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From left: Marian Cutler, mixed media collage; Sharon Salazar, furniture refinishing, painting, collage; Anne Brannam, jewelry; Kara Mann, handmade hair clips and wreaths; Lauren Williams, sewing teddy bears and aprons, will participate in The Barn Sale without a Barn on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3 in Springfield.

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President Barack Obama was relaxed and playful delivering his “Romnesia” quips before a crowd of 10,000 supporters during the rally at GMU on Friday, Oct. 19. Much of his short stump speech focused on issues affecting women and healthcare.

Obama Fires Up Fairfax Crowd With ‘Romnesia’ Quips

President delivers second GMU gender-pitch aimed at women voters.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Lillie Reynolds, a single mother from Herndon with four daughters, stood in line for nearly five hours to hear President Barack Obama speak for 25 minutes at a campaign rally at George Mason University on Friday, Oct. 19.

“He was funny, but we needed that,” said Reynolds after the president’s quip-filled speech, during which he debuted the catchphrase “Romnesia.”

According to Obama, his GOP rival Mitt Romney has come down with a bad case of “Romnesia” because Romney has “conveniently forgotten” his own positions on issues important to women and their families, like saying he’d be “delighted” to sign a law outlawing a woman’s right to choose in all cases.

“There’s a lot of truth in that humor,” Reynolds said. “No one here has forgotten one word of what Governor Romney said when it comes to our rights.”

Reynolds said she has a very personal reason for supporting Obama. “Two of my daughters are disabled, and I take care of them,” she said. “Obamacare is critical



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connelly (D-11) brought his binder to the Oct. 19 Obama rally at George Mason University, referencing the “binders full of women” comment that Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney made during his second debate with President Obama.

to me.”

“I don’t believe for a second that Governor Romney cares about folks like me. We’re the little people to him,” Reynolds continued. “He says what you want to hear to make you feel good. He has an entitled, arrogant attitude.”

Reynolds’ coworker, Rosemary Osei, who recently became an American citizen, said this is the first time she will be voting.

“This is exciting for me,” Osei said. “I’ve been paying attention to both candidates. President

Obama is the only candidate who seems to care about immigration issues or who appreciates diversity.”

Osei, who originally hails from Ghana, said she believes more Americans should take voting seriously. “It’s one of the best things about being an American.”

FRIDAY’S EVENT was the president’s second visit to Fairfax in as many weeks, and part of both major party candidates’ round-the-clock campaign blitz through key

Viewpoints

Why are you an Obama supporter?

“I’m a radiologist, so I know how important things like mammograms and ultrasounds are. You want people to have access to healthcare that’s affordable. You want women, not their employers, to be empowered to make their own healthcare decisions.”

—Bernice Griffith, Fairfax



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

Bernice Griffith of Fairfax

“I’m still in school. I’m exactly the kind of person he appeals to...I’m still in college and education and how we’re going to be paying for it is important to me.”

—Erika Santoyo, 22, a GMU student

“I’m a recent college graduate, and I’m looking for a job. I think President Obama will help the economy. Thanks to President Obama, I can still be on my parent’s insurance plan, and that is so amazing and important to me and a lot of other people my age.

—Kelauni Cook, a Howard University graduate, of Springfield

“As a former government employee, I think most people understand the value of government’s role and that government employees work extremely hard performing an important public service.”

—Julie Paradis of Alexandria



Photo by Deb Cobb/The Connection

(From left) Erika Santoyo and Emily Travis, GMU students, and Kelauni Cook, a recent Howard University graduate



Photo by Victoria Ross/The Connection

Julie Paradis and husband, Tom, of Alexandria

battleground states, including Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

Although he is still facing a cliffhanger re-election attempt, the president joked with the crowd of 10,000 supporters. Hands in his pockets, he riffed several jokes when the crowd started chanting back the punch line.

“If you say you’ll protect a woman’s right to choose, but you stand up at a primary debate and said that you’d be delighted to sign a law outlawing that right to choose in all cases - man, you’ve definitely got Romnesia.”

“If you say that you’re a cham-

pion of the coal industry when, while you were governor, you stood in front of a coal plant and said, this plant will kill you—you might have...”

“Romnesia,” the crowd chanted back.

The stump speech was squarely aimed at women voters who, political analysts say, form a formidable voting bloc in northern Virginia.

“Virginia is a battleground state, and the president knows he needs to get the support of women here,”

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THURSDAY/OCT. 25

VolunteerFest Registration Open.

Various times, at www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php. Register for a project throughout Northern Virginia; most projects begin mid-morning and end at noon—volunteer in ways you wouldn't ordinarily have the time or resources to. 703-246-3533 or memery@volunteerfairfax.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Dog and Cat Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart Seven Corners, 12971 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

Info Meeting: Library Bond Referendum.

3-4:30 p.m., at Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn more about the bond before voting on Nov. 6. 703-324-8300.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

SoberRide. 10 p.m.-4 a.m., ride service throughout Fairfax County. For a six-hour period on Halloween, SoberRide will pick up otherwise inebriated drivers, who are over 21 years old, and transport them safely home for no cost up to a taxi bill equivalent to \$39. 1-800-200-TAXI.

SUNDAY/NOV 4

CCFA Patient Education Program;

You, Me and IBD. 2-5 p.m., Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, 3700 Medical Plaza Building, Fairfax. The local chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation invites the public to a half-day education program on healthy living with the help of experts in gastroenterology. Register. 877-807-5271 or www.ccfa.org/chapters/washingtondc.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Open Season Workshop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. For federal employees/retirees, FEHBP experts will present and answer questions on plan coverage and benefits before open season ends, Dec. 10. 703-256-3071 or www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/.

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The County Line

Lawmakers Debate Eminent Domain Ballot Question

Some argue amendment fails to increase property owner's protections, but may shut down popular parades.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

In 2007, responding to a populist backlash against a Supreme Court decision allowing the government to use the power of eminent domain to aid private development, Virginia legislators passed a law restricting that power.

Now a measure on the Nov. 6 ballot seeks to enshrine those restrictions in the Virginia Constitution, and provide additional areas of compensation to landowners.

Many local lawmakers question the wisdom of incorporating these provisions into the constitution, where they say it will be difficult to change, and may lead to "unintended consequences."

"This is not something that belongs in the Constitution," said Del. Scott Surovell, (D-44), who wrote about issue in his Sept. 29 online newsletter, "The Dixie Pig." "The language in this amendment is completely unnecessary - it bans actions currently illegal in Virginia."

TAXPAYERS SHOULD BE CONCERNED, say opponents of the amendment, which include Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors, The City of Fairfax, The Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League.

They argue the amendment goes too far, requiring taxpayers to compensate landowners not only for the value of condemned property, but for lost access to their property and lost benefits.

They contend the proposed amendment invalidates the current "public use" definition in the code and creates uncertainty as to what constitutes public use, which could invite litigation.

