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Madison Hummer, 7, pets Rodeo, a rescue terrier mix from Hart Homeless Animals, during Centreville Day.

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Centreville Dance Theatre shows its spirit during Centreville Day.

Fun for All at Centreville Day

Centreville Day was Saturday, Oct. 20, in Historic Centreville Park.



Pirates for Sail entertain the crowd with folk songs.



Stone Middle students recognize the event sponsors.



Cub Scout Pack 2525 marches in the parade.



SYA cheerleaders pose for a picture after the Centreville Day parade.

NEWS



Leading the parade is the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Color Guard.



Children try their luck at the climbing wall.



Brendan Bernat, 6, chops wood with a piece of lumber.

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Parade participants from Mt. Kim Tae Kwon Do.



Vendor Jennifer Theut and daughter Quinn sell Quinn's Bath Bombs making bath water fuzzy and scented.



From left: Twins Greer and Logan Kunkel wear traditional Chinese dresses to Centreville Day.

ROUNDUPS

Coffee with Del. David Bulova

Area residents are invited to have coffee with Del. David Bulova (D-37), on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9-11 a.m., at Jireh Cafe, 13848 Lee Hwy. in Centreville. Constituents can talk to him about issues of interest and ask questions about legislation affecting their community. It's casual and informal and appointments aren't needed.°

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment. [WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](http://www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

ment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Event

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Boy Scout "Scouting for Food" Drive to benefit Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' Food Pantry. It's set for Saturday, Nov. 10, at the parking garage at 14280 Park Meadow Drive in Chantilly. Students, fami-

lies and other groups are welcome to lend a hand. Strong arms/back are helpful to lift crates of food and to also be a truck-driver helper.

Three-hour shifts are available between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information and to sign up, go to: ScoutingForFood@wfcma.org.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Sought

Meals on Wheels Drivers pick up meals and deliver them to individuals on a specific route. Routes take a maximum of two hours to deliver all meals. Deliveries are made midday Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

Deliveries can be made by an individual or as part of a volunteer group. Email volunteersolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Several Volunteers Needed

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries at 4511 Daly Dr. Suite J, Chantilly seeks individuals to volunteer for the following:

- ❖ Volunteer(s) to answer phones and schedule appointments, Tuesday and Thursday, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Requirements: good phone skills, personable, able to conduct pantry tours. Interview and completed application required.

- ❖ Volunteer(s) for Client Services Intake, Monday and Friday, 9:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Requirements: Spanish speaker preferred, ability to work with clients, able to conduct pantry tours. Interview and completed application required.

See <http://wfcma.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer-program/>

Guilty Verdict in Parking Lot Killing

Jury recommends 10 years prison for Flores Cuchillas.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

After a night of drinking at Centreville sports bar Velocity 5, two men who didn't know each other got into an altercation. But things turned tragic when one of them pulled a knife and fatally stabbed the other. The victim, Centreville resident Harold Garnett, 27, later died at the hospital.

The assailant, Vidal Flores Cuchillas, 38, also of Centreville, was apprehended by police and charged with second-degree murder. And after a four-day trial, Oct. 1-4, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, the jury found him guilty of voluntary manslaughter and recommended he serve 10 years in prison.

"The defendant claims self-defense," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Ryan Bredemeier in his opening statement. "But this was not a justified killing. [Flores Cuchillas] didn't have to use a knife to stop [Garnett]. This was an intentional and malicious act."

The tragedy occurred Nov. 4, 2017, shortly after 2 a.m., in Velocity 5's parking lot in the Trinity Centre off Route 29. Police Officer Matthew Schafer was the first officer responding to the scene. "I saw [Garnett] lying on the ground with a large wound on his chest and bleeding profusely," he testified. "A bartender was applying pressure to the wound, and I told him to continue."

Schafer said several pools of blood on the ground indicated where a fight had occurred. He found Garnett beside the rear passenger side of a blue car. Officer Darrell Haley then arrived and applied a chest seal over Garnett's wound. And an ambulance from Fire Station 17 rushed the injured man to Reston Hospital.

Trauma surgeon Ranjit Pullarkat treated Garnett. He said Garnett's heart "wasn't actively pumping" because it had a 2-3-centimeter laceration in the right ventricle. After stitching it closed, doing "open-cardiac massage" and giving him medications, the doctor got Garnett's heart beating again. Garnett was then moved to the Intensive Care Unit, where he remained in critical condition until he died, that evening.

Dr. Meghan Kessler, assistant chief medical examiner for Virginia performed the autopsy on him. She said his stab wound was 1/2-inch long, but deeper than its length and resembled a letter Y. She said its shape was caused "either by the knife changing direction or the motion of [the victim]. From the surface of his skin to where the knife entered the heart was approximately 1-3/4 inch deep."

"Is it possible that the knife actually went deeper than your measurements?" asked Bredemeier. Kessler replied yes. She also said the wound's path was from front to back and downward. Noting that the cut in his right ventricle was 3/16 of an inch long, she said that, without medical intervention, "It can be rapidly fatal." And when the prosecutor showed her Flores Cuchillas's knife



Vidal Flores Cuchillas

– which police were able to find – she said it was "compatible and consistent" with Garnett's wound. Under cross examination by public defender Dawn Butorac, Kessler said a toxicology test done on Garnett showed both metabolized cocaine, plus a substance consistent with Ritalin, in his bloodstream. But forensic toxicologist Dr. Carol O'Neal said both substances were "lower than our lowest calibration."

Next, Garnett's friend and roommate, Christopher Cunningham, said the two were drinking at Velocity 5 and Flores Cuchillas was there with two other men. They all left at closing time, with Garnett leaving ahead of Cunningham.

When he got outside, said Cunningham, Garnett and the three men were arguing. "They bum-rushed my friend, and that's when it became a [physical] fight," said Cunningham. "Harold shoves one of the guys back and he hit the ground. I was in a fight with the two shorter guys, and then both ran away. Harold was fighting [Flores Cuchillas]."

