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Andrew Cross helps daughter Abigail, 3, dip a string into melted wax to make a candle during the 25th annual Centreville Day celebration on Saturday, Oct. 21.

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From left are Emily Fareid (Lady Catherine), Christine Moon (Elizabeth) and Emily Draut (Mrs. Bennet).



Cast members were in Chantilly's Homecoming Parade.

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Funny, Relatable Show, Timeless Love Story

Chantilly High presents "Pride and Prejudice."

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" is Chantilly High's upcoming play and Cappies show. It's set for Wednesday-Saturday, Nov. 1-4, at 7 p.m. in the school theater. Tickets are \$12, adults; and \$10, students; at the door or via www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

In the late 19th century, outside London, Mrs. Bennet wants to marry off her three daughters, and the play explores their relationships. However, daughter Elizabeth, who believes she'll never find love, must overcome her prejudice that she's better than any man.

With a crew of 40 and 35 actors in each show, the play is double cast because Director Shannon Khatcheressian had a surplus of female talent. "The show's so beautifully written and such a classic novel with a timeless love story, that we wanted to do it justice," she said. "And coincidentally, it's also this novel's 200th anniversary."

"The cast is wonderfully diverse and dedicated to these characters, and it's great to see these kids bring them to life," said Khatcheressian. "It's also fun to direct this show because we take pride in portraying this story correctly and making it enjoyable for the whole audience. It's a romantic comedy, and we really heightened the show's comedic elements."

A 20-student, costume team is making most of the outfits, and costume liaison Katie Nelson has been "instrumental in the design and creation of these original pieces," said Khatcheressian. "The costumes are absolutely gorgeous."

The scenes take place in three homes, including the Bennets' and Lady Catherine's,

plus a grand ballroom. "We've tried to capture the grandeur of the homes of high society in 1810 England, and we're thrilled with our period-style furniture portraying that," said Khatcheressian. As for the story, she said, "Everyone will find a character to relate to and realize that the experiences we go through with our own families are timeless. It's the same story, but a different day."

Playing Elizabeth is senior Christine Moon. "Elizabeth is a woman ahead of her time," said Moon. "She educated herself, which wasn't common in that era. She's also witty and isn't afraid to stand up for herself and her loved ones. And she loves her parents and sisters dearly and is passionate about keeping her family together. She's quick-thinking, knows what to say and when to say it and is decisive. She can be judgmental, but can also see through people – and she isn't desperate to get married."

It's a difficult role, said Moon, because "Elizabeth is a complicated woman with a lot of feelings – especially when she meets the man she'll eventually fall in love with, Mr. Darcy. But I also identify with her, in a way; we don't think men are that important in our lives. And I like playing her because she's willing to stand up for what he believes in. So it's the most challenging thing I've done, but definitely the most rewarding." Moon said audiences will appreciate the cast's ethnic and racial diversity, plus the show's interesting characters, especially Mrs. Bennet. "She's so hysterical, it's hard to keep a straight face when she's on the stage," said Moon. "She butts heads with Lady Catherine, the epitome of the upper class. And all the characters always have something witty, catty or shady to say, and it'll make the audience laugh."

Sophomore Alex Yee portrays Mr. Darcy. "Similar to Elizabeth, he believes that, since he's richer and more influential than others, he's better than them," said Yee. "He's a jerk, but he cares deeply for his close family and friends. It's a challenge because he's



From left: Emily Fareid (Lady Catherine), Christine Moon (Elizabeth), Emily Draut (Mrs. Bennet) and Emanuele Di Prima (Mr. Bingley) are in Chantilly High's "Pride and Prejudice."

so different from me. He's stoic, but has lots of emotion within him, so I have to show the internal struggle between his pride and his feelings for Elizabeth."

Calling it a "big honor" to play this role as a sophomore, Yee said, "I'm playing Darcy a little less reserved than in the Colin Firth movie version." He said the audience will really like the interaction between Mrs. Bennet and her daughters, "especially Lydia, who's very funny and a little bit of a brat. But it's balanced by the sweeter Jane and by Elizabeth – who's stronger and goes against the social grain – which women didn't do back then."

Playing Darcy's aunt, Lady Catherine, is senior Emily Fareid. "She's very wealthy and proud and looks down on anyone who isn't wealthy like her – and even people who are," said Fareid. "She's Elizabeth's antago-

nist and opposite and represents society's upper class, and she believes people should follow society's rules."

Fareid likes playing her because "she's kind of mean and so different from how I usually behave. She's judgmental, and it's fun to act that way without worrying about what anyone else thinks." She describes the show as "funny and sassy, with a great set and costumes and humorous characters."

Senior Emily Draut portrays Mrs. Bennet. "She's a little hysterical," said Draut. "Her main goal is to get her daughters married and secure. Her family's middle class, and she always tries to befriend people in the upper class. She's kind, but doesn't always sound that way. Even though she might seem shallow, she really loves her daughters and husband and has good intentions, although she doesn't always show it in her actions."

