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Lake Braddock senior captain Natalie Butler, a six-foot-four middle blocker, had 22 kills during a win against West Springfield on Oct. 9.

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President Barack Obama spoke before a raucous crowd of George Mason University students, teachers and volunteers Friday afternoon.

Women's Health, Jobs and Big Bird Top Talking Points at GMU Rally

During campaign stump speech at GMU, Obama rallies the women's vote.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

For President Barack Obama, 7.8 was the magic number that gave him and his supporters a reason to be hopeful again. After a week that included a bruising debate with GOP challenger Mitt Romney and around-the-clock punditry detailing how Romney "cleaned Obama's clock" during Wednesday's debate, the president got a useful October surprise.

And he bragged about it Friday as he swooped onto the stage at George Mason University in Fairfax to deliver the good news that the jobless rate had fallen to 7.8 percent, dropping below the critical 8 percent for the first time since he took office. During a raucous campaign rally at the university, Obama boasted about the jobs report, mocked Romney's "Big Bird" comments and criticized his opponent's political pivots during their debate on Wednesday in Denver.

"My opponent has been trying to do a two-step and reposition, and got an extreme makeover," Obama said, drawing cheers and laughter from the crowd of 300-plus students and teachers.

Obama reminded the crowd that when Romney was asked specifics about cutting spending and reducing the deficit, he went after public television.

"So for all you moms and kids out there, don't worry, someone is finally getting tough on Big Bird. Rounding him up. Elmo has got to watch out, too," Obama said, clearly enjoying the college crowd's cheers and shouts of "we love you" as dozens of

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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) stumped for President Obama at GMU on Friday.

people in the audience jumped up to wave their Big Bird stickers.

While Big Bird got the laugh lines, it was women's health issues that resonated with crowd of mostly female supporters – from high-school age students to female professors.

STANDING IN FRONT of a backdrop of more than 50 women waving "Forward" signs, Obama tore into See Obama, Page 4

Parents Confirm Bryan Glenn's Death

Searchers find body of Woodson High School student in Thaiss Memorial Park.

As news of 17-year-old Bryan Glenn's death spread throughout the community Monday, Oct. 8, condolences poured out to the Glenn family, in person and on the Facebook page launched last week to help find the W.T. Woodson High School senior who went missing on Oct. 1.

More than 3,000 people from around the world posted poems, memories and offers of help to the Glenn family, who confirmed late Monday that their son's body had been found in Thaiss Park on Pickett Road. In a statement released Monday night, Bryan's parents, Michael and Rosella Glenn, said:

"With tremendous sadness in our hearts, we learned this afternoon of our son Bryan's death. This devastating news has been a great shock to our family and friends. Right now this family and our community are grieving and we need to let the investigation run its course. Thanks to everyone in the community and around the globe who offered their love, prayers and support to our family over the past week. Your kindness has given us strength during this difficult time and has touched our hearts forever. Our family would like to express our profound gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers and search team leads. Special thanks to the media and Fairfax area businesses for their continued support."

Authorities have not yet officially identified the body as Glenn's. According to Lucy Caldwell, public information officer for the Fairfax County Police Department, their office is currently waiting for the Office of the Medical Examiner to determine identity, cause and manner of death.

"I am not sure when that will be determined; possibly today or tomorrow," Caldwell said in an email Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Glenn, a popular Woodson football player, was reported missing on Monday, Oct. 1. According to police, he was last seen on the high school campus around 7 a.m. last Monday. His



Family photo

Bryan Glenn

car was found in the parking lot next to the baseball field at Thaiss Memorial Park early the next morning.

During the past week, more than 400 friends, family members and police combed the wooded area near the park several times for any evidence of the missing teen. According to his family, Glenn's body was discovered by searchers Monday morning, Oct. 8.

"My thoughts and my prayers are with the Glenn family. Our family was on the search yesterday and our prayers are for strength for the Glenns to get through this time... Please be strong and remember that you have a lot of support and we are also feeling a deep pain and loss for precious Bryan. He has touched many lives..." posted Shannon Lee on the Facebook group "find Bryan Glenn" on Tuesday.

Glenn, who attended Heidelberg High School (HHS) in Germany from 2009 to 2011, was also remembered by his friends from HHS Tuesday evening.

Several messages were posted on the HHS memorial website, which noted that the school will hold a memorial gathering on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the sports field.

To demonstrate their sorrow over losing their senior classmate, Woodson students wore black to school on Tuesday. Glenn's family has not yet announced plans for funeral arrangements for their son.

—Victoria Ross

Obama Receives Enthusiastic Welcome

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Romney on women's health issues and outlined the "stark choice the women of Virginia are facing in this election," warning that Romney's policies would turn back the clock for women to the 1950s, when abortion was illegal, and breast cancer was something women had to be ashamed of.

He said his new healthcare laws have secured access to preventive care like mammograms and cancer screenings with no copay, no deductible, and no out-of-pocket cost for more than 20 million women.

"Now, before this new law, many health care plans charged high deductibles or copays for these preventive services, or they just didn't cover them that all... more than half of all women put off the care they needed because of that," Obama said, shaking his head.

"I don't think a working mom in Arlington should have to wait to get a mammogram just because money is tight. I don't think a college student in Fairfax or Charlottesville should have to choose between textbooks or the preventive care that she needs. That's why we passed this law, and I am proud of it. It was the right thing to do, and we are going to keep it," Obama said, drawing applause after each line.

Polls show Obama with a strong lead (nearly 19 percent) among women voters, especially in battleground states such as Virginia. Before Obama took the stage, a parade of pro-choice women – a young mother from southwest Virginia, a former Republican supporter from Richmond, and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) – praised Obama's record on healthcare reform and women's issues.

Filler-Corn got a rousing response as she talked about the recent General Assembly session, when her state GOP colleagues passed a controversial ultrasound bill and proposed "personhood" legislation that attempts to make abortions illegal in Virginia.

"These decisions affect every woman's health...you deserve a president who will fight for your choice and your health," she said.

"He was great today," said Annandale resident Jane Wilson, who brought her daughter Sarah, 10 to the rally. "She was very excited about the whole experience."

Wilson said Obama's remarks on women's issues – equal pay for equal work, health care, affordability of education – are key issues for her.

"There is something to be said for a man who came from the middle class like us. He understands the issues we live every day," Wilson said.

"I thought his speech was really empowering," Sarah Wilson said. "You could believe what he was saying. I want a job someday where I get paid the same as my brothers."