Cunningham said he couldn't see their fight but, afterward, Garnett walked toward him with "a blank stare on his face" and collapsed, falling and hitting the back of his head on the pavement. He also said Garnett had no weapons on him. "He was bleeding a lot," said Cunningham. "I was freaking out, yelling for help and asking people to call 911."

"I saw [Flores Cuchillas] running away, across Route 29," he continued. "I took off after him and said, 'You're not gonna get away.' When I got closer to him, I said I was gonna kill him." But Flores Cuchillas ran into The Meadows neighborhood, and police arrived and stopped Cunningham. "They came out with guns drawn, and I told them, 'He's over there; don't let him get away,'" said Cunningham.

Garnett's friend, Brandon Jones, worked at Velocity 5 and saw the melee outside. He said Flores Cuchillas approached Garnett and Cunningham told him to go away. "I saw [the defendant] reach under his shirt, and Harold was backing up. Next I knew, I saw a body laying next to a car; and when I got to it, I saw it was Harold." Butorac asked Jones why he hadn't told police that Flores Cuchillas had reached under his shirt. Replied Jones: "Because it was so long ago, and I was trying to remember it all."

Meadows resident Michael Wood then testified about hearing "a ruckus out back," in the early morning hours, and seeing a police K-9 unit arrest someone who'd been hiding in the bushes there. Later that afternoon, he found Flores Cuchillas's open knife, "put it in a plastic bag without touching it" and called police.



The victim, Harold Garnett of Centreville, was 27 years old.

Homicide Det. John Vickery, a native-Spanish speaker, interrogated Flores Cuchillas, who only speaks Spanish, and the jury received an English transcript of that interview. In her opening statement, Butorac said Flores Cuchillas, a mover, always had a folding knife with a 4-inch blade on him because he uses it for work. She also stressed that Garnett was 273 pounds and 5 feet, 9-1/2 inches; Flores Cuchillas is 140 pounds and 5 feet, 4 inches. And she said the man Garnett pushed to the ground was Edwin, a mute friend of her client's.

During the altercation, she said, "Garnett lands a couple blows to Flores Cuchillas's head. He sees Garnett reach into his waistband and remembers he has a knife. So he takes it out and holds it in front of him to scare Garnett and defend himself. Undaunted, Garnett comes toward him, is stabbed and backs away. Flores Cuchillas didn't realize what he'd done and thought the fight was over." However, Vickery testified that the defendant never told him Garnett hit him or ran into his knife.

Also testifying, via Spanish interpreters, was Flores Cuchillas. He said he didn't know why Garnett and the others were arguing, since Garnett was speaking English. But when he saw Garnett push Edwin to the ground, he said he intervened "so they wouldn't hit him anymore on the ground. Garnett came over me, pushing me."

"I told him, in Spanish, that we were leaving and didn't want any problems," continued Flores Cuchillas. "I raised my hands to tell him to calm down and that I didn't want to fight. But he continued coming after me. I swung at him because I was trying to defend myself. He hit me in the head many times and wouldn't stop. He was touching his waistband and I thought he could have a weapon. I had fear because he was big; I was afraid he would kill me because he was very aggressive."

Flores Cuchillas said he drew his knife to defend himself. He said Garnett then pulled back, "but I didn't know that I'd hurt him. I didn't want to harm or kill anyone; I wanted to go to my house." He said he didn't pay attention to Garnett after that and started walking home. Then Cunningham began

threatening him and coming after him, so he ran.

When Butorac asked why he got rid of the knife, he said, "Perhaps I dropped it." But he'd told Vickery he'd thrown it away. He told Butorac he was exhausted from running and hid in the bushes "from the one following me." But he told the prosecutor he wasn't hiding, just resting in a bush.

Bredemeier also asked Flores Cuchillas why he told Vickery that Garnett hadn't punched him. "Because I didn't feel anything [then]; I was nervous," he replied. He also said that, when he heard Garnett was in the hospital, he didn't want to complain about his head.

In his closing argument, Bredemeier said Flores Cuchillas had "convenient amnesia" about the stabbing and, until he testified in court, hadn't said Edwin was being hit. Furthermore, said Bredemeier, "The angle of the knife wound is consistent with what the medical examiner said. That's not an accident or self-defense; that's how you come at somebody – from above to down. This defendant took the knife out and plunged it into Garnett's chest."

Judge Brett Kassabian instructed the jury on the specifics needed to find the defendant guilty of various offenses, plus the circumstances under which they could declare him innocent. After deliberating several hours, the jury of five men and seven women found him guilty of voluntary manslaughter – meaning the crime wasn't committed maliciously, but was intentional and done in the heat of passion during mutual combat.

The attorneys then presented sentencing arguments. Noting her client's six children, Butorac asked for a year in jail. But Bredemeier said Garnett, too, had children, plus another on the way, and his family will never see him again. Requesting a sentence at the high end of the 1- 10-year sentencing range, he told the jury, "You can't bring him back, but you can provide justice for his family."

After more deliberation, the jury recommended 10 years; sentencing will be Dec. 21.

Pumpkin Fantasy for Halloween

Noel Dickover has been designing and carving Halloween pumpkins for 20 years. So each Halloween, more than 1,000 people visit his front yard at 14223 Hartwood Court in Centreville to see the fanciful array of fantasy pumpkins he and his family have created.

This year's highlights include Washington Capitals' goalie Alex Ovechkin's championship ring, plus the Stanley Cup. And next Wednesday, Oct. 31, they'll be among more than 30 pumpkins on display outside Dickover's home. They'll depict everything from cartoon characters for children to scary and intricate characters from science-fiction novels, movies and video games. There'll be zombies, Winnie the Pooh, superheroes, Deadpool, The Incredibles, Mickey the Sorcerer, and Dickover's favorite, his Star Wars Jump to Light Speed. Pictured here are a few pumpkins that'll greet visitors on Halloween. See www.fantasypumpkins.com.