Draut enjoys her role because "I can exaggerate everything, be loud and silly and just have fun." She called the costumes "sweet and beautiful" and said audiences will like the show's unexpected twists and love triangles they won't expect to come together. And it's a nice break from modern day. "Playing Mr. Bennet is senior Zaid Al Nouman. "He's sometimes frustrated by his family, but he always loves and wants the best for them," said Al Nouman. "He's not as frantic as his wife; he's more confident that everything will work out in the end. His favorite daughter is Lizzie [Elizabeth], and he's there for her when she needs him and is compassionate whenever she's distressed. He's a calm and caring family man." Al Nouman said Bennet is more realistic than roles he's done in children's plays and "It's cool being the calm, collected one, this time, and he grows through a variety of human emotions." As for the audience, Al Nouman said people will like "the comedic moments sprinkled throughout the show. And adults will relate to the parents, while teens relate to the daughters and their suitors."



Centreville Dance Theatre poses during the parade.



Girl Scouts march in the parade.

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Celebrating 25th Annual Centreville Day

The 25th annual Centreville Day celebration was Saturday, Oct. 21.



Vendor Toni Monteiro, of Unique Leather Designs, sells animal-motif purses.



Crafter Paula Bailey, of Swirladelic, with her marbled scarves.



Part of the vendor area at Centreville Day.



The Spanta brothers, (from left) Sahil, 7, and Salih, 4, show off their Spider-Man moves at Centreville Day.



Sully District Police Station Bike Team members in the parade.



Members of Korean Central Presbyterian Church have fun serving cotton candy and popcorn.

‘A Vital Part of Our Community’

Mildred DeBell: Centreville Day 2017 Citizen of the Year.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Mildred DeBell is a living, Centreville institution. She came here in 1938 to teach first grade in the old, wooden, Centreville Elementary and, through the years, she and her family became an indelible part of Fairfax County’s history.

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Now 99, DeBell’s accomplishments are many, including being the unofficial historian of Centreville. And last Saturday, Oct. 21, she was honored as the Centreville Day 2017 Citizen of the Year and Honored Community Historian.

“I think it’s wonderful,” she said after the ceremony. “I guess I’m the oldest person in Centreville. This honor is very special.”

She was married to Stuart DeBell who, beginning in 1952, served 16 years on the county’s Board of Supervisors. The couple had three children, John, Stephen and Stuart. The family now includes nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In 1950, Mildred was a founding mem

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Kathy Smith with Mildred DeBell, 2017 Citizen of the Year.

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Who Will Help Dreamers and Refugees?

Individuals, religious groups and other organizations share same goal.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE

The supporters all agree on one thing. As Imam Ali Siddiqui said, “Nobody asked these kids whether they wanted to come to America. They go to school, they work hard, build a career. It will be a loss to send them back.” Figures distributed by The Commonwealth Institute in October 2017 show that if all Virginians who are eligible for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) became citizens, state and local tax contributions by young Virginians would rise from the current \$35 million to \$52.9 million a year.

As President Trump’s executive order released Sept. 5 threatens 800,000 DACA recipients with deportation, communities of supporters rally to their defense.

Individuals and groups converge from all directions to provide sanctuary, educational assistance, moral support, employment counseling and sometimes “in your face” advocacy for immigrant assistance. Each group has a plan and a niche but they are all working for the same goal — passage of the Dream Act, which will offer the opportunity for a long, but legal, path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

Norma Kacen is part of the Northern Virginia Friends of Refugees, an Arlington-based group, which she co-founded with Wendy Chan in the fall of 2016. “I grew up on Federal Hill in Providence, Rhode Island, an ethnic ghetto. It was a closed world with circles of ghettos — Portuguese, Italian, French, German, Polish,” she said, drawing circles with her finger on the table.

Kacen has recently been up on Capitol Hill as a volunteer lobbyist with the American Association of University Women visiting key senators to urge passage of the Dream Act. “All of the comments were ‘we couldn’t afford it,’ but,” she says, pulling out a talking sheet, “ending DACA and kicking recipients out of the labor force would cost the United States \$433.4 billion in GDP and decrease Social Security and Medicare contributions by \$24.6 billion over the next decade.” This is according to the Center for American Progress, a self-described progressive independent nonpartisan policy institute.

As of November 2016, 645,000 DACA recipients nationwide are employed, and they pay taxes. Kacen said, “My challenge to the senators was yes, we pay for their education like anyone else who pays taxes.” But most of the senators were unmoved by the arguments. Kacen says it is

also important to acknowledge a breakdown of DACA by Congressional districts because “some our representatives only listen to their own constituents.”

