso Lead Langley Football Past Chantilly

### Saxons outscore Chargers 28-0 in second half.

BY JON ROETMAN  
CENTRE VIEW

One week after the Langley football team lost five fumbles during a loss to T.C. Williams, Saxons running back Tyler West made sure to keep two hands on the ball during Friday's contest against Chantilly.

Even when West was running in the open field, the junior often stressed ball security with a two-handed protective grip that head coach John Howerton would later deem excessive.

"A little bit of an overstress job," Howerton said after the game.

While West might have been overly cautious in his approach, the Langley running back's fear of fumbling didn't prevent him from being overly productive.

West carried 22 times for 259 yards and two touchdowns as the Saxons overcame a seven-point halftime deficit to beat Chantilly 42-21 on Sept. 27 at Langley High School. The Saxons outscored the Chargers 28-0 in the second half to improve their record to 2-2.

"After the halftime talks, everyone got more motivated," West said, "and we just started hitting the holes harder and [the offensive line started] making bigger holes."

What was the deal with the cautious approach?

"I was just trying," West said, "to keep it steady as much as I could."

Friday's performance was a bounce-back

effort for West, who had fumbling problems during the Saxons' 13-7 loss to T.C. Williams.

"Nobody wants to fumble or make mistakes," Howerton said. "He didn't have his best day last week. The pouring-down rain probably didn't help things and it just kind of snowballed on us. ... He's very talented. He's still young and he's still trying to figure out the offense. ... He's got to get his confidence up each week. The talent is there."

Langley quarterback Nick Casso also had a big night on the ground, carrying 19 times for 155 yards and four touchdowns. A lot of Casso's success came from keeping the ball on the read-option.

"It's hours [of work] and hundreds of times of just reps in practice," Casso said of the Saxons' success running the read-option. "... If you do it to muscle memory, that's what practice is for right there and you've got it down."

Casso also completed 5 of 15 passes for 74 yards. Wide receiver Garrett Collier had three catches for 33 yards.

Langley scored on two of its first three drives and led 14-0 late in the first quarter. After losing a fumble on their first possession, the Saxon offense responded with a nine-play, 90-yard scoring drive that ended with a 19-yard touchdown run by West.

Langley started its third possession at the Chantilly 29 thanks to a 44-yard punt return by Collier. Three plays later, Casso scored from 2 yards to give the Saxons a two-touchdown advantage.

Chantilly, which entered the game averaging 48 points per contest, came to life in the second quarter, when the Chargers outscored the Saxons 21-0. Running back David Kerns scored on runs of 8, 15 and 3 yards to give the Chargers a 21-14 halftime lead.

While the teams traded blows in the first half, Langley dominated the remainder of the contest. Chantilly drove inside the Langley 10 on the opening possession of the second half, but Saxons defensive back Scott Rosener intercepted Chantilly quarterback David Sydnor to end the threat. Three plays later, West scored on a 47-yard run to tie the score at 21-all.

Chantilly's next possession ended when Langley defensive lineman Alex Kolencik took the ball away from a Charger and raced 30 yards down to the 10. Three plays later, Casso scored from 2 yards, giving the Saxons a 28-21 lead they would not relinquish.

Casso also scored on runs of 33 and 4 yards in the fourth quarter.

What did the Saxons' performance on the ground say about the team's offensive line?

"It says that we can run over people," Casso said. "We can control the line of scrimmage. When you've got those big guys in the middle and then support on the outside at tackle, we're good to go."

Kolencik (6-1, 235) is the Langley center. Brooks Norris (6-4, 295) and Bennett Molster (6-2, 270) are the guards, and Ben

Culmer (6-5, 275) and Connor Halm (6-6, 260) are the tackles.

Rosener finished with two interceptions.

Chantilly running back Kerns carried 16 times for 40 yards. Mark Aanstoos had five carries for 60 yards.

Quarterback David Sydnor completed 17 of 35 passes for 253 yards and three interceptions. Raeshawn Smith caught six passes for 78 yards, Eric Tram had six receptions for 86 yards and tight end Javin Re had five receptions for 89 yards.

