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Battling in the 67th District

LeMunyon vies for third term in House.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) has served two terms in Virginia's House of Delegates, and he believes the voters will elect him for a third term.

"We've made a lot of progress on the legislative-policy side of transportation and education, in terms of bills enacted into law," he said. "Now, we need to make sure all the good intentions that went into them actually produce tangible results."

"We want Northern Virginia's transportation system to keep improving, as well as student achievement," continued LeMunyon. "Making sure we improve people's lives, as opposed to just saying we passed something, will be a significant focus as we move forward."

Residents of Chantilly's Franklin Farm community for 22 years, he and wife Robin have three grown children, Mark, 28; Heather, 26 and Kristin, 24. And in the last two General Assembly sessions, 24 of LeMunyon's bills became laws. He and Del. Mark Keam (D-35) also saw passage of their resolution to put all their colleagues' voting records online.

LeMunyon's House Bill 599, passed in 2012, requires VDOT to objectively evaluate transportation projects to determine their congestion-reduction benefits. "It allows the public to see if those responsible for transportation funding are working to solve

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Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67)

Nguyen: Political challenger with confidence.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Hung Nguyen wants to be the Democratic delegate from the 67th District. If elected, he'd be the first Vietnamese American on the east coast to serve in a state legislature, and he believes he has an "excellent chance of winning."

"I'm building a good momentum and I'm reaching across party lines," he said. "It comes down to the issues and making sure people have opportunities. I consider this community service; I'm not running to be a career politician. I'm doing this because I believe I can help solve problems, and I'm willing to listen to everybody's solutions."

Nguyen, 42, lives with his wife Jung and son Thomas, 3-and-a-half, in the Chantilly Farms community. Nguyen and his parents fled the Communist regime in Vietnam during the fall of Saigon in 1975, and he's lived in this area since 2001.

He's also been involved in public service a long time. He's been vice chairman of Fairfax County's Consumer Protection Commission since 2004. And in 2006, Gov. Tim Kaine appointed him to serve on the Governor's Commission for National and Community Service.

Nguyen served on the Board of Directors of America's Service Commissions in 2009. In addition, he said, "I trained young Asian-Americans to become more involved civically. Then they could train others

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Hung Nguyen

'As Long As I'm Able to Run ...' Telford preps for Marine Corps Marathon and 'Over the Edge.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

BethAnn Telford has a brain tumor, but it doesn't have her. Through the pain, the medication, the bad days and the setbacks, she not only keeps on going, she rises above it all and shines.

Besides working full time, she participates in marathons and endurance events to raise money for others, especially children, who also have brain cancer. This Sunday, Oct. 27, she'll run in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washing-



BethAnn Telford

ton, D.C.; and two weeks later, she'll rappel down a 40-story building in San Diego.

"This will be my 12th Marine Corps Marathon in a row," said the Fair Lakes resident. "It was after I ran it in 2005 that I was diagnosed. So I can't stop running it because I don't want cancer to beat me. As long as I'm able to run, I'll continue running this marathon."

Telford's trying to raise as much money as she can for Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure via her non-profit fund-raising organization, Team BT. ABCC's mission is to invest in research aimed at finding

the fastest possible route to a cure.

Last Sunday, Oct. 20, she ran the Army Ten-Miler in honor of America's military veterans and as a training run for the upcoming marathon. She also does Bikram hot yoga, which helps her mentally

and physically, and runs three days a week, about 40 miles total, besides doing abdominal exercises to keep her stomach strong.

The Marine Corps Marathon raises money for various charities, SEE AS LONG AS, PAGE 7



Celebrating Centreville Day

As Signora Bella, Jody Ellis juggles fire on a tight-rope during the Centreville Day celebration on Saturday, Oct. 19, in Centreville's Historic District. More photos, page 3.

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Creative Dance Center performing.



Carol Robinson (left) and Sue Saccomando in Colonial costume.

Centreville Day 2013 Celebration

Centreville Day was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 19, in Centreville's Historic District.



Centreville Day volunteers from Stone Middle march in the parade.



Darithe Reese, 8, with her cotton candy and treat bag.



Children enjoy a ride on this colorful train.



Stone Middle eighth-grader Anjali Diezman as a Native American.



Evan Rundlett, 18 months, plays golf in the children's area.

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Swordmaster Charles Anderson shows muskets and swords to the crowd.



Peter De Leon (center) sells handmade items from Guatemala.



Karen Hunter (auxiliary member) and Peter DeFreece of Centreville's American Legion Post 1995.

LeMunyon: 'My Focus Is on 67th District Priorities'

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our problems," he said.

He also passed a bill to put online VDOT's system rating roads' conditions. "It's how roads are prioritized for maintenance," said LeMunyon. "On a scale of 0-100, any road rated below 60 is a candidate for repair."

Another of his successful bills deals with transportation safety. "Fairfax County police told me overweight trucks have problems stopping, and a truck's vehicle registration specifies its maximum load amount in pounds," he said. "But some truckers lied to the DMV to have that number upgraded, and the DMV didn't check — which was a problem. So my bill states that trucks carrying more weight than their tires can handle may be ticketed."