"I don't think anyone's arguing that private property owner's rights are not important," said City of Fairfax Councilman Dan Drummond. "But this is a solution in search of a problem."

He said the fear is that the amendment could have a "chilling effect" on economic progress and projects that benefit the public.

"Nobody really knows from a local government perspective how this will be used, but the fear is that it could open up a Pandora's Box of litigation that would leave taxpayers footing the bill."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) said business-owners could construe this amendment as "taking away or diminishing" their profits when streets are closed and their shops are shut down during popular parades and festivals, such as Viva Vienna or the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, events that attract up to 40,000 people during one weekend.

"These are community-building events, and we're concerned the language in the amendment can be read by individuals as way to seek compensation for lost profits," Bulova said.

"A shop owner could complain they lost revenue, that festival vendors are taking their



Some local lawmakers are concerned that if the Constitutional amendment ballot question on eminent domain passes, festivals and parades, such as Viva Vienna and the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, will spark countless lawsuits from business owners who could argue that the public events cost them private profits.

business away," Bulova added. "What if someone decided to make that an issue and seek compensation for lost profits under (the amendment)? The Town of Vienna can't afford to reimburse every shop owner..."

Surovell said requiring the government to pay for not only the value of land, but for lost profits and lost access could run up the costs of infrastructure projects all over Virginia.

"Imagine what that means for widening U.S. 1 or what they would have meant in terms of the disruption caused on Route 7 for the construction of the Silver Line. This bill will make roads and transit even harder to construct," he said.

Del. Dave Albo (R-41) who co-sponsored one of the versions of the law, acknowledged that "lost profits and lost access" could end up making roads more expensive to build.

"But it's fair," Albo said. "If they run a road and cut off your driveway to the point that no one can get into your restaurant and ruin your business, you should be compensated."

"Basically, we don't want the government taking private property for something that is not a bona fide government use, for example taking old houses in the name of economic development and then transferring the land to a private hotel," Albo added.

ALBO AND OTHER SUPPORTERS maintain a constitutional amendment is needed because, without it, future lawmakers and special interest groups could weaken Virginia's current statute.

BALLOT QUESTION ON EMINENT DOMAIN

*To read the text of the amendment, go to <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?121+ful+CHAP0699>

*For more information on the Supreme Court Decision Kelo v. City of New London, go to <http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/04-108.ZO.html>

At the crux of the debate is the Supreme Court's landmark 2005 decision known as the "Kelo decision," widely considered by scholars, land-use attorneys and local government to be one of the most controversial rulings in recent U.S. history.

"I think all of this is an overreaction to Kelo," said Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics." "Historically, property owners have always been favored under Virginia law."

What is the "Kelo" ruling?

"Kelo v. City of New London" came before the Supreme Court in 2005. In a 5-4 decision, the Court held that the general benefits a community enjoyed from economic growth qualified private redevelopment plans as a permissible "public use" under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

In 1998, the drug company Pfizer built a new plant in New London, Conn., making adjacent property desirable for economic development. Although 100 property owners agreed to sell the city their property for commercial development, 15 property owners resisted, and the city used the power of eminent domain to force the 15 holdouts to sell.

The property owners, including lead plaintiff Susette Kelo, sued the city in Connecticut courts, arguing that the city had misused its eminent domain power.

Prior to Kelo, only seven states specifically restricted the use of eminent domain for private development.

As of June 2012, 44 states had enacted some type of reform legislation in response to the Kelo decision, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Of those states, 22 passed laws that severely inhibited the takings allowed by the Kelo decision, while the rest enacted laws that place some limits on the power of municipalities to invoke eminent domain for economic development.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), who is Surovell's law partner in the Fairfax firm of Surovell, Isaacs, Petersen & Levy PLC, said he stands with supporters of the amendment, and thinks that litigation fears are overblown.

"The eminent domain amendment basically puts the current state law into the Constitution, so it's not a major change at all," Petersen said.

Surovell disagrees: "I just don't see a large enough problem where we need a statewide constitutional solution."

Bulova said local officials take the power of eminent domain seriously:

"Eminent domain is a very heavy power and absolutely needed only for the greater good. We haven't used it to force people off their property. That just doesn't happen in Fairfax County and it never has," Bulova said.

Bulova, McDonnell Honored for Community Service Work

Chairman Sharon Bulova, on behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and Governor Bob



Bulova

McDonnell, were honored by the Arc of Northern Virginia, a non-profit organization that provides services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled, at their annual Golden Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Chairman Bulova and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors were recognized for their consistent advocacy and support to ensure that all of County residents can live successfully within the community. Chairman Bulova and her colleagues have supported a variety of critical disability services programs, including the Infant and Toddler Connection, a program that provides evaluations and early intervention services for infants and toddlers who have a developmental delay or a diagnosis that may lead to developmental delays. Fairfax County is also a state-wide leader in funding gap services, including job supports for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who have graduated from the local school system without a waiver or other job funding.

"I am very pleased to accept this recognition from the Arc of Northern Virginia on behalf of the Board of Supervisors," Chairman Bulova said. "Helping those in our community who need supportive services in order to live fully within the community is a top priority of our board. The Arc has been a great partner, through thick and thin."

The Arc of Northern Virginia started as a small group of concerned parents fifty years ago, and has since grown to a premier advocacy organization focused on community-based supports and services. The organization primarily helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities integrate and live in the community. The organization serves thousands of people in the area each year.

For more information on the gala, visit <http://new.thearcnova.org/events/gala/>.

Opinion

Be Part of the Children's Connection

Call for student artwork and writing; deadline Dec. 3.

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 3.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format.

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- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

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To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 3. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's

Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands out as a holiday connected to an increase in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

Sponsors of this year's Halloween SoberRide offering include: Anheuser-Busch, AT&T, Diageo, Giant, MillerCoors, Red Top Cab of Arlington, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 55,694 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. For more information visit www.wrap.org.

Last Call

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 26 to be considered for publication. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Ideal letters will be about 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to south@connectionnewspapers.com.

— Mary Kimm,

mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Letters to the Editor

Supporting Bond Referenda

To the Editor:

On the Nov. 6 ballot, County residents will see four Bond Referenda. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area urges voters to approve all four bonds. Here's why:

Issuing these bonds now is sound fiscal policy. All of these capital improvements are part of the County's five-year plan. Repayment will cost less because interest rates are low. And the County has common-sense borrowing policies that strictly limit the amount of outstanding debt to a small percentage of property values. These practices have allowed the Fairfax County to finance necessary capi-

tal improvements while maintaining its AAA bond rating—even in the recession.

These capital improvements are necessary to the health, welfare and safety of County residents.

- ❖ Parks and Parks Facilities Bonds: This bond issue supports the preservation of the County's historic areas, many of which bring tourists to Fairfax County. It also supports development of neighborhood parks, preservation of open space and stream valleys. County parks provide a place for family gatherings and increase outdoor recreational opportunities for everyone in our communities.

