Enjoying Fall

Turkey Trot Time in Virginia Run

Election: Very Blue

Photo by Bonnie Hobbs

Nolbia Hernandez holds son Christopher, 2, in his Ninja Turtle costume, at the Fall Festival at Ox Hill Baptist Church.
Woolf Receives National Honor for Anti-Trafficking Efforts

Volunteers needed to expand prevention effort.

By Shirley Ruhe
The Connection

Bill Woolf, executive director of Just Ask Prevention Project, received the 2018 Presidential Medal for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo placed the silver medal around Woolf’s neck in a ceremony Oct. 11 at the White House.

The ceremony took place at a meeting of the President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons that was attended by President Trump as well as Cabinet officials. The medal displayed a gold star with an array of 13 lesser points around a blue motto scroll with the words Prohibito Prædium Prosectuio in silver metal.

Woolf explains the five-pointed star represents the recipient’s dedication to the country and the 13 rays illustrate the everyday fight against human trafficking. The words translate to Prevention, Prosecution, Protection. The award was presented “in recognition for Mr. Woolf’s tireless efforts to advance equality and respect for all persons and their inherent rights through combatting human trafficking.”

Woolf’s work in this area first began in 2009 when he was a gang detective in Northern Virginia and discovered a young victim of sex trafficking inside the gang. In 2010 he had an aha moment and realized human trafficking was going on right here in Northern Virginia. That discovery led to his involvement in hunting down those who prey on the young and recovering victims.

He was assigned to work on the Fairfax County Police Department’s Gang Investigation Unit and became aware of an emerging and worsening problem in the region. Sex traffickers pick up teenagers as young as 12 years old at malls, by infiltrating local high schools or online. The process of recruiting and manipulation is gradual and often the victims don’t know what is happening until they are trapped.

Woolf went on to work with state representatives to strengthen Virginia laws and increase penalties for traffickers. In addition, he worked with Fairfax County educators to create educational materials for the school curriculum to increase awareness by students of what was happening around them. After 15 years in law enforcement, Woolf has become full time executive director of Just Ask Prevention Project to develop a systemic approach and analytic tools for bringing awareness training to communities. He is a speaker locally and internationally and reaches out to community forums, law enforcement training programs, and as an adjunct professor at George Washington University in Criminology.

Just Ask, a non-profit organization, focuses on ending human trafficking in the U.S. and around the world through education, prevention and intervention. Its motto is “With Your Help There’s Hope,” stating “We believe that well informed citizens will decrease sex traffickers ability to operate in our area, while ensuring that victims and survivors feel safe to come forward and ask for help.”

Volunteers are needed. To get involved contact info@justaskprevention.org or 1-833.ASK2END.

Lane Closures This Week

The I-66 Outside the Beltway Project plans the following lane closures for this week. All work is subject to change based on weather and schedule. Find the latest information on travel conditions and work zones by visiting 511virginia.org or downloading the Virginia 511 app.

❖ Route 28 (Sully Road) North from Old Centreville Road to I-66 - Thursday, Nov. 15, 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Two right lanes will be closed for traffic signal work at the ramp to I-66 East. Drivers should expect intermittent 20-minute stoppages.

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❖ Route 50/Fairfax - I-66 West from Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) to Monument Drive - Thursday, Nov. 15: 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.; Friday, Nov. 16, 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. Three lanes will be closed to implement long-term lane shifts. Drivers should expect occasional 20-minute stoppages.

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Updated Schedule: Area Public Meetings will be held at the dates, locations and times listed below:

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*Please note that these dates have been changed from previous listings.

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-Year Program@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 DRPTPR1@drpt.Virginia.gov.

Comments will be accepted until December 13, 2018.

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**Fall Festival at Ox Hill Baptist Church**

**Fairfax County’s Neighborhood and Community Services, Ox Hill Baptist Church and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington jointly held a fall festival, Oct. 27, at the Chantilly church. Children dressed in Halloween costumes enjoyed games, face-painting, food and a moonbounce, while adults learned about various resources and programs available to them in the community.**

**Roundups**

**Free Carseat Inspections**
Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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.

