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NEWS

Cordial Debate Turns Into Controversy

Allen, Kaine battle for Northern Virginia votes.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

ohammed Ashiq, a longtime employee at Luciano's restaurant Oakton, was working at the restaurant Sunday when former Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine met with supporters at the Oakton shopping center.

"I'm still pretty much undecided," Ashiq said, "but I have a 9-year-old daughter and education is an important issue for me."

Ashiq said he liked what Kaine had to say about increasing access to affordable higher education, but he wanted to hear more from both candidates before making up his mind.

Scott Tanner, who was dropping his daughter off at the center for a birthday party, said he is "leaning slightly in favor of Kaine" over former Republican Senator George Allen, who is vying to win back his seat from retiring Democratic Senator Jim Webb.

In a tight race that could decide which party controls the Senate, Northern Virginia has become the battleground region within the battleground state, and both candidates have spent an increasing amount of time and money courting voters in the region.

In the past few weeks, Kaine and Allen have crisscrossed Fairfax County almost daily, meeting with voters at business roundtable candidate forums. Last week, campaign momentum was beginning to favor Kaine when two independent polls showed Kaine opening up a significant lead for the first time after 17 months of campaigning. A Quinnipiac University-CBS News-New York Times poll released Wednesday, Sept. 19, showed Kaine had a 7 percentage point lead over Allen, 51 percent to 44 percent.

a highly-anticipated debate at the Capitol One Center in McLean that demonstrated clear differences in their approach to policy and fiscal issues. It was the third of five scheduled debates.

Hosted by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and



U.S. Senate candidates Tim Kaine and George Allen face off during the Fairfax Chamber debate in McLean on Thursday, Sept. 20.

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—Tim Kaine

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"If you want a job, you ought to join the Allen team."

-George Allen

THE NEXT DAY, the former governors faced off in moderated by David Gregory, host of NBC's "Meet the Press," the candidates were more cordial than confrontational. Kaine positioned himself as a bipartisan problem-solver, while Allen portrayed himself

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Police Chief Tapped For New Position

he Fairfax County **Board of Supervisors** on Tuesday appointed Police Chief Dave Rohrer as deputy county executive for public safety. He'll begin his new job Oct. 20.

This action, explained County Executive Ed Long in a Sept. 25 memo to all County personnel, will dedicate this newly created position exclusively to public safety. It will also free up Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer-who currently oversees public safety, in addition to his other duties—"to focus on planning, development and transportation functions." Some of the major issues in these areas impacting the county include Dulles Rail; transportation funding; Tysons redevelopment; BRAC; regional water systems; and the redevelopments of Springfield Mall, Bailey's Crossroads and Merrifield

Town Center. Rohrer will be responsible for the County's public-safety programs and will oversee the police and fire departments, Office of Emergency Management and Department of Public Safety Communications. He'll also have a liaison relationship with the Sheriff's Office and the courts.

Long said this new position will also "prioritize public safety resources for the county's 1.1 million residents, while serving the County's long-term growth and development needs. A dedicated deputy county executive for public safety is better able to quickly respond to events as they occur and to coordinate regional preparedness in advance."

This appointment completes Long's leadership team, which includes the deputy county executives, CFO, assistant county executives and directors of human resources and public affairs. "We will work together in the months and



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— County Executive Ed Long

years ahead to address our continuing challenges and continue the culture of excellence for which Fairfax County Government is so well known," said Long.

Rohrer is a longtime County employee who's served nearly 32 years as a sworn police officer. His career here includes 13 years as a senior commander and eight years as the county's police chief; he's held that post since 2004.

He's also served as deputy chief for investigations and operations support; Patrol Bureau commander; Special Operations Division and district commander; SWAT first-line supervisor and first-line patrol supervisor.

Rohrer holds a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from GMU. His annual salary will be \$191,168.

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News

Kaine Clarifies Position On 'Minimum Tax'

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as a small-business champion.

The candidates also found areas of agreement: each stressed the need to preserve the home mortgage interest deduction, and both candidates vowed to reduce the nation's deficit and avoid the looming \$500 billion in defense cuts scheduled to begin in January.

Several times during the debate, Kaine reiterated his proposal to reduce the federal deficit and avert the automatic cuts-or "sequestration"through a three-pronged approach.

"We will let the Bush tax cuts expire as planned for people making more than \$500,000; we will fix Medicare so we can negotiate to get better prices on prescription drugs; we will let the tax subsidies to the big five oil companies expire," Kaine

Allowing tax increases on those earning more than \$500,000 a year is compromise, Kaine said, between Democrats who would let the cuts expire on those earning \$250,000 or

more, and Republicans who want to make the cuts permanent for everyone.