- ❖ Public Safety Bonds: This bond issue supports maintenance and upgrades to police, fire department and court facilities. Some of these funds will help com-

plete the renovation of the Jennings Courthouse and make the entire complex safe, efficient and appropriate for everyone from judges to defendants and for the public.

- ❖ Public Library Bonds: These bonds support tech smart library maintenance and upgrades. As more jobs and school assignments require access to a computer, these bonds are necessary for the participation of everyone in our community life.

- ❖ Storm Drainage Improvements Bonds: These bonds support soil and water conservation and flood-prevention efforts. As we experience more frequent violent storms and unpredictable weather, these bonds protect the health, safety and property of County residents. They will also

prevent the economic loss flooding inflicts on our communities.

Voters interested in more details should visit fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond.

These bonds will also improve the economic future of Fairfax County. All facilities need regular maintenance and upgrades. By following sound borrowing policies and maintaining facilities as needed, Fairfax County not only improves the quality of life for current residents, but also becomes more attractive to businesses looking for a place to relocate.

We urge voters to approve all four Bond Referenda.

Julia Jones and Helen Kelly
Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

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Centreville High will host its second annual Goblin Gallop on Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 30-31, with a rain date of Nov. 1-2. It's again partnering with Lake Braddock Secondary in hopes of raising \$50,000 for the Food for Others food bank. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th) will speak to the students, Oct. 30, at 11:30 a.m.

Jeff Blevins of Burke has been named to the President's list at James Madison University for both the fall and spring semesters of his sophomore year. Jeff is a junior majoring in public administration with an Asian minor. He is a 2010 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Robyn Gianiny of Burke was on the dean's list fall 2011 and the President's List Spring 2012 at West Virginia University. She graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School in 2011. She will be attending George Mason University this fall.

Christian Kosko of Burke has been named to the dean's list at Radford University. He is a sophomore majoring in Criminal Justice and is a 2011 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary.

Michael McVay of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio in the College of Applied Technologies. He is a 2009 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Monica Zinn of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

Nathanon Ketram of Burke is among the Marymount University undergraduate students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and are included in the 2012 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Ketram is majoring in Biology.

Kelsey Zinck of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at The College of New Jersey of Ewing, N.J.

Jonathan Austin Kilbourn of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Clemson University of Clemson, S.C. Kilbourn is majoring in history.

Franklin Shakespeare of Burke was named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Bryant University of Smithfield, R.I. He is a senior accounting major.

Caitlin Landsman of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Marist College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is majoring in communications/public relations.

Alexandra Marie Froede of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Miami University, Oxford, Oh.

Mohit Nagaraja Iyyer of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science in St. Louis, Mo.

Michael Del Toral of Burke has been named to the fall 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Del Toral.

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(From left) Linda Sullivan, Christopher Saunders, Audra Avery, Kailey Leinz and Penelope Grossman.



Three Dance Scholarships Awarded

Three Fairfax County high school seniors won dance scholarships at the Fairfax County Dance Coalition (FCDC) Third Annual Gala Showcase, A Celebration of Dance, Sunday, Oct. 7. This year, says FCDC President Marilyn York, "the Arts Council of Fairfax County (ACFC) joined FCDC to expand the number of scholarships awarded." Penelope Gross, Mason district county supervisor, and Linda Sullivan, president of the ACFC, presented the scholarships.

The three dance scholarship recipients are Christopher Saunders, Audra Avery and Kailey Leinz. Each will receive \$500 to be used for tuition at a college, university, conservatory or summer intensive program for the 2013/2014 school year. Saunders attends Fairfax High School and studies dance at Center Stage Dance & Arts Center. He's been training in dance for four years. Avery is home schooled and

studies dance at Encore Theatrical Arts Project.

Leinz attends Lake Braddock High School and studies dance at The Center for Ballet Arts. Both Avery and Leinz have been dancing for 14 years. Avery is home-schooled.

The FCDC Gala, performed at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus theatre, featured 12 companies and a mix of ballet, tap, jazz, modern, musical theatre and Indian dance styles. Participating companies include: BalletNova, Center Stage Dance Company, Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Company, Encore Theatrical Arts Project, Gin Dance Company, Impact Dance Company, Lasya Dance Company, Nrityanjali Dance Company, The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax, The Fairfax Ballet Company, The Kintz Mejia Academy of Ballet and the Virginia Ballet Company.

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West Springfield High School junior Diana Schulberg with the band ARTIG. (From left) Dave, Chris, Max and Martin.



Photos by Anna Blore/The Connection

German Band Comes to West Springfield

ARTIG revisits the school.

By Anna Blore
The Connection

As the drum and bass began to echo throughout the auditorium, West Springfield High School students cheered for the German band ARTIG this past Friday.

Last January, ARTIG received a grant from the German Embassy funding their musical tour to America. This school year, they decided to revisit the place where it all began and returned to the site of their first American concert, West Springfield High School. Having taught German for 18 years at West Springfield, Haley Crittenden Gordon was delighted to be able to organize the concert and have them back again.

"It's a lot of fun for the students," said Gordon. "The concert helps expose them to the modern German lifestyle."

To prepare for the arrival of ARTIG, Gordon had her students spend time on translating song lyrics and doing listening exercises.

"Their music is very upbeat and positive," said Gordon. "A lot of it deals with 'knowing who you are' as a person."

ARTIG was just as personable as their music was, and the band interacted with the students while on



Max, the vocalist, reaches out to screaming fans from the area.

stage and after the concert, in a private reception that was held for the fans and band.

"We really love playing American concerts," said Chris, the drummer for the band. "The energy level is a lot different from German students who are a bit more reserved."

Although the band joked about America being the "party country" and staunchly stood by their favorite American artist as being "Katy Perry," their music represents one of their most serious passions.

"We just started playing one day," said Max, the lead vocalist of the group.

"We're so grateful for the support and fans here."

With a lack of funding from the German Embassy this year, the band owes their second American tour to Director of the German Language Saturday School Kerstin Hopkins.

"It's unbelievable that we were able to get a second chance to see them perform," said Gordon. "Last year we thought we were lucky enough to get them as it was."

In the future, Gordon looks forward to more German influence around the school. "We've been very grateful for the experience," said Gordon. "We'd love to bring more cultural events to the school."

As for the return of ARTIG to the states? "We're making plans with the German Embassy," said Chris. "There's a great chance we could be coming back."

The superior man makes the difficulty to be overcome his first interest; success comes only later.