Regarding education, LeMunyon passed a bill to make sure all School Board policies are posted online. He did so after parents told him the board would give them a board policy's number, but they couldn't find it anywhere."

He also stressed that the General Assembly last year gave "a record amount of money" to FCPS for this school year, plus a "similar amount" the year before. And he noted that, three years ago, he created a policy giving parents a greater role in de-

termining which public schools their children would attend. "Most states have more flexibility in this area than Virginia does," he added.

If reelected, LeMunyon hopes to pass a bill to give local school boards the autonomy to decide their school systems' calendars. That way, he said, they could determine whether to begin school before Labor Day.

"SOL and AP testing days are rigid, so the more instructional time before them, presumably, the better that students will do," he said. "I've introduced it before, and I now chair one of the education subcommittees. It's passed the House, two years in a row, with 70 percent of the votes, but died in the Senate because they thought it would hurt tourism."

LeMunyon said other states whose students start the school year earlier could do better on AP tests than Virginia students because they've had more time to prepare — and colleges look at AP test scores for admission. Furthermore, he added, "From a budget standpoint, it makes no sense to keep schools open after the tests are done."

In the next session, he said, besides continuing the implementation of work already done on education and transportation, "ethics reform is at the top of the list." LeMunyon said there should be restrictions

on gifts to legislators and increased reporting on whatever gifts are allowed, and a gift ban would be fine with him.

"And does it matter who gives it to you?" he asked. "If it's a lobbyist before the state, someone who does business with the state or someone trying to influence your vote, it does."

In the realm of jobs and economic opportunities, LeMunyon said both the personal and corporate/business tax code should be restructured so it doesn't impede the growth or start of new businesses or unfairly burden the working poor.

"Virginia's tax system has never been adjusted to inflation," he said. "So if you're single and making \$10.40/hour, you could be paying in the top tax bracket — or if you're making minimum wage and working part time. It's wrong as a matter of principle, and it's the state's expense to process their forms. So we could increase the personal exemption by \$10,000 and it would be almost unnoticeable from a state budget standpoint."

Additionally, said LeMunyon, "Probably two-thirds of the corporate income-tax payers in Virginia pay an average of \$300/year in corporate income tax. It costs them more money to do the tax forms, tax prep and compliance than the state's actually collect-

ing. So unless their profitability is more than a certain amount, they shouldn't have to pay taxes."

Regarding school safety, he said there's \$31 million to, for example, buy locks or doors or improve communication; each school division has to apply for it. "And in the 2013 session, we passed a bill to facilitate in grades K-12 more coordination about exchanging information between schools, parents and law enforcement about troubled kids," said LeMunyon. "It's so there can be interventions before something tragic happens."

He said it can be tough balancing his time between legislative work, his job, family and, currently, campaigning. His "civilian" job is recruiting Internet companies to a trade association focusing on Internet law. His firm works with companies such as Google, Yahoo and Facebook.

What pleases him most as a delegate, said LeMunyon, is "results — seeing that what we've passed actually does some good and makes things better for people." He believes he should be reelected because "my focus is on the priorities people in this district have — transportation, education and getting good value for our tax dollars. And I'll work as hard as anybody in the General Assembly to get these things done."

Nguyen: 'I Believe I Can Deliver Results'

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and become aware of different groups and ideas to network with other organizations while enhancing their own."

He believes community associations should work together, sharing their abilities, resources, administrators and personnel "so they can go after grants together. I'm fiscally conservative, so my philosophy in life is to do a lot with what little you have. Having more money doesn't make you more efficient; you have to evaluate your programs."

Since Nguyen lives near Route 50 and Stringfellow Road, improving traffic flow is one of his main issues. "We should see how we can get road projects done faster and use the lessons learned on each one on the next projects," he said. "I'd also change the law to make sure traffic projects get done on time."

Knocking on doors while campaigning, he said, residents have that same complaint. So, said Nguyen, "More of the work should be done on the weekends and nights, so traffic could be predictable."

As a state delegate, he said, he'd happily work with other legislators in a bipartisan manner. "I'm moderate because, at the end of the day, you have to work with people to get things done," he said. "Building relationships is important. In community service, you have to work with lots of different groups, and many Republicans are donating to my campaign because I'm reaching out to all people."

Nguyen wants military veterans to be able to get jobs. And he wants to meet with local residents "to hear the things that impact whole areas, such as [road] signs needed and traffic lights synched up."

Regarding education, he wants the county schools to continue being successful and effective. "Many immigrant families came here to move up in the world, and education is the great equalizer," he said. "I'm focusing on pre-kindergarten because the achievement gap can start on day one."

Nguyen said he'd examine all existing FCPS programs to see if they're well-funded, if the money's being used well of if there's a more effective use of the funds.

"There should also be more focus on STEM — science, technology, engineering and math — in the schools because we're creating the future workforce," he said. "And we should get private industry to support it. People in those fields could volunteer to teach a class one day, to free up a teacher. It would also increase community and parental participation in schools."