**Food for Library Fines**
During the month of November, residents are asked to bring nonperishable food items to their local libraries. In return, the library will waive $1 in fines per person, for each item they bring in, with a maximum of $15 in reduced fines per person. Even if people don’t owe fines to their library, they’re encouraged to donate food. All food collected will go to Food for Others, a nonprofit food pantry helping people in need in Northern Virginia. All Fairfax County libraries are participating.
Democrats Seize Control of Northern Virginia

Region once had its own brand of Republicanism; now that seems almost extinct.

By Michael Lee Pope

The loss of two-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (D-10) means Republicans are down to one lone elected official in Northern Virginia, Del. Tim Hugo (R-40). The blue wave that started last year unseating Republicans like Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) and Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) continued this year, when state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (D-10) was able to flip a seat that had been in Republican hands since a young military lawyer named Frank Wolf beat incumbent Democrat Joe Fisher back in 1980. For a region that once had Republican heavyweights like U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and U.S. Sen John Warner, the prospects for Republicans in Northern Virginia now seem pretty bleak.

“It’s going to be a tough road ahead for Republicans in Northern Virginia. Essentially, it’s gone,” said Republican consultant Dan Scandling, who served as Wolf’s chief of staff. “Redistricting is not going to help. The seats now in Northern Virginia are going to be Democratically controlled for a generation.”

Although the controversy surrounding the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court helped some Republican candidates for Senate in places like North Dakota and Missouri, it provided a huge burden for Comstock. Kavanaugh and Comstock had been friends since they served together as young Republican staffers trying to impeach Bill Clinton in the 1990s. This year, Wexton was able to use sexual assault allegations as wedge to charge Comstock was guilty of an “unacceptable failure of leadership.” In the closing days of the campaign, television ads branded the incumbent “Barbara Trumpstock.”

Incumbent Sen. Tim Kaine easily beat back a challenge from Republican Corey Stewart, whose message of an invading caravan of foreigners failed to resonate outside rural Virginia.

Corey Stewart and Barbara Comstock followed President Trump’s playbook. They stoked fear about immigrants. Both lost big,” said Frank Sharry, founder and executive director of immigration-reform group America’s Voice. “It seems evident the people of Virginia are just not interested in Trumpism, with or without Trump.”

Kaine celebrated an early victory Tuesday night, taking the stage at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park as one of the first Democrats to deliver a victory speech. He quoted scripture, thanked longtime supporters and cracked a few jokes about how the race was called one minute after the polls closed. The former fair-housing attorney got his start in Richmond politics before becoming lieutenant governor and governor. This year he faced a candidate who promised a “vicious” campaign and delivered by suggesting — without any evidence — that Kaine had somehow been charged with sexual misconduct. Kaine said voters rejected that approach. “You rejected the politics of peddling lies to try to get ahead,” said Kaine. “You rejected the politics and the economics of it’s about a few and not about all.”

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When it comes to Thanksgiving, most people think about turkey, stuffing, college football and gathering with family and friends. But in Centreville’s Virginia Run community, it’s just not Thanksgiving without the annual Turkey Trot. And this year’s event is even more special than usual because it’s the 30th annual. Slated for Thursday, Nov. 22, both the USATF-certified 5K race and 2K walk will begin at 8 a.m. at the Virginia Run Community Center. It’s at 15355 Wetherburn Court, off Route 29 and Pleasant Valley Road, and the course runs through the Virginia Run community.

“It’s a fun, family tradition for so many people in the area, and for their relatives visiting from elsewhere,” said event Chairman Meghan Logan. “They come from England, California, Maine – literally, every corner of the country is represented. More importantly, the race is dedicated to all those fighting cancer, and all the proceeds benefit Inova’s Hospital’s Life with Cancer.”

That’s the educational and emotional support program of the Inova Schar Cancer Institute. This program creates a supportive community for children, teens and adult patients and survivors — and their loved ones — via a variety of programs and services. They include educational, fitness and stress-reduction classes, as well as counseling and support groups. “Regardless of where someone lives or receives treatment, these programs are offered free of charge.

