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Michael Faul, founder and owner of Potter's Fire, holds a stein mug inside the studio.



Sterling resident Steven Shiraishi at work at the potter's wheel at Potter's Fire in Herndon.



Potter's Fire employee Olivia DiBenigno holds a flower pot she just completed.

Potter's Fire Opens in Herndon

A grand opening ceremony to be held on Thursday, Oct. 10.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

Mike Faul's business Potter's Fire will be holding its grand opening this week in Herndon at 797-B Center Street. Previously, Faul had operated a marketing agency at this location. "My first exposure to ceramics was in junior high school, about 41 years ago," said Faul.

Faul closed his business in Herndon to take care of his father, Llyod J. Faul, who had Alzheimer's, after his mother passed away. Faul's father had a full career in the military, retiring as a brigadier general in 1973 and later worked as president and CEO of Vie de France. After his father passed in 2011, Faul took a class in ceramics at the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Sterling campus.

"After my father passed, he had some wonderful mementos and one was a ceramic beer stein, a mug that is now 50 years old," said Faul. "I thought it was a wonderful thing and I wondered why do we not do these things any more. The idea of an American craftsmanship is becoming sort of a lost

art. I thought, why not do this, help create special gifts so that people can say, I had this made for you."

WHILE TAKING CLASSES at NOVA, Faul met Steven Shiraishi. "We were classmates at the NOVA community college campus from 2011 to 2012," said Shiraishi. "It was there during class that I heard Mike was interested in a pottery thing." Shiraishi served in the Army National Guard and worked with the federal government in Springfield for 25 years before retiring.

"I started taking pottery seriously in 1973. I have a bachelor's degree in ceramics, and I had a pottery business in Hawaii which I gave up in the late 1980's for the job with the federal government," said Shiraishi. "Now the shop is in production mode and it has become a lot of fun." In addition to working with the pottery, Shiraishi helped with the redesign of store. The building and space of Potter's Fire covers about 600 square feet.

"Herndon has wanted to attract artistic businesses in downtown Herndon," said Faul. "We decided to do everything by the book, and this is designed to be an artistic production facility. All our tools and instruments are bought locally. It wasn't always easy, but it was the right thing to do." The kilns, clay and display shelves bear the name of Faul's company, Potter's Fire.

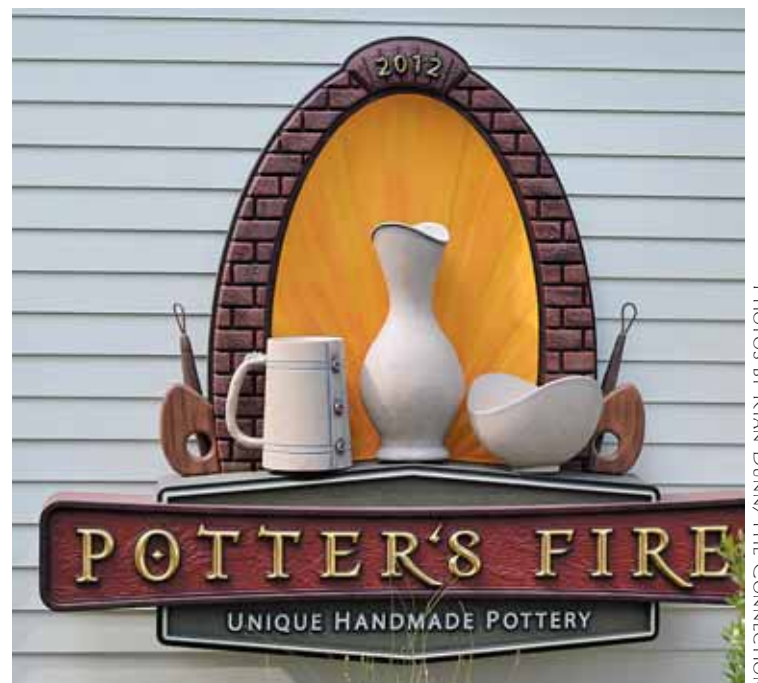
Olivia DiBenigno is a new em-

ployee with Potter's Fire. A resident of Alexandria, DiBenigno graduated from Maryland Institute College of Art with a major in ceramics. "I am really excited about the upcoming grand opening," said DiBenigno. "I really love small businesses, and I enjoy the production and handmade aspect of pottery."