Northern Virginia Friends of Refugees was established to combat the anti-Muslim rhetoric and to be a welcoming friend to all refugees. “We didn’t want to duplicate the efforts of others so we partner with other organizations,” she said.

RECENTLY THE GROUP held three advocacy workshops for people supportive of refugees. About 50 people attended one of the workshops at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Mt. Olivet Presbyterian Church in Arlington and a Muslim site in Fairfax. These workshops are non-partisan with the purpose to teach the skills necessary for effective advocacy.

“I was really delighted and it was extremely heartening that millennials attended. Every organization is trying to figure out what they can do to attract the disengaged millennials,” Kacen said.

The second event, which was held in the spring, brought American professionals together with the often highly skilled immigrants to help the immigrants navigate the workplace. “So we connect the immigrants together with American professionals in their own field to allow the professionals to talk.” Many of the refugees were doctors, architects, engineers and entrepreneurs in their countries and now have low-level jobs in America. The purpose of these life skills programs is to increase connections to help the immigrants reach their potential.

The third focus for this year is a large community event planned for the spring. It would be intended to show the resilience of the immigrants by “focusing on the incredible skills in the cultural arts such as music, arts and fashion. It is to show the capacity to overcome, the triumph of the human spirit,” she said.

Are they making progress? Kacen paused, “It’s hard to say. But ... there are so many people engaged.”

Monica Sarmiento is executive director of Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Right (VACIR), a coalition that began in 2013 with eight organizations, now grown to 16. She says their organization is focused on how to have more comprehensive immigrant reform in Virginia. “Many organizations have their niches demographically or ethnically but we tend to be looking at what we’re doing statewide and collaboratively. The most important empha-



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE

Remembering her youth in Rhode Island, Norma Kacen of Arlington traces circles on the table as she describes neighborhood ghettos of people segregated by ethnicity.



Sumi Yi



Monica Sarmiento



The Rev. Laura Martin

sis is to push different community representatives at the table — African, Korean, Muslim.”

Sarmiento says since VACIR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization they don’t directly lobby but have encouraged people to call their members of Congress, and the 16 organizations who are part of the coalition often engage in advocacy. For instance the Commonwealth Institute has prepared a fact sheet outlining how DREAMers grow our economy with 61 percent opening a bank account, 64.5 percent buying their first car, 97 percent becoming employed or enrolled in school. It adds that young people with DACA status contribute nearly \$711 million to Virginia’s economy annually including nearly \$35 million in state and local taxes. The conclusion is that ending DACA could reduce Virginia state and local tax revenue by almost \$13 million a year.

Members of VACIR include such groups as Legal Aid Justice Center, SEEC, VOCOLAO, NAKASEC, The Commonwealth Institute and Virginia New Majority. These groups have focused on the constituents of two U.S. representatives in Virginia, Scott Taylor (R-2) and Barbara Comstock (R-10), who they are trying to convince “to do the right thing and support a clean Dream Act.”

Sarmiento says the VACIR board had decided for the first time to endorse a clean Dream Act, the first time they had endorsed

any legislation. “A clean Dream Act would not have such provisions as mandatory verification (death by 1,000 papers), an increase in ICE agents, increased money for deportation, funding for the border wall, inability to sponsor family members, no pathway to citizenship.”

She says there needs to be a much larger conversation to spotlight the injustices happening now with undocumented immigrants who have already lost their DACA status due to President Trump’s executive order or who will lose their Temporary Protective Status (TPS) if it is not renewed. These people could be deported any day. She says 300,000 of these are from Latin America; 200,000 of these are Salvadoran. Sarmiento was raised in Northern Virginia but her parents emigrated from El Salvador fleeing war. “They were fortunate my grandmother lived here and got her legal status through the Reagan amnesty act so my father got legal status.”

Sumi Yi, Virginia community organizer for National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC), a community-based progressive Asian American and Pacific Islander organization, says their mission is to organize Korean and Asian Americans to achieve social, racial, and economic justice. She points out that out of the cur-

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The 67th District stretches from South Riding through Sully Station and Penderwood.

Shifting Political District

LeMunyon versus Delaney in the 67th.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

On paper, the 67th House District seems like solidly blue territory. Democrat Hillary Clinton won it with almost 60 percent of the vote. But Republican Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) has been in office for four terms, a time that this slice of Northern Virginia has been trending increasingly toward the Democratic Party. That puts this district in the spotlight as one of the most cooperative House of Delegates races in Virginia, and it's one reason supporters of Democrat Karrie Delaney say she's got a shot at ousting LeMunyon.

"In this particularly divisive time I believe that the people of the 67th District really need an advocate who will work for them, and Jim LeMunyon is not doing that," said Delaney. "He's voted against Medicaid expansion, which would have given access to affordable health care to an additional 400,000 Virginians as well as create an additional 30,000 jobs and brought \$2.6 billion into our state economy every year."