—Confucius

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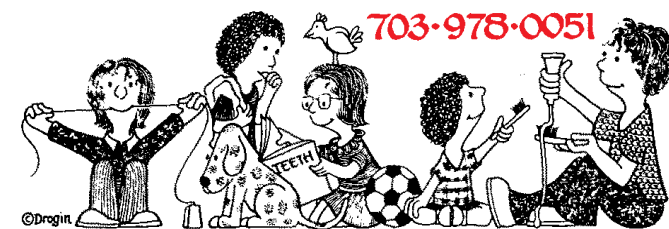
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Burke Artist Launches ‘Barn Sale without the Barn’

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Q&A with Branches founder Marian Cutler

What is Branches?

Our show is an annual week-end event where we invite local artists and artisans, both novice and professional, to sell their stuff along with a blend of vintage items that my business partner and I have gathered throughout the year. Our focus is to help develop new talent, people who are doing high-quality work, but don't have the time or ability to quit their day jobs, either as moms, students or professionals. We have a heavy focus on quality and originality. We want people to say, "I've never seen that before." We also encourage our artists to use old things in a new way, to "upcycle" if possible. My business partner Sharon Salazar, of Fairfax Station, and I both like to refinish old furniture in way that makes it more current and appealing, as well as finding new purposes for things like old frames or coaster boxes. These get turned into items like shadowboxes and bud vases.

How did Branches start?

A year ago, I read an article about this new phenomenon called "Barn Sales." These various groups of women in the suburbs of Maryland and Virginia would put all this beautiful antique and vintage furniture for sale in differently-styled vignettes. The kicker was that these vignettes were set up in different stalls of a barn. Each had a different look: Victorian here, retro there, Hollywood regency there, farmhouse chic there, with antiques throughout. As I watched all these people waiting in line eagerly to buy all these vintage and antique and "freshened" goodies, two things occurred to me. 1. The art I was making at the time would look amazing in this venue. 2. Between me and Sharon, we knew where to find or how to make almost everything in the show. On the way home I looked at her



From left: Marian Cutler, mixed media collage; Sharon Salazar, furniture refinishing, painting, collage; Anne Brannam, jewelry; Kara Mann, handmade hair clips and wreaths; Lauren Williams, sewing-teddy bears and aprons, will participate in The Barn Sale without a Barn on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3 in Springfield.

Branches: The Barn Sale without a Barn

This year's "upscale tag sale," as barn sales are called, will be held Friday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 6209 Garden Road in Springfield.

For more information about artist Marian Cutler (who goes by the professional name of CM Shaw), check out her website at <http://www.cmshawstudios.blogspot.com/>, check Facebook for Branches or CM Shaw, or email her directly at cmshawstudios@gmail.com.

and said, "Sharon, let's have a barn sale this fall," and she said, "Where are we going to find a barn in Burke?" And we just decided we didn't need a barn. Hence the tag "Branches: the Barn Sale Without a Barn".

What do you enjoy most about the barn sales?

First of all, the show itself is a blast! Talking with people and ex-

plaining all the neat details of the cool stuff we are selling is a total rush. There is this happy escapist energy that comes with the environment. We try really hard to stage things in a way that will help people leave their troubles behind. So just for those minutes they are at the show, they are in a fantasy world. That's also why we have the event catered. We think everyone needs a little treat now and again.

It is so cool to look at my younger or less experienced artists' faces when they get their paycheck and they realize that people just paid for something they made.

How is this different than a craft show?

First of all, all the artist products are mixed together, as opposed to being sold by a vendor. This helps us to create a more boutique-like environment. Plus we try really hard to find cool, unique ways to display things. Another difference is the variety of products. We offer vintage stuff, antiques, original art and hand-made items all under the same roof. There is one payment location for everything, so you can just do it all in one shot, rather than having to schlepp stuff from vendor to vendor. Plus it's in a house. And we give you cupcakes. Really good cupcakes.

What can people expect to see in your show this year?

We have 21 different artists participating this time. There is an Annie Sloan Chalk Paint stockist and artist coming to sell paints and waxes and give advice on how to use them. There are several different jewelers, with stock at various price points, all of it handmade. There will be handmade wooden signs, original stained glass pieces, burlap wreaths, fabric teddy bears, painted furniture, vintage home decor, a few pieces of architectural salvage like old windows, fused glass paintings, Christmas ornaments and original water colors. One of our artists buys leather jackets at thrift shops and upcycles them into purses and wallets. Another does lace painting on serving pieces like cheese trays and goblets. We have artists ranging from nine years old to 70 years old, all of them different and excited about the show.

What is the price range for the items?

The prices are all over the place. I think the cheapest thing is \$3. I think the most expensive will be around \$500. Lots and lots of variety.

—Victoria Ross



Photos by Jessica McKay

Shih Tzu Benji wore a pumpkin costume.

Dog Day Afternoon

Greenspring celebrates 10th annual Halloween Pet Parade.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Parancing, dancing and wagging their tails, Midnight, Ladybug, Itsy & Bitsy paraded across the stage in their Halloween finery as Greenspring celebrated its 10th annual Halloween Pet Parade on Saturday, Oct. 20.

"This is one of our favorite events, a real treat for residents and their pets," said Kay McCurdy, the founder of the DOG club (Dog Owners of Greenspring), and the parade chairman. "In all the years we've been doing this, we've never had any problems with the dogs fighting."

As pooches paraded down the stage, accompanied by staff, residents and family members, Master of Ceremonies Brad Hibbs told the audience the stories, something about each of the 25 pets, to the standing-room-only audience.

Midnight, a 16-year-old toy

poodle, was abandoned by his former owners, and just a day away from being put to sleep when owner Frank Adams rescued him.

"He's a great little thing," Adams said, comforting the dog before his stage debut in a purple tutu. "Lots of love in him."

Freda Bruner, mom of Itsy & Bitsy, twin Yorkshire Terriers, started the event with the "parade of children." "We have a lot of grandchildren and great-grandchildren of residents at this event, so we started a tradition of having them parade first." Each child received a goody bag, filled with candy and toys.

Bruner started Greenspring's dog therapy program at the retirement community's nursing home, where owners bring their pets to comfort other residents. "Itsy and Bitsy are both very good with people who are ill. They sense it, and they will nestle next to someone," Bruner said.

After the parade, a team from the Virginia Search and Rescue Dog Association (VSRDA) gave a presentation on the organization's volunteer canine search and rescue unit. The unit utilizes specially trained dogs to locate missing persons after disasters and other rescue and recovery mission.

Buddy, a Maltese, was one of the show's standouts. In a nod to the 2012 elections, owner Marilyn Marshall dressed him in red, white and blue and held a sign that read "A Vote for Buddy is a Vote for Every-Buddy."

Other local sponsors included Shampooch Mobile Spa, Inc., Felix & Oscar, PetValu, and PetSmart.



Angel was decked out in a polka-dot poodle skirt and matching accessories. Her owner is Greenspring resident Margarete Morgan.



Greenspring staffers paraded their costumed pooches down the stage.

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Buddy, a Maltese, won the popular vote in his bid for president. Marilyn Marshall, whose mother is a Greenspring resident, paraded Buddy down the stage.