"Being involved in politics is something I do for my children and my community," said Catherine Read, a City of Fairfax resident who brought her daughter, Emily, to the rally. "Attending rallies when women's healthcare is threatened is not nearly as effective as voting people into office who safeguard women's healthcare choices. If I do one thing that matters as a parent it's to instill in my children the importance of voting in every election - local, state and national."

Janice Allen, Dotte White and Jeannie Hicks, of Alexandria, said the president nailed it when talking about women's rights issues.

"We are all in this together, men and women. Preventative healthcare makes sense whether you care just about the economics of healthcare, or you really care about women's health," White said.

NIRA GUARE said she and her 15-year-old daughter,



Photo by Sam Walker

Catherine Read and daughter Emily of Fairfax attended the Obama rally at GMU in Fairfax on Friday, Oct. 5.



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Audrey Lyons and Rachel Plotkin of Burke were selling Obama pins at the campaign rally at George Mason University on Friday, Oct. 5.

ter, Madison, McLean residents, appreciated Obama's focus on women's issues.

"My daughter is very passionate on issues of social equality, and women's issues are clearly part of that. Pro-choice, for sure, but also topics like gay rights, equal access to education, pay equality for women, access to health care," Guare said.

"There's something about the 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps' message from Republicans that falls flat to me when so many people are born without boots. He and (former Virginia Governor) Tim Kaine both seemed to be framing 'women's issues' as just 'American Issues,' which I appreciated. If you are a man, and your mom or wife or daughter is dying of breast cancer and can't get health coverage, isn't that your issue too? I have four daughters, and my husband grew up with three sisters and no brothers, so we understand that a woman's issue is everyone's issue with great clarity," she said.

Obama told the crowd he would continue his fight for women's rights.

"The decisions that affect a woman's health aren't up to politicians; they're not up to insurance companies, they're up to you. They're up to you...So, one month. Just one month from tomorrow, Virginia, you're going to step into a voting booth, and you are going to have a very big choice to make."

Obama left the stage amid chants of "Four more years! Four more years! Four more years!"

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'Election Ready?'

Fairfax County prepares voters for new election measures.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Frustrated by a bad economy, empty promises and echo-chamber politics, voter apathy is at an all-time high across the nation. According to a recent USA Today poll, about 90 million American voters, nearly 40 percent of those registered, won't go to the polls this year.

The same is not true in Fairfax County, where 79 percent of the County's registered voters cast their ballots in the 2008 elections, compared to 38 percent nationally. And nearly 90 percent of eligible voters, about 721,000 out of 800,000, have already registered to vote in Fairfax County.

But a slew of changes—from congressional redistricting to new voter ID laws—may leave even the most committed voter stymied at the polls this year.

"The good news in Fairfax County is that almost everyone who is eligible is registered to vote," said Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief election official. "Our problem in Fairfax County is not voter apathy, and it's not getting people to register. What we don't have is every registered voter registered at their correct address."

Quinn said voters, especially those who only vote during presidential elections, get complacent about where they vote or who their candidate is. She calls them "cicada" voters, who go into their cocoon every four or more years, and emerge thinking that nothing has changed.

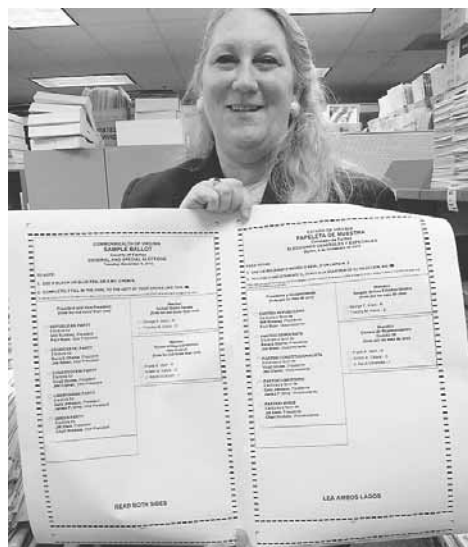
"These are voters we want to reach now," Quinn said. "The most important thing is to check your voter status before Monday, Oct. 15," Quinn said. "Are you, in fact, registered? Have you moved? Do you know if your precinct changed during redistricting? You must update your voter registration if you have changed your address or name, or you may not be able to vote," Quinn said.

TO CHECK YOUR STATUS, call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711) or go to one of the websites listed. "We'd rather people call us with questions now than get frustrated when they go to the polls," Quinn said.

Fairfax County's Office of Election employees have been working overtime the past few months to make sure voters are "election ready" on Tuesday, Nov. 6. In conjunction with the State Board of Elections, the County recently kicked off an intensive voter preparedness campaign to inform and educate voters on changes.

Quinn estimates the election's office currently gets 600 calls every day, and many calls concern the new voter ID measures.

Brian Moran, chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party, said it's important that



Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official, holds up a sample ballot in the County's office of elections.

voters remember that Voter ID does not mean "photo ID."

"There are a number of acceptable forms of Voter ID, and it's important that this issue doesn't discourage voters," Moran said.

In August, the Justice Department signed off on Virginia's new Voter ID law, a bitterly contested measure that some claimed discriminates against minorities. Virginia, one of 16 states with a history of voter discrimination, must receive federal approval under the Voting Rights Act before making any changes to voting law.

The new law, which closed a provision allowing Virginians to vote without identification, also expanded the types of ID accepted at the polls.

Quinn said the State Board of Elections just mailed every voter a new voter card, which was sent to ensure that all voters have at least one acceptable form of identification. She said if voters bring their voter card, they don't need another form of identification.

"Virginia tweaked its voter ID laws this year to allow many new forms of acceptable identification," Quinn said in an online forum.

"Virginia also has mailed a voter information card (or sometimes called voter registration card) for many years. You need some form of identification under Virginia law, and this voter information card is considered an acceptable form of identification," Quinn said.

Other forms of acceptable identification include a driver's license, military ID or current utility bill. For other forms of acceptable ID, visit www.sbe.virginia.gov/votinginperson.html.

In addition to getting voters ready for the general elections, the office has also been preparing to comply with new mandates and changes.

Last year, the state mandated that all voter education material be translated into Spanish. While the county has complied with that mandate, they are still short on election-day volunteers, especially those who are



Photos by Victoria Ross/The Connection

Norma Rengel and Patricia Ferguson, with the Office of Elections, spent hours putting tent cards in cafeterias and lobbies in the Fairfax County Government Center to educate voters and recruit volunteers.

Voter Checklist: Know Before You Go

❖Voters with any questions about voting this Election Day can visit two comprehensive websites for answers: The Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov and The Fairfax County Office of Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/voterinfo.

❖Call: If you don't find the information you need at the websites, call the Office of Elections at 703.222.0776.