— BONNIE HOBBS



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Responding to Climate Change Warnings

By KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Recently I wrote about the dire warning of the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change about the more immediate consequences of climate change than had originally been predicted. Avoiding the damages to our planet and to our way of life would require "transforming the world economy at a speed and scale that has no documented precedent," according to the

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report. The greatest economies in the world must lead the changes necessary to preserve our planet and the quality of life for our families rather than dismissing or debating its findings. The time for action is now with the report describing a world of worsening food shortages and wildfires and a mass die-off of coral reefs as soon as 2040, a little more than two decades away. What we have instead are politicians at the highest level of the federal government mak-

ing promises at political rallies in West Virginia to bring back coal, the greatest offender of climate change, and in Iowa to increase corn production for ethanol that when added to gasoline may release more carbon from the lands than it saves. Scores of regulations intended to reduce climate change have been rescinded to gain favor of those who see them as interference in their quest to make more bucks or to gain more votes from a political constituency.

Absent little or no help on this concern at the federal level for the next couple of years, what can be done in the meantime? At the state level I will be pushing for a strengthening of a commitment by state government to increase its efforts at energy conservation, eliminating any subsidies for coal production, intensive economic development in green jobs for areas previously dependent on coal, a tax on carbon, accelerating the use of renewable energy, and establishing Virginia as a green state in its policies as well as reforestation. There are many reasons to take this immediate action in Virginia if for no other motive than that we

stand to be among the first states to lose a significant chunk of our land mass with climate change and sea level rise.

I am pleased that Fairfax County has made a nod in the direction of concern about sea level rise, but there is reason to believe that one of the wealthiest counties in the country can find the will and the resources to do even more. We have been planting trees, but we need to plant many more. We have been working to get people out of their individual cars, and we must incentivize more people to use cleaner transit. Thanks to School Board Member Pat Hynes for her resolution calling for state and federal action on climate change. It is a beginning, but the locality must budget as a social cost for the county and not for the school district the addition of solar panels on the millions of square feet of roof space on our schools. Also, our school lots should be forested and not lawns.

Small actions taken by many can produce significant results. We have our warning. No time for hand wringing. We need to get to work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comstock Fails SNAP Test

To the Editor:

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) has taken a hard core right wing stance in supporting President Trump and the House's Farm Bill version that would gut the vital SNAP nutrition program.

In contrast, state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-33), the Democratic nominee in the 10th Congressional District, has endorsed the moderate, bipartisan Senate version that preserves the SNAP program and passed with overwhelming support by most US senators of both parties, 86-11. The House version barely passed by 2 votes, 213-211.

We have asked several times if Rep. Comstock would move to the Senate version to avoid the House bill that would cut benefits and inevitably result in kicking deserving Virginians off of this key nutrition program. All we have received is a generalized comment that she supports a compromise that ends the impasse, and this does nothing to answer the question about SNAP.

The SNAP nutrition program is vital for all demographic groups, including the large Latino community which makes up approximately 13 percent of the population in the 10th District.

We received feedback on key safety net issues like SNAP at our nonpartisan forum for 10th District candidates in McLean in late May, and the Comstock campaign was the only one of the then eight campaigns from both parties that was not represented by either the candidate or a senior surrogate.

As many nonprofits and anti-hunger and poverty advocates in northern Virginia know, even in our relatively prosperous area there are substantial numbers of people who are immigrants, economically under stress, homeless, or otherwise in need of nutrition assistance.

The Farm Bill is essential for the SNAP nu-

trition program that is the key bulwark against hunger and malnutrition, as well as agriculture provisions that are important for farmers in the western part of the 10th District. SNAP promotes food security, enhances health, improves child development and learning, lifts households above the poverty line, helps people facing temporary setbacks, and stimulates local economic activity.

We have not gotten any meaningful feedback from either the Comstock Congressional or campaign offices despite repeated efforts, and Virginians need to know that Comstock not only voted for the House version earlier in the year that would harm SNAP, but published a statement praising the House's reactionary bill.

Comstock and Congress as a whole can't evade responsibility for taking a stand on this crucial issue by kicking the can down the road and saying, "Trust us, we'll come up with a resolution after the election." The SNAP vote reportedly will now take place some time after mid-November or later.

We have commended many thoughtful Republicans in the US Senate who voted for the constructive Senate version.

Billing the House version as pushing allegedly "lazy" people to find work is demagoguery, because the great majority of SNAP recipients are either people who already have low-wage jobs, seniors, people with disabilities, or unemployed people who are doing their best to find work, and SNAP already has programs to help people to find work.

SNAP benefits are very small at approximately \$1.43 per person per meal, so there is no incentive for people to avoid work and try to "live off" SNAP, formerly known as food stamps.

This program has a waste and abuse level of a little over 1 percent, which is very good for such a huge program. There are always a few bad actors in any program involving about 39 million recipients and about 766,000 people in Virginia, and government officials are doing their best to eliminate waste and abuse.

The program is sound.

Lee Powell, Economic Equality
Caucus Virginia Committee
J. Walter Tejada, Virginia Latino
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Dear Friends,

We are writing to you today to endorse our friend and fighter for Virginia's 10th Congressional District ... Barbara Comstock. In our extensive careers serving Virginia, we have worked with Barbara. We know she is a uniquely effective legislator with deep relationships throughout the 10th District and in Congress that enables her to deliver bipartisan results that are improving the lives of her constituents as well as our community.

As the congresswoman for the 10th District, Barbara Comstock has demonstrated that she is a strong fighter for the people and diverse interests of the district — our military, our veterans, our federal employees, our farmers, our technology community, our hospitals and medical and research community, our schools and universities, our historical and heritage communities, our charities, and more. Barbara is immersed in the issues vital to the 10th District, her constituent service continues to be strong, and we strongly endorse her re-election.