Allen repeatedly said he would not entertain any tax increases to keep the government from falling off a "fiscal cliff," and he stuck to his message that "job creation" would solve many of the nation's problems.

"As I stated in the beginning, David, the best social program of all is a job." Allen also said he would repeal President Obama's health care law, and proposed allowing households to choose a flat tax over the existing tax code.

"I want to create more job opportunities. If you want a job, you ought to join the Allen team," Allen said, adding that he should have the backing of "99 percent of Virginians, anyone who pays an electric bill, drives a car or has a job."

He said his return to the Senate would be about "making sure America is ascending once again and is a land of opportunity once again."

THE DEBATE was mostly devoid of headline-making news until Gregory asked Kaine if he thought "all Virginians should have to pay some level of federal income tax."

"I would be open to a proposal that would have some minimum tax level for everyone," Kaine said, "but I do insist, many of the 47 percent that Governor Romney was going after pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes than he does."

Kaine's statement almost immediately ignited a furor by bloggers, tweeters and news reports of the

In interviews after the debate, Allan hammered Kaine for the remark, accusing him of "always trying to raise taxes." In a press release Saturday, the Allen campaign accused Kaine of "doubling down" on the idea of imposing an income tax on all Americans in his TV appearances.

"It shouldn't be news that somebody who wants to go into the Senate is willing to start from a posi-



Former Governor and U.S. Senate candidate Tim Kaine rallies supporters at his canvass kick-off in Oakton Sunday, Sept. 23.

tion of openness and dialogue," Kaine said after the debate. "We can't start with non-negotiable."

Kaine added that while many Americans do not pay federal income tax, low-income individuals are subject to many other taxes. "The lie that some perpetrate that poor people don't pay a lot of taxes is wrong," he said.

"I kind of chuckled about (the furor)," Kaine said Sunday after meeting with volunteers in Oakton and Manassas. "I'm open to dialogue, and I don't see how openness is something controversial."

Del. Mark Keam (D) introduced Kaine to the 70plus grassroots supporters who assembled in Oakton to hear Kaine as he launched the community canvass. Judy Fisher, a retired Fairfax County teacher, said she was supporting Kaine for several reasons.

"The health care bill is very important. No, it's not perfect, but I have a 97-year-old mother, and health care is a big issue for us." She also said she liked Kaine's positions on abortion rights, education and other issues.

"I'm electing someone to make substantive, deliberative, thoughtful decisions," Fisher said. "The Republicans get hysterical. We need more moderate, thoughtful candidates like Tim Kaine."

Arralean Ellis, a City of Fairfax volunteer, said Virginia's new Voter ID laws concerned her.

"I've worked at polling places, and there was no reason, no justification to make it tougher for people in Virginia to vote," she said.

Kaine told supporters that "the most important thing is to find people who know how to work together. [Republicans] would run the ship aground just to get the captain," Kaine said.

"The differences in this race are very clear," said Kaine. "On the big issues of the day—how we strengthen the economy, how we address the federal budget, and how we break through Washington's partisan gridlock-my opponent and I have a very different record and a very different approach."

Area Roundups

Lorton Man Drowns in Pohick Bay

A Lorton man drowned after his kayak capsized in Pohick Bay on Monday, Sept. 24, Fairfax County police said.

John R. Funk, 58, of the 10000 block of Midway Lane, was fishing in a kayak on Pohick Bay about 3:30 p.m. Monday when the kayak overturned about 100 yards from the shore.

According to police, witnesses saw Funk swimming to shore, yelled to him and ran for help, but he quickly disappeared under the water.

Police said Funk was not wearing a life jacket, and none was found in the kayak.

Learn about Police Careers

Teens and their parents are invited to an informational meeting Monday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m., at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, 14601 Lee Road in Chantilly, to learn more about Fairfax County Police Explorer Post No. 1742.

The Explorers is a good place to start learning about a potential career in law enforcement. They serve police departments and their communities across the country and provide young people with opportunities to learn and practice skills that police officers use on a daily basis. Explorers gain experience in finger-printing, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention.

Clifton Town Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Clifton Town Council is Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. It's in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton.



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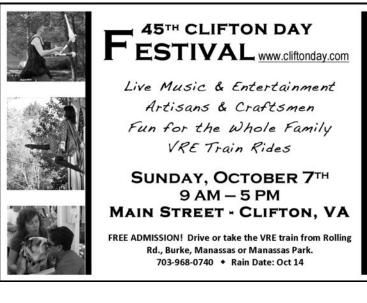


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Public Scoping Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2012 South County Center 8350 Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) Alexandria, VA 22309 5 pm to 9 pm

Find out about the Army's plans to implement short-range projects from 2013 to 2017 and update Fort Belvoir's Real Property Master Plan through 2030. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the proposed action and will consider a range of alternatives, including no action.