❖Fairfax now has a free smartphone mobile app to check your registration and other voting information. Download the free app by searching Fairfax County Government at the App Store (coming soon to Android Market) or go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/mobile/>. Once you download the app, look for the Vote icon.

❖By Monday, October 15:

❖Update your registration, or you may not be able to vote if you have moved since you last registered.

❖To check if your registration is correct, go online at www.sbe.virginia.gov/register, or call the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776.

❖If you are not registered, or need to update your registration, complete a Virginia Voter Registration Application, which you can download

at www.sbe.virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776.

❖By Tuesday, October 30:

❖Virginia does not have "no excuse" absentee voting. If you want to complete a Virginia Absentee Ballot Application, download from www.SBE.Virginia.gov, or call 703-222-0776. to have one sent at The Office of Elections must receive the ballot by 7 p.m. on Nov. 6th

❖Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6.

❖Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

❖It's Voter ID, not "Photo" ID: When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. There is a comprehensive list on Fairfax County's website of all the acceptable forms of voter ID. Here is a sampling:

- ❖A Virginia Voter Registration Card
- ❖A Social Security Card
- ❖A valid Virginia Driver's License
- ❖Any official ID card issued by a Virginia government or Federal government agency
- ❖An employee ID card with photo of the voter issued by an employer
- ❖A nursing home resident ID, if issued by a government facility.

bilingual in Spanish and English.

Norma Rengel, the office's language accessibility coordinator, and Patricia Ferguson, the County's outreach coordinator, spent hours last week putting tent cards in cafeterias and lobbies in the Fairfax County Government Center and other Fairfax County locations to encourage volunteers to call the elections office.

"One challenge for us is to recruit bilingual polling officials, and by law, Spanish is a priority," Rengel said.

Quinn said the Elections Office also spent \$50,000 this year to beef up office security. Several new walls and barriers were constructed last week so visitors are not able to wander, intentionally or unintentionally, from one department to the next or get too close to where ballots are stored and counted.

"We know there are concerns about integrity, and we realize there are people in both parties who will try to skew elections, people who think the end justifies the means," Quinn said. The fact that Northern Virginia is now considered a battleground region in a battleground state spurred the new security measures.

"In the end, we want the votes to reflect the will of the people and they know that their vote counted," Quinn said.

Another way to ensure the integrity of

elections, Quinn said, is to make sure polling officials are educated and up-to-date on the law and the latest technology. Travis Potter, an elections office training coordinator, said about 3,000 polling officials have undergone training since August. "One of the things we're excited about is the electronic poll books," he said, which will allow voters to check in faster, and reduce waiting time.

ON ELECTION DAY, staff will be coming through voter lines with a handheld device called "Ask ED," which contains the entire County voter list to check once again if the voter is in the correct precinct. If there is a discrepancy between what's on the voter's card, and the most current information on the County's election rolls, the staff person will call the registrar's office.

If the voter is trying to vote in the wrong precinct? Best not to argue, or insist on a provisional ballot, Quinn said. According to the Virginia State Constitution, provisional ballots don't count if the voter casts a ballot in the wrong precinct.

"The only way your vote counts is if you are voting in the correct precinct. That's why we don't want people waiting until the last minute. When in doubt, call the elections office. We will pull the most current voter card and match it to our map," Quinn said.

Opinion Cancer Awareness

Success with breast cancer awareness should help other cancers.

October is breast cancer awareness month. Anyone connected to media of any variety already knows this. A massive marketing success, we all know that pink shows support for breast cancer prevention, especially in October.

For me, last month marked three years since I completed chemotherapy and radiation for breast cancer. Because of early detection, advances in treatment (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and ongoing hormonal treatment in my case), and ongoing monitoring, my prognosis, and the prognosis for most of the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the United States, is excellent.

Still in 2008, the last year reported by the CDC, 40,589 women died from breast cancer. The same year, 210,203 U.S. women were diagnosed with breast cancer. It is the most common cancer for U.S. women other than skin cancers.

Breast cancer awareness month is the perfect time to be sure that you and/or the women in your life are following best practices for breast cancer screening. While in recent years, there has been some confusion about breast cancer screening, if you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts,

self exam, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal, is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In January 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern.

Now three years later and cancer free, I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different.

Editorial

I share my experience in breast cancer awareness month, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection in breast cancer really can save lives.

THE SUCCESS of the breast cancer awareness movement has resulted in more than \$630 million annually in spending on research. It is not too much.

But at Connection Newspapers, we have two other employees who are in ongoing treatment for cancer. Kenny Lourie, who has stage 4 lung cancer, writes a weekly column that appears in most of our papers that discusses his more than three-year journey with candor and humor. Jean Card was diagnosed with Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia in early 2011 and has also written about her experience as she raises money for leukemia research and outreach. Visit www.LighttheNight.org and search APL Dumpling Gang.

Lung cancer kills more people in the United States every year than any other kind of cancer, in fact more than the other top cancers combined. In 2008, more than 208,000 people were diagnosed with lung cancer and more than 158,500 died of lung cancer. This is more than the deaths from breast, prostate and colon cancer combined. Spending on lung cancer research? Less than half spent on breast cancer, about \$280 million annually. As Lourie wryly points out, part of the problem may be that you can't turn out tens of thousands of lung cancer survivors for a march because, well, there are very few survivors over time.

Prostate cancer has more new cases per year and about the same death rate as breast cancer, but half the funding.

In 2012, there were an estimated 47,150 new cases of leukemia with 23,540 deaths, more than half the number of annual breast cancer deaths. But funding for leukemia research lags behind.

Nothing should be taken away from the efforts of breast health advocates. But clearly more effort is needed in other areas.

SPEAKING OF HEALTH RISKS, on average more than 20,000 people a year in the United States die from the flu. The numbers vary from year to year, with as many as 50,000 deaths in some years, and some studies showing the average number of deaths to be more than 35,000. The influenza vaccine is a cheap and effective method of preventing or reducing the impact of the flu.

Remember that no matter what health plan you have, there is just one person in charge of your health care: you.

— Mary Kimm,

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Volunteerfest Provides Opportunities for All Interests

By Supervisor John Cook
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I'd like to encourage all Fairfax County residents to consider participating in this year's "VolunteerFest," sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax on Saturday, Oct. 27.

This year marks the 18th year for VolunteerFest, and more than 1500 County residents are expected to volunteer their time at dozens of sites around the County. Tasks include landscaping, sorting and collecting food at food banks, maintaining an outdoor classroom at an elementary school, helping seniors, cleaning libraries and sorting clothes at a thrift store that funds programs for people with disabilities. A full list of events can be found at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/>.