As the only female member of the Virginia congressional delegation, Barbara has taken on an important leadership role for women: Barbara led the charge on cracking down on sexual harassment in Congress and the workplace, passing major reform legislation to require mandatory training for all staff and Members of Congress to prevent harassment, as well as legislation to reform the process by providing a victims advocate office and demanding more

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Herring Calls for Criminal Justice Reform at Summit

Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement gathers.

ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Attorney General Mark Herring announced his support and latest efforts to secure reforms to the Commonwealth's cash bail system before 1,400 people gathered at Fairfax High School on Sunday, Oct. 21, for the annual summit of VOICE – Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement.

At the event, Herring gave the attendees a preview of a statement released on Monday, Oct. 22, announcing the letter and legal memo he had submitted to the Virginia State Crime Commission outlining potential policy and constitutional concerns with the state's current system, and providing principles for consideration toward reform that would "ensure public safety without unnecessarily jailing low-income Virginians."

The commission is currently studying Virginia's pre-trial process, including the cash bail system, and is scheduled to make their presentation to lawmakers on Nov. 18.

While Herring cannot set bail policy in Virginia, as attorney general he wields influence on all criminal justice issues. In his letter, addressed to Commission Chair state Sen. Mark Obenshain, Herring points out several concerns, asking that they be given full attention by the commission and offering to assist the commission and the legislature in their efforts.

In reviewing the current cash bail system, referring to numerous studies, and comparing the state of the system in Virginia to other jurisdictions and to federal law, Herring sees potential violations of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article 1 of the Virginia Constitution that both prohibit "excessive bail."

In his statement, Herring writes that Virginia's current system "too often determines who has money, not who is dangerous, and we can't have a justice system that determines fairness and freedom based on wealth and means ... I want to keep dangerous people in jail, I want people to show up for court ... it doesn't make sense, nor does it make our communities safer, to make a low-risk, non-violent person sit in jail, while more violent or dangerous people can go free because of their wealth."

In 2005, Virginia took the nation-wide lead by instituting the Virginia Pretrial Assessment Instrument (VPRAI) to help calculate a defendant's likelihood of failure to appear and level of danger to the society, but ultimately pretrial release is set by a judicial officer, usually a magistrate, and according to a 2017 study the magistrates



VOICE members take to the stage at the 2018 summit with pledge posters, showing how many of their group had signed up to help Get Out the Vote and to attend the next Legislative session in Richmond. "We will have at least 10 people per day calling for action in Richmond," said VOICE leadership, who also noted that the the GOTV goal of 450 volunteers had already been exceeded by 150 persons.



Expecting about 1,200 to attend, about 1,400 area citizens turned up for the 2018 VOICE summit.

typically do not receive any information from pretrial service agencies that could better inform their decision.

Herring expressed concern that under Virginia law judicial officers are granted broad discretion to set the term under which defendants can obtain pretrial release.

"Alternatives to cash bail bonds are rarely used. Therefore, many people who are eligible for [pretrial release] face incarceration while awaiting trial merely because they cannot afford to pay the bond."

The negative impacts of unnecessary incarceration are widespread. Low-risk, non-violent defendants who must remain in jail pending trial often lose their jobs, their homes, their cars, and even their families, as a result. "This is not the answer," said

Herring. "Continuing on this path only increases the problems we face."

Studies support his assertions. A 2016 report by the Prison Policy Initiative found that Virginia's pretrial detainees increased from less than 3,000 in 1978, to almost 9,000 in 2013. By 2015, Virginia's incarceration rate was approximately 150 percent of the national average.

In his arguments for reform, Herring noted that last year about 28,000 Virginians were released under pretrial supervision – and 94 percent of them showed up for their court appearance and stayed out of trouble.

Holding the non-violent, low-risk accused because they cannot pay bail also has a negative effect on the state's economy.

Herring reports that it costs about \$3 a day to maintain someone on pretrial services versus about \$85 per day if they remain in jail. "So if we make smart reforms we could be talking about millions in savings while still meeting our public safety goals."

Treating defendants differently depending on their ability to afford bail may also raise equal protection concerns in violation of several federal and state laws and statutes.

Herring also questions the frequent absence of counsel or representation from the prosecution at many bail hearings, a situation that may violate the Sixth Amendment, upheld in a case before the United States Supreme Court in 2008, that makes it a right to counsel when a person has been placed under arrest and makes an initial appearance before a magistrate for the determination on probable cause and the setting of bail. It is not clear under Virginia law whether a bail hearing alone constitutes a "critical stage," requiring the presence of counsel for the defendant.

VOICE is a non-partisan coalition of some 55 faith communities and civic organizations from Fairfax County and surrounding areas, Alexandria City, Arlington County and Prince Williams County and neighboring areas. While involved in a variety of community improvement actions, "Restorative Criminal Justice," sits high on the group's target list of initiatives that its membership works to see enacted.

Marjorie Green, a lay leader at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington and a spokesperson for VOICE, praised the announcement of Herring's initiative as a testament to the impact that citizens united can achieve.

Green noted in a statement that "this newest effort grew out of conversations between VOICE and the attorney general in recent months." VOICE reported the results of listening sessions held with more than 7,000 residents of

Northern Virginia about their chief concerns. "It's one more step in the right direction."

Rev. Keith Savage, pastor at First Baptist Church in Manassas and a member of VOICE's key leadership team, added "Pure and simple, cash bail is a tax on being poor ... we spend millions warehousing people in jail for the sole reason that they cannot afford bail ... yet our community was not made any safer."

VOICE membership committed to actions to "hold our lawmakers to account" on this and other civic issues. The full contents of Herring's letter and the media release providing additional background information is available on the Attorney General's website www.oag.state.va.us.