“It’s an unfortunate reality that everyone is going to eventually be touched by cancer in some way, whether it be a loved one, friend or co-worker,” said Logan, whose father Steve died of the disease in 2016. “And the services Life with Cancer offers are an invaluable resource to the community. You don’t realize how much they’re needed until you’re in that position.”

Over the years, the Virginia Run Turkey Trot has contributed some $1.3 million to Life with Cancer. Last year, it raised $80,000 for the organization, and Logan hopes to duplicate that effort this time. About 3,700 people participated in the 2017 Turkey Trot, and more than 2,000 have already signed up for this year’s race. It takes place...
Racing to Fight Human Trafficking

By Michelle Hale
Race to Stop Traffick, DC

The morning was overcast, chilly, and teasing rain as the volunteers began marking the course and setting up their tables at Bull Run Park’s Special Events Center. Oct. 20 was race day for the 220 (some virtual) participants of Race to Stop Traffick, DC. The 5K and mile fun-run, spearheaded by Coastal Communications Consultants, Inc., was an active and healthy way to raise money for Operation Underground Railroad, a non-profit organization that sponsors undercover missions to free victims from human trafficking. Racers were greeted by volunteers in bright yellow shirts who provided them with their racing packets and directed them to other warm-up options and just plain fun for the 50 children and youth who signed up to race. A local magician performed magic tricks following the 5K.

Two representatives from U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico brought a Land Assault Vehicle (LAV-25) for static display and allowed the children to climb inside and out. A Centreville volunteer fire station sent members to monitor for any medical emergencies and opened their fire truck and ambulance for exploration. A few of the 13 local sponsors of the event sent representatives to mingle with the over 300 attendees. Racers and spectators alike were impressed by the 24 bulging gift baskets that were raffled off later in the morning. Ticket holders could select the prize they hoped to win by adding their tickets to the accompanying jar. The raffle prizes, collected from more than 80 donors, were valued at nearly $5,000 in goods and services.

The rain held off and the fun-run began at 10 a.m. measuring just under one mile. The 5K followed at 10:30. Participants ranged in age from infants to grandparents, and although the infants needed their parents to push them in strollers, one woman with two prosthetic legs speed-walked the entire course, throwing her hat in the air as she crossed the finish line. Winners of the 5K were announced in five categories and the raffle drew a large, hopeful crowd. More walkers won away with gift baskets.

The true winner of the day was Operation Underground Railroad which now has almost $7,500 more to use in their fight against human trafficking. The International Labour Organization estimates nearly 21 million victims, 26 percent of which are children, are enslaved in sex trafficking worldwide. Although the race is over, the fundraising campaign will remain open for contribution online via the race website until the end of the year, with a goal to reach $15,000. The race will return in October of 2019.

Food for Fines. Nov. 1-30. Fairfax County Public Library will be hosting a food drive called “Food for Fines.” Canned goods and other non-perishable items collected during the drive will be donated to Food for Others, a not-for-profit food pantry and food rescue operation that serves Fairfax County. Each item donated will erase $1 from a patron’s overdue fines up to a maximum of $15. Customers may donate even if there are no fines accrued. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/food for more.

In Appreciation

Jersey Mike’s Subs and Chick-fil-A supported the 21st Sully District Boy Scout Golf Classic by providing sandwiches for the golfers for lunch. In appreciation, each organization was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by the Golf Committee Chairman R. Hondo Davids.

Chick-fil-A owner Peter Kim receives his Certificate of Appreciation from Golf Committee Chairman R. Hondo Davids. From left are Chris Kim, Peter Kim, Hondo Davids, and Esther Penna Guerra.
Celebrating Service to Others

The local Scouts BSA community gathered recently to celebrate the values of citizenship, and to honor several individuals for their service to others. At this year’s Good Scout Dinner, the Powhatan District honorees included Scouts from Reston, Herndon, and Chantilly and former Director of National Intelligence Lt. General James Clapper (Ret.). Each of these individuals were recognized for their contributions to the community, nation and world.