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Gilbert Louis Braun III as Conrad Birdie with his adoring fans.



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'It's a Fast-paced, Hilarious Show'

Woodson High presents "Bye Bye Birdie."

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

A slice of Americana wrapped in music and dancing—that's Woodson High's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." The curtain rises Friday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 3, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 10, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 presale at www.wtdrama.org, \$12 at the door and \$5, senior citizens. The cast and crew of nearly 100 have been rehearsing since early September.

"We have a really great cast making awesome choices," said theater director Terri Hobson. "They're not afraid to have fun with their characters. We also have a wonderful team of choreographers, assistant choral director Lisa Corey and theater student Lara Taylor. And there's all kinds of dancing—tap, ballet, jazz and 1950s-type pop."

Hobson said the singers are terrific, too, with she and Michael Ehrlich, the show's musical director, sharing many students who take both chorus and drama. "It's just a fun show," she said. "It's also well-written—the jokes have a universal appeal to all ages."

It's set in 1959, and teen heartthrob/bad boy Conrad Birdie is entering the Army. Birdie's manager Albert and Albert's girlfriend/secretary Rosie arrange for a teen girl from Birdie's fan club to give him his last kiss before leaving. They hope the song they kiss by, which Albert wrote, will make enough money for Albert to leave his job and become an English teacher.

THE SCENES take place at the Ed Sullivan

TV studio; the steps of the Sweet Apple, Ohio, City Hall; and the kitchen of the teen girl, Kim McAfee. "We've got some great, period pieces—including an actual pink, G.E. 1950s oven and refrigerator to lend it an air of authenticity," said Hobson.

Senior Gilbert Louis Braun III plays Birdie. "He's completely full of himself," said Braun. "He has a sweet persona only to attract the ladies, but he's really a player. He's too bold for his own good because he's gotten so used to people idolizing him that it's gone to his head and he thinks he's above the rules."

Calling his role "super-fun," Braun said, "Every time I walk onstage, I get mobbed by beautiful women. I'm also excited to have a lead and to sing in my first, big musical. And I can show different sides of Birdie."

His favorite song is "One Last Kiss" because "Birdie gets to use a sweeter, more romantic vocal quality." Braun says the audience "will love the dynamics in the McAfee family because they're just funny, especially the relationship between the father and son."

Portraying Kim McAfee is senior Alison Romig. "She's 15 and thinks she's more mature than she is," said Romig. "She's president and recording secretary of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club and was randomly chosen to be kissed by him. This causes trouble with her boyfriend Hugo who just gave her his pin and doesn't want her kissing Birdie."

Romig loves her part because "I get to act like a girl who's not quite fully grown before I have to go out into the world, myself, after graduation. And I do lots of scenes with the teen chorus of Kim's friends, and the girls playing them really get into their roles."

SHE ESPECIALLY LIKES the song, "Telephone Hour," in which the whole town's talking about Hugo and Kim getting pinned. "It has a fast, bouncy beat and the choreography is really cute and entertaining to watch," said Romig. Regarding the show, she said, "The audience will like the cast's energy and the simplicity of the time period."

Junior Josh Reiter plays Albert. "He's very complicated; he's 33 and in love with Rosie, but also dedicated to his job, so he's trying to balance the two," said Reiter. "He's also a mama's boy, and she gets in the way of his and Rosie's relationship."

"It's a challenge humanizing Albert because he tends to be insensitive at times, although he has a good heart," said Reiter. "So I try not to make him sound like a jerk. But he's also dynamic, so I get to show his other facets and sing and dance, which is fun."

Reiter's favorite number is "Rosie," which he enjoys singing with senior Paula Lavalley, who portrays that character. And he said the audience will like the show's "wonderful, catchy music and amazing dancing. It's a fast-paced, hilarious show."

Lavalley describes Rosie as a "sassy, fiery character. She almost runs Albert's music company, but really wants to make a life with Albert and be an English teacher's wife. I love it because I'm Spanish and can relate to her hardheadedness and strong will, and I love her songs and dances."

Lavalley's favorite number is "Spanish Rose" because "it's funny and quirky and I like putting the dancing with it. I think it'll be a crowd-pleaser." Overall, she said, "It's an old-fashioned show where everything works out in the end; it gets back to the roots of musicals. It can be chaotic, but will leave the audience happy."

Spook Season

Get all the treats and tricks, fright-in-the-night and boo!-filled fun to be had out of Halloween this fall with a little help from some Fairfax County seasonal events.

FRIDAY/OCT. 26

The Bradley Farm Haunted House. 6-10 p.m., at 13159 New Parkland Drive, Herndon. Exhibits and well-hidden scares within "The Evil Around Us,"-themed house, deeply haunted with local spook and legend. \$5. www.bfhauntedhouse.com.

Haunted Pond Jr. at Hidden Pond Nature Center. 7 p.m., at 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. With nocturnal wildlife and local lore featuring live animals, a walk into the forest at night, a campfire with scary stories and s'mores. Register. http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp?

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Halloween Costume Fun Run. 9-11 a.m., at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Runners of all ages run laps around campus in costume; for every lap, runners receive a treat; fun run water bottle included. \$10 suggested donation. 703-356-3346.

Pumpkin Carving Class. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Executive Chef Matthew and his culinary team guide little witches and vampires in honing their artistic skills via pumpkin lantern design; for children ages 6 and older (materials included). \$50. Reservations. 703-917-5498.

Alastair Moock's Slightly Scary Spooktacular. 10:30 a.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Boston roots musician/family entertainer plays slightly scary tunes. \$10; children under 1 year, free. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Ghost Train. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The haunted forest hosts ghosts, goblins and witches—dare you enter? A carousel and costumed creatures beckon. \$4. 703-323-6600.

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Halloween Tea. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Come in Halloween costumes for tea, a magician act, a creepy-crawly photo booth and eats like Hair Raising Ham, Cheese Fingers, Dracula's Dark Chocolate Mousse Tarts, Plump Pumpkin Cupcakes, Creepy Cookie Fingers, hot chocolate and apple cider; children receive a special treat and complimentary photo as a memento. \$65. Reservations. 703-917-5498.

Bridges 2 Beyond. 1 p.m., at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Learn about the equipment, technologies and methodologies used in paranormal investigations; adults only. 703-790-8088.

Ponies & Pumpkins Festival. 2 p.m., at Tamarack Stables, 9905 Old Colchester, Lorton. Free pumpkins for children along with decorating, haunted hay rides, music, pony rides, story telling, food, a bonfire, arts and crafts vendors and all sorts of come-in-costume fun. \$10 per car. www.ridetamarack.com.

Tricks & Treats. 2-3 p.m., at Petco, 9230B Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Show your pet's perfect costume off and vie for prizes like Petco gift cards and treats galore. 703-455-2007.