Chantilly's record dropped to 3-1. The Chargers had scored at least 41 points in victories against Lee (61-22), Madison (41-17) and South County (42-34) prior to Friday's game.

"It's going to be one of the bigger wins Langley's had," Howerton said. "This team is very capable. We have some good players. We've got a couple linemen that other teams don't have, we've got a very good quarterback and a running back [and] we've got ... one of the best wideouts around."

Langley will travel to face Marshall at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. Chantilly will host Centreville.

#### SPORTS BRIEFS

### Centreville Football Remains Undefeated

The Centreville football team crushed West Springfield 63-0 on Sept. 27, improving its record to 4-0.

The Wildcats have outscored West Potomac, T.C. Williams, Hayfield and West Springfield by a combined total of 202-30. Centreville has scored at least 44 points in each game.

Centreville will travel to face Chantilly (3-1) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4.

### Westfield Football Bounces Back

The Westfield football team responded to its first regular-season loss since 2010 with a 41-0 victory against Fairfax on Sept. 27.

The Bulldogs lost to Lake Braddock 28-24 on Sept. 20. Westfield went undefeated during the 2011 and 2012 regular seasons.

The Bulldogs (3-1) will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4.

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- ❖ 6300 block of Generals Court, cell phone and money from vehicle
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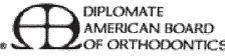
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Meaning, in my head anyway, the future and what there is left of it. More specifically, I mean life expectancy. When you're given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis – at age 54 and a half, by a cancer doctor, your cancer doctor, the timeline between where you are and where you thought you'd be – and when, becomes as clear as mud. Yet not planning for the future, a future that previous to your diagnosis was thought to be guaranteed (based on family/patient history) creates a negative when all health care professionals advise being positive. Anecdotal evidence suggests that acting like you have a future helps in some unexplainable way in you/the patient having one.

Over the last month, I've had some time-sensitive and planning-for-the-future-type decisions/expenditures that on paper at least – given my terminal diagnosis, could be construed as money poorly spent. Nevertheless, since it is my life – and I'm trying to live it, I went ahead and signed up and paid to have these future benefits in place (starting at the present), and I'm not talking funeral arrangements, either. What I'm referring to are everyday/ordinary expenses where your dollars guarantee years ahead rather than years behind: one-year anti-virus coverage for my computer – until September 14, 2014; two-year coverage until September 30, 2015, for my Life & Health Insurance from the Maryland State Insurance Administration (I used to be an active agent in my previous career); and finally, six-years renewal (although one has no choice, really) until September 30, 2019, for my new Maryland Driver's License.

Certainly, in my mind and experience, these renewals are sort of necessary, perhaps more so for the present than the future, but since I can't know for sure, I felt as if hedging my bets was the prudent course of action. And though not renewing these three obligations was not really practical, given the realities of my life and its related responsibilities, the planning-for and purchase-of them did give me pause to consider my future and my expectations for it. Having terminal cancer will do that to you: stop you in your tracks and cause you to measure (almost literally) every step you take. It's not exactly fun, but it is a living, and I'm particularly happy to be the one doing the living.

And during these past few weeks, I did stop, and I hemmed and hawed too and decided to pay it (and my life) forward; to invoke and rework a concept made famous by a movie of the same name starring Haley Joel Osment. So I'm now officially paid up – for a few years. If I think too much about what's happened to me (stage IV non-small cell lung cancer) and why, I fear it will weaken my resolve. A resolve which is short on facts but really long on feelings. Feelings which I've become accustomed to having and believing.

I have to believe in something, and believing I have a future is the best way I know how to turn these feelings into facts.