Honoree Jacob James (Reston Troop 124), organized a collection of clothing and other physical relief items for individuals in some of India’s most impoverished communities. Adit Kolli (Herndon Troop 1577) led the creation of a therapeutic sensory room for special needs students at Reston’s Armstrong Elementary School. William Legg (Chantilly Troop 160) organized and conducted a pet food drive for the Humane Society. John Foong (Herndon Troop 159) planned and organized an education campaign, and related activities, to raise awareness and help mitigate the detrimental impact of invasive plants on our local environment.

Adult honoree Clapper reflected on his lifetime of service to the nation. In his remarks, Clapper noted how wearing a Cub Scout uniform at an early age reinforced his personal sense of civic pride and responsibility. He also praised the contributions of the evening’s youth honorees. Scouting BSA’s local District Chair Inge Gedo reflected on the breadth and impact of Scouting’s activities in our community.

Building Video Games

Code Ninjas to debut in Chantilly.

The local owners of a new Code Ninjas, a learning center that’s holding a grand opening on Nov. 18 at 24640 Southpoint Drive in Chantilly, know that video games aren’t only fun, but educational.

Code Ninjas teaches children computer coding and problem-solving skills while having fun building video games. Called Code Ninjas Stone Ridge, the center will be offering tours, game stations, fun activities, including face-painting, and grand opening special pricing during the grand opening.

Code Ninjas Stone Ridge offers a variety of opportunities for children, ages 7-14, to get involved, including a flexible weeknight drop-in program, camps and Parents Night Out events on weekends. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/tourstoneridge.

Police Investigate Fatal Crash on Lee Highway

Fair Oaks Police District’s Crash Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal single-vehicle crash. Officers responded to the intersection of Lee Highway and Waples Mill Road shortly after 10 p.m. Nov 6 for a crash involving a moped. A preliminary investigation revealed that a man was driving a 2018 Leike moped eastbound on Lee Highway. He hit the center median and a sign, coming to rest in the left turn lane of westbound Lee Highway, where a 2008 Nissan Altima was stopped for the traffic light.

The driver of the Altima remained on scene. The driver of the moped involved was taken to an area hospital where he died. His name is being withheld until his family can be notified. Speed does not appear to be a factor; however, detectives are still working to determine if alcohol was a factor for the driver of the moped.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact our Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543.
Restaurant Marks 100 Years Since Armistice

Honors all servicemen and women with free barbeque meal.

By Marti Moore

A restaurant in Chantilly and its patrons completed their mission Sunday to show appreciation to veterans Nov. 11 with a Color Guard, a brass quintet and free barbeque. Ordinarily, staff and patrons of the MISSION BBQ restaurant at the Greenbriar Town Center show respect every day to military servicemen and women, local law enforcement and first responders. At noon sharp, they all stop what they're doing to salute the American flag and sing the National Anthem.

Veterans Day, however, is extra special. At noon Sunday, a small group of patrons got a taste of winter and braved 41-degree weather to mark the 100th anniversary of an armistice that ended the First World War. They remembered all fallen American heroes since this four-year global conflict — called the "war to end all wars" — claimed the lives of 116,515 American soldiers and wounded 200,000 troops, according to worldwar1centennial.org.

The website notes women joined the U.S. armed forces for the first time in World War I. Also, more than 350,000 minority Americans were among the 4,700,000 servicemen and women, who served the United States in uniform.

For the second consecutive year since its March 2017 opening at 13067 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. in Chantilly, the MISSION BBQ restaurant salutes one of its loyal patrons: Sigmond Alman of Oakton. The 93-year-old veteran served in World War II as a radar operator aboard the USS Monterey, a light aircraft carrier on which an officer — who would become the 38th president of the United States also served.

Alman said last year Gerald R. Ford was an ordinary officer and didn’t know him personally while they served aboard the same ship during the war. A framed picture of Alman, taken when he was an 18-year-old sailor in the U.S. Navy, hangs in one of the restaurant booths. He likes to watch people enjoy their meals by his photograph then tease them for taking his table.