Noting that Northern Virginia has many federal-contracting and IT jobs, Nguyen said more schools like Thomas Jefferson are needed, plus more academies like Chantilly High's "so more students will have these opportunities in the sciences and arts."

After graduation, he said, "We want them to be able to go to college in Virginia. If they attend college out of state, there's a greater likelihood they'll stay there, if they like it — and we'll lose our investment in them. So we should make Virginia colleges

more accessible to Virginia students and figure out how to offset the colleges' loss from out-of-state tuition."

"We have to make this a priority and find a creative solution," continued Nguyen. "College alumni should donate and help other students. As an immigrant, I benefited from public education, and I want to make sure others can, too. Why not help others? There has to be a sense of community."

He also said tax dollars should be used wisely and there should be a "strategic plan" to determine who gets the raises and resources. And, he added, "To keep our emergency responders here, we should make homes [in Fairfax County] more affordable."

Planning more high-density, compact developments would enable area leaders to examine and try to improve population growth and traffic patterns, said Nguyen. He also said this area needs a more-diversified economy so it wouldn't be so heavily dependent on government contracting.

"We have many small businesses here, but don't market them well," he said. "If we did, more jobs could be created and more people would visit and spend their money here on the local businesses. And if people worked nearby, their commute times would decrease, improving their quality of life."

Nguyen believes local jurisdictions should have the ability to tax themselves to provide money for local projects "because we're not getting the benefits back now from what we're paying to the state. It's not Northern Virginia's responsibility to take care of the

rest of the commonwealth."

He also believes he can beat incumbent Republican Del. Jim LeMunyon because the 67th district voted Democratic to elect both Kaine and President Barack Obama. "There are moderates and Democrats here," said Nguyen. "So it's a question of getting name recognition and getting out the vote. I'm also targeting minority voters and want to inspire others to be more active in their communities."

He's proud of his endorsement from Virginia's AFL-CIO, he said, because "it represents working-class families. I'm a community guy — a neighbor who wants to solve our local problems and be accessible to everyone — and I believe I can deliver results."

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

LARCENIES:

- ◆ 5200 block of Audrey Drive, items from vehicle
- ◆ 13700 block of Cabells Mill Drive, firearms from vehicle
- ◆ 14300 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, medication from vehicle
- ◆ 4100 block of Auto Park Circle, electronic device from vehicle
- ◆ 14900 block of Rydell Road, baby swing from residence
- ◆ 14500 block of Saint Germain Drive, tools from vehicle
- ◆ 14700 block of Wycombe Street, spray machine from vehicle
- ◆ 14300 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, license plate from vehicle
- ◆ 14100 block of Lotus Lane, gold chain from residence

NEWS

Creating a Fantasy in Pumpkins

Halloween display ranges from zombies to cartoon characters.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Halloween is next Thursday, Oct. 31, and that means more than 1,000 people will flock to Noel Dickover's home in Centreville to see the latest fantasy pumpkins he and his crew have created.

Each Halloween, he displays the pumpkins outside his house at 14223 Hartwood Court and enjoys visitors' reactions as they "ooh" and "aah" to the glowing, orange, candlelit spectacle.

There are usually some 50 pumpkins depicting everything from cartoon characters for children to scary and intricate characters from science-fiction novels, movies and video games. And those who've seen the display look forward each year to returning.

"We've established a trend," said Dickover, a federal contractor, science-fiction fan and

expert pumpkin carver. "People start asking me in July what I'm carving."

He's been designing and carving Halloween pumpkins for 15 years now. And over the years, he's shared his knowledge and techniques with his wife, Nam; son Justin, a junior at GMU; daughter Sarah, a Centreville High sophomore; nephew Joseph Chang, plus other assorted friends and relatives. So this year, 11 people total are carving pumpkins for the big night.

Dickover creates his own designs and, sometimes, does special requests. "Justin's girlfriend wanted to do a Virginia Tech pumpkin, so I created the Virginia Tech Hokie pattern for her to carve, and she did a great job," he said.



Spiderman

He's been doing this specialty for so many years that he no longer needs to use patterns. When he finds something he wants to carve, he said, "I trace a picture on the pumpkin and create my own details."

It takes Dickover from one to 24 hours to carve each pumpkin, 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 Vasoline and sprays them with a bacterial

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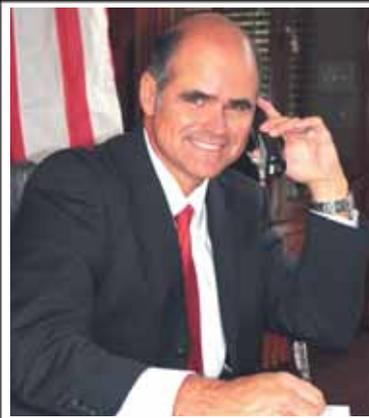


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OPINION

Halloween Party Safety Net

Make plans for a safe celebration;
SoberRide safety net for those over 21.