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Calendar

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Fairfax Bike Summit. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the HUB at George Mason University, 10423 Rivanna River Way, Fairfax. Featuring sessions on innovative road improvements, safe routes, growing bicycle participation, bike share, implementing the County bicycle master plan, sports and recreation. Registration. ffxbikesummit.eventbrite.com or fabb-bikes.org.

Pathway Homes' Community Walk. 10 a.m., at Stevenson Place, 4113 Stevenson Street, Fairfax. The Help the Homeless community walk benefits the nonprofit that has served more than 100 individuals; supporters, friends, local officials and family members walk to raise funds for supportive and residential services to adults experiencing mental health and co-occurring disorders. hthwalks.org/goto/pathways.

Cuban Missile Crisis 50th Anniversary. 10 a.m., at the Harris Theater, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Cold War Museum and the Department of History & Art History form a panel of historians and authors to commemorate the anniversary; book signing to follow. www.coldwar.org/articles/60s/CubanMissileCrisis50thAnniversary.asp.

Live Boxing. 6 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A 10-round middleweight battle between Jimmy Lange and Tony "Mo Better" Jeter. \$40-500. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

Drama's Night Out. 6-11 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Students in

first through sixth grade can spend time with Woodson drama students playing improv, singing and dancing while parents are free for date night; cost benefits Cavs-In Kilts Thespians' trip to perform at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. \$40; \$30 for each additional sibling. www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/night-out.

Jimmy Lange Boxing Event. 7 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Reston native Joseph Rector goes against David Huffman. www.patriotcenter.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

Referendum, Reception and Redskins. 3-4:30 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Catch the tail-end of the Redskins game, enjoy dessert, beverages and free giveaways like a Nook or Kindle. 703-644-7333 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news.

Dancing 4 Cures. 6 p.m., at Ernst Community Cultural Theater, NVCC, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. C4 Performing Arts, LLC, in partnership with Greater Little Zion Baptist Church Cancer Support Ministry in Fairfax and the BREM Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer, host a concert; reception and silent auction precede show. 703-855-7687 or www.c4performingarts.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

The 25th Annual Fair Oaks Mall-O-Ween. 6-8 p.m., at Fair Oaks Mall, off I-66 at Lee Jackson Memorial Parkway, Fairfax. Sixteen-thousand-plus trick-or-treaters and families haunt the largest premier shopping

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FRIDAY/NOV. 2

Bye Bye Birdie. 7:30 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Get nostalgic as Albert Peterson, the handsome rock star Conrad Birdie's manager, tries to get out of debt by cashing in on a farewell party for Birdie in which he has to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan Show before the actor leaves for the army. www.wtwdrama.org/current.

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

Book and Author Luncheon. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Country Club of Fairfax, 510 Ox Road, Fairfax. All booklovers are invited to the AAUW Fairfax City Branch's annual luncheon to raise funds for scholarships for women in the organization; five novelists will speak and sign copies. \$40. 703-978-3258 or suzanne70946@mac.com.

Bye Bye Birdie. 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Get nostalgic as Albert Peterson, the handsome rock star Conrad Birdie's manager, tries to get out of debt by cashing in on a farewell party for Birdie in which he has to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan Show before the actor leaves for the army. www.wtwdrama.org/current.

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Halloween Happenings

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Annual Howloween Dog

Costume Contest & Boneyard Hunt. 2-4 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Dress your dog to outdo them all and compete for costume contest prizes, then walk through the boneyard to sniff out treat; all dogs must be leashed and friendly. \$6. 703-569-0285.

Super-Natural Hayride at

Laurel Hill Park. 4 p.m., 6 p.m., at Lorton Prison former site, register for address. Discover the secrets of the former Lorton Prison while enjoying an old-fashioned hayride with spooky stops along the way. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-events-calendar.htm>.

Halloween Movie Night. 5:30 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon in the Post Gallery, 750 Center Street, Herndon. A showing of The Wizard of Oz for a costumed-audience, the best of which will win the contest; pre-show games at 5:30 p.m. with the sing-along, dance-along screening at 6:30 p.m. Register. 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

Halloween Carnival. 6-8:30 p.m., at the City of Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. Creepy Creature Show from Reptiles Alive!, carnival games, a moon bounce, face painting, crafts, movies and candy; infants through fifth grade. 703-248-5077 or www.fallschurchva.gov.

Goblin Golf and Bonfire. 6-9 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park Marina, 7500 Accotink Park Road,

Springfield. Play a round of miniature gold on the haunted golf course with glow-in-the-dark golf balls; ride the spooky carousel; and join in storytelling over a cup of hot chocolate around a beach bonfire. \$8. Register. 703-569-0285.

The Bradley Farm Haunted House.

6-10 p.m., at 13159 New Parkland Drive, Herndon. Exhibits and well-hidden scares within "The Evil Around Us,"-themed house, deeply haunted with local spook and legend. \$5. www.bfhauntedhouse.com.

The Clifton Haunted Trail.

7-10 p.m., Buckley Park, 12802 Chapel St., Clifton. This year's haunted trail winds through Clifton's eight-acre Buckley Park with re-enactments, popular scary movie scenes, new and scarier skits from zombie land and the headless horseman. Note: parents should accompany children, no flashlights, wear hardy shoes and park at Clifton Floodplain. Clifton Elementary School or Clifton House Shops where hayrides will provide rides to and from park. T-shirts, cider, pizza, cookies and snacks available. www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

19th Annual Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop. 8:30 a.m. 1K Fun Run, 9 a.m. 5K Run, 9:10 a.m. 5K Walk. Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, 4100 Monument Drive, Fairfax. From the competitive 5 K chip race over a USATF certified course with prizes for first, second and third place, male and female, awarded in all group categories from 14 and under to 80 and older to the fun run with 450-plus children, teenagers and toddlers, the Goblin Gallop heralds costumed fun to

benefit the John Quadrino Foundation for children with cancer. www.goblingallop.org.

Ghost Train. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The haunted forest hosts ghosts, goblins and witches—dare you enter? A carousel and costumed creatures beckon. \$4. 703-323-6600.

Frightful Bowling: Pumpkins, Goblins and Bowling! 1-3 p.m., at AMF Annandale Lanes, 4245 Markham Street, Annandale. A special fundraising event for Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) with frightening door prizes and a costume contest; RSVP by Oct. 22. www.novam.org.

Halloween Bingo. 2-5 p.m., at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S, Vienna. Dress up to win the costume contest and play bingo for up to a \$1,000 prize. \$20. 703-938-2678.

Sunday Soirees: Happy Halloween. 3-5 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Come in costume or not and dance in a low-key environment or sit and listen to The Wayne Tympanick Trio play; refreshments provided. \$5. 703-790-0123 ext. 711 or www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming.

Trunk or Treat. 4-6 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Decorate the trunk of your car and fill it with treats to join a parking lot-full of other festive, treat-filled trunks; dinner provided by the church. RSVP at info@elcvienna.org.