Volunteer Fairfax is much more than "VolunteerFest," however. For 37 years, this organization has



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been a tremendous resource for volunteering in Fairfax County. Through a variety of programs and services, Volunteer Fairfax strengthens the capacity of its nonprofit members and offers meaningful volunteer opportunities for local citizens. Moreover, all year long they match the skills and in-

terests of volunteers and donors to the needs of local nonprofit organizations, helping to build a better community through service.

Why volunteer? One of Fairfax County's strengths is the volunteer effort of its citizens. In 2011, more than 16,000 individuals volunteered their time through Volun-

teer Fairfax, and thousands more volunteered through other organizations. These hours equate to millions of dollars in benefits for our communities. Indeed, in difficult times, the need for volunteers increases as more people are in need and charitable giving in dollars is dropping.

But there is another, perhaps more selfish reason. Volunteering does great things for the volunteer! Volunteers learn about unfamiliar subjects and a variety of needs in their communities. They meet new friends and develop new ideas about how they can work together on additional projects. Most importantly, it's good for the soul. Volunteers come away refreshed and thankful for the opportunity to help others and the community.

So, please consider giving some time on Oct. 27 for VolunteerFest. Your community will benefit, and so will you.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 20

SALT Social Change Talk. 9-11:30 a.m., a Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge-2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of NETWORK and the Nuns on the Bus, talks on public policy and advocacy; also, a speaker on the impact of Ryan's budget and other issues on Virginia. jhorejsi@cox.net or www.S-A-L-T.org.

Homeless Animals Rescue Team

Dog Adoptions. 12-3 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. 703-817-9444 or www.hart90.org.

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Town Hall Meeting. 7 p.m., at James W. Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Discussion of the future of the parkway including its history, current and projected traffic, planned and possibly improvements and comments. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield.

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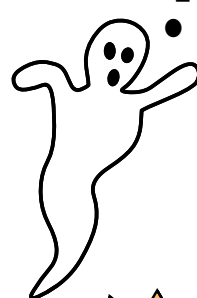
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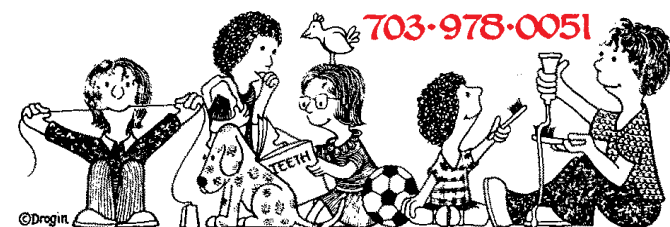
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News

An 'Eye-opening' Banquet in Burke

Thirty youth from area middle and high schools gathered on Sept. 18 at their local church in Burke to experience a "hunger banquet" to increase their awareness of poverty and hunger in the world, Haiti and in Northern Virginia. When these students from Lake Braddock, Robinson and West Springfield gathered for their weekly meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they were unaware of what was in store for them. Their leaders divided the students randomly into three groups—seating four students at an elegant dining table, nine students in a circle on folding chairs and the remaining 25 on cardboard laid out on the floor. The three groups represented the distribution of wealth in the world.

The highest income group was treated to a delicious cheesecake dessert, the middle group each received a large chocolate chip cookie and the poverty level group was given a small scoop of cold sweetened rice on a paper plate without a fork or spoon. Natalie Bolton, a student at Robinson who received the cold rice, said "this exercise really brought home the fact that millions of people don't have enough nutritious food to eat each day and that just finding and cooking food to feed a small family is a major undertaking." Hannah Van Dam was amazed at the sheer number of hungry people worldwide and surprised to learn that there were so many hungry people locally in Virginia. Kumen Johnson from Lake Braddock said that he had "discovered how poor many Americans in our area are" when, as part of his Eagle Scout project, he undertook a large sock collection drive for The Lamb Center in Fairfax City.

All of the youth agreed that the "hunger banquet" was "eye-opening" and many committed to "getting involved."



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Race for a Cause: Come be a Superhero!

We're partnering with Acumen Solutions for their 4th Annual Race for a Cause™ 8K and 1 Mile Fun Run race on Sunday, October 14, 2012 in Arlington, VA. Alexandria and Fairfax Region Boys and Girls Club will be one of 10 charities benefitting from the race and it's up to the runner or walker to pick which charity their donation will benefit. \$2,000 in combined prizes will be awarded to top race winners. Please choose the Boys and Girls Club – Alexandria Olympic and Fairfax as your charitable preference!

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Viewpoints

How would you describe the current housing market situation in your area and prospects going forward?

—Andrea Worker

Sharat Ahuja, realtor, Long & Foster, Fairfax, and Terra Firma Realty Group

"I work mostly in the Fair Oaks area, the 22030, 31 and 33 zip codes. What I see are prices going up overall, slowly. Not as fast as areas closer in, but still improving. Inventory is very low. Some people are waiting to see prices getting back more to 2005-2006. But if a house is priced right, it can sell quite fast."



Christine Richardson, realtor, Weichert Real- tors, Great Falls

"My primary market is the Route 7 corridor. McLean, Great Falls, Reston, Herndon, Sterling. What I am seeing is this year has been much stronger for sellers. More buyers, fewer sellers, which I think is a good thing. It doesn't necessarily translate into much higher prices. For sellers who are realistic about pricing and stage the house properly, we're finding that they are getting very good, quick sales. The benefit so far is in the quick sale. Priced right, staged right, offered in the right market and we have gotten sales within 10 days."



Chris Pezzana, associate broker, Weichert Real- tors, Reston

"Overall, I think the economy in our area is doing well. I think the prospects for the future are excellent. I think we should be optimistic. Nationally, it's getting better, in areas that were the hardest hit we see improvements."



Candy Clanton, broker, Clanton & Associates

"I think the market is in great shape, moving well. I don't work with short sales. I do help a custom builder who sells in the million plus range. I have sold seven over-a-million homes in the last four months. And my re-sales are also doing well. I listed a home in Burke three weeks ago on a Friday, and had three offers by Monday. If it's priced right and shows well, it's selling. When the market slowed, I took on rentals."

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Home LifeStyle

Decorating For Halloween

Suggestions for getting one's home ready for Fright Night and beyond.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Whether one's preference is witches and ghosts or candles and pumpkins, there is no reason why fall décor should be limited to one month, say area tastemakers. A few local designers offer autumn embellishment ideas that span the spectrum from spooky to all-natural.