Halloween is now a major holiday for adults, especially young adults, and also one of the major holidays each year that involve partying with alcohol and the risks of drinking and driving.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Project offers the SoberRide program for the holiday season from Christmas and holiday parties through New Years Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween, providing a safety net of a free cab ride home (up to \$30) to keep would-be drunk drivers off the roads.

Of course if you, or the young adults you know, plan to be out for Halloween celebrations that will almost certainly include alcohol, make a plan now to do that partying within walking distance, near public transportation or to have a reliable designated driver.

But if someone finds themselves without safe

and sober way home, the 2013 Halloween SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m., Friday, Nov. 1.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). AT&T customers may dial #WRAP from their wireless phones. To use the SoberRide service, you must be 21 or older.

EDITORIAL Parents of teens who will be headed to parties on Halloween and the week-end after should know that it is likely those parties will include alcohol. Parents must be brave and talk to their teens about how they will get home safely since SoberRide is not available for anyone underage.

Remember that there are other hazards to drinking too much besides the risks of drinking and driving.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Civil Discourse

To the Editor:

This has been a difficult year in our Commonwealth and our country. As a member of the Virginia Senate, I am used to experiencing disagreement and discord conducted in both cordial and less than cordial tones. That's OK, it comes with the territory and nobody forced me to run for office.

Over the years I have had some wonderful discussions with constituents and other elected officials on issues where we have disagreed. Disagreements that may have started with an angry email ended with a civil and productive discussion on the phone. (I dislike communicating by email. If you email me, you are going to get a phone call. I think exchanging 50 emails when a phone call can create understanding and an exchange of ideas benefits both of us.)

What disturbs me about this election cycle however, are individuals who run for office on the basis of intolerance of others. They want to judge people in whose shoes they have not walked. The demeaning and intolerant things that have been said about our fellow Virginians by candidates for statewide office are very troubling.

The Republican candidate for Governor has referred to fellow Virginians as "soulless" if they happen to be gay or lesbian. The Republican candidate for Lt. Governor has referred to Democrats as

Godless, gays as "sick", and parents of disabled children as somehow responsible for the disability due to their "sin" and "rebelliousness" against God. Our Republican Attorney General candidate routinely referred to some of our teachers as "lemons" in need of recall like they were automobiles — rather than human beings who do the best they can but may need further guidance and training. And I am sorry, but claiming that my religion compels one to speak this way is not an acceptable authorization and a fundamental misunderstanding of the teachings of most if not all religions.

Disagreement is part of life. Intolerance, like bullying, is not. Individuals who attempt to elevate themselves and advance their interests by demeaning those they disapprove of needs to stop. You cannot govern our Commonwealth this way. I believe a majority of Virginians agree and will send that message at the polls on Nov. 5.

Dave Marsden
Virginia State Senate

Be Own Judge

To the Editor:

Almost every time my family plans a significant vacation, I have a recurring dream. The vacation is over and, although my family insists I was there, I can't remember a thing. In a panic, I strain to

remember, but can only recall fleeting glimpses.

This dream became reality during my college and young adult years. I tried to stay informed, but was unaware of what was really happening. The first hint that I had missed something big happened around 1990 when a member of my Toastmasters club gave a speech on how the Soviet Union was on the verge of economic collapse. "What?" I thought. None of my news sources were suggesting that the might mighty USSR was even weakening.

Years later, I heard Reagan's "Tear Down this Wall" speech. Tears of regret and anger flowed as I realized that all I knew about Reagan was that he supposedly napped too much, took too many trips to his ranch, was too old and

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Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5., less than two weeks away.

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and Telford will be one of 10 people participating in it for ABCC. “I’ll be running for 26 kids who’ve either died or are very sick from brain tumors,” she said. “It’s 26.2 miles, and the last .2 mile is for children with all types of cancer.”

It’s the first time Telford’s run in honor of so many people, and the event organizers gave her 26 coach’s bibs so 26 people may run alongside her to assist her during the run “to help me get through this,” she said. “And each one of the 26 children I’m running for will have someone running for them.”

Except for mile 13 at Haines Point; there — where Telford first got sick in 2005 — Jake Turner, one of the children she’s running for, will join her to run a mile. And that, she said, is “truly special.”

After undergoing major bladder surgery last year, said Telford, “On the whole, I feel good. The bladder’s holding up pretty well, and I’m being careful and listening to my body and my doctors. On days when I’m in a lot of pain, I just cut back and rest.”

Six days after the marathon, she’ll leave for San Diego for an event called Over the Edge. It, too, will raise money for Accelerated Brain Cancer Cure, and participants will include American Idol David Cook, whose brother died of a brain tumor.

While there, Telford will visit some schools



Beth Ann Telford with (from left) Madeleine Baet and Anya Zvorsky.

to discuss her experiences during the October 2012 Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, where she swam 2.4 miles, bicycled 112 miles and ran 26.2-miles. She’ll also share her journey battling brain cancer with the students.

Then on Nov. 9, she’ll rappel off the ocean side of the 40-story, Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in the appropriately named Over the Edge event. She’s doing it in honor of two girls with brain tumors, Madeleine Baet, 11, of

Manassas, and Anya Zvorsky, 10, of her hometown in Pennsylvania.