Stop by between 5 pm and 9 pm to view displays and learn about the proposed short-range projects and the Real Property Master Plan. The meeting will be an open house, with short presentations at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 pm. Fort Belvoir staff will be available to answer your questions. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Army, federal, state, and local agencies, federally recognized tribes, individuals, and organizations that have an interest are urged to participate.

At the meeting, give the Army input on the issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the EIS. Both written and oral comments will be taken. A court reporter will be available to record oral comment. If special assistance is needed for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, or you have questions about the scoping meeting, please call the Fort Belvoir Public Affairs Office at 703-805-5001.

After the meeting, written questions or comments may be submitted by mail to: Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Re: Real Property Master Plan EIS, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 200, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116; or by e-mail to: imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil. The deadline for submitting written comments on the scope of the EIS is October 25, 2012.

Visit the EIS web page at www.belvoir.army.mil/environdocssection2.asp for more information and to follow the progress of the EIS.

FALL FUN Virginia Is for Lovers, and Apple-Lovers

Apple season in full swing; Grab a basket and pick your own.

da Red, Nittany, Gala, Pink Lady or Honey crisp: whether you like your apples tart or sweet, there are plenty of apple-picking orchards and farms to pick from within an hour's drive of Northern Virginia. For many

families, apple-picking has become a fall tradition, providing a fun outdoor activity and healthy food. Grab a basket and pick your own. Many of the orchards and farms listed below also host special events, fall festivals, hayrides and other

activities. Before you head out, call ahead to make sure that your favorite apple (or pumpkin) is ripe and available for picking.

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3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester 540-662-1980 Markermillerorchards.com

2 CROOKED RUN ORCHARD

Crooked Run Orchard is a small family farm on the outskirts of Purcellville in Loudoun County. Many families go to this orchard for the simple pleasure of apple-picking. There are no mazes or wagon rides or kiddie trains. Owners Uta and Sam Brown grow the food; you pick it. There is no entrance or parking fee. There's only a charge for the food. Children also enjoy the orchard's "table of things." Yes, that's what children call it. There are several "table of things," that include bones, snake skins, nests,



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The Little Country Kitchen at **Homestead Farm**

dried bats or frogs, turtle shells and "anything else we find that's interesting during the year,'

37883 E Main Street, Purcellville, 540-338-7445 Crookedrunorchard.com

VIRGINIA FARM MARKET

Virginia Farm Market began in 1952 as small roadside stand selling homegrown fresh peaches. The market has grown to include a bakery, a gift shop featuring wood baskets and local preserves, and apples, apples and more apples. Taste the "jug-your-own" apple cider. Look for the big red barn located on Route 522

north of Winchester. 1881 N. Frederick Pike, Winchester, 540-665-8000 Virginiafarmmarket.com

4 STRIBLING ORCHARD

The Stribling farm and orchard has been in the Stribling family for almost 200 years. Beginning in September through November, the farm has fresh apples, cider and all sizes and shapes of pumpkins. In addition to apple-picking, visitors can enjoy beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Stribling Farm's historic buildings and many farm animals.

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Baskets of apples at Rock Hill Orchard

5 VALLEY VIEW ORCHARD

An historic property located in Virginia's "Hunt" country near Middleburg, the historic Valley View Farm is the home of Virginia Perfection Orchard, which boasts six different varieties of apples for picking. Worth seeing is the estate's manor house with a formal English Garden situated in the middle of 500 acres of meadowlands and mountains, and is now the site for weddings and other special events. 1562 Leeds Manor Road, Delaplane, 540-592-3730 Valleyviewfarmva.com

6 THE APPLE HOUSE

Although it's not an orchard, The Apple House has been a landmark for families and school groups since the 1960s. Located at the northern entrance to Skyline Drive, the family-owned business is known for homemade apple butter donuts, crisp apples and apple crisps 4675 John Marshall Hwy, Linden, 540-636-6329 Theapplehouse.net

7 GREAT COUNTRY FARMS

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Maryland

8 BUTLER'S ORCHARD

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ROCK HILL ORCHARD

Rock Hill Orchard, located in the Agricultural Reserve in Northern Montgomery County, offers a variety of apples to pluck, from Red Delicious to Empire. There's also a fruit, flower and vegetable market packed with locally-grown produce. Rock Hill Orchard features free havrides to the orchard on Saturdays and

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11 LEWIS ORCHARDS

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SCMS Principal Marsha Manning

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SCMS Principal Marsha Manning displays a letter students received from President **Barack Obama last spring at South County** Secondary School. The students, from Janet Dower's middle school English for **Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)** classes, wrote a letter to the president about the environment and endangered species. They also extended an invitation to visit them in their new middle school, Manning said.

Can't Slow These Mustangs Down

South County Middle School students kick off first year as "mustangs."

> By Victoria Ross THE CONNECTION

e really, really like kids here," said Rita Clarke, one of the front office staff at the brand-new South County Middle School in Lorton. And it shows.

Maybe it's the fact that everything is shiny and new—from the sleek HON furniture to the gleaming Smartboards and laptops—but staff and teachers at the \$22 million school radiate energy and enthusiasm when talking about the school and the 1,300 seventh and eighth graders who inaugurated the building on Sept. 4.

"Everyone here has a can-do attitude," said Principal Marsha Manning, who hand-picked her staff from South County Secondary School, where she worked as seventh grade principal for seven years. "What's really special is there's a strong sense of community. The community advocated for this school for a number of years."

Manning said the school's mission is to make every student feel like capable, connected and contributing members of the community.

"We want to inspire them, to make what's happening in the classroom connected to the real world," Manning said." It's our jobs as educators to meet students where they are-whether they are advanced or need more help—and support them in learning."

OVER THE SUMMER, Manning, a former English teacher, had her teachers read the motivational bestseller "Mindset-The New Psychology of Success," by Carol Dweck, a renowned psychology professor at Stanford University.

Manning believes in a "growth" mindset, which teaches that brains and talent are just the starting point, and basic abilities are developed through dedication and hard work. The "growth mindset" espouses a love of learning and resilience.

"We want to help student get excited and prepared for high school," she said. "It's amazing the impact a teacher can have, and that's what we want here." Manning said students were already excited about choosing their mascot—the Mustang—and the band teacher was going to teach them how to play "Mustang Sally."

"We have a lot of creative teachers excited about the opportunity to teach," Manning said.

Born in Illinois and raised in Florida, Manning attended Florida State University. She majored in medical technology, but decided to become a teacher when she became inspired by one of her English teachers.

In 1987, she moved to Springfield with her husband and three children, and taught English at Washington Irving Middle School from 1990-1999. She received her master's degree in educational leadership from George Mason University in 1999. Her administrative experience includes working as an assistant principal at Mark Twain Middle School before helping to open the brand new South County Secondary School.

Her staff describes her leadership style as "hands-

"She doesn't spend much time in her office," Clarke said. "What's nice is that everyone knows she wants us to be here. She has a great relationship with the students and the community.'

HER TEAM includes Assistant Principals Heather Bousman and Gordon Stokes. Bousman, who has a master's degree in special education from Longwood University in Farmville, Va., and a master's in educational administration from George Mason University, chaired the South County High School Special Education Department.

As an assistant principal, Bousman will oversee the special education and the science, fine and performing arts, and physical education departments.

Stokes received his master's degree in history from the University of Virginia, and served as an assistant principal at Luther Jackson Middle School for the past four years. At South County Middle School, he will be responsible for the social studies, math and world languages departments.

"This is an awesome team," Manning said. "Our teachers impact students' lives on a daily basis, and we're ready to support them in any way we can."



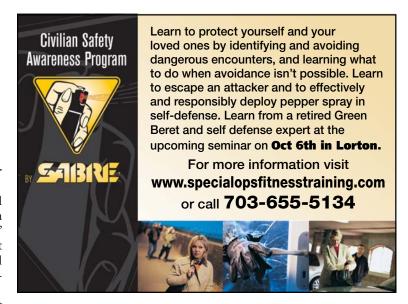


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OPINION

How to Register, Vote, Vote Early

Don't sweat voter ID; voter registration card, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check with name, address of voter will work.

hanges in Virginia's voter identification rules are causing confusion in many quarters, and some voters might be tempted to stay home rather than deal with a difficult situation. What about your 92-year-old mother who hasn't driven in almost a decade? Do you need to schlep her to the DMV to get her a photo ID before November?

Slow down, there are alternatives, including a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia voter identification card (due to arrive in the mail next week); current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; valid Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

How important is it for Virginia voters to turn out on or before Nov. 6? As a critical "battle-ground" state, Virginia will be key in determining who will be the next President of the United States. Who will represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate is also too close to call. Since polling shows that there are very few undecided voters in the Commonwealth, every eligible voter will want to be sure to cast a ballot. Turnout in Northern Virginia could determine who is president and which party controls the U.S. Senate.

This is a high-participating, politically engaged area.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State Vs County On Transportation

To the Editor:

When I read my colleague Supervisor John Cook's Sept. 13 Connection column advocating that Fairfax County take over state roads, I wondered how our taxpayers would feel about accepting a \$150 million per year unfunded mandate from the state. That would be a slap in the face given everything that the County has done to balance its budget and provide for our residents during difficult budget years.

On the face of it, the proposal for Fairfax County to take over its roads makes sense. Why shouldn't we take responsibility for our own roads? Don't we know our needs better than the state?

So here's where that pesky reality comes in. Those needs cost a lot of money—about \$150 million yearly just to maintain our pothole-

Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 717,105 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

And consider that in 2008, 79 percent of Fairfax County's registered voters turned out at the polls

The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 103,445 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

Arlington has a population of about 216,000 and 160,326 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

When you consider the sheer numbers of people likely to go to vote on Election Day, wouldn't it make sense to go and vote early?

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations. Absentee voting began Sept. 21 and will continue through Nov. 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

See http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html for a complete list of acceptable reasons to vote absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

To vote on Election Day, you must be regis-

cratered roads in their current poor condition. To bring those roads up to even adequate condition would cost a whole lot more. Unless the state is planning to hand us a big check—every year—to cover those costs, then Fairfax County taxpayers will be left holding a very expensive bag.

Why should Fairfax County bail out the state? The Commonwealth of Virginia has primary transportation responsibilities and has since the 1930s. In recent years we've seen the state shed more and more of this responsibility, essentially saying, "Can't afford it anymore so it's your problem." That's not reasonable and it's certainly not responsible governance. I can't think of a single reason why Fairfax County should be forced to cut critical services to its residents—like schools, public safety, human services, parks and libraries—because the state needs a bail out.

Rather, it's time for the state to do its job and address our growing transportation chal-

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Absentee voting hours, Sept. 21-Oct. 16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Oct. 17-Nov. 2, Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday Hours: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Office Closed On: Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 (Columbus Day)

Last Day to Vote In-Person: Saturday, Nov. 3 Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County Satellite Locations

Voting in the following locations is available Oct. 17 - Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- ❖ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
- ❖ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152
- ❖ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

lenge. They can do it the same way we on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors do—taking a creative and non-partisan approach to prioritizing and funding our vital residents' needs. Bailing out the state sends the wrong message—that Fairfax County can be the state's ATM and that's just not fair.

Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay (D-Lee District)

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FALL FUN 2012



The whole family can get into the fun of making their own scarecrow at the Fall for Fairfax KidsFest on Sept. 29 and 30 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Fall For Fairfax KidsFest

Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Collin Hunt and buddy Cole Hill take a spin on the pony merry-go-round after riding real ponies at the Burke Nursery Pumpkin Playground on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Pumpkin Playground Details

Burke Nursery and Garden Centre will host its 18th annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 at its nursery on 9401 Burke Road

♦Festival Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

♦ Cost of admission on weekdays is \$9 per person; weekend price is \$12 per person. (Columbus Day will have the same activities as weekends, and the admission price will be \$12.) Children under the age of two are admitted free. Each paid admission receives a small patch pumpkin and unlimited hay rides (wheel chair accessible). For more information, go to www.pumpkinplayground.com or call 703-323-1188.

FALL FUN

Burke's Pumpkin Playground

hen Fred Dickinson, general manager of the Burke Nursery and Garden Center, started the pumpkin festival with his wife Cassandra 17 years ago, he said he had no idea it would grow to be such a

In fact, the nursery didn't start to sell carving pumpkins until the last two weeks of Oc-

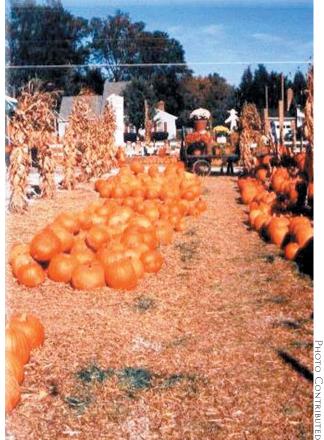
"People didn't buy all the Halloween pumpkins they do now. When we started this, we had our pumpkins and our pumpkin forts," Dickinson said. "We were giving hay rides in the field, just playing around, and our customers were very responsive to that, so we decided to turn it into a real old-fashioned fall festival. Kids have a ball."

The event, spread out over four acres, now features more than 1,500 pumpkins, several pumpkin forts, hayrides, a 90-foot burlap sack slide, two smaller slides, pumpkins crawls, a merry-go-round, farm animals, face-painting and a giant sand pile, where children can dig for coins and other treasures.

There is also a food tent with hamburgers, hot dogs, apple cider, popcorn and other goodies.

A popular feature is the festival's produce tent, where visitors can purchase homemade jams, jellies and pick out fall harvest fruits and vegetables.

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Customers peruse blown-glass items at a vendor's booth.

Tall, whimsical giraffes made of packed straw and raffia were among the craft items on sale last year.

Get Ready for Clifton Day

The 45th annual fest is Sunday, Oct. 7.

By Bonnie Hobbs THE CONNECTION

ive bands, moonbounces, handmade crafts, Civil War re-enactors, food galore, pony rides and a unicyclist—all these things and more will be part of the 45th annual Clifton Day. The festival is slated for Sunday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rain date is Oct. 14.)

"I have a lot of fun on Clifton Day," said event Chairman Fred Ansick. "I really enjoy seeing the smiling faces on the kids, and folks laughing and having a good day. They love the atmosphere of the town. The residents welcome everyone to see Clifton as a community—a small town in the shadows of the big city. So we want everyone to come on out and have a good time."

The Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) puts on Clifton Day and proceeds go to the town's nonprofit groups, including the Clifton Lions Club, Girl and Boy Scouts, Clifton Presbyterian Church, Clifton Gentleman's Club, Clifton Woman's Club, the CBA and Acacia Lodge.

Admission is free; parking is \$5/car (\$10 on the floodplain), with proceeds going to charity. "It's the largest fund-raiser for all our local nonprofits," said Ansick.

Sonia Dyer, 88, moved to Clifton with her family in 1964, and her daughter Bonny and oldest son Tuck went to the first Clifton Day. "It was in the old firehouse on the second floor," she said. "There were tables with crafts and things, but that's all there was to it. My children bought me a little, ceramic jewelry chest that I still use."

would amount to anything; but through the years, it just kept growing," continued Dyer. "It's that small-town feel Clifton has that makes it special. And I think the citizens are more involved in town activities now than they were then, so there's more of a community feeling."

For her family, she said, Clifton Day's a holiday. Said Dyer: "My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all come home for Clifton Day." And this year, they'll have lots of things to keep them busy.

The town park off Chapel Street will host a slew of children's activities. JumpWorks will have inflatables and moonbounces there, Kerry the Face-Painter will decorate children's faces and Sharon the Balloon Artist will twist colorful balloons into fanciful shapes. Local Girl and Boy Scout troops will also have booths there with games such as safe darts and beanbag toss.

The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Academy will give pony rides near the barn behind Acacia Lodge. It will also provide a pony for petting in the park. The Unicycle Lady will perform mainly in the park, but will also do some stunts on Main Street. There'll also be some roaming entertainment. Performing while strolling through town will be the Banjo Man and bagpiper Michael Ahnell.

The stage on Chapel Road will feature a variety of singers, dancers and musicians. At 10:30 a.m. is the Boyle School of Irish Dance; 11:30 a.m., They Call Me Piano, a local girl who sings; 12:15 p.m., Steve Hudson and his Fabulous Exaggerations, a stand-up comedian and musician who plays piano and guitar.

At 1:15 p.m. will be The Wayward Street Players music group; 2:15 p.m., The Acoustic Burgoo, a bluegrass group from "At the time, we didn't think Clifton Day Purcellville; and 3:15 p.m., The Randy Th-

ompson Band playing modern country-rock music. Clifton resident Thompson recently returned from a music tour in Switzerland.

Artisans on Main Street's Ayre Square will demonstrate crafts such as wood-carving, wool spinning, weaving and pottery- and basket-making. And more than 200 artsand-crafts vendors will sell their wares throughout the town.

Items include jewelry, candles, plant hangars, glasswork, children's clothing, baskets, ceramics, woodworking products, furniture, mixed media, needlework, quilts, sculpture, metalwork, seasonal decorations and holiday items, sports memorabilia, toys, stained glass, and watercolor and oil paintings.

Food will be available in several places. The Clifton Lions Club will offer hamburgers, hot dogs and barbecue; Clifton Presbyterian Church, crab-cake meals, brisket meals and corndogs; Clifton Gentleman's Club, red beans and rice, chili and chili dogs; Cub Scout Packs 1861 and 1104, cotton candy, popcorn, lemonade, cookies, candy and apple cider; Acacia Lodge, pulled pork and Italian sausage.

As for commercial food vendors, Baja Fresh will sell burritos, quesadillas and chicken, fish and shrimp tacos. Rachelle Slotnick is catering an Oktoberfest booth by the stage in front of the Clifton Town Meeting Hall on Chapel Road. It'll offer ala-carte, German-style food such as bratwurst, kielbasa and sauerkraut. The CBA will sell beer there, too.

Trummer's on Main will have outside ables where people may purchase food and cocktails. Food samples will be available in front of the former Heart in Hand restaurant, which is becoming a new restaurant called Buckley's. And Paradise Springs Winery will offer wine samples in front of the post office on Chapel Road.

Altogether, there'll be 10 food vendors throughout the town, selling treats including kettle corn, funnel cakes and Sno-Cones. The Clifton Store and Peterson's Ice Cream and Dog Pound will also be open for business, as will the town shops.

Antiques vendors will be behind Buckley's, and the Acacia Lodge will have some Clifton artifacts and memorabilia on display upstairs. Also for history buffs, Civil War re-enactors Tony Meadows and the 49th Virginia Infantry will be encamped in the yard across from the stage on Chapel Road.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be stationed next to the lodge, and people donating a pint of blood will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate for door

The VRE train will run to and from Clifton, or festival attendees may park at Clifton Elementary, the floodplain, Kincheloe Road, Newman Road, and Chapel Road at Frosty Meadows. CBA-sponsored shuttles will ferry people to and from Frosty Meadows. For more information, see www.cliftonday.com.

This year's sponsors are The Peterson Cos., Ourisman Toyota, VRE, Blackbarn Media and the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Ansick, in his sixth year as chairman, says his 10-person committee begins working on Clifton Day in January, reserving the stage and the town properties.

"Things start ramping up in April, when I get the volunteer list," he said. "In May, June and July, we do the planning; and in September, we start praying for good weather."

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Over 20,000 backpacks collected for County children.

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artnerships get results. This year, Fairfax County's Office of Public-Private Partnerships, known as OP3, partnered with 20 various organizations, including FCPS, Apple Federal Credit Union and Kids R First, and collected 20,000 backpacks in its third annual "Collect for Kids" backpack campaign. Backpacks, school supplies and donations were collected through late August and distributed through local nonprofits to school children in need. This year more than 40,000 children have been identified as deserving of free and reduced lunch, and this drive was able to serve nearly 50 percent of those children.

"This is a true collaborative of nonprofit, for-profit and Fairfax County. It's a model for success. The immediate benefit is that kids now can come to school ready to learn," said OP3 Executive Director Patricia Stevens. As a result of the partnership, many nonprofits reported significant upticks in donations, especially of the more supplies needed for middle and high schools students. Our Daily Bread, for example, stated that their cash donations were up 300 percent, and they received \$3000 worth of scientific calculators

"This partnership is amazing," said FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale. "The number of children served rises every year, as does the need for help. Twenty-six percent doesn't seem like a large number, but that represents more than the entire enrollment in the DC school system. We have a real need that this partnership fills." Sally Donnelly, a reading specialist at Westgate Elementary School, summed it up best as she watched a child with his new backpack. "The backpack itself is a kind of uniform," Donnelly said. "This stu-



Captain Willie Bailey, of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department celebrates the generosity of those who donated more than 20,000 backpacks and supplies to Fairfax County students this year.

dent clearly felt important, so important that he is taking his backpack wherever he goes, even back to school to hang and watch a movie. Wearing it gave him that feeling that he is cool. And when we feel cool, we feel we belong, and then we can learn."

Saturday Morning Coffee with Del. Bulova

This Saturday, Sept. 29, Del. David Bulova (D-Fairfax) will continue a tradition started in 2006 by holding the first in a series of informal office hours to take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Constituents are invited to talk about issues of interest and to ask questions about legislation affecting our community. The format is casual and no appointment is needed.

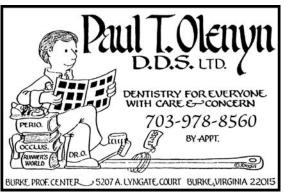
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Bulova said constituents may also arrange individual appointments on specific issues or concerns. Bulova represents Virginia's 37th District, which includes the City of Fairfax and parts of surrounding Fairfax County out to Centreville.

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Pond Exploration Hike. 1 p.m., at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Prosperity Avenue entrance, Annandale. Dip nets for tadpoles, search for turtles and hike one mile while learning about the park's cultural and natural history; children age 3-plus. \$5. Registration. 703-941-1065 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/parktakes.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 6

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. VRE Commuter Rail Parking Lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Sponsored by Springfield-Franconia Lions Club. Vendor fee \$20 per parking space. Proceeds benefit local charities. 703-569-3074 or http:// sfhostlions.org/fleamkt.html.

SUNDAY/OCT. 7

Clifton Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in Clifton. The non-profit event raises funds for local organization and features arts and crafts, antiques, demonstrations, the Town Market, live music. children's activities and much food. www.cliftonday.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 14

Musical Gems From France. 4 p.m., at Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Debussy, Bizet, Ravel, Tansman and more for harp and orchestra; reception to follow. \$25, adults; \$20, seniors; \$20, online general admission; students, free. 703-758-0179 or

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Hendersons Are Winners in Return to West Potomac

Bruins overcome 16-7 halftime deficit to beat Wolverines.

BY JON ROETMAN THE CONNECTION/THE GAZETTE

he night before the West Potomac Wolverines and Lake Braddock Bruins met in a passionate Patriot District football contest on Sept. 21, former teammates Caleb Henderson and Demornay Pierson-El took part in some friendly banter over the phone.

In 2011, Henderson and Pierson-El were sophomore standouts for a high-powered West Potomac offense. Henderson was the quarterback and Pierson-El a receiver for a

Wolverines team that won a share of the district title and reached the Division 6 Northern Region semifinals.

One year later, Henderson is the trigger man for the Lake Braddock offense and Pierson-El has moved to running back for West Potomac. He's also a safety on the Wolverines defense. While the two remain friends, on Friday they were foes battling to stay atop the district standings.

"He called me for about an hour last night, telling me about how he was going to [intercept] me," Henderson said after Friday's game.

Pierson-El made good on his prediction. In fact, he picked off Henderson twice. But when the game was over, it was the firstyear Bruin signal caller who had the last

Lake Braddock defeated West Potomac, 37-23, on Friday night. It was the first time Henderson and his brother, Jon, a senior linebacker, returned for a game at West Potomac High School since they transferred from the Alexandria school to Lake Braddock during the 2011-12 school year. Their father, Eric Henderson, was the head football coach at West Potomac from 2004 through the 2011 season before being informed he would not return. The Henderson family moved to Burke and Eric became the Lake Braddock defensive coordinator. Former Wolverine assistants Sean Brooks and Dave Murray also joined the Bruins

CALEB HENDERSON accounted for 388 vards of offense and four touchdowns. He completed 25 of 40 passes for 246 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions.

He also carried 20 times for 142 yards and two scores. His 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter gave Lake Braddock a 21-16 lead it would not relinquish.

"There's so much spotlight on Caleb and pressure, I said just play within the scheme, take the plays when they come to you and once he did that and settled down, he did a heck of a job," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "With Demornay and Caleb, you might be seeing the two best individual players in the region on the field at one time."

Caleb Henderson said the experience of playing at his former school was emotional during and after the game.



Photo by Louise Krafft/The Connection/The Gazette

Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson on Sept. 21 led the Bruins to a win during his first game back at West Potomac High School, where he played varsity football as a sophomore.

> "The emotion was definitely high because these guys are my brothers," Caleb said about his former Wolverine teammates. "I've known them since I was 4. I just miss them a lot. It sucked to have to hold some of them and watch them cry."

> What was it like in the handshake line? "It was sad," Caleb said. "I've got to be honest, it was sad. I miss them all."

What was it like on the field?

"That's just friends playing backyard football," he said. "It's always going to be chippy. It's always going to be rough.'

Jon Henderson was part of a Lake Braddock defense that limited West Potomac to seven points in the second

"I played with [West Potomac] for three years. They're like brothers to me," he said. "When I came to Lake Braddock, they accepted me as a family and as a team member. I didn't want to let ... my team down by coming back to this place and losing."

LAKE BRADDOCK will host T.C. Williams at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28. West Potomac will travel to face Annandale.

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TO: ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that an adoption action is pending having been filed on June 12, 2012, in the Family Court, in Charleston County, South Carolina, concerning the adoption of Zoie Ava Austin, born on May 18, 2009, in Charleston,

Kadee Lynn Austin, the mother of this child, identifies you as the father of the child. You as the identified father are entitled to notice of this adoption

- 1. If you choose to contest, intervene or otherwise respond to this adoption, you must file your response in writing with the Family Court of Charleston County, 100 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. This response must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date you receive this notice. Your response must include the Case Number of 2012-DR-10-2158.
- 2. If you enter a response, you must keep the Court notified as to your current address and of any changes in your address during this adoption proceeding.

 3. Failure to file a response within thirty (30) days of receiving this notice consti-
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- 4. If you have any questions, you should contact an attorney.

Cindy M. Floyd Attorney for Plaintiffs 1327 Ashley River Road Building C, Suite 100 Charleston, South Carolina 29407-5384 843-820-5356

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscriber at her office, 1327 Ashley River Road, Building C, Suite 100, Charleston, South Carolina 29407, within thirty (30) days after the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service.

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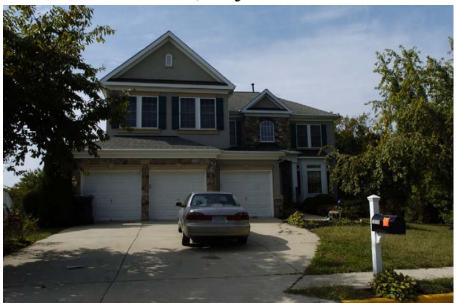
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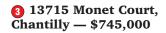
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