"Decorating for fall is one of the most enjoyable times of the year for many people. We particularly like it because nature provides so many wonderful options to use for decorating," said Ann O'Shields, owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax. "If you are purchasing seasonal decorations for fall, we suggest choosing items that can go past Halloween and into Thanksgiving."

Add spine-chilling accents to traditional fall accessories. "One thing that you can do is hang faux cobwebs between orange pillar candles," said Angela Phelps, owner of Le Village Marché in Arlington. "Remove the webs after Halloween."

Use black and orange strategically. "We like put-



Photo by Marilyn Campbell

Pumpkins draped with cobwebs and spiders offer traditional Halloween décor that can be adjusted to last from October through Thanksgiving.

ting white and orange pumpkins inside the fireplace," said O'Shields. "They are striking against a black interior fireplace to fill the space until cooler fireplace weather arrives."

Be inspired by seasonal bounty. "The varieties of pumpkins and gourds available at local farmer's markets, nurseries and even grocery stores are the perfect start for seasonal décor," said O'Shields. "White pumpkins in particular are gorgeous and can make such a statement lined on a long table as a centerpiece. Mixed in with gourds of different colors and shapes, you have a simple, natural arrangement that is also eye catching. Wreaths with white pumpkins, branches, sunflowers and leaves welcome the season and extend into winter."

Make use of transparent containers like cylinder vases. "Fill glass containers with the miniature white and orange pumpkins or green or red apples and use them on a mantel or centerpiece," said O'Shields.

Marymount's Interior Design Department Receives 2012 Potomac Award

Program recognized for creative and intellectual contributions to the local community.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Marymount University's Interior Design faculty and students have been recognized for their creative and intellectual contributions to the local community. The Arlington school was recently awarded the 2012 Potomac Award from the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), making it the first university to receive the honor. Interior design classes are offered on the main campus or at the Reston Center.

"We have been blessed with intelligent, ambitious, dedicated students who have been willing to work hard and develop their understanding of the interior design field," said McLean resident Jean Freeman, an interior design professor at Marymount. "The awards that individual faculty have received and some of the articles and books they have published are...an indi-



Photo Courtesy of Marymount University

McLean resident Jean Freeman of Marymount University's interior design department credits talented students and faculty with the program's success.

cation of their efforts to extend the body of knowledge for the field and our students."

Bridget May of Herndon, another professor of interior design at Marymount, believes that evidence-based design will become standard practice for future students. "A lot of research goes into optimal use of space for function," she said.

The award recognizes the university's interior design department for its contributions to the design industry, including its efforts in sustainable design, historic preservation and the lighting and design of commercial spaces. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and The National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum are among the past recipients of the award.

"It is a prestigious award," said Leslie Ehrmann, ASID Washington Metro Chapter administrator. "If you look at the company [of past awardees] with which the [Interior Design] department at Marymount is keeping, you'll appreciate the prestige of the award."

Emergency Preparedness Tips

Are your home and family ready for a hurricane?

By Josh Baker

With this summer's severe weather, and the hurricane season upon us, a few simple preventative steps, outlined below, may help you to avoid costly repairs once the storms have passed.

Avoid wind damage: Clear away yard debris and dead/dying branches

Large branches or fallen trees can easily be tossed about by high winds during a storm. If you have trees near your home, be sure to trim any dead or dying branches, or ask your landscaper to do so at your next service visit.

The easiest way to avoid leaks: Make sure gutters are kept clean and in good shape

Before the storms arrive, remove any leaves, pine needles, branches or other debris from the gutter system. Also, perform a visual check to be sure there are no damaged areas. Clogged, leaky, or broken gutters can fail to properly drain water from your house, which may cause flooding and property damage.

The second easiest way to avoid leaks: Make sure areaway and storm drains are clear

If your basement has an areaway staircase, be sure to clear the drain at the bottom of leaves, dirt and other debris. Do the same for other storm drains located on or near your property. Failure to do so could lead to excess water backing up onto your property or into your home if the drains are clogged.

Save your electronics: Plug expensive household items into surge protectors, or unplug them entirely

Stereos, televisions, fitness equipment and computers should be either unplugged before the storm begins, or plugged into surge protectors. This may help to prevent damage to these items if lightning strikes.

Be the envy of your neighbors: Learn how to safely operate your portable generator

All generators are not the same, so be sure to read the manufacturer's instruction manual that came with your generator to ensure proper operation.

❖ Before the storm, test your generator by turning it on to be sure that it is working properly. Also, make sure that you have a sufficient fuel supply to keep the generator running once it is needed.

❖ Use the generator in a well-ventilated, outside area. Generators emit carbon monoxide, which can build up in an unventilated area and be hazardous to your family.

❖ Plug appliances into the generator using heavy-duty extension cords that are well-maintained and not frayed or worn. Using incorrect or damaged extension cords could pose a fire hazard.

❖ Turn the portable generator off and allow it to cool before refueling. Pouring fuel into a hot generator may cause an explosion or fire.

If you have a whole house generator make sure that it is well maintained with a service contract from a qualified vendor.

PREPARE YOUR POOL

A few simple steps will help prevent significant damage to your pool.

❖ Do not drain all of the water from the pool. An empty pool is subject to "floating" or "popping" out of the ground due to "lift pressure," which is caused by excessive ground water during heavy rains. Also, the water in your pool will act as a shield to protect the finish from damage. Instead, only drain your pool water by one to two feet to allow for the accumulation of rainwater.

❖ Turn off the power to any pool equipment (pump, motor, lights) that may be on.

❖ Remove any loose pool items (filter housing tops, etc.). These can easily be taken away by strong winds.

❖ Add extra chlorine to the pool. This will help to prevent contamination from any debris and storm water that enters the pool.

❖ Move any unsecured items, such as patio furniture or potted plants, inside to keep them safe from driving rains or severe winds. Sinking furniture inside a pool is not recommended – the chlorine in the pool water may stain or rust expensive items, and this may also damage the bottom of the pool.

Josh Baker is founder of BOWA, www.bowa.com.

Home Improvements on the Rise

Local contractors see slight increase in business.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

From transforming outdated bathrooms into serene spa-like retreats to creating dream kitchens with open-floor plans, high-end appliances and granite counters, homeowners are gradually re-engaging in remodeling projects, according to a report by The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).

NARI's Second Quarterly Business Review, which is a compilation of business assessments by contractors, shows that homeowners are taking on slightly more home improvement tasks than in previous years. Some local builders agree and have seen this trend in the D.C. area.

"We just got done with the Capital Home Show, which can be an interesting indicator of how people are feeling, and it wasn't overwhelmingly gangbusters, but it was consistent traffic and we did well in terms of the number of people who wanted to set up appointments with us before we left the show," said Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke. "That is how we measure people's attitudes."