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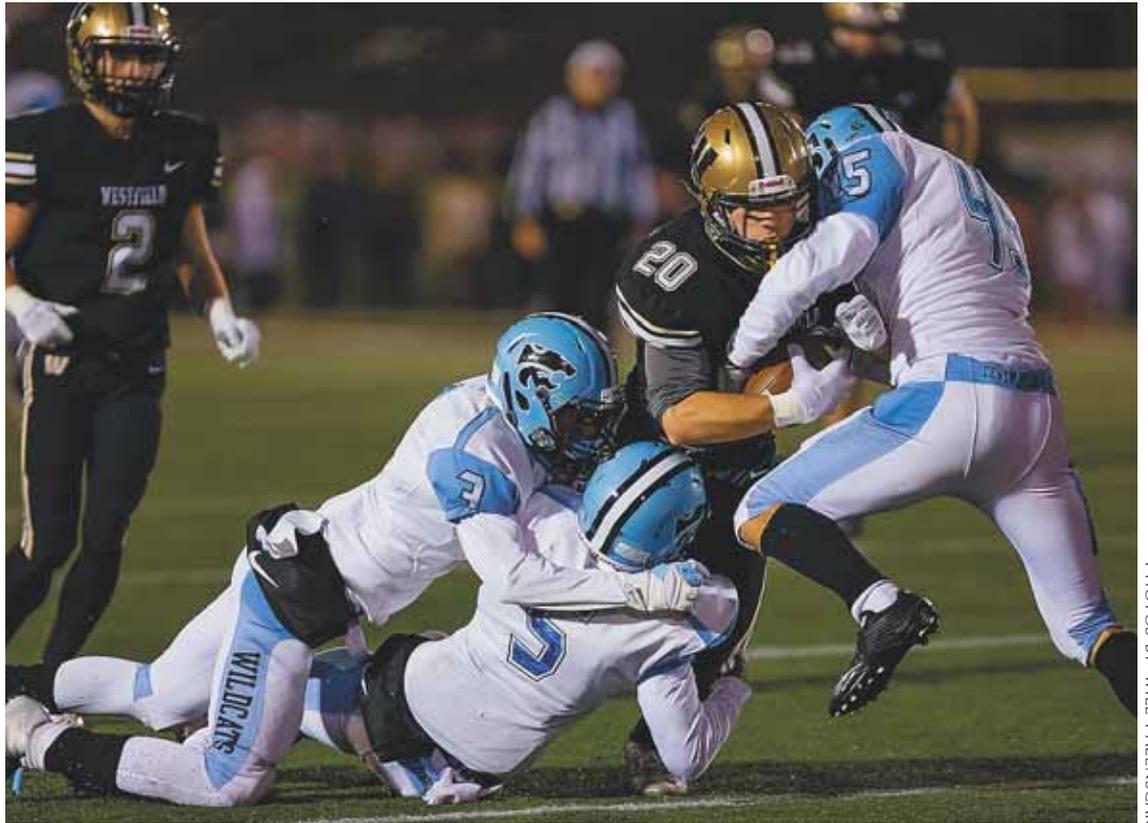
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Westfield Blanks Centreville

Bulldogs extend winning streak to 32 games.

BY JON ROETMAN

With less than five minutes remaining in the first half and Westfield leading by two touchdowns, Centreville quarterback Presley Egbers dropped back on third and goal from the 17 and fired the football toward the end zone.

The perfectly placed pass split a pair of defenders and hit the intended receiver in the hands near the goal line. However, the ball bounced off the receiver's hands and into the arms of Westfield defensive back Tahj Summey, who secured the interception in the

end zone and squashed the Wildcats' scoring opportunity.

It was an experience that would become all too familiar for visiting Centreville.

The three-time defending state champion Westfield Bulldogs extended their winning streak to 32 games with a 21-0 victory over Centreville on Oct. 19 in a battle of undefeated rivals at Westfield High School.

Despite being held to 113 yards of total offense, the Wildcats (7-1) managed to reach the red zone three times Friday night.

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Anthony Ramos #28 carried the ball 8 times for 32 yards for Centreville.

Westfield Blanks Centreville in Battle of Unbeatens

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Each time, Centreville came up empty.

“That’s our staple,” Westfield defensive back Taylor Morin said. “That’s Westfield football. You’re going to get down (the field), but you’re not going to punch it in.”

Not long after Summey’s interception ended Centreville’s first trip to the red zone, the Wildcats returned with a first and goal at the Westfield 10 in the final minute of the first half. After a 7-yard pass and a spike to stop the clock set up third and goal at the 3-yard line, the Westfield (8-0) defense stepped up once again. Egbers threw incomplete on third down and running back Jordan Wright was stuffed for a 1-yard gain on fourth down, all but ensuring the Bulldogs would enter halftime with a 14-0 lead.

“I think that definitely took some wind out of their sails going into halftime,” Westfield head coach Kyle Simmons said. “That certainly worked in our favor.”

On the third play of the second half, Centreville defensive lineman Gavin Thomas, listed at 5 feet 10, 300 pounds, intercepted a pass and returned it to the Westfield 9-yard line. But after two penalties, a 4-yard run, a 3-yards pass and an incomplete pass, the Wildcats missed a 31-yard field goal attempt.

Centreville didn’t threaten for the remainder of the contest, while Westfield added a touchdown when receiver Bizzet Woodley hauled in a Noah Kim pass over the top of a defender for an 11-yard score with 3:38 remaining in the fourth quarter.

“I don’t think anybody on our staff would have said we could get a shutout against this offense, so obviously we’re very proud of them,” Simmons said. “... [I]n

some situations where it looked like they were certainly, at least, going to put something on the board, to get stops, turnovers and caused penalties, that is pretty awesome for our defense. They are growing in the right direction at the right time.”

