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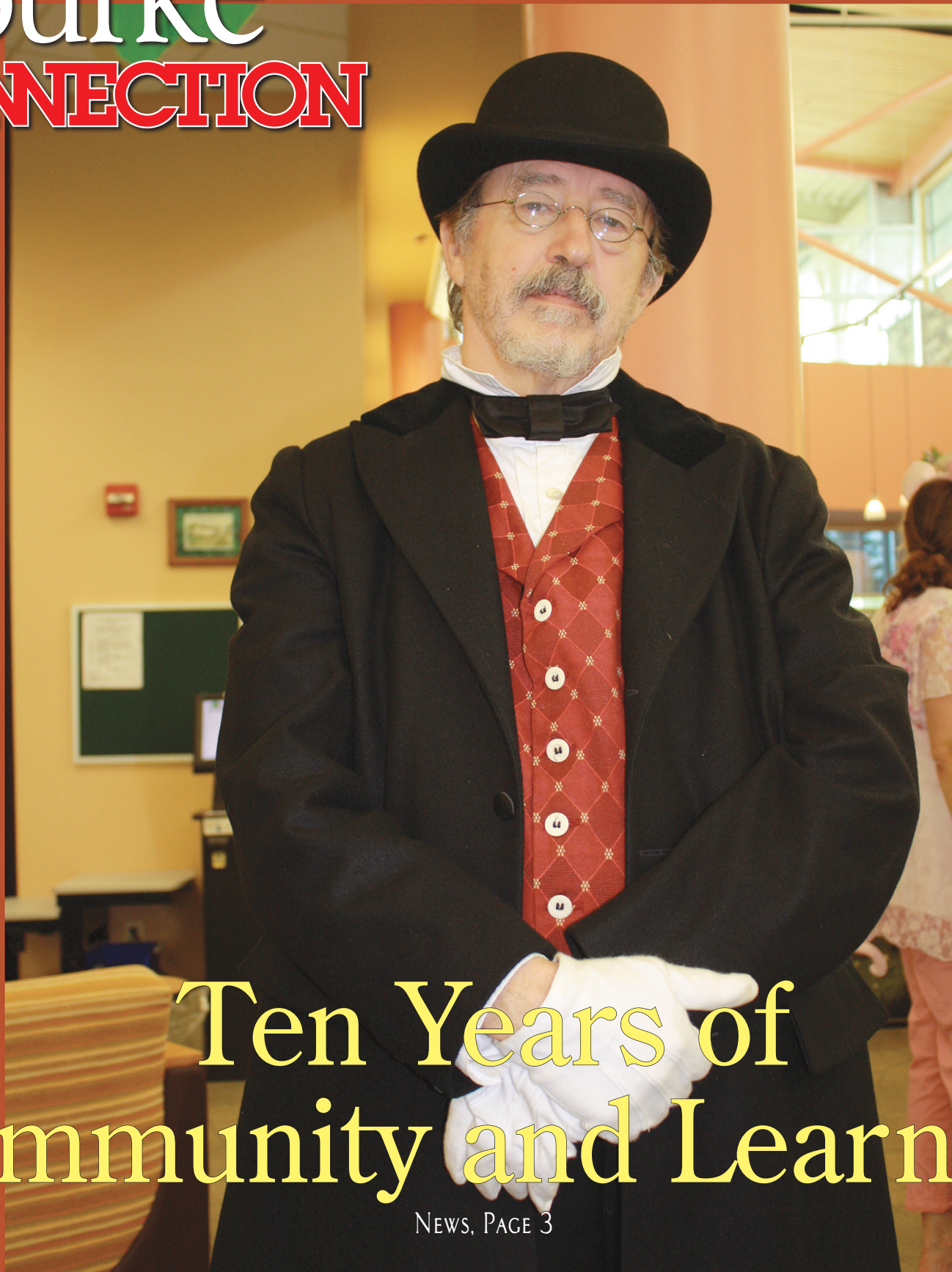
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Rumor has it, there was never a picture taken of Silas Burke, but Jon Vrana, the historical dramatist and president of the Burke Historical Society, might bear a resemblance. He is pictured at the Burke Centre Library 10th anniversary celebration.

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Pedestrian Bridges Could Cross Braddock Road

Why does a millennial cross the road? To get to transit, perhaps.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Bill Brennan has lived in the Braddock Road corridor since 1966 when it was one lane on each side, and there was a one-lane bridge crossing Accotink Creek. Fast forward 52 years, and he now lives off Wakefield Chapel Road, and looks out for glass in the intersection that is there from all the accidents. "It's almost impossible for us to get out during rush hour," Brennan said. "There are accidents about twice a week, we have to dodge the glass," he added.