Alman likes to quote the great 20th-century baseball catcher Yogi Berra: “I never forget what I remember.” Alman recalls once attending the same dinner party as Berra and was struck by the size of this New York Yankees star. “I was bigger than he was and I was surprised,” Alman, who stands nearly 5 feet 6 inches tall, told a fellow Navy veteran Sunday while eating a barbeque brisket sandwich.

Alman and retired Navy Cmdr. Lucian Acuff of Fairfax — who flew helicopters during the Cold War — both looked forward Sunday to speaking about their military experience the following day to students at the Rachel Carson Middle School in Herndon.

Alman wants to tell the kids: “Be honest, be patriotic, do your homework, don’t steal, love your mom and dad,” and added, “don’t do drugs or smoke.”

He claims he never smoked cigarettes and credits that as the key to his longevity. The Philadelphia native and former restaurant owner says he also eats his vegetables. Alman’s goal in life: “I want to be the oldest living World War II veteran.”

As they serve their honored guests in a packed dining room Nov. 11, Mission BBQ staff wear a black uniform that pays respect to fallen heroes with a clear message on the back of their T-shirts printed in all-caps: “Freedom isn’t free.”

They also wear a special pin called a “Buddy poppy” provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Online history reports tell how a combat surgeon from Canada noticed a particular flower growing wild in a cemetery in Belgium after burying a fellow soldier in May 1915 — during one of the first battles in which the German army attacked the Allies of the Western Front with a new weapon of war called poison gas.

He describes the scenery through poetry: “In Flanders fields the poppies blow/ Between the crosses, row on row…”

This poem — “In Flanders Fields” — by Lt. Col. John McCrae became popular and the red poppy became a symbol for the remembrance of fallen veterans.

The restaurant enjoyed a special visit from perhaps the only patron at MISSION BBQ alive on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

A centenarian from Falls Church — Virginia Bergman-Peters — ate lunch with her family Sunday afternoon. Peters was born on a farm near Dawson, Minn., in May 1918 and recalled graduating college, starting a teaching career and learning from her students how she could earn more money serving her country in uniform.

Although the Marines wanted female recruits during World War II, Peters tried to enlist but the Corps had no openings for officers at the time. The Navy scooped-up Peters and the adjutant lieutenant junior grade worked as support staff for training between 1942 and 1946.

“It’s the best thing I ever did,” Peters said.

Following the war, she taught English at WT Woodson High School in Fairfax and 4th grade at a school in Falls Church.
Lighting Up the Season

Event teams young patients with designers and artists.

By Marilyn Campbell

S ome of the area’s most talented tastemakers are donating their time and creativity to benefit a local hospital. From feathers and yarn to seashells and tree branches, local interior designers and artists are creating holiday trees, mantel and table displays, wreaths, menorahs and artwork for the second annual Light Up the Season fundraising event for Children’s National Medical Center on Dec. 16.

Designers were paired with children who are patients at Children’s. Throughout the creative process, the artistic creations unfolded as the patient-designer relationships grew. “Our design was inspired by the warmth of the holiday season, the onset of winter, and the magical imagination of 7-year-old Johnny our patient...” said Jeff Akseizer of Akseizer Design Group in Alexandria. “In our interview with him, his mind exploded with all the colors, textures, and characters he loves to see at the holiday season, his favorite being the Grinch.”

Akseizer is creating a holiday tree with designer Jamie Brown, also with Akseizer Design Group. “Johnny is a true inspiration,” said Brown. “He plays wheelchair basketball and sled hockey. We took much of the spirit from our interview with him, and plugged it into our creative minds to come up with something that would surely wow.”

The holiday decor will be created to reflect the personality and spirit of each child. “My patient artist, Savannah, inspired my wreath design for this year’s event,” said designer Mary Biletnikoff. “She is a sweet, 6-year-old girl who loves to draw, make snow angels and snowmen...she celebrates Christmas and loves Christmas lights,” she said. “My wreath is named ‘Savannah the Snow Girl’ and is a modern take on the traditional snowman. I chose this theme because girls need to grow up knowing that they are strong, kind, smart and creative just like my patient artist.”