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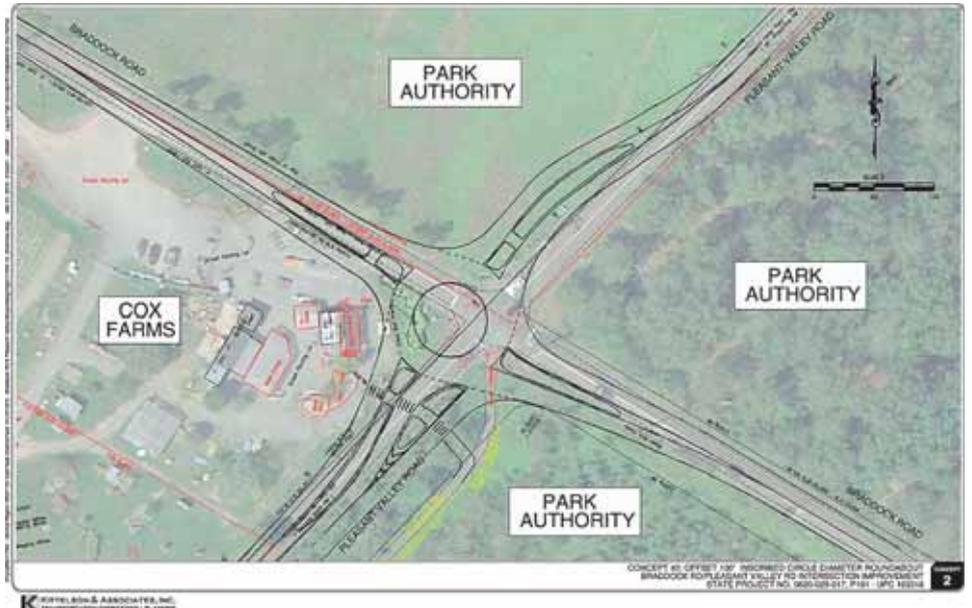
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A diagram of the roundabout proposed for the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads in Centreville.

# Intersection Controversy Intensifies for Hearing

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sure on the other substandard roads there, as well as on the S-curve.”

He also brought up this matter during the Sept. 25 Political Candidates’ Night at the Sully District Council meeting. “We’re spending \$100 million to widen Route 50 so Loudoun residents can get to work more easily,” said Trosciancki. “So we need to do nothing about the roundabout until we see if Route 50 solves their problem.”

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) — whose constituents live in the vicinity of this intersection — said he, too, is “adamantly opposed to that roundabout. A year ago, Loudoun said, ‘We’re not going to move this project quickly; we want to see what happens to Route 50 first.’ Then last week, they said they were expediting the roundabout. But I think, once Route 50 is done, the traffic problem for Loudoun will be lessened and the roundabout won’t be needed.”

In addition, an environmental group is also becoming involved in the controversy. It’s raising several issues that it says are of critical importance and must be addressed before the project moves forward.

In a Sept. 23 letter to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Stella Koch, chairman of the county’s Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), said the group’s been watching this issue with interest. She also noted that a roundabout would affect the Rock Hill District Park, Mountain Road District Park and Elklick Preserve.

Koch said EQAC’s concerns regard “the unique ecological nature of the parks and the transition of a semi-rural road into a commuter road.” She pointed out that wetlands are present in all three parks and that Rock Hill Park has a globally rare forested wetland community, plus two rare plant species that could be adversely affected by the project.

Furthermore, wrote Koch, “There is a receiving stream south of the proposed project

that could be negatively impacted by increased flows — and no studies have been done to date to consider those impacts. Any VDOT proposal for this intersection must protect these state rare plants and the globally rare forested upland swamp community.”

Calling the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection “the back door to the South Riding community in Loudoun County,” Koch stated that many of those residents use the intersection to get to jobs in the Route 28 Corridor of Fairfax County.

Yet, she added, “The preferred route from South Riding to Fairfax County is via Route 50, which is designed for commuter traffic. The proposed enhancement [roundabout] would open an alternative route that is not designed for continuously increasing levels of traffic.”

Koch also noted that the supply of commuters from suburban communities in Loudoun County would eventually “consume” the roundabout’s new vehicle capacity. Therefore, she wrote, “EQAC suggests that alternatives be explored that encourage utilization of high-capacity roads as the first choice.”

Agreeing with EQAC’s concerns, Virginia Run’s Jim Hart said it’s important that VDOT not skip over the environmental steps involved in this project. And, he wondered, “If the wetlands are not delineated, how can anyone critique the design intelligently or understand the impact on the forested wetlands [or] endangered plants?”