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Home Sales

In September 2012, 37 Burke homes sold between \$1,050,000-\$240,000.

Address	BR . FB . HB ...	Postal City	Sold Price ...	Type	Lot AC .	PostalCode	Subdivision
6295 TIMARRON COVE LN	5 .. 5 .. 2	BURKE	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.34	22015	TIMARRON COVE
9012 ADVANTAGE CT	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$710,000	Detached	0.24	22015	SIGNAL HILL ESTATES
5201 DUNLEIGH GLEN LN	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$641,000	Detached	0.23	22015	DUNLEIGH
6304 SPRING LAKE DR	4 .. 4 .. 1	BURKE	\$600,000	Detached	0.22	22015	SPRING LAKE FARMS
9862 NATICK RD	4 .. 3 .. 0	BURKE	\$597,000	Detached	0.39	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9300 POPLAR SPRING CT	3 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$585,000	Detached	0.08	22015	MILLSTONE POND
5407 FLINT TAVERN PL	4 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$583,000	Detached	0.30	22015	SIGNAL HILL
6300 BELLEAIR RD	3 .. 2 .. 0	BURKE	\$579,900	Detached	2.55	22015	BELFAIR
6926 HALYARD PL	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$555,200	Detached	0.22	22015	LONGWOOD KNOLLS
9588 BRONTE DR	4 .. 3 .. 0	BURKE	\$550,000	Detached	0.25	22015	ROLLINGWOODS ESTATES
9709 IRONMASTER DR	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$495,000	Detached	0.22	22015	CHERRY RUN
9524 WILLIAM KIRK LN	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$495,000	Detached	0.09	22015	OLD STONE MILL
9308 RAINTREE RD	5 .. 3 .. 0	BURKE	\$479,900	Detached	0.26	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
5925 WATERS EDGE LANDING LN ...	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$417,500	Townhouse	0.04	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5408 MIDSHIP CT	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$410,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
6354 TISBURY DR	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$407,000	Townhouse	0.07	22015	BRITFORD
9679 MASON BLUFF CT	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	BURKES WAY
9600 CHAPEL HILL DR	5 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$400,000	Detached	0.22	22015	LEE CHAPEL WOODS
5861 WYE OAK COMMONS CT#30 ..	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$372,000	Townhouse	22015	BURKE CENTRE
9521 DRAYCOTT CT	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	CARDINAL GLEN
5633 RAPID RUN CT	4 .. 2 .. 2	BURKE	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.05	22015	LAKEPOINTE
10605 LAKESIDE OAK CT	2 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$357,500	Townhouse	0.03	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5822 HIGH BLUFF CT	3 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$357,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015	BURKE VILLAGE
9475 CLOVERDALE CT	3 .. 2 .. 2	BURKE	\$351,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015	OLD MILL COMMUNITY
5518 KENDRICK LN	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.05	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
10110 CHESTNUT WOOD LN	4 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$345,888	Townhouse	0.04	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5951 HERITAGE SQUARE DR	3 .. 3 .. 1	BURKE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.06	22015	HERITAGE SQUARE NORTH
5819 WOOD POPPY CT	4 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$335,500	Townhouse	0.04	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5845 KARA PL	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$333,000	Townhouse	0.05	22015	BURKE STATION SQUARE
10853 OAK GREEN CT	3 .. 2 .. 2	BURKE	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015	BURKE CENTRE
6358 DRACO ST	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.05	22015	KEENE MILL WOODS
6037 TICONDEROGA CT	3 .. 2 .. 2	BURKE	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.04	22015	HERITAGE SQUARE
5855 JACKSONS OAK CT	3 .. 2 .. 2	BURKE	\$304,000	Townhouse	0.03	22015	BURKE CENTRE
5140 DAHLGREEN PL	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$289,000	Townhouse	0.03	22015	LAKE BRADDOCK
6362 DRACO ST	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$288,500	Townhouse	0.03	22015	KEENE MILL WOODS
10269 QUIET POND TER	3 .. 2 .. 1	BURKE	\$249,000	Townhouse	0.03	22015	BURKE CENTRE
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News

President Speaks at George Mason, Appeals to Women Voters

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said Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics."

To that end, the pre-speech line-up included Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund and Nan Johnson, a retired teacher from Herndon, who both lauded Obama's support for issues affecting women.

"When Romney said he didn't know where to find qualified women during the second debate, that bothered me so much I almost stopped listening," Johnson said. "But then he said 'If you're going to have women in the workforce, you're going to have to be more flexible...' This is 2012, not 1912. Women having jobs is not a hypothetical."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) also got the crowd fired up by referencing Romney's comments on women in the workplace during the second debate.

"You might remember I'm originally from the commonwealth of Massachusetts," Connolly said, holding up some blue binders. "And I found those 'binders full of women.'"

ONE DAY LATER, in a Springfield shopping center off Old Keene Mill Road, Romney supporters were handing out dozens of Romney signs to voters at. In a few hours, the group handed out nearly 50 Romney signs.

Darren Williams, who owns Hawkeye Productions, said he believes Romney is the candidate who will stabilize the economy and give Americans a sense of financial security.

"I'm a small-business owner, and my main issue is that nobody seems to be minding the check-book," Williams said. "You can blame your predecessor all you want, but I blame [Obama] for his actions in office from day one until now. He's had four years to reverse the economic trend. His track record with me is poor."

Justice Johnson, an 18-year-old Lake Braddock senior, has been making calls for Romney. "I'm worried about the economy and get a job after college."

Johnson, who said he became more interested in politics this year after taking a government class and listening to the candidates, said he was impressed with Romney's personal business success. "I feel like Governor Romney's economic policies are the best for business."

Brandon Schall, 24, a recent graduate of Christopher Newport University who also campaigns for Romney, said he doesn't get caught up in the "partisan hype" of the elections.

"I feel we all have our part to do as Americans. In the end, it's not jokes and taking shots at each other. It's not about being a Republican or a Democrat. It's about doing your civic duty as Americans by voting."



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Coworkers Rosemary Osai and Lillie Reynolds of Herndon wait in line to see President Obama Friday, Oct. 19, at his second campaign rally at the school in two weeks.

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News

Jeff Pregman, general manager of Two Poor Teachers, shows off just a few of the items on display in the company's mobile showroom.

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Two Poor Teachers Expand in Area

A kitchen and bath remodeling company brings a one-stop-shop right to customers' front doors.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

On a sunny afternoon in the parking lot of a Fairfax County shopping center, Jeff Pregman is giving a tour of his mobile showroom, a \$100,000 former bookmobile that now houses an impressive selection of tiles, counter tops, faucets, flooring, light fixtures and more. Pregman is the general manager of Two Poor Teachers, a Class A contracting company founded in 1999 that specializes in kitchen and bath remodeling. The tour is interrupted on several occasions over the course of an hour by folks peering in the windows or knocking on the door. "I love it," says Pregman. "People see this big vehicle that says it's a design center. They come up to see what's what and they are blown away by what's inside. We do get a bit of business this way." Judging by the way the curious visitors walked away with business cards and even a scheduled appointment, Pregman isn't kidding.