The Westfield defense has posted a shutout in three of its last four games, and the Bulldogs are holding opponents to just over 10 points per contest this season.

“A lot of it is game-planning,” Westfield senior linebacker/defensive lineman Joe Clancy said about the Bulldogs shutting down the Wildcats. “We kind of know ... what is going to go on, percentage-wise, down and distance. Other than that, it is just will. We have the will to compete. A lot of people were ruling us out in this game, saying we were going to lose, but we knew coming in we had [been tested]. We played Madison, we played Lake Braddock, we played Patriot. They hadn’t really played anybody, in our mind, that seemed like a true test compared to our defense.”

Westfield took a 7-0 lead when running back Isaiah Daniel scored on a 21-yard run with 2:28 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Bulldogs increased their advantage during their next possession, when Clancy capped a nine-play, 57-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run with 9:15 left in the second quarter.

Junior quarterback Kim completed 14 of 22 pass attempts for 210 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted once.

Woodley caught five passes for 75 yards and a score. Morin had five receptions for 73 yards.

Westfield hasn’t lost since Oct. 7, 2016, when the Bulldogs fell to Briar Woods, 35-34, according to results on maxpreps.com.

Westfield then closed the 2016 season with nine straight wins and its second consecutive state championship.

Twenty-three more victories and another state title later, the Bulldogs don’t appear to be slowing down.

How do the players stay motivated?

“First of all, my (coaching) staff

is so strong that the kids have a lot of respect for them and listen to what they have to say,” Simmons said. “We say our record speaks for itself. If you’re questioning what we’re trying to get you to do, then you probably need to go somewhere else.

“It’s a daily conversation. The way we carry ourselves, we set the example that we’re here to work

and to get better. No matter if we blow a team out or have a close win, we’re still going to go to the film and try to get better from it. I think they see how hard we work and how important we make the little things and they follow suit on that.” Westfield will host West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26. Centreville will host Chantilly at 7 p.m.




Public Meetings Fall Transportation Meeting

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with an open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, as well as Virginia’s project prioritization process (SMART SCALE), Virginia’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia’s transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, where you can provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

Public Meetings* to be held at the dates, locations and times listed below:

Monday, October 15, 2018 at 4 p.m. Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701	Wednesday, October 17, 2018* at 4 p.m. Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education One College Lane Weyers Cave, VA 24486	Monday, October 22, 2018* at 4 p.m. Southwest Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210
Thursday, October 25, 2018* at 2 p.m. (Note: Start time has changed) Holiday Inn - Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4 p.m. Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435	Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 4 p.m. Homewood Suites-Chester 12810 Old Stage Road Chester, VA 23836
Monday, November 19, 2018 at 4 p.m. Lynchburg District Complex Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 4 p.m. Fredericksburg District Office Auditorium 86 Deacon Road Fredericksburg, VA 22405	Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. NOVA District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030

*These meetings will be held in conjunction with planned I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan meetings. Fall meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/> beginning October 15, 2018.

If you cannot attend a meeting, you may send your comments on highway projects to Infrastructure Investment Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, Virginia 23219, or Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov .	You may send comments on rail, public transportation, and transportation demand management to Public Information Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov .
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Comments will be accepted until December 13, 2018.

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Presley Egbers #15 completed 9 of his 20 passes for 86 yards and an interception in game with Westfield.

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accountability and transparency.

Barbara has also been a leader promoting women in the STEM fields with the passage of her "INSPIRE" Act and other STEM education efforts, and she established the 10th District Young Women's Leadership Program that has mentored over 1,500 young women in high school and junior high school.

Barbara has fought for and delivered results for the 10th District on key issues vital to our community:

❖ **Rebuilding our Military:** Barbara championed rebuilding our military and ending the national defense sequestration budget cuts that were hollowing out our military and threatening readiness and hurting Virginia's economy

❖ **Fighting for our Veterans:** Barbara has fought for better health care and choice for our veterans and she worked with local and federal officials to bring a Veterans Community Access Center to Leesburg – in just 8 months — which now provides a wide range of services for veterans as well as active duty military personnel and their families.

❖ **Battling the Opioid Crisis:** Barbara has fought the opioid crisis, working with local sheriffs, schools, hospitals, churches, faith-based groups to address the addiction crisis. She fought for \$4 billion in new resources for coordinated responses and treatment as well as law enforcement help. She obtained HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Assistance) for the western part of the district and has led efforts to increase this funding.

❖ **Fighting for Metro Funding:** Barbara has secured \$150 million in funding for Metro every year she has been in Congress – sometimes having to fight attempted cuts by her own Republican colleagues. Barbara also introduced much needed Metro reform legislation that was endorsed by the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, former D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams and bipartisan leaders and business groups.

❖ **Protecting Dulles Airport:** Barbara has had to fight the extremely powerful Texas Congressional Delegation to protect Dulles Airport when her Texas colleagues tried to change the flights in our region at Reagan and Dulles Airports. With this victory, Dulles Airport will remain a thriving economic engine for our entire region.

❖ **A Stalwart for Federal Employees:** Barbara is the only member of the National Capital Region to never vote for a government shutdown and she firmly believes that we cannot balance the federal budget on the backs of our hardworking federal employees. That is why she worked to broker a bipartisan agreement with her colleagues to include

scheduled pay increases for federal employees. The political action committee for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) supports Barbara.

❖ **Preserving our History:** Barbara works with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation and The Journey Through Hallowed Ground and its partners to preserve the hallowed ground of the Valley's Civil War battlefields, to share its Civil War story with the nation, and to encourage tourism and travel to the Valley's Civil War sites and increase economic growth tied to our historic sites, parks, restaurants, and hotels.

She has continued to support grants for preserving our historical areas and that is why she has strong support from our heritage community as well as our tourism and hospitality community.