Arlington resident Bruce Case, president of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., said he has observed an increased interest in two specific home improvement



Photo Courtesy of Sun Design Remodeling

Bob Gallagher of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke says the upcoming election might cause homeowners to delay home improvement projects.

areas: home repair and interiors.

Specifically, he's seeing "smaller home repair and care projects that require knowledgeable craftsmen. This demand stems from a need to keep up with the daily maintenance of a home, as well as from a desire to have professionals do these services," he wrote in an email. "We are seeing increased demand for professional design and construction services to improve the interior spaces of homes. Creating inspiring spaces that also improve functionality within a home are drivers for our clients."

Low interest rates and a belief among homeowners that home improvement projects will increase home prices are helping drive the trend. Homeowners are also re-engaging in projects that they had postponed.

Jeff Pregman, the general manager of Two Poor Teachers in Fairfax, says that he has noticed an increase in kitchen and bathroom projects: "Your best return on investment is kitchens and baths," he said. "We're also getting a lot of calls for basement remodels, which had tailed off due to the fact that you don't get as much return for investment in those projects in general, I think."

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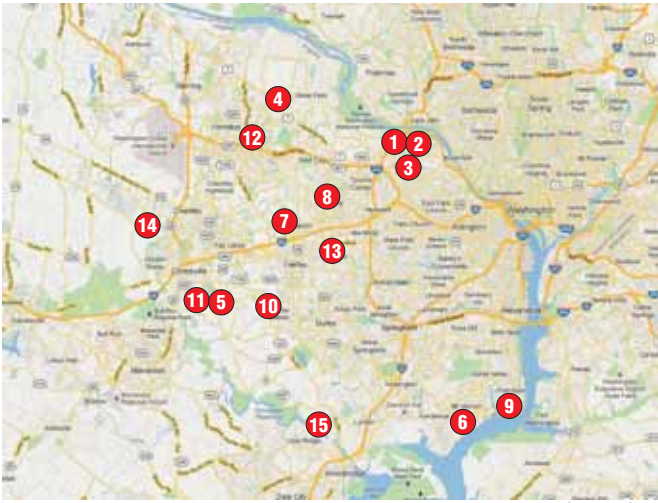
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Getting That Linen Closet Organized

Changing seasons offer opportunities to sort sheets and towels.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

The autumn season brings falling temperatures and a need for bed linens with heft, but if digging out flannel sheet sets and wool blankets means rummaging through a stash that includes everything from shampoo to flashlights, it might be time for a linen closet reorganization.

The thought of sorting through piles of pillowcases and hand towels is enough to send some into hibernation until next spring, but fear not. Local organizing experts are here to help.

"Organizing a linen closet is a great small project that you can do in a short amount of time that will give you a real sense of accomplishment," said Jody Al-Saigh of Picture Perfect Organizing in Arlington. "Often, I suggest a small area like a linen closet as a start-

ing point for clients who have a whole house to organize because it provides a real sense of fulfillment in a short amount of time."

Begin by emptying out the linen closet. "Toss any torn or stained, ratty and old items," said Al-Saigh. "You can often donate old rags to animal shelters who use them in cages for comfort for the animals."

Next, start sorting. "What you're going to do is go through your sheets. The goal is to have two sets of sheets per bed, three if you have a lot of space," said Eileen LaGreca of Sensational Spaces in Fairfax. "Some people like to store their sheets by sets. Others like to have a shelf of all flats or all pillowcases."

LaGreca recommends sorting towels next. "A general rule of thumb is to have two or three towels per person in the house: a bath towel, a hand towel and a washcloth," she said. "Everything else you don't need."

Once you decide which items

will stay and which will go, it is time to choose a system of organization. "Depending on the size of your linen closet, you can organize by room or by person in the household," said Al-Saigh. "[If you are sorting] by room, have all the sheets for the guest room in one area, all the sheets for kids' room in another, all the towels, washcloths, bath mats...together."

Once the purging, sorting and organizing are complete, it's time to refold and restock. "Fold the sheets as neatly and compactly as possible and put all sheet sets together inside the pillowcase," said Al-Saigh. "This keeps everything together and keeps the closet looking tidy and uniform."

How should one keep those newly folded stacks of linens from toppling? "A good product to have is shelf dividers that you can get at the Container Store," said LaGreca. "They slide right onto the shelves and keep the piles separate so things aren't falling over."

Susan Unger of ClutterSOS in Vienna adds, "If you're short on space, one thing that works well for the blankets are the space bags where you can vacuum out the air

and stack the blankets in the closet."

ACCESSIBILITY IS ANOTHER KEY. "The sheets and towels should go pretty much eye level within your closet," said LaGreca. "Things that are used less frequently, say for guests or for seasonal use, can go either on the top or the bottom shelf."

Unger adds, "To keep the sheets smelling nice you can put a fabric softener sheet in between the sheets in the closet or hang some sachets on the door or in the closet," said Unger. "It keeps it closet nice and fresh."

Organizers say it's also possible to neatly store other bathroom-related items in a linen closet.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 11

Band Extravaganza. 7-9 p.m., West Springfield High School Auditorium, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. The West Springfield High School Band Boosters plays a free community concert featuring wind symphony, jazz ensemble and the masterworks show. president@wshsband.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 12

The Goddess Diaries. 7:30 p.m., at the Harris Theater, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Eighth short personal narratives about key milestones in the lives of women and girls; proceeds benefit GMU Victims of Violence Fund. \$5, GMU students; \$10, GMU faculty and staff; \$15, groups of 10; \$20, general admission. cfa.gmu.edu/calendar/1069/.

SATURDAY/OCT. 13

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Downtown Fairfax, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax. The traditional festival brings unique crafts and gifts, activities from local art groups and businesses, more than 400 juried crafters, children's rides, music and food. 703-385-7949 or www.fairfaxva.gov.

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Fourth Annual Library Jubilee: Let Loose in the Library. 5-8 p.m., at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Featuring honorees David Baldacci and the best-selling author's wife Michelle, who have worked hard to support literacy and the Fairfax County Public Library; cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music and an auction. \$70 per person; \$125 per couple; sponsorships available. www.FairfaxLibraryFoundation.org.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
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CASE NO: 2012-DR-10-2158

Plaintiffs,)

IN RE: ZOIE AVA AUSTIN,
(a minor under 18 years old)

v.)

JOHN DOE,
DONOR ID NUMBER 1432,

Defendant.)