LeMunyon has tried to walk a political tightrope as his district has swung to the left. During the last General Assembly session, for example, he voted in favor of allowing religious-based discrimination against gays. He also voted in favor of coal tax credits and education savings accounts. But he says he would also vote in favor of closing the gun show loophole, and he says he would vote in favor of allowing local governments the authority to remove Confederate statues. As to his opposition to expanding Medicaid, LeMunyon says the governor's budget amendment never spelled out what the cost would be.

"That's just unacceptable for any program, whether it's health care or schools or transportation," says LeMunyon. "You've got to know what that dollar amount is, and so I'm just not willing to vote for an amendment to the budget for a question mark on the cost."

THE 67TH DISTRICT stretches from South Riding through Sully Station and Penderwood. The average commute time is 33 minutes, and 81 percent of workers over the age of 16 drive alone to work — a set of statistics that crystalize the political influence transportation has on voters here. Re-

publicans haven't had a successful statewide candidate here since Republican Bob McDonnell was elected governor in 2009. Hillary Clinton crushed Donald Trump among voters in the district, taking an overwhelming 58 percent of the vote.

"This is probably the best chance Democrats have of taking out a GOP incumbent," said Geoff Skelley at the University of Virginia Center for Politics.

Clinton's lopsided victory was somewhat an outlier for the district, which usually does not see Democrats performing with such overwhelming numbers. But a review of election statistics over the last decade show that voters here have been moving to the left consistently in the last few election cycles. President Obama was reelected with 53 percent of the vote in the district, and Democrat Terry McAuliffe won a narrow victory against Republican Ken Cuccinelli here. On the fundraising circuit, LeMunyon has raised about \$350,000 compared to Delaney's \$300,000. But Delaney's got about three times as much cash on hand.

"Delaney must have continued to fundraise well because she's actually running an ad on television in the expensive Washington, D.C. market," said Skelley. "LeMunyon knows the lay of the land in his district, though. He's put out a campaign mailer tying himself to Terry McAuliffe in a bid to help his bipartisan bona fides."

DELANEY, 38, is a native of Tampa. She moved to Northern Virginia in 2006, eventually settling in Chantilly two years later. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Florida. Her professional background is in human service, including working as a counselor for children in foster care and as a sexual assault crisis counselor. She later became the director of communications for Shared Hope International, and she now does communications strategy for several nonprofits. She briefly served as a Republican member of the West Melbourne City Council in Florida, an experience she says has given her a bipartisan sensibility that would serve her well as a member of the General Assembly. "When I had my first job working with children in foster care, I worked at a group home. And in that experience I met young people every day I saw examples of

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Don't Stay Home

Your vote counts this round; nation is watching.

Every year is election year in Virginia. Virginia offers multiple examples that prove every vote counts.

This year, each Virginia voter will vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and their member of the House of Delegates. Virginia is one of two Governor's races, and many are watching the Virginia race to as a harbinger of what to expect in 2018.

No matter how you vote, polling shows that the Governor's race could be very close.

EDITORIAL While there are quite a few uncontested races for members of the House of Delegates, several races could also be close, with the outcome likely to depend on turnout.

There is every reason to get out and vote.

Absentee Voting in Person

Voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including the possibility that you will be working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee: in-person and by mail. To vote by mail, you will need to apply for an absentee ballot; if you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

See your locality's elections website for more.

Bring Photo ID, There Are Alternatives

Virginia has voter identification requirements; plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether absentee or on Election Day.

Any registered voter who does not have one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital

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Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot.

To find a registration office where you can obtain photo ID, even on the day of an election, visit: vote.elections.virginia.gov/

On the Ballot

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House of Delegates

37th District
David Bulova (D) incumbent, unopposed

40th District
Donte Tanner (D)
Tim Hugo (R) incumbent

67th District
Karrie Delaney (D)
Jim LeMunyon (R) incumbent

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Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot.

After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

Fairfax County School Bonds

Voters will vote yes or no on a \$315 million public school bond referendum on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. If approved by voters, the Fairfax County Public Schools' current plans to use this bond money are to plan and/or construct two new elementary schools, one in Fairfax/Oakton area and another in the northwest county area; relocate one modular building; plan additions at three existing high schools to add capacity at Madison, Stuart and West Potomac; plan and/or construct renovations of 10 elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools. See www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/facilities-planning-future/2017-school-bond-referendum.

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Boy Scout Troop 577 and Bryan Hunt Honored

During the Oct. 21 Centreville Day celebration, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) honored Boy Scout Troop 577 as the Centreville Day 2017 Nonprofit of the Year. For three years, it's provided early-morning assistance — starting at 6:30 a.m. — to the Centreville Day vendors and helped direct parking. The troop also built and installed 43 trail markers for Little Rocky Run, as well as a shed, foot bridge, planter beds and a greenhouse. The boys also created an equestrian sensory trail for riders with disabilities at the Northern Vir-

ginia Therapeutic Riding Program.