“Going over the edge is the least I can do for a child suffering from brain cancer,” said Telford. “It’ll probably take between a half hour and one hour to get from top to bottom of the building. And although I’m afraid of heights — if I can get it together, set my fear aside and do it — it’ll be my way of showing these children that anything is possible.”

To contribute to her fundraising efforts for either this event or the marathon, go to

www.teambt.org, which has a link to the ABCC Web site.

“I think Over the Edge will be the most extreme and adrenaline-pumping event, yet,” said Telford. “But every day, these children face challenges in their lives. And even though I’m trying to fight brain cancer, myself, I’m willing to go over the edge to help them fight it. Brain tumors are the number-one cancer killer of people 20 and below, so it’s important to raise money and awareness of this.”

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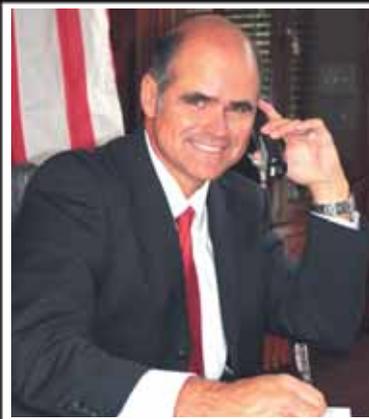
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Festival is Back. Fall Festival at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Enjoy going down the faster, 144-foot slide, multiple slides, children's activities, food and more are available. The festival will be open through Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 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 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 through Nov. 2. Hours are 7:30-11:30 p.m. with last admission at 10 p.m. (earlier if sold out.) Visit www.fieldsoffear.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Browse adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, CDs and audio books. A large selection of books in Korean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events or 703-502-3883.

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All Hallows' Eve Celebration. 4-7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. Get a glimpse of things that would have been done on All Hallows' Eve in the 18th and 19th centuries and before. There will be a fortune teller, games, music, stories, a production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and more. \$10/person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or 703-437-1794.

Trail of Terror. From dark-9:30 p.m. at 6807 Massaponax Place, Centreville. The Boy Scouts/Venturing Crew are holding a fundraising event. Appropriate for ages 5 and up. \$5/person.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Used Book Sale. 1-4 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Browse adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, DVDs, CDs and audio books. A large selection of books in Korean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events or 703-502-3883.

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MONDAY/OCT. 28

Sully Book Club. 1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Discuss "The Imperfectionists" by Tom Rachman. Free. 703-830-2223.

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.

TUESDAY/OCT. 29

Small Wonders. 10:30 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.

Bouncin' Babies. 11:30 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.

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Starlight Storytime. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. All ages can bring a stuffed animal and enjoy stories and fun. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Bookalicious! Book Group. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-4 can discuss a book. Free. 703-502-3883 for title.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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ROUNDUPS

Grand Larceny Is Charged

A 24-year-old Chantilly man has been arrested and charged with grand larceny. He is Kyle M. Pauley of Kimberly Glen Court. Last Monday, Oct. 14, a City of Fairfax resident reported that, on June 7, a man allegedly stole several items from a home in the 10600 block of Springmann Drive and then sold them.

Following an investigation, City of Fairfax police charged Pauley with grand larceny. He was held at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on \$2,500 bond.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 24, 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.

Discard Prescription Medicines Safely

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, Oct. 26. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., residents may dispose of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medicines in a safe, convenient and responsible way. Proper disposal of prescription medicines helps to prevent drug misuse, abuse and accidental poisoning and keeps the environment safe from pollutants.

The local drop-off location is the front parking lot of the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The drop off is anonymous. People are asked to

black out any personal information on the prescription bottles before discarding them.

Clifton Haunted Trail Saturday

Vampires, witches, goblins and ghouls will be lying in wait for their victims along the Clifton Haunted Trail, this Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. (Rain date, Oct. 27). Tickets are \$15, adults; and \$10, children under 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the trail entrance. (No advance sales).

Goblin Gallop is Sunday

The 20th annual Goblin Gallop 5K race, walk and 1K fun run will be held Sunday, Oct. 27, at 8:30 a.m., at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. Many participants and onlookers wear Halloween costumes; and afterward, there are prizes, refreshments, a costume contest, live music and a moonbounce.

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant; participants receive commemorative T-shirts. Online registration at www.goblingallop.org remains open until race time. All proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer.

Meow-loween at Animal Shelter

In the spirit of Halloween, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is celebrating "Meow-loween" with programs, activities and half-off cat-adoption fees throughout October. Adoptees will receive a free bag of treats and goodies for new feline family members. And on "Feline Fridays" this month, all adult cats are just \$5.

This weekend, Oct. 25-27, adoption fees on dogs and cats over age 3 will be waived. There'll be games, prizes and spooky, hands-on fun for families, plus guinea-pig and rabbit-petting stations, a haunted cat-condo decorating contest and trick-or-treat for shelter pets.^{oo}

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NEWS



From left are demented animal-killer Hanna Soudah and penguin Stephen Cox.