Besides that, added Trosciancki, “It’s the last bastion of open space in western Fairfax County.”

Anyone unable to attend the Oct. 9 meeting, but wishing to comment on the project may write to: Leonard “Bud” Siegel, P.E., VDOT District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or e-mail meeting\_comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Write “Braddock and Pleasant Valley Roundabout” in the subject line.

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**White House Ornament Sale.** The Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2013 White House Christmas ornaments. 2013 ornaments cost \$20. Proceeds benefit charity. Order at 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216. It is possible to order previous years' ornaments.

## SATURDAY/OCT.5

**Blessing of the Animals.** 10 a.m. at The Church of the Ascension, 13941

Braddock Road, Centreville. Visit [www.ascension-acc.org](http://www.ascension-acc.org) for more.

**Meeting.** Lane's Mill Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members will meet at 5501 Sully Park Drive, Centreville. Prospective members are welcome to attend and should contact [haynes2va@yahoo.com](mailto:haynes2va@yahoo.com) for more information.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 6

**Celebration.** 8 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax. A reception will follow the 11 a.m. service. Free.

**Joint Candidate's Forum.** 4-6 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community

College, Annandale Campus, Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. This multi-chamber event provides an opportunity for all six of the statewide candidates to meet leaders from the minority business communities in Northern Virginia. All six major-party candidates are confirmed, including: Ken Cuccinelli (R) and Terry McAuliffe (D) for Governor; Ralph Northan (D) and E.W. Jackson (R) for Lieutenant Governor; Mark Herring (D) and Mark Obenshain (R) for Attorney General; and Robert Sarvis, Independent candidate for Governor, is also invited. This collaboration brings together members of the

Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Northern Virginia community, to hear what the candidates plan to do to foster economic growth. Free. Due to space limitations advance registration is required. Visit <http://novacandidateforum.com/> to register.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 8

**Meeting.** GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club invites area women to meet Deborah A. P. Hersman, chairman of the National

Transportation Safety Board. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Hear about Hersman's journey from a graduate of Chantilly High School to a wife and mother of three while leading an independent federal agency. Free, but reservations are required. Contact Mary Jane at 703-378-4250 or [mjhasse331@verizon.net](mailto:mjhasse331@verizon.net) to reserve seating. Visit [wfcwc.org](http://wfcwc.org).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

**Public Hearing.** 6-8 p.m. at Ormond Stone Middle School, 5500 Sully Park Drive. Listen to ideas on Braddock/Pleasant Valley. Free. Contact [meeting\\_comments@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:meeting_comments@vdot.virginia.gov).

## CALENDAR

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Enjoy games, food, silent auction, prizes, karaoke and more. Free.

## MONDAY/OCT. 7

**Bouncin' Babies.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Frying Pan Farm.** 2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Meet local animals, enjoy a story and take home a craft. For children in grades K-6. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

**Night of Hope Fundraiser.** 5-10 p.m. at Dolce Veloce Wine Bar, 10826 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. BethAnn Telford, who has been fighting brain cancer since 2005, is donating 100 percent of the \$20 door fee, cash tips and a percentage of the food and drinks to the cause. There will be guest bartenders and raffle prizes.

**Writers of Chantilly.** 6:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can share their work and receive feedback. Free. 703-502-3883.

**ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 8

**Middle School Book Club Interest Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Students in grades 7-9 can share ideas with what books and discussions should be in the group. Free. 703-830-2223.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

**Chantilly Book Discussion Group.** 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can call and ask for title. Free. 703-502-3883.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 12

**Step Out Walk.** 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fairfax Corner. The Walk will benefit the American Diabetes Association. RSVP to Michelle Iyem at [mplyem@diabetes.org](mailto:mplyem@diabetes.org) or 202-331-8303 ext. 4514.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 13

**Clifton Day.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Clifton. Enjoy food, live music, vendors, demonstrations and more. A Civil War re-enactment will be showcased. Donate blood through an Inova bloodmobile. Visit [cliftonday.com](http://cliftonday.com) for directions and more.

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