❖ **Tax Cuts for Families and Businesses:** Barbara delivered on tax relief for our families and businesses; lowering personal tax rates; doubling the child tax credit to \$2k and giving 90 percent of Americans increased take home pay; providing new tax incentives for family leave; lowering utility costs; cutting business taxes by 40 percent and tax cuts for small businesses all helping bring back jobs to the U.S. and grow our economy by over 4 percent. That is why Barbara has the endorsement of the U.S. Chamber, NFIB and all the major business groups – she works with and understands our diverse business community.

❖ **Claude Moore Colonial Farm:** Barbara is fighting to preserve this historical landmark in our community that we supported decades ago and she has introduced legislation to keep the farm open and broker a continued public-private partnership solution so that families can enjoy it for years to come.

For these reasons and more, Barbara Comstock is a leader in every sense of the Virginia way and is always fighting for her constituents and the District. It is important that the region continue to have bipartisan leadership in Congress because one-party domination in our region would ill serve many of our constituencies that need both parties fighting for their interests.

We strongly support her in her re-election to Congress this year, and ask 10th Congressional District residents to vote for her on Nov. 6.

John Warner

Former U.S. senator for Virginia

Frank Wolf

Former U.S. representative for 10th District

Tom Davis

Former U.S. representative for 11th District

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

Free Sober Rides. Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS

GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2018 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors the 33rd President, Harry Truman. The two-

sided ornament illustrates changes to the White House during the Truman administration, the Truman balcony, Presidential Seal and renovation of the Blue Room. 2018 ornaments cost \$22. Proceeds benefit charity. Order now by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216. It is possible to order previous years' ornaments.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Public Comment Deadline. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) announces a 45-day public comment period for its proposed policy and guidelines for transit capital prioritization and urban transit agency strategic plans. The proposed plans are available online at drpt.virginia.gov/transit/tsdac/ public-comment. Comments on the plans can be sent to Jen DeBruhl at DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov or DRPT, 600 East Main St., Suite 2012, Richmond, VA 23219.

SATURDAY/ OCT. 27

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 12

32nd Annual Caregivers Conference. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St., Alexandria. 32nd Annual Caregivers Conference: Finding Hope & Harmony in Caregiving is presented by the Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium. \$35. Register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/32nd-annual-caregivers-conference-finding-hope-harmony-in-caregiving-registration-48699561700. View or download the conference brochure at alz.org/

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TUESDAY/NOV. 13

American Legion Meeting. 7:30-9 p.m. at Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. The American Legion is a veterans and community service organization whose mission is to support veterans, promote patriotism, and work with local communities on programs that support Americanism and Youth/Children such as Boys/Girls State and Scouting. Post 1995 Centreville's monthly membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The Post's Auxiliary unit also meets in an adjoining room. Family members are welcome. Free. Email centrevillepost1995@gmail.com.

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Residents Can "E-cycle" at the I-66 transfer station. It is free but residents may be asked to show proof of residency. Personal waste only. The I-66 station is located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax and open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/electric-sunday.htm for more.

DONATIONS

The **Student Auto Sales Program** operating from Centreville High School works in conjunction with the CVHS automotive technology classes to bring in donated automobiles, boats and motorcycles for students to work on. Some refurbished vehicles are sold, with 75 percent of the proceeds going back to the auto tech program. The program is in need of cars, trucks or motorcycles, which are fully tax deductible, for student training. Contact Lyman Rose at 703-802-5588 or by e-mail lyman.rose@fcps.edu for more.

Cell Phones for Soldiers is accepting donations of old cellphones so that troops can call home. Patrons may drop off donations at 14215E Centreville Square, Centreville.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

Support Groups. Jubilee Christian Center of Fairfax is having its "Living Free" support groups for the spring on Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. The support groups are free, and will cover "Stepping into Freedom," "Concerned Persons Group" (for family and friends of addicts), "The Image of God in You," and "Handling Loss and Grief." There are also support groups on Sundays, 10:10 a.m. 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. For information or to register, call 703-383-1170, email livingfree@jccag.org or see www.jccag.org.

Telephone Support Group for Family Caregivers of Older Adults. 7 p.m. every second Tuesday of the month. This telephone support group is designed to help caregivers of older adults share experiences, gain support and get important information without having to travel. These are one-hour free sessions. Find out more and register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ and click on Caregiver Telephone Support Group.

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Resorting to Radio



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There I was, Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, around 6:30, sitting on my living room couch, club sandwich in hand, preparing for the League Championship Series game 5 between my Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros when as I've done a thousand times before, grabbed the remote to turn on the television. Pressing the usual button, I was distressed to see no picture and hear no sound. Having experienced this kind of disappointment numerous times before, I didn't panic yet. I went about the diagnostic process first.

I checked my remote to see if the batteries were firmly connected, which they were. I then pointed the remote back at the television, but still no response. Next, as I have been prompted previously under similar circumstances ("Your X-1 platform ..."), I pulled the plug and waited 30-plus seconds before reconnecting. Thirty seconds later, I re-plugged and still my television sat idle. Next I went into my home office to check the status of my computer since they're "cableized" together. The lights on my modem were flashing (a hopeful sign) so I clicked on one of my desk top icons and was met with the dreaded "No internet connection," confirming my worst suspicion. For the moment, 90 minutes before game time, I was out of service (heck, I was out of luck). Finally, I called my cable provider for clarification/further confirmation when I was met with the equally dreaded pre-recorded message: "There has been a service interruption in your area. Service is expected to be restored tomorrow afternoon." "TOMORROW AFTERNOON? THE GAME IS TONIGHT!" That was the exclamation I can print. What came next was not particularly complimentary.