“My patient partner loves fun, color and sparkle, so we created a vibrant wreath that reflects her personality,” said Wendy Danziger of Danziger Design in Bethesda.

From traditional colors to hues that stretch the imagination, ideas for creating festive designs will abound at year’s event, says Biletnikoff. “I hope that visitors will be inspired to incorporate some fun and lightheartedness in their own home,” she said. “If you are decorating for the holidays, I want people to consider elements that make them smile and maybe even chuckle. Remember, we are creating something that you like, not what you think you should have.”

“We have teamed up with a sweet...patient to create a classic, woodlands-inspired holiday tree...Along with my crew of talented volunteers, we’ve designed dozens of handmade wreaths that will adorn the tree along with beautiful glass and felt ornaments...” added Rachel and Charles Gang of Helen Olivia Flowers, also in Alexandria. “She lives in the country with her family so being outdoors is a part of her life. We’re incorporating nature, plants, and pastel colors into our enchanted design.”

Other designers participating in Light Up The Season who are in the area include Lauren and David Liess of Lauren Liess in Great Falls, Wendy Danziger of Danziger Design in Potomac, and Sascha Roth of Urban Country in Chantilly.

For more information and tickets visit: childrensnational.org/lightuptheseason or email lightuptheseasondc@gmail.com.
It was the first matchup between these two teams. Westfield coming in with a (10-0) regular season record and a 34-game win streak. Yorktown coming in with a (6-4) regular season record. Both with high hopes to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

Westfield scored early when Isaiah Daniel ran in with 8:20 to play in the opening quarter. After a successful Riley Nugent extra point. Westfield took an early 7-0 advantage. Later in the quarter Saadiq Hinton intercepted Yorktown QB Grant Wilson, setting up Westfield with their second score. Taylor Morin received Noah Kim's pass, taking it in from 16 yards, giving the Bulldogs a 14-0 advantage after another successful Riley Nugent extra point.

In the 2nd quarter Isaiah Daniel rushed in from 4 yards out for his second touchdown of the game. Another successful extra point by Riley Nugent gave Westfield a 21-0 advantage. Westfield's Aron Dishun intercepted Yorktown QB Grant Wilson, setting up the Bulldogs on the Yorktown 29-yard line. Joe Clancy ran in from 5 yards out and Westfield was up 28-0 with still 7:05 to play before halftime.

Westfield's Taylor Morin added his second touchdown of the game on a 26-yard pass from QB Noah Kim with :18 left before halftime giving the Bulldogs a 35-0 halftime lead.

With 8:12 left in the 3rd quarter Isaiah Daniel scored his third touchdown of the game, this one from 18 yards out. Riley Nugent's extra point made it 42-0. Two minutes later Yorktown got on the board when Jake Reilly ran in from 1 yard out. The ensuing extra point was blocked by Westfield, and the score was 42-6.

In the 4th quarter Taylor Morin scored his third touchdown of the game, this one from 15 yards out with 11:18 to play in the game. Riley Nugent was again successful with the extra point giving Westfield a 49-6 advantage.

With the win Westfield (11-0) advances to the second round and will play South Lakes (9-2) in Chantilly on Friday Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. South Lakes defeated Marshall 39-15.

A special ceremony at the end of the game celebrated Westfield's 200th win in program history, and Head Coach Kyle Simmons 100th win.

Yorktown's season ends at (6-5). Westfield was led by Noah Kim who completed 21-25 passes for 259 yards, 3 TDs and 1 INT. Taylor Morin carried 12 of 23 passes for 123 yards and 2 INTs. William Porter caught 5 for 65 yards. Isaiah Daniel carried the ball 15 times for 106 yards and 3 TDs. Yorktown was led by Grant Wilson who completed 12 of 23 passes for 123 yards and 2 INTs. William Porter had 4 receptions for 25 yards, Jakore Harmon carried the ball 5 times for 18 yards. Jake Reilly carried the ball two times for 9 yards and Yorktown's only TD.
The link to the race results will be posted on the event website by the following day. Parking will be available at Centreville Baptist Church, Centreville Presbyterian Church, Bull Run Elementary and Korean Central Presbyterian Church (KCPC), all off Route 29.