Caitlin Egan as Merida, the princess from Disney's "Brave."



Matthew Stanley explains a game to Cooper Ritz, 8.



From left are hanged man, Ian Booe, and grim reaper, Jessi Swanson.



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Caged zombies (from left): Amethyst Burrage, Andrea Mills and Sophie Wilson.

Chills and Thrills at Westfield

Westfield High's Haunted House and Carnival was Friday-Saturday, Oct. 18-19.



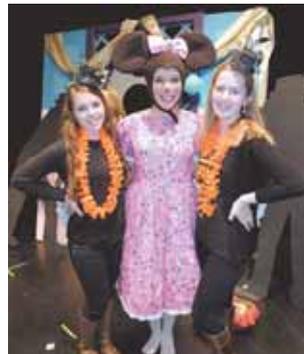
Brandon Sanchez as a crazy, doll-wielding, Shakespeare quoter.



Friendly clown TJ Vinsavich.



From left are Harriet Marvin (Rapunzel) and Emily Tobin (Belle).



From left are Carnival planners Catherine Crossett, Zoe Hawryluk (Minnie Mouse) and Morgan Perigard.



Witches (from left) Kaley Haller, Shaina Greenberg and Gabrielle Moses.



Casi Demming as Pocahontas at the beanbag toss.

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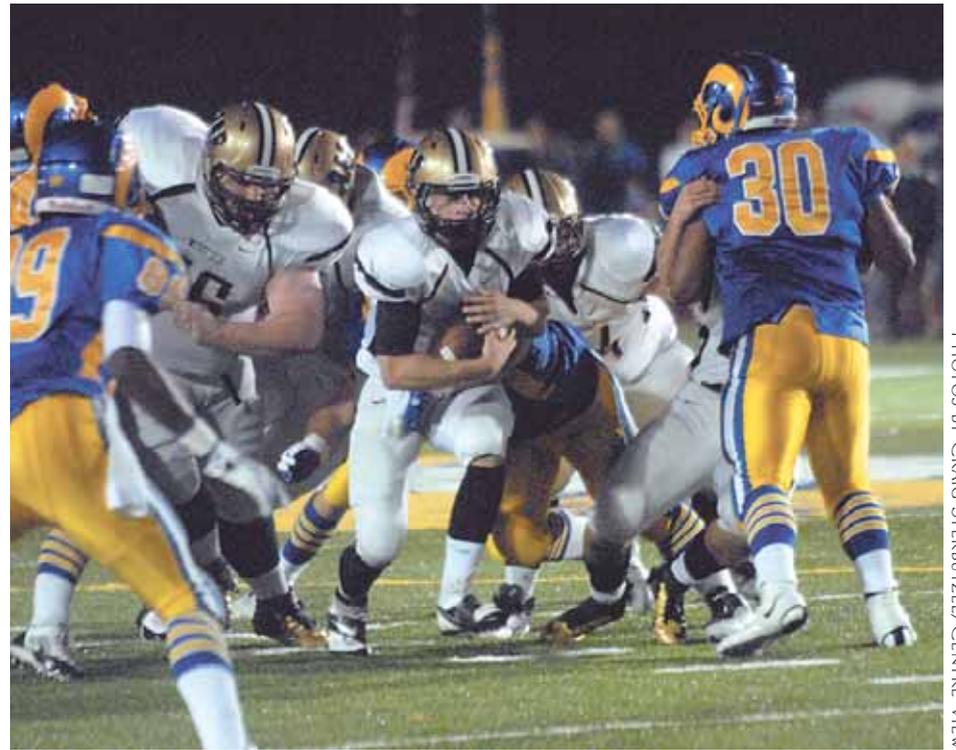
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Westfield running back Tyler Thrasher-Walker carries the ball against Robinson on Oct. 18.



Quarterback Mason Scoville and the Westfield football team beat Robinson 14-13 on Oct. 18.

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Thrasher-Walker Helps Westfield Football Edge Robinson

Senior running back goes eclipses 100 yards, scores touchdown.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

Westfield football coach Kyle Simmons is still trying to figure out how his team is dealing with the adversity of suffering its first regular-season losses since 2010.

In the meantime, the Bulldogs showed they can overcome a second-half deficit.

After Robinson took a 13-7 lead in the third quarter, Westfield responded with an 11-play, 78-yard drive, capped by a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Mason Scoville. The ensuing extra point was good and proved to be the game-winner as the Bulldogs held on for a 14-13 victory over the Rams on Oct. 18 at Robinson Secondary School.

After back-to-back undefeated regular seasons in 2011 and 2012, Westfield found itself at 4-2 after losing to Centreville, 28-0, on Oct. 11. The Bulldogs lost to Lake Braddock, 28-24, on Sept. 20. Despite trailing Robinson in the second half, Westfield

found a way to avoid a third loss.

"I didn't think we should have been down 13-7, some mistakes led to that, but we didn't stop fighting, so I'm proud of that," Simmons said. "But we need to do a better job of not putting ourselves in that position."