Smith also honored CPA Bryan Hunt as Centreville Day's 2017 Businessperson of the Year. He's served as the SYA treasurer since 2004 and, for 10 years, was treasurer for the Centreville Community Foundation — the first entity to put on Centreville Day. In addition, the accounting firm he owns has also been a business sponsor of this event since 1998. He wasn't able to attend this year's celebration, so Brian Seeley accepted his award for him.



Kathy Smith and Boy Scout Troop 577, honored as Non-profit of the Year.

ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

FRIDAY/OCT. 27

Brian Franke in Concert. 4:30-8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

OCT. 27-29

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Selection of used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books for children and adults. Sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. Call 703-502-3883 for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 28

Pickleball Lessons and Demonstration. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in Little Rocky Run Clifton pool #1, 6201 Sandstone Way, Clifton. Call 703-830-0411 or email hoa@littlerockyrunhoa.org.

Vendor Fair Fundraiser. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Liberty Middle School, 6801 Union Mill Road, Clifton. School fundraiser and raffle. Email lularoekellylisa@gmail.com for more.

Fall Fun Fest. noon-4 p.m. in nZone, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. Visit www.newlife.church/2017fff for more.

Grand Opening Celebration. Noon-4 p.m. at Domino's, 5663 Stone Road, Centreville. The new Domino's location features the "pizza theater" design. There will also be face painting, giveaways, samples and a chance for one lucky winner to score pizza for a year from noon to 4 p.m. Customers can visit www.dominos.com or call 571-549-1900.

Historic All Hallows Eve

Celebration. 4-7 p.m. at Sully District Park, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Take a lantern-guided tour and see centuries-old customs at Sully's annual Historic All Hallows Eve celebration. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully or call 703-437-1794 for more.

Reptiles and Night Ride. 5-8 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Participants will be able to touch, see, smell and hear snakes, turtles, and salamanders at hands-on stations and demonstrations. This campfire program concludes with a wagon ride through a moonlit meadow and s'mores. \$10. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence or call 703-631-0013.

Brats and Brew Night. 6:30-10 p.m. at St. Timothy's School cafeteria, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. A benefit for the Knights of Columbus. Live classic rock by Mary Lou and The Drugstore Lovers. \$20. Email rupertsellshomes@aol.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 29

Halloween on the Rails. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Costumes welcome and goodie bags handed out. Children 4 and under and Museum members, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, or call 703-425-9225.

Lexi Jackson in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

Garden Clean Up. 2-5 p.m. in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Participants will help with weeding, removing dead plant material, clearing and raking leaves from the garden and other

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Reptiles and Night Ride. 5-8 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Participants will be able to touch, see, smell and hear snakes, turtles, and salamanders at hands-on stations and demonstrations. This campfire program concludes with a wagon

ride through a moonlit meadow and s'mores. \$10. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence or call 703-631-0013.

Brats and Brew Night. 6:30-10 p.m. at St. Timothy's School cafeteria, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. A benefit for the Knights of Columbus. Live classic rock by Mary Lou and The Drugstore Lovers. \$20. Email rupertsellshomes@aol.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 29

Halloween on the Rails. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Costumes welcome and goodie bags handed out. Children 4 and under and Museum members, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, or call 703-425-9225.

educational areas at the park. Call 703-631-0013 for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 3

Levi Stephens in Concert. 4:30-8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

NOV. 3-7

Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Featuring Foamhenge and more. Visit www.coxfarms.com for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 4

Centreville United Methodist Women's Bazaar. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. Free admission. Sixty+ local Craft Vendors, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Book Nook, Holiday House and Grandma's Attic. Email novemberbazaar@hotmail.com for more.

Joe Bernui in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 6

Animal Vets Workshop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Spend the day with our exhibit animals. Check their health, weight and size; clean and refresh their tanks; and enjoy activities and games. Bring a bag lunch, snack and drink. Wear old clothes. Download camp forms from website. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence/ or call 703-631-0013.

TUESDAY/NOV. 7

Historic Survival Skills Workshop. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. In this immersive, day-long workshop, jump through three centuries in one day. Learn about the Native Americans who lived here, make butter and ice cream to learn the ins and outs of a dairy farm, and drill like soldiers. Download camp forms from website. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence/ or call 703-631-0013.

FRIDAY/NOV. 10

Matt Waller in Concert. 4:30-8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run,

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SATURDAY/NOV. 11

Matt Waller in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 12

Ken Fischer in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 17

David Davol in Concert. 4:30-8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

NOV. 17-19

"Dracula" on Stage. Various times at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. "Dracula" is Stephen Dietz's adaptation of the classic novel by Bram Stoker that preserves all of the suspense and seduction of the original work. \$10. Visit theatrecentreville.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 18

Falling Home in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 19

Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. The NTRAK group with a display of running N Gauge model trains. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

Buddy Cosmo in Concert. 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit www.wineryatbullrun.com.