Faul began to envision ways he might honor his father and men and women who serve in the armed forces, and he saw pottery as a medium. Potter's Fire and the "Heritage Collection" became an expression of his passion and vision as an artist potter and former sales consultant.

"It took about a year to perfect the design we called the 'Heritage Collection' line," said Faul. Heritage features a number of products that will bear the seals and regimental crests of the branches of the military and other such first responders. "We have been getting tremendous response for this design, and we are currently working on a set for a serviceman on Marine One," said Faul.

THE TWO OTHER Potter's Fire handmade dinnerware and houseware collections are styles "agape" and "artisan." The style agape is custom-designed dinnerware celebrating newlyweds and commemorating special anniversaries. "With agape line we give a breakage guarantee. We want people to have this as an heirloom to be passed down from genera-



Sign for Potter's Fire outside the pottery studio at 797-B Center Street in Herndon.

tion to generation," said Faul. The style artisan is handmade pottery and sculptures beautifying home and garden. "This selection is artistic expression including fountains, garden pots and sculptural items," said Faul.

Faul was able to construct his business with the assistance of Mayor Lisa Merkel and the Herndon Town Council. Faul explained Mayor Merkel helped obtain the proper zoning to his old office space into a pottery studio for Potter's Fire. Construction work began in June of this year.

Faul said giving back to the community is a big part of the business, and important to his family. They said Potter's Fire will donate a minimum of 10 percent of sales

to charity, starting with the Fisher House Foundation. The Council for The Arts of Herndon hosts an Art Crawl event on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Visitors can stroll the downtown area, stop into various eateries, and see local artists and their work. Potter's Fire will participate, and offer a sneak peak at their wares and studio. Light refreshment will also be served and no invitations are necessary to visit. A formal grand opening ceremony is scheduled for the business on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The studio is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The company's official webpage is <http://www.pottersfire.com>.

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Jennifer Burghoffer of the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center shows a skunk to visitors to Runnymede Park at the annual NatureFest Sunday, Oct. 6.

Runnymede Hosts NatureFest

Annual festival explores flora and fauna at local park.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Friends of Runnymede Park and the Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual NatureFest Sunday, Oct. 6. The festival gave nature enthusiasts of all ages a chance to explore the diverse habitats within the park.

"From Herndon Parkway, you can see the woods and part of the meadow, but I had no idea about the trails, stream and other fields," said Shane Burke of Herndon. "I think this was a perfect event to showcase what this property has to offer."

The 58-acre park features more than 100 species of animals, including birds, deer, fish, foxes and more. Sunday's events allowed visitors to learn about many of the park's inhabitants, as well as the places they call home.

"My favorite part was learning about what kinds of creatures live in the stream," said Benny O'Hara, 7. "Some of the animals, like crayfish and the worms that live in the dirt next to the stream, are ones we learned about in school, and it's cool to see them so close by."

Visitors got an even more in-depth look at how the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries count the fish population, by "shocking."

The process involves someone with an electric backpack and pole who uses the pole to send a slight current through the water, stunning the fish and allowing them to be collected and counted.



Mike Ozzell, a fisheries biologist, demonstrates how to shock for fish at Runnymede Park Sunday, Oct. 6.

Mike Ozzell, a fisheries biologist with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, showed visitors how the process is done, as well as some of their findings in Runnymede.

"There are fish that prefer to stay on the bottom in areas where there's more of a gradient and more ripples of current, and then there are others that prefer the fast-moving water," he said. "In a stream like this, there can be two almost completely different habitats just a few feet away downstream."

While it was mostly children who marveled at Ozzell's explanation, it enlightened several of the adults present as well.

"I had no idea that was how they get information on fish populations and where they live," said Gerry McKnight of Herndon. "I

thought the biologist did a great job of explaining the concept and procedures to the kids as well, and for once we both learned something."

Other stations allowed visitors to see and interact with animals such as lizards and skunks, build birdhouses, grow a bird feeder garden and explore