How is the team dealing with its first regular-season losses since 2010?

"I'm more concerned about our coaching staff than I am the kids," Simmons said. "I'm not sure. This is kind of an interesting group and I really don't have a good read on how they handled that."

We certainly didn't bring it to the practice field on Monday (after the Centreville

loss) as far as being negative or yelling or running or anything like that."

A big reason why Westfield beat Robinson was senior running back Tyler Thrasher-Walker, who carried 23 times for 185 yards and a touchdown, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Thrasher-Walker gave the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead with a 3-yard touchdown run in

"It's been difficult. If you're a competitor, you hate to lose and we hate losing. Like our coach always said, when you don't get what you want, you get experience."

— Westfield running back Tyler Thrasher-Walker

the opening quarter.

"It's been difficult," Thrasher-Walker said of the team's losses this season. "If you're a competitor, you hate to lose and we hate losing. Like our coach always said, when you don't get what you want, you get experience."

Robinson tied the score at 7-all late in the first half on a 30-yard touchdown run by Joe Wilson. The Rams opened the second half with an 11-play, 80-scoring drive that ended with a trick play for a touchdown. On Third-and-goal from the 9-yard line, Wilson ran to his right and threw back to quarterback Jack Rowlett for a touchdown. The ensuing extra-point kick was missed, however, leaving the door open for Westfield.

The Bulldogs scored on their next drive and snapped Robinson's five-game winning streak. There are no moral victories at Robinson," interim head coach Dan Meier said. "I give all the credit to Westfield; they played a fine football game. We're very disappointed. We thought we were kind of catching stride here."

Wilson said the Westfield defensive line was doing things, particularly stunts, for which the Rams were unprepared.

Westfield improved to 5-2 while Robinson fell to 5-2. The Bulldogs will host Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25. The Rams will host Oakton.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Centreville Football Remains Undefeated

The Centreville football team defeated Oakton 42-21 on Oct. 18, improving its record to 7-0.

Centreville's AJ Turner carried seven times for 152 yards and two touch-

downs, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. Scott Walter completed 7 of 8 passes for 142 yards and two touchdowns.

The Wildcats are ranked No. 2 in the Washington Post's top 20 and are the highest-ranked public school. DeMatha is No. 1.

Centreville has games against Washington-Lee (6-1), Herndon (1-6) and Robinson (5-2) remaining on its schedule. The Wild-

cats will travel to face W-L at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.

Chantilly Football Beats Herndon

The Chantilly football team defeated Herndon 56-40 on Oct. 18, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

Chantilly's DeAndre Harris carried 18

times for 137 yards and three touchdowns. He also caught two passes for 89 yards and a score. Quarterback David Sydnor completed 12 of 18 passes for 226 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception.

Chantilly improved to 5-2 while Herndon fell to 1-6. The Chargers will travel to face Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25. The Hornets will travel to face Westfield.

SCHOOLS



Sharing 'Otis'

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairperson Sharon Bulova visited Poplar Tree Elementary to read for "Read for the Record." She read the book, "Otis," to Ms. Hudson's Head Start class and Ms. Carter's Kindergarten Class. Classrooms across the county were encouraged to register for "All Fairfax Reads" and also to share the book, "Otis" with their students that same day.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

James Madison University's orientation team is made up of upperclass

students who serve as first year orientation guides who assist incoming first-year students in their academic, personal and social transition during orientation in August. The following students served as FrOGs this year:

Melanie Vassallo, of Chantilly; **Madison Ray**, of Fairfax; **Ryan McWeeny**, of Fairfax; **Hannah Makridis**, of Oak Hill; **Khanh-Linh Huynh**, of Chantilly; **Bradley Cohen**, of Oak Hill; **Haley Ellison**, of Oak Hill;



Learning about Weather

As part of the second grade weather unit at Poplar Tree Elementary School, NBC 4 meteorologist Steve Kammerer talked to students about weather forecasting and discussed how difficult it can be at times to make an accurate forecast. At the end of his presentation, Kammerer videotaped the students and they were highlighted on the news during the nightly weather report.

and **Nicolena DeWitt**, of Centreville.

Courtney Hulbert, of Chantilly, has been awarded an associate position with the John P. McNulty Scholarship for Excellence in Science and Math at

Saint Joseph's University. Hulbert, who graduated from Trinity Christian School, will receive a four-year, partial-tuition scholarship and will participate in an intensive mentoring and research program. Hulbert will major in biology.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's not exactly everything in its place any more than it is, for me, a place for everything. It's more like mandatory evacuation – as in self-preservation; of thoughts, concerns, worries, anxieties, facts/feelings, all of which may be harmful to my health and/or my overall demeanor/well being (which anecdotally-speaking is all interrelated). Having stage IV non-small cell lung cancer will do that to you – among other things. If I don't take control of the internal and external complications caused by this insidious disease, then it wins. And the last thing any of us similarly diagnosed patients want is a victory by the other side.