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The Chantilly Academy's Air Force JROTC leads the parade.



Dad Kris Clayborne helps son Connor, 3, hammer with a wooden mallet while son Owen, 10, looks on.

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Stone Middle School teachers perform rock music as the VaDeatles.

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‘A Vital Part of Our Community’

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ber of the Rocky Run Garden Club, along with Ellanor C. Lawrence, in whose name the Chantilly park was preserved. She also served in leadership positions in many civic organizations. And in 2003, then Supervisor Michael Frey named her Sully District's honorary Lady Fairfax.

Current Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) presented DeBell with a certificate during Saturday's Centreville Day opening ceremonies. "Mildred has been a vital part of our community for nearly 80 years," said Smith. "Mildred has been the 'First Lady' of Centreville, 'Lady Fairfax,' a St. John's [Episcopal Church] 'Saint' and an honorary member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Alpha Delta Kappa."

"But today, the Centreville Day Planning Committee is especially recognizing her contributions to preserving Centreville history," continued Smith. "When Mildred married into the DeBell family, she took on the role of curator of a large collection of historical records and artifacts tucked away in the DeBell farmhouse, going back as far as 1826.

"Beginning with the first Centreville Day in 1992, Mildred shared that collection with the public by

displaying a selection of it on Centreville Day. [That] display became a Centreville Day staple that Mildred personally organized until well into her 90s. Mildred has always been an educator and a sheer force of nature ... and Centreville is all the richer for it."

Her son and daughter-in-law, John and Connie DeBell, and great-granddaughter Madeline Latkanich were there Saturday for the award ceremony. "I'm so fortunate to be a part of her life and celebrate this day with her," said Latkanich. "It's a great honor because she's contributed so much to Centreville and cares so much about it," said John DeBell. "She can't get around as easily as she used to, so she's not as visible in the community anymore. So it was nice to see her up on that stage today."

The Centreville Day stage was in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, where Mildred DeBell has been a member since 1938. "She was part of the group that reopened St. John's in the late 1950s, after it had been closed for about 15 years," said her son. "She sang in the choir and played the organ there."

"She always got the job done, no matter what, and still continues to do that today," added Connie DeBell. "She's always been a force of nature and she's still the matriarch of our family."

Dreamers

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rent 800,000 DACA 135,000 are Asian-Americans. The current efforts focus on DACA with phone banks, vigils and visits to Virginia legislators urging them to support of the Dream Act. “Representatives Barbara Comstock and Scott Taylor are on the fence about whether to co-sponsor the legislation,” said Yi. NAKASEC is planning a day soon when they will join with other organizations and knock on every door they can find. “Come on; we can do this,” she said.

Yi says that Korea is a land of opportunity with a great educational system. “I can go there now and make a lot of money but what keeps us rooted here is liberty and freedom. In Korea,” she said, “You have to think a certain way. Culturally and value-wise, I’m American.”

Yi takes a moment to reflect on their recent 30-day vigil in front of the White House.

She said they slept on benches, talked to people, got signatures and even did the “DACA dance.”

“The Secret Service told us we were the weirdest demonstrators they had ever seen at the White House; we even had a karaoke night. But we raised a lot of money,” Yi said. “Some people were supportive but others were being really mean. We had kids with us and I could see they were so hurt. I don’t know what’s going to happen but we’re stronger together. We have to do something.”

She declares they’re going to get education and driver’s licenses for everyone in Virginia. “This moment is bigger than all of us.”

SIXTY FOUR PLACES of worship joined together after the election with the announcement of upcoming anti-immigration legislation. Imam Ali Saddiqui, who is part of a transitional leadership team for the group, says Sanctuary DMV (D.C., Maryland, Virginia) includes a number of Protestant churches as well as several synagogues, Catholic churches and his Muslim Institute. One of their actions has been organizing rallies in support of DACA and immigrant rights. “I was just there last week at the Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) office in D.C. and at the mayor’s office.” Since there was just a raid where ICE went after 500 undocumented immigrants and 14 were arrested, the group was asking for their release and for the mayor not to cooperate with ICE officials.

In addition, they have been visiting congressional offices in support of the Dream Act and phoning members of Congress. “Actually this is on a party line. Democrats are very supportive and Republicans not.”

He says you hear the argument that immigrants cost the government money and don’t pay taxes. “Let me tell you my own story. I came here from Pakistan on March 23, 1969 originally as an asylee. I looked for a job and started working and paying taxes March 24 and have paid ever since.”