Individual prizes are awarded to the two fastest males and females overall and in the Virginia Run residents’ category. The top two runners in various age categories receive prizes, too. And for the second year, there’s also a team category for groups of families, friends, local businesses, etc., averaging individuals' race times to compete against other teams.

“We had so many teams, last year – 50 – I was shocked,” said Logan. “Some even made their team up here in Turkey Trot, and they all had so much fun.” The winning team takes home a Golden Turkey trophy, plus bragging rights.

All registrants receive commemorative T-shirts custom-designed by Centreville artist and comic-book illustrator Rich Seeto. This year’s shirt will be long-sleeved for adults and short-sleeved for children. It’ll be white with a design celebrating the accomplishment of 30 years of Turkey Trot, Said Logan: “The recipients will be nicely surprised when they see it.”

The primary event sponsors are American Windows & Siding of Virginia, Ourisman Chantilly Toyota, Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Skyline Insurance Agency, Edelman Financial Services, InCadence Strategic Solutions, Inova Schar Cancer Institute, Deltek, VCA Centreville Animal Hospital and Illuminates Software.

The 12-person race committee has been busy planning the race since January. “We never stop,” said Logan. “We have the same committee, and we’re just so glad to have such a dedicated group of people who do this, year after year. Some people have been on the committee all 30 years, since the original run.”

“We really couldn’t do it without them,” she added. But more volunteers are still needed on race day, starting at 6 a.m., with set-up. To lend a hand, contact Helaine Newman at helainesellis@gmail.com or just show up.

This is Logan’s third year as chairman and, she said, “I love working with the people on the committee and being able to be part of this event. I believe in Life with Cancer’s mission, and I’m so glad I’m able to contribute to it.”
Build a Gingerbread House

Roland Mesnier and Mark Ramsdell, former White House Pastry Chefs, will be guiding visitors through constructing their own gingerbread houses in this special event. Saturday, Nov. 24, noon-1:30 and 2-3:30 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. $40 ($35 for museum members). Reservations and advance payment are required. Purchase at squareup.com/store/fairfax-station-railroad-museum or by emailing events@fairfax-station.org with name, number of houses to purchase and seating time. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

SUNDAY-NOV. 25

“Legends and Lore Night Hike.” 5:30-7 p.m. at the Walney Visitor Center in Elanos C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Wrap up the weekend with a “Legends and Lore Night Hike.” A 1.5 hour hike along the Turkey Trail will spark interest in Walney history through stories of the supernatural. After the hike, gather around the campfire for a talk, games and entertainment. For participants age 4 to adult. $8 per person. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

“St. Jude Holiday Train Show.” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd. Chantilly. The train show will feature train related themes, will include an appearance by the cast of this year’s holiday tradition. Company Founder Letter Writing: Make a Quill. At Elanos C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly, Bring school students (ages 6-12) or group of hands on for students learning designed to enrich understanding of Fairfax County history. Explore food production from garden to table, play historical games and make a toy. Bring a picnic lunch and stroll the park before or after the program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

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SUNDAY-DEC. 16

Victorian Tea. 1 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will host a Victorian Tea to savour memories of bygone days. Enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilairs.org, www.facebook.com/FXSRRX or call 703-425-9225.

ONGOING

Fitness for 50+. Daytime hours, Monday-Friday at Sully Senior Center, 14426 Allemane Place Point, Chantilly. Jazzercise Live, Zumba Gold, Hot Hula Fitness (dancing Polynesian style), Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Tai Chi and more. Membership for 50+, and waivers are available. Email lynne.lott@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-552-3883.

Library Fun

Toddlin’ Tuesdays. 10:30-11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd. Early literacy storyline with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

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