For the next hour or so I pattered and muttered and did nothing to improve my circumstances. At 9:30 pm I called my brother to get a score. (He lives in Washington, DC and has a smart phone. I live in Maryland and have a flip phone, a k a "stupid phone"). Unfortunately, he had left his cell phone in another room and didn't hear my call. Frustrated, I swore yet again and trudged upstairs to go to bed. After getting into my "jammies," I laid down in bed and rolled onto my left side to set the alarm on my clock radio when it hit me (not the clock radio); the baseball game is being broadcast on the radio! And so I scrolled the dial on the clock radio until I heard ESPN radio broadcasters John Shambee and Jessica Mendoza calling the game. If I can't watch the game, I can certainly listen to it. And so I did, just like I did as a "little-leaguer" all those many years ago listening to Ken Coleman and Ned Martin of the "Boston Red Sox radio network" while living on Athelstane Road in Newton Centre, Ma. Except this time, I wasn't clutching a transistor radio. I was hands free, listening.

For the next nearly three hours, I laid in bed and listened. Most of the broadcast I heard and some of it I missed as occasionally I fell asleep. But for a time I was transported back in time sort of, before cable television proliferated when the games were broadcast almost exclusively on radio and baseball was seen through the eyes of those sitting in the "Catbird seat," to quote the legendary Red Barber. Listening to how they described what they saw during the game was how many of my generation - and the preceding generation, fell in love with baseball: "How about that!" to quote the late, great, Mel Allen.

It was a late night, but happily, for me and Red Sox Nation, the Sox won and will now be returning to the World Series for the first time since 2013. Game one will be Tuesday night, Oct. 23. I can't imagine that there will be a repeat non-performance from my cable provider, but if there is, and I am forced to go to plan "B", radio, I will do so. The circumstances got us a win in game five, so there's no reason to think it wouldn't get us a win in game one, too. After all, it's not only the ballplayers that are superstitious.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/OCT 24-27

"Chicago: High School Edition." 7 p.m. At Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. The Chantilly High School Theatre Department will open its show season with "Chicago: High School Edition." A fast-paced dark musical comedy full of dance numbers from the roaring '20s that is sure to entertain everyone. The story follows the journey of two scorned females, Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly as they seek to gain fame through their greed, corruption and exploitation of all those around them. For tickets and information visit www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 26-28

Used Book Sale. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books for children and adults. Sponsored by Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library to benefit programs and renovation projects at the library. Free admission. Call 703-502-3883 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Holiday Craft Bazaar. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, 14640 Soucy Place, Centreville. To benefit Bethany House of Northern Virginia Shelter. Indoor event with over 65 crafters with glassworks, wood carved toys, baby items, copper designs, gift ideas, furniture wreaths, holiday decor, ornaments and more. Lunch catered by The Village Cafe. Admission is free. Visit www.saintandrewLC.org for more.

Sully's All Hallows Eve. 4-7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Travel through time this Halloween season at Sully's Historic All Hallows Eve. From lantern-guided tours and traditional folk stories to trick-or-treating for old-fashioned candy, celebrate 300 years of festive traditions. Tractor-drawn wagon rides around the grounds will be available for an extra \$2 per person. Admission is \$9 per person. Advance registration is recommended and can be made online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully. Call 703-437-1794 for more.

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. Located at Clifton Town 8-Acre Park, Clifton. Eight acres filled with scary skits and spooky scenes. Monster Movies under the moon. Concession stand selling food, drinks and other goodies. Wear sturdy shoes. Trail is one half mile long and is in the woods. Parking is available in town and at Clifton Elementary. No dogs allowed on trail. All proceeds benefit the Town of Clifton. Adult Ticket: \$15; 12 and under ticket: \$10. Tickets on the night of the trail cost \$20 (adults) \$15 (12-). Buy Tickets online till Oct. 27 at noon. Last ticket

sale at the trail is at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

The Astonify Show. 8-9 p.m. at The Secret Parlor Theatre, 14560 Lee Road, Chantilly. The Astonify Show - Magic & Ghosts, is a 19th Century Style Magic Show with a short full light Seance. Presented by illusionist Dean Carnegie. Tickets required, \$35-\$55. 16 and older, not suitable for small children. Theater is not handicap accessible. Call 703-404-8902 or visit astonify.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

Halloween Carnival. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will hold a Halloween Carnival with lots of train related games and activities for all ages. Tickets earned can be exchanged for candy prizes. Additional tickets can be purchased \$1 for five tickets. Children in costume receive a coupon for a free admission to a future Museum event. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Storytime. 1-2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Join in Halloween-themed stories, songs, and some trick-or-treating around the library. Costumes welcome. Ages: 3 to 5. Call 703-502-3883, TTY 711 or email libCH@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Frankentoy. 7-9 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Bring along a sense of destructive creativity as you make your own creepy toy. Grades: 7 to 12. Call 703-502-3883, TTY 711 or email libCH@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SUNDAY/NOV. 4

Wine Social. 1-4 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Assistance League of Northern Virginia is hosting a fall fundraising Wine Social at this family-run winery. Tickets, available at the door or for advance purchase, include two glasses of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit the non-profit's children's programs. \$25. Visit www.alnv.org for more.

Hands-On Activity Day. 1-4 p.m. At Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring railroad, modeling and local history activities and games for all ages. Admission includes all supplies: Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. In addition that day, donations for Britpaths, formerly Our Daily Bread will be accepted. Items needed include non-perishable food items such as cereal, oil, canned chicken, rice, snack foods for children's lunches such as granola bars, pretzels, popcorn, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce in cans, canned fruit in its own juice. Toiletries needed: diapers size 6 and Pull Ups, any size. \$10 to \$20 food store gift cards are helpful for families to purchase milk and meats. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, 703-425-9225.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Free Singing Lessons. 7:30-9 p.m. At Lord of Life Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. Free singing lessons for men of all ages. Come join the Fairfax Jubilaires and director Richard Lewellen for a night of fun and song. Lessons available on Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5. Contact Aaron Watts at adwatts78@gmail.com. 703-731-2764 or visit the website: www.fairfaxjubilaires.org