The Rev. Laura Martin, associate pastor for at Rock Spring UCC in Arlington and also a member of DMV Sanctuary, says there are a number of unresolved issues about the concept of offering sanctuary to an immigrant in a church building. “We are trying to come up with a wider definition of sanctuary such as offering solidarity or support for immigrants when they have an order for deportation. So in the spring another member of the congregation and I picked up a woman living in D.C. with her two children in a



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Imam Ali Saddiqui, transitional leader for Sanctuary DMV, demonstrates outside of ICE office in D.C.

small apartment with 13 people. We were there to support her for her deportation hearing. The woman had fled El Salvador, which is the murder capital of the world. We took her to Rosslyn to immigration court. All of us had to go through a metal detector including the children, and they took away the food in her purse.”

Martin says 80 different cases were all given the same 11 a.m. time for consideration. “It wasn’t a grand court — it was an institutional setting with low ceilings, bright light and so crowded that people, even with babies, couldn’t sit down. It was very procedural and you heard the same thing dozens of times. They took cases with attorneys first so we had to wait for a long time.”

Martin says somewhere along the way the woman’s heavy ankle bracelet started beeping because the battery was low. “There was nowhere to recharge it so it just kept beeping until we got to Subway for lunch in the late afternoon and she could plug it in.” When it came her turn the bilingual judge asked if the immigrant needed time to get an attorney and postponed her case until August.

Then they had to go to Vienna for a regular ankle bracelet check-in. “They could track where she was.”

Martin said the Sanctuary DMV group is not involved in case management so she doesn’t know what happened at the August court date. “The courts can’t keep up. They are rescheduling out to the end of 2018.”

An excerpt from a poem sent by Martin to the congregation concludes:

“I have known the grandmothers who
Smile even though they have left
Their country of spices and markets,
Have left their open windows with blue curtains
Have left the tramping of war,
Have left their songs and language,
And believed America when we said,
“This is the land of the free.””

This is the third article in a series focusing on DACA.

DACA by Congressional District

U.S. Rep.	DACA Recipients	DACA Eligible
Beyer (D-8)	2,000	5,400
Comstock (R-10)	1,600	3,700
Connelly (D-11)	2,400	5,300

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Review project information, including design plans, project schedule, and environmental, right of way and civil rights information, at www.Transform66.org, at the hearings, or at VDOT’s Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 beginning October 13, 2017. Please call 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623) or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure the availability of appropriate personnel to answer your questions.

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SPORTS



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Bulldogs Defeat Wildcats

Isaiah Daniel #23 has an opening created by the Westfield offensive line. On Oct. 20, the Westfield Bulldogs defeated the Centreville Wildcats 27-11 to improve to (8-0) (3-0), while Centreville fall to (6-2) (1-1).



Westfield 's Nolan Cockrill #97 puts hit on Centreville's Deondre Edmonds #1.

Centreville QB Presley Egbers #15 looks to get rid of ball before Westfield LB Nolan Cockrill #97 can get to him.



Keenan Anunay #13 caught 4 passes for 63 yards for Centreville.

In the 67th

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the system failing them,” said Delaney. “So I saw that if we had leadership that really truly put people first, I think we could see a really positive impact in the lives of vulnerable people in our community.”

If elected, Delaney says she would introduce a bill that would force local school boards of jurisdictions that do not offer full-day Kindergarten (including Loudoun) to create a plan to make that happen. She says she would also seek legislation to move development and approval for fire codes from housing boards to fire service boards. Her top priority would be to create a work group to create a trauma-informed system of care for children in Virginia who suffer from neglect, abuse, housing instability, domestic violence or divorce. Delaney says moving toward a trauma-informed system of care that would offer resilience training in the school system and at social service agencies.

When you see a child who is having behavior issues in school, the traditional question people might ask children is ‘Why are you behaving this way?’ or ‘What’s wrong with you?’” says Delaney. “But the real focus should be ‘What happened to you?’”

LEMUNYON, 58, is a native of Elizabeth, N.J. He moved to Northern Virginia in 1983 to work for U.S. Rep. Ed Zschau (R-Calif.). He has a bachelor’s degree in physics and math with a minor in computer science from Valparaiso University in Indiana. He also has a master of science in meteorology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is the founder of a semiconductor materials company known as Sterling Semiconductor, which was sold to Dow Corning in 2003. In 2009, he defeated incumbent Democrat Chuck Capito after waging a campaign challenging him on the lack of improvements to transportation infrastructure.

“My commitment during that campaign and ever since was to do what I can do to get that problem addressed, and not just addressed but really get things fixed,” said LeMunyon. “And in the time since I think we’ve accomplished a lot.”