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Faith

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

The Christian Science Church of Fairfax hosts the Fairfax City Fall Festival at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. "The Healing Effect of Your Prayers" explores how prayer can create change. 703-707-9641 or www.christiansciencefairfax.com.

The congregation of Greater Little Zion Baptist Church at 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax, will celebrate their 121st church anniversary on Oct. 21, 2012 at 10 a.m. Dinner will be served immediately after the service. Revival will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18 and 19. Reverend Charles A. Lundy of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Va. will be the guest speaker on Oct. 18. Reverend Doctor Alfred Jones, Jr. of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Triangle, Va. will be the guest speaker on Oct. 19. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. prior to each service.

Antioch Baptist Church Conference on Aging presents "God's Reassurances as We Age," Saturday, Oct. 20 from 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m., at 6525B Little Ox, Fairfax Station. Exhibitors, prizes, a conference on key topics for older adults, family members, caregivers, professionals and volunteers working with older adults; breakfast and lunch provided. kray@antioch-church.org.

The Pastoral Care Network of the Chesapeake Region announces their fall 2012 workshop, the Role of Pastoral Care Team in Dealing with Mental Health Issues, on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1:30-4:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. \$20. Register be-

fore October at 703-503-4579 or administrator@accotinkuuc.org.

The Women's Ministry at Jubilee Christian Center is having a Fall Bible Study on Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.-noon, each Tuesday through Nov. 20. The study is on "The Sower and the Seed," and there is no charge for the study. Jubilee is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170. www.jccag.org.

A Walk through Ancient Bethlehem, Dec. 8-9, 2012. Walk through a replica of ancient Bethlehem during the time of Jesus Christ' birth. On Dec. 8 and 9, Parkwood Baptist Church of Annandale will present its 12th annual re-creation of Bethlehem. Tours conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. will feature costumed re-enactors including Roman soldiers and tax collectors, musical performances, and a nativity scene with live performers and animals. Activities and crafts for children and refreshments for all. No admission charge. 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Details available at www.bwalk.org or 703-978-8160.

The Sanctuary at **Abiding Presence Lutheran Church** will begin undergoing renovations this month. Hence, the meeting on Sept. 30th will be in Room B9 at Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA 22015 (at the southwest corner of the intersection of Burke Centre Parkway and Burke Lake Road).

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service. 7300 Gary Street, Springfield. 703-451-1500. www.fbcspRINGfield.org.

The Burke Presbyterian Church (BPC) has several local and regional mission opportunities for church and community members coming up this fall.

❖ The BPC Snacks and Backpacks program begins another year of tutoring students from local elementary schools on Monday afternoons.

❖ September is the church's month to stock the food pantry at ECHO and also to help donate school supplies.

❖ The annual Bikes for the World bike collection event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Bikes for the World organization collects bikes and parts and delivers them to community programs in developing countries.

❖ The Burke Area CROP Hunger walk, which has been fighting hunger in the region for 20 years, will be held on Sunday, November 18. Signup begins Saturday, Oct 27 and Sunday, Oct 28.

The Burke Presbyterian Church Youth Connections and "Rainbow" children's programs start this month with weekly meetings, dinners, and activities for young people. Both programs offer a great environment to connect with other local kids, to develop healthy relationships, and to stay active in the community. More information and registration forms are available on the BPC website. www.burkepreschurch.org.

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Sports

Butler Leads Lake Braddock Volleyball to Victory

Senior has 22 kills in win over Spartans.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

Fresh off a 22-kill performance against West Springfield on Oct. 9, Lake Braddock senior Natalie Butler stood on the Bruins' home court and said her volleyball skills are lacking.

If compared to her basketball talents, Butler's volleyball ability would finish second. Butler, who stands six-foot-four, has a basketball scholarship offer from Georgetown University. She pushed herself to improve in recent years as she worked toward her goal of playing in college.

Volleyball, on the other hand, is something Butler has played to help stay in shape. Because of her height, she was encouraged to try out as a sophomore and wound up playing for the Lake Braddock JV.

"I don't have any skill set, but they just told me to stand at the net and block," Butler said, "and I'm like OK, I can do that."

Basketball is in Butler's future. But for now, she is a captain on the Lake Braddock volleyball team who is showing passion and hard work—along with the gift of size—can turn someone lacking natural ability into a difference-maker.

BUTLER LED THE BRUINS to a 3-2 (25-17, 25-17, 19-25, 18-25, 15-12) victory against West Springfield on Tuesday at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The Bruins won the first two sets but dropped sets three and four. With West Springfield having seized momentum, Butler put an end to the Spartans' comeback hopes with a dominant performance in the deciding fifth set. She had six kills, including the match-winner as the Bruins improved to 2-0 in the Patriot District.

Butler finished with 22 kills, including 10 kill-blocks. She had four kill-blocks in the fifth set, alone.

"I've had problems blocking in the past," Butler said. "I guess I was just feeling it this game, so it was good. Once you get one and then you sort of feel it a little bit, you can sort of continue that. My teammates were cheering me on and that just pumps me up even more."

Butler and the Bruins dominated early, capturing the first two sets. West Springfield scored the first point of the second set, marking the only time Lake Braddock trailed during the first two sets. The Spartans proved resilient, however, battling back to win sets three and four, but couldn't complete the comeback.

West Springfield head coach Stephanie Noriega said Tuesday's match was one of



Lake Braddock senior Natalie Butler had 10 kill-blocks against West Springfield on Oct. 9. Butler, a 6-foot-4 middle blocker, has a basketball scholarship to Georgetown.

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Lake Braddock senior captain Kyra Rodi, right, will play volleyball at Division II Hillsdale College in Michigan.

the Spartans' worst offensive performances of the season.

"Tonight was a different night for us because we've never had as many hitting errors at all this season as we did tonight," she said. "I actually only had one player hit in the positives tonight and you just can't win games when everybody's hitting negatives. The first two sets were really bad. I didn't have a single player hit in the positives in set one and set two. I was very impressed with Lake Braddock tonight. They've definitely improved a lot, but ultimately, we gave it away."

Noriega said Butler played a role in the Spartans' offensive struggles.

"We haven't faced a blocker that's as big as her before and so that's just an adjustment [we needed to make]," Noriega said.

"... I think [Butler] was a factor, absolutely. She did a nice job tonight."

First-year Lake Braddock head coach Aubrey Eaton, who coached the West Springfield JV last season, said Butler is a difference-maker at the net.

"Natalie Butler will make you change your shot," Eaton said. "A lot of players are scared to [hit at an] angle because she's standing right there, ready to block that, so they try to hit [along the] line and most high school players, that's not their first shot."