My attempts at sustaining my status as quo are as much mental as they are physical. Physically, the tumors will react to chemotherapy – or not, and my body/internal organs will be "side-effected" how they will despite my wishfully-thought-of intentions. However, mentally (emotionally, psychologically, spiritually) is semi in my control. And control is key – or certainly perceived to be (rhyme not for any effect). As such, whether or not it matters to the cancer how I do what I do (live), it matters to me. And if it matters to me – and I take these matters into my own hands, and don't succumb to cancer's figurative punch, then I can feel as if maybe this battle is not so lopsided (what's more lopsided than a terminal diagnosis from an oncologist?). One where you're encouraged to take that vacation you've always dreamed of because, well, you know. But if I can feel – for even a minute, that my specific man vs. cancer existence is being waged on a level playing field, then I just might think this fight is fair. Realistically, that's all I can ask for. (Regardless of whether I'm ending this sentence with a preposition.)

But since there are no guarantees here, there's a bit of a leap of faith to be made (you'll note I didn't say expected). What I do know is, that if my focus on life is exclusively about yours truly being diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer; if my 24/7 consciousness is totally cancer-centric, and if any and all cancer thoughts are woe is me, then the battle is already lost. It's not about me not caring or giving up – hardly, it's about me not giving in. And the only way I know how to not give in to the pressure/terminal circumstances under which I continue to endure, is to not feel as if everything has to be dealt with all the time. There are just too many variables, and moving and unpredictable parts (euphemistically speaking) which have to be managed – for lack of a better word. Ergo: Coping and hoping. Every minute of every day. (Every second would be a bit of an exaggeration.)

And if and when I should receive any unpleasant news, I'll try to embrace those very appropriate words spoken by Scarlett O'Hara at the end of the Oscar-winning classic, "Gone With The Wind," when Rhett Butler walked away after having said he didn't "give a damn" about what Scarlett "will do" about bringing "him back:" "...I can't think about this now! I'll go crazy if I do! I'll think about it tomorrow..."

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NEWS

Pumpkins

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solution to keep the pattern moist and prevent fungus from growing.

He's purchased 42 pumpkins so far, but says, "I'll probably buy some more. I get them at Whole Foods." They then become the canvases for his art.

This year, visitors will be able to see a scene from the Angry Birds video game, plus large and small starships from the most-recent "Star Trek" movie. And, said Dickover, "On a large pumpkin, over 80 pounds, I'm doing a huge, yucky, disgusting zombie."

Each member of the carving crew decides what images they want to carve, so there's always a variety. The death star from "Star Wars" is one of Dickover's most-popular designs ever, so he's doing it again on a 40-pound pumpkin.

Also on display will be a werewolf, Spiderman, a graveyard, the Tron motorcycle and a dragon fighting a warrior. "Sarah did Nine Tails, a Pokemon character, and Justin will do some evil characters, including the grim reaper, a skeleton and maybe a zombie," said Dickover. "There's also Cerberus, the three-headed guard dog of the underworld."

Meanwhile, young children will enjoy seeing characters such as Sponge Bob, Mickey Mouse, the Grinch, Winnie the Pooh, and Dory from the movie, "Finding Dory."

So what's the best part for Dickover? "Getting the whole family, and friends, around the kitchen table carving pumpkins and enjoying it," he said. "It's an easy thing to do and people can do it, themselves."

To view his previous Halloween creations, or for pumpkin-carving tutorials, links, plus free patterns and stencils, go to www.fantaspumpkins.com. To see the current pumpkins, add /2013-pumpkins/ to the end of that Web address.

Directions to Dickovers' 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.



Baby Goofy and Mickey



Wolf howling at full moon



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SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Fall Festival. 5-8 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way,

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MONDAY/OCT. 28

Bullying Prevention Course. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. "Bullying Prevention, Everyone's Responsibility: What Parents Can Do." Register at 703-923-0010.

THURSDAY/OCT. 31

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Youth Bullying and Violence Prevention Symposium. 8:30 a.m.-noon at Fairfax Community

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SATURDAY/NOV. 16

College and Career Forum. 8:30 am.-2:30 p.m. in the Johnson Center at George Mason University. Fairfax County Public Schools students with disabilities and their parents can get information on educational and career opportunities after high school. Speakers, workshops and

displays will cover all aspects of transition from school to the real world. For more, visit futurequest.gmu.edu.

Grant Writing Workshop. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, The Gallery at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Free. Hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Visit www.artsfairfax.org for more.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Meeting. 7 p.m. at Liberty Middle School, 6801 Union Mill Road. "Raising Money-Smart Kids" is the topic. Free.

Grant Writing Workshop. Noon at Reston Community Center, The Gallery at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. Free. Hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Visit www.artsfairfax.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 25

Centreville Garden Club Meeting. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Learn about the "25 Things your Grandmother Never Told You About Gardening." Free. Visit centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com or 703-830-2942.

Listening Tour. 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. parents, students, employees, and community members can share their thoughts, concerns and questions about school issues and priorities. They can also provide their feedback to questions that will be used to develop a Portrait of a Graduate that will provide a framework for a long-range strategic plan for FCPS.

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