THE COMPANY is the vision of Ken Nies and Tom Pennell, both of whom were Fairfax County teachers when they collaborated to start what was originally a sideline business. As their vision grew, Nies retired from teaching to serve as the hands-on owner, while Pennell still teaches and works with the company part time. Pregman came into the company first as a satisfied customer. "I was a government contractor," he said. "Ken and his crew did my bathroom remodel. We got on, needless to say, and two years later Ken recruited me to run the operation. It was a bit of a leap, but basically a no-brainer to get in with a quality outfit like this."

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Two Poor Teachers handles about 350 bathroom jobs, more than 20 kitchens, and 10-15 basements per year. Pregman says a kitchen can be designed and priced in about two hours. "Most kitchen jobs are completed in two weeks, bathrooms within one week," according to Pregman. "When the work gets started, I love when the client is home," he said. "A partnership between the customer and the company makes things go smoothly. It certainly helps avoid the dreaded 'change order' and the extra charges that come with them. I know companies that say that that is where they make their money. That is just not our philosophy. Do the best job. Keep to the budget. I'm pretty sure that's why we get about 60-70 percent of our business through referrals."

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Sports



Fairfax sophomore Charlotte Duke (4) scored the only goal in a 1-0 victory against Lake Braddock in the first round of regionals on Oct. 23 at Fairfax High School.



Senior midfielder Sam Zelenack and the Fairfax field hockey team are two wins from a state tournament berth.



Lake Braddock's Jennifer Castillo defends Fairfax's Cori Black during the teams' Oct. 23 matchup.

Photos by Chris Buchen

Fairfax Beats Lake Braddock in Regionals

Sophomore Duke scores lone goal for Rebels.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

There was no celebratory pile-up from members of the Fairfax field hockey team. No one dumped the contents of a water cooler on Rebels head coach Amber Beaudoin and no players were lifted on top of shoulders and carried off the field.

When the final whistle sounded, signifying victory against Lake Braddock on Tuesday in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament, the Rebels were reserved in their celebration. After four consecutive Liberty District championships and four straight seasons with at least one win at regionals, head coach Amber Beaudoin said the team's elder athletes are in search of something greater than what beating the Bruins could provide.

Fairfax defeated Lake Braddock, 1-0, on Oct. 23 at Fairfax High School. Sophomore forward Charlotte Duke scored the game's lone goal with 2:25 remaining in the first half, helping the Rebels advance to the quarterfinals where they will face Herndon at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

BEATING THE BRUINS was the Rebels' first step toward reaching their goal of a state tournament berth, which would likely involve defeating South County in the region semifinals. South County knocked Fairfax out of the regional tournament each of the last three years, ending the Rebels' 2009 and 2011 seasons in the semifinals and



Fairfax senior Shannon Cosgrove reaches for the ball against Lake Braddock on Oct. 23.

their 2010 campaign in the quarterfinals.

South County faces Oakton in this year's quarterfinal round.

"Particularly the seniors; they've won four district titles in a row. There's really not much else left for them [to accomplish], and the hurdle of their entire high school career in hockey is we want to beat South County," Beaudoin said. "Every game before [the potential South County matchup], it's exciting, it's challenging, it's where they want to be, but they have their eye on the prize."

Tuesday's first step wasn't an easy one for Fairfax, which faced a Lake Braddock team that entered regionals as the Patriot District's No. 4 seed despite excelling during the regular season. After starting 0-2, the Bruins won 13 of their final 14 regular season games.

"I definitely felt relieved [after beating the Bruins] because it was kind of a fluke that they were the fourth seed in the Patriot District," Fairfax senior Shannon Cosgrove said. "They're always a top-four team. We were really nervous about playing them in the first place. Pulling through in the end, we were really relieved."

Lake Braddock couldn't have been thrilled with the matchup, either. After entering the Patriot District tournament as the No. 2 seed, the Bruins lost to No. 3 South County in the semifinals and No. 4 T.C. Williams upset No. 1 West Springfield, meaning Lake Braddock finished fourth. The result was a matchup with a Fairfax team that had lost only one game all season.

"We all knew they were a really good team and we knew we had to come out strong," Lake Braddock senior and Patriot District Player of the Year Maria Jose Pastor said. "It wasn't going to be an easy first round, but we were just thinking that if we got through this, it couldn't get tougher than this until [the] semifinals."

Lake Braddock wasn't able to get past Fairfax due in part to missed opportunities. The Bruins had 15 penalty corners, compared to eight for the Rebels, but failed to score.

Lake Braddock head coach Amy Worrest said the Bruins relied too heavily on Pastor to create.

"It's unfortunate for [Pastor] that she didn't get to go on to show some other coaches in the region what she's capable of," Worrest



Lake Braddock junior Vanessa Girata was a first-team all-Patriot District selection this season.

said. "She's the best all-around hockey player that I've ever seen. One player can't do it all. Not to say that she's the whole team, it's just the other girls sometimes settle in a little bit once they get comfortable with her with the ball."

Along with Pastor, senior forward Taylor Livick and junior defender Vanessa Girata were named first team all-Patriot District. Senior forward Rachel Wimer was the team's leading goal scorer with 14.

"I'm just proud of my girls," Worrest said. "We had a good season, we had a successful season and we just couldn't get it together."

With Lake Braddock failing to capitalize on offense, Fairfax needed just one goal to earn the win. Duke scored late in the first half, moments after senior midfielder Sam Zelenack hit the left post with a shot.

"I think always after we score we get more confident," Duke said. "We start passing around [and] we realize that it's our game. We definitely started playing our game instead of their game after that."

Cosgrove, Zelenack, junior midfielder Sara Allen and sopho-

more defender Meg Robertson were selected to the all-Liberty District first team. Beaudoin was named Coach of the Year.

Before Fairfax can arrive at its goal of qualifying for states, the Rebels must defeat Herndon in the quarterfinals. The Rebels beat the Hornets, 4-0, on Sept. 15 in the championship game of the Herndon Invitational.

"It's really hard to beat a team twice," Zelenack said. "We know that."

WITH THE WIN against Lake Braddock, Fairfax improved to 18-1. The Rebels have outscored their opponents 55-5. Fairfax's lone defeat was a 3-0 loss to Westfield on Sept. 24. Westfield, the Concorde District champion, is 16-0 against Northern Region foes, outscoring those opponents 87-3. Fairfax would not have to face Westfield again until the region championship game. By that point, the Rebels would have already secured a state berth.

Is going to states a realistic goal for Fairfax?

"Yeah," Cosgrove said. "We just have to beat South County, who knocks us out every year..."

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