Brennan and his wife were at the Pedestrian Bridge Workshop on Wednesday, June 20 to find out what can be done for his intersection, which is one of the three secondary locations that is being looked at for a future pedestrian bridge. Frequently, pedestrians are part of the mix at this intersection, and a bridge would help them cross safely.

Of the four pedestrian bridges that are being looked at for the Braddock Road corridor, the proposed bridge at the Kings Park Shopping Center is the only one that is already part of the transportation improvements plan that will get underway in the next few years and be completed by 2025. The other two are at Stone Haven Drive and Port Royal Road.

"These are the three spots that seem to be the best candidates," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who held this meeting as a part of the Braddock Road Improvement Project. Plans include inter-



Long time resident Bill Brennan looks at the plans for the intersection near his house.

section improvements at several locations, bike and pedestrian improvements and the use of HAWKS, "High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacons" for safer crossings.

COOK is looking at additional transit to help with the congestion on Braddock Road and the bridges will be part of that, getting commuters to the right side of the road to catch buses either east or west depending on where their destination is.

"We've got a lot of people still going to the Pentagon at 5:30 in the morning," Cook said. "It kind of needs to be a transit corridor," he said. "Millennials, they like transit," he added.

In the question and answer portion of the meeting, one person in the audience questioned whether pedestrian bridges are a

solution, and are they really used?

The answer was yes and no, according to Michael Guarino of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. The bridges are "providing an alternative," Guarino said.

According to a pedestrian advocate group Pedestrians.org that produces a public affairs television series called "Perils for Pedestrians," the pedestrian crossings at the trail or sidewalk level show more use because the pedestrian or cyclist will not have to use a ramp. This is like the trail that crosses I-495 in Vienna, or the Capital Crescent in Bethesda, Maryland. "Long winding ramps, stairs, or elevators, are perceived as inherently inconvenient by most pedestrians," their information stated.

Another question was about snow re-

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Along Braddock Road behind the Kings Park Shopping Center, one of the pedestrian bridges is planned for this area.

moval, but there wasn't a solid answer on who will have that duty if we get a significant snowfall in the future. Cook suggested that the nearby residents could possibly help out in such a situation by throwing some salt down or shoveling a little.

THE MEETING was a first stage for the pedestrian bridges, and Cook encouraged people to participate in the comment period so the planners can gauge the support for the pedestrian bridges. The comment period will last until late July. "Give us that feedback," he said. A meeting is planned for October to see where they are. Email comments to Braddock@Fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-425-9300.

Ten Years of Community and Learning at Burke Centre Library

Library's 10th anniversary event features a variety of entertainment.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

When the derecho struck on a summer day a few years ago, the Burke Centre Library became more than just a place to read and browse the internet. Since the library was the only building with electricity in the area, the library stayed open, and Burke residents flocked there to enjoy the air conditioning and charge their phones, earning the library the reputation as a community resource and gathering place in Burke.

On the library's 10th anniversary event, Saturday, June 23, the camaraderie at the library was present again, as parents and



Can I get a volunteer from the audience?

children stopped by to enjoy the celebration.

"We helped develop that culture here," said Linda Schlekau, a library employee

who was the manager then. She is now at another library in the county but came back to take part in the anniversary. "We got to meet a lot of new people during the storm,"

she said.

Schlekau talked about the role of a neighborhood library that lets people explore, discover and learn. "We do great things to help them reach their goals," she said, pointing at a youngster sitting on the cabinet with his father. "Hopefully we will have made an impact on someone like that," she said.

The anniversary celebration included a day of festivities such as scavenger hunt, face painting, magic show, musicians, a puppet show and local authors. All day long, people came and went on a cloudy but warm summer day.

Perusing the crowd in his vintage attire, Silas Burke, aka Jon Vrana, the historical dramatist showed off his 1800s attire.

"Silas was a gentleman farmer," Vrana

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Library Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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said, listing some of his accomplishments back in the day, including the land along the Pohick Valley he donated that became part of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. "He helped establish the railroad," Vrana said. Vrana is the president of the Burke Historical Society.

Turley the Magician, aka Hugh Turley, had a room full of children and parents in his trance, and the magician had everyone guessing where the egg was or what happened to it. He called a volunteer from the audience named "Elizabeth." The egg went into the bag, he urged the audience to say the magic words "abracadabra," and voila, the egg turned into a glass of some liquid which he drank. "It's gone, we're going to make it come back though," he said.

In the main room, music teacher Ethan Miller had students from Oakview Elementary School and Robinson Secondary School playing music on violins and a viola.



Turley, the Magician, aka Hugh Turley, turns the egg into a drink at the Burke Centre Library 10th anniversary celebration last Saturday.



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