When asked about his accomplishments in office, LeMunyon recalled a promise he made in his first campaign brochure back in 2009: that when money is spent on projects in Northern Virginia it can only be on projects that are rated by how much congestion they would reduce. He said he had to work at it for several sessions before it became law, but he now considers it a milestone of his service. If reelected, LeMunyon wants to create a class size limit of 29 students for grades 3 through 6. He also says he’ll work to implement the transportation laws he helped craft. He also says he wants to make sure that when local governments have capacity to meet transportation needs when they increase density.

“The way it works right now is that any time VDOT determines that a road is over capacity, they have to specify that in a report and name the roads and the locations,” said LeMunyon. “There’s no requirement that the local government has to pay attention to that.”

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Weakened Wherewithal



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Say that three times quickly. Heck, say it one-time slowly. And then welcome to my whirled: the world of cancer treatment and survival. A ‘whirled’ in which, eight years and nearly eight months post diagnosis, I continue to live, breathe and write.

Occasionally it happens, as it is happening now, that some of the most excruciating demands of being a cancer patient, occur simultaneously – or a reasonable facsimile thereof. For me that means 24-hour urine collection, pre-chemotherapy lab work, chemotherapy infusion, CT Scan and then the appointment with my oncologist to discuss all the results; occurring over 13 days – with intermittent days off for good behavior.

Typically; meaning every minute, every hour, every day, every week, etc., maybe not every second, I am thinking about cancer; though I wouldn’t say I’m preoccupied (others might). And of course, it’s certainly understandable and reasonable to do so when every day over a fortnight, you are waiting – as we say in the sales world – “for the other shoe to drop.”

Having endured this cycle over the last eight and a half years with varying regularity, I can honestly say that whatever symptoms have manifested themselves – or not – have never provided any consistent assurance that my life/life expectancy had not changed for the worse. It’s not until the appointment with my oncologist occurs – or sooner if he emails me the scan results, that I learn the facts of my case.

All of that being said, as my friend Frank has often said to me: “You’re in pretty good shape for the shape you’re in.” Don’t I know it.

However, yes there’s always a ‘however’ in the cancer-patient-surviving-against-all-odds ‘whirled,’ there are no guarantees. In fact, there are only two guarantees: death and taxes. The former is way too close for comfort and the latter, I’m already taxed to the hilt, emotionally. Somehow, I have to get through because “the alternative is gloomy” to quote Dr. Mobley, the doctor in Miles City who treated Augustus McCray in the epic miniseries, “Lonesome Dove.” And so I try not to be gloomy.

However, there’s that word again, circumstances/schedules randomly bring down the weight – and wait of my ‘whirled.’ These 13 days can never pass quickly enough. But that presumes a good result, which one would want to know as soon as possible. But what of a bad result, leading to an exponential increase in anxiety – and fear, ultimately leading to a treatment unknown. That I might not want to know so soon. Not that not knowing serves any point or helps coordinate the next treatment plan, I’m more afraid of hearing something I haven’t heard much of since February 2009. To quote my late mother quoting somebody: “No one gets out of this life alive.”

That of course is the point of this column, and the effect of having all this cancer stuff happen at the same time. I can take it, generally; as my late father used to say: “KB, I have confidence in you. You have broad shoulders.” Nevertheless, I worry about the figurative straw breaking my emotional back. Cancer can do that. It did it to my mother-in-law, Peggy, where over a few days the situation went from bad to worse to finally, the worst.

Somehow, I have to compartmentalize all this negative energy and focus on the positive. And that positive turns out to be an early email from my oncologist basically saying that my lung cancer remains stable. Now we can go to my appointment on Monday “unencumbered,” to once gain quote my late father. The pressure is semi off. Talk about relief.

Now maybe I can relax and try not to think about my next infusion, my next scan and my next appointment with the oncologist. There’s no harm in trying, right?

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Evan Simmons

Simmons Earns Eagle Rank

Troop 30 of Centreville honored Evan Simmons who received the rank of Eagle Scout in an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony on the evening of Monday, Oct. 9. Evan was recognized for his achievements in a ceremony held at the troop's chartering organization, Centreville Presbyterian Church (CPC).

Evan earned a total of 32 merit badges and for his Eagle Scout Project he led a team of 15-plus workers in a beautification project of CPC.

Evan has had a busy year as an elected member of Westfield's National Honor Society, earned a 4.0 GPA during his junior year, completed his remaining merit badges, and finished his Eagle Project. Evan also volunteered two hours a week at Centreville Regional Library.

More than 70 people attended his ceremony including his two original Cub Scout Den moms.

Troop 30 is a mid-sized troop serving Centreville, Clifton, Chantilly, and surrounding areas since 1999.

ROUNDUPS

Coffee with Delegate Bulova

Del. David Bulova (D-37) will meet informally with constituents, this Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9-11 a.m., at Jireh Cafe, 13848 Lee Highway, in Centreville.

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Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse. Help the community by safely disposing of any unused or expired medication on Drug Take Back Day, Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the front parking lot of the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly.

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