Lake Braddock jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the fifth set, including three consecutive Butler kills, and the Bruins led by as many as five in the final set. The Spartans chipped away, cutting the Lake Braddock lead to 14-12, but Butler ended the match with her 22nd kill.

"She just plays from her heart. You could tell in the fifth set she made the decision 'We are not going to lose this set,' and she played like that."

—Lake Braddock volleyball coach Aubrey Eaton about Natalie Butler

"She just plays from her heart," Eaton said about Butler. "You could tell in the fifth set she made the decision 'We are not going to lose this set,' and she played like that."

Savannah Schutzmeister and Jennifer Zimmerman each finished with nine kills for West Springfield. Monica Colon had eight kills and Destini Nelson-Davis had six. The Spartans dropped to 8-7, including 1-1 in the Patriot District. West Springfield will host Lee at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11.

"I was happy with how my team played the last three sets, but ultimately it never should have gone to five," Noriega said. "Set one and set two is why we lost, not set five."

LAKE BRADDOCK improved to 5-5. The Bruins will travel to face defending district champion Woodson at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Lake Braddock senior captain Kyra Rodi, who will play volleyball for Division II Hillsdale College in Michigan next year, finished with 12 kills against West Springfield. Her final kill gave the Bruins a 14-10 lead in set five. After two Spartan points, Butler ended the match with a kill.

"Now, being a co-captain with Kyra Rodi, who is going to play volleyball in college, and to be a starter, it's something that I never dreamed of — or being a dual-sport varsity athlete," Butler said. "I'm very thankful of my coaches and everyone who invested in me in the process."

Rodi had high praise for Butler.

"She is one of my favorite people to play with because she is always working hard; she is always busting her butt to get better," Rodi said. "Basketball and school and volleyball; she just does such a good job managing and really giving it her all whatever she's doing. She has grown so much over the past three years."

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Welcome Home! Beautiful 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA SF Colonial w/upgraded Kitchen, new SS Appliances, New Cabinets, Granite Counters. FR & Kitchen Hardwoods. Huge Sun Room, and much, much more!
Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803
Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948



Lake Anna
\$469,000
Waterfront Wooded Privacy! Adorable cottage nestled on 3 acres (potential to divide). Open floorplan, wood stove, front and rear decks, close to water and boathouse. Bonus 2 story guest house/game room with 1 1/2 baths
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Lake Anna
\$749,900
Waterfront Home. Very open floor plan takes advantage of the great view of Lake Anna. Large rear deck adjoins covered screened porch. Single boat shelter with electric lift and sun deck. Privacy and deep water make this a must see home.
Buddy Poland 540-894-7821



South Riding
\$329,900
Dazzling garage TH. 3 fin levels w/upgrades galore. Inviting 2-story foyer. Expansive rear KT w/doors to amazing deck. Open & airy living/dining room w/hdws. MBR boasts vaulted ceiling, lux bath w/separate soaking tub/shower, dual vanity & W/I closet. Fireplace in walkout rec rm. Steps to towne centre.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Burke Centre
\$649,900
Beautifully Landscaped 4 BR, 3.5 Bath Colonial. Many updates throughout the 3 Finished levels. Screened in porch boasting a cathedral ceiling. Walks out to stone patio and lush back yard. 2 Car garage. All in the nationally renowned Burke Centre Community.
Carol Hermendorfer 703-216-4949



Fairfax
\$615,000
Beautiful 4BR/3.5BA Colonial has it all...Great floor plan, generous size rooms, stylish updates, and desirable lot. Renovated kitchen has new breakfast bar, additional cabinetry, and gas cooktop. Comfortable family room off kitchen and large master suite with tons of closets. Great outdoor space with screen porch, tiered deck, & hot tub.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Fairfax
\$429,900
Bargain Pricing! Gracious Center-Hall Colonial. Fireplace in living room. Family room off kitchen. Large walk-in pantry off eat-in kitchen plus separate laundry room. Brand new carpet in bedrooms. Master bedroom with full bath. 1 car garage w/attached workshop/storage area. Nice, level lot with big yard.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Burke
\$280,000
Light-filled, 3 finished level, end-unit townhome/condo in Oakwood Commons features 2 MBR Suites and 3rd full bath on finished lower level. Living room has fireplace & SGD to deck and backyard. Many updates: hardwood floors, new carpet, new fixtures, and freshly painted throughout. Great location-around the corner from VRE, shopping, and restaurants. Move in ready!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Alexandria
\$675,000
Whimsical & welcoming rambler on near 1 acre lot. Stunning kitchen renovation. Large dining area/breakfast nook. Family room off kitchen. LR w/manted fireplace with big picture window overlooking expansive yard. Expanded MBR w/sitting area & remodeled full bath. Walkout rec room with pub & fireplace, den, 2 BRs, 1.5BA. To-die-for backyard w/gorgeous in-ground pool, gazebo & patio.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Fairfax
\$485,000
Lovely 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in sought-after Kings Park West has newly updated kitchen and updated baths. Updated kitchen features enhanced cabinetry, new floor, countertop, backsplash & fixtures. Newer Andersen windows throughout. This home is perfect for children of all ages with its family friendly neighborhood & convenience to trails, parks, and top-rated schools. Close to VRE, Metrobus, & shopping! This home has it all!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Clifton
\$1,375,000
This spectacular home, rebuilt/extended in 2012, sits on 5.5 idyllic acres of serene beauty; the magnificence of the setting is matched only by the design excellence of this contemporary Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home. Perched on a ridge top, this luxury home extracts full value from its unique location, provides stunning views from all 3 levels, each represents the pinnacle of designer living.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899



Lorton
\$949,000
This home has been beautifully redesigned and updated with the finest materials and superior craftsmanship—over \$250,000 of improvements since 2008. The home is sited on over half an acre just one block from the Potomac River and features a spectacular open floor plan and private back yard. The community offers a private beach, deep water boating access and sport courts with gorgeous water views.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899



Centreville
\$259,900
New Listing! Fabulous 3 finished levels! 3 bed, 2.5 updated baths. Renovated kitchen features maple cabinets, tile bar, farm sink. Master suite w/sitting room, dressing area & French doors to balcony encompasses one private level. Dramatic lighting. Deck. Use of all Little Rocky Run facilities included! GREAT PRICE & LOCATION!
Debbie Besley 703-346-5103



Lorton
\$579,000
This beautiful home offers a fantastic open floor plan and a private yard backing to trees. The home features a bright kitchen that opens to a large family room with fireplace, a main level office, formal living and dining rooms, master bedroom with sitting room, luxury bath, his and her closets, and a finished basement with a large recreation room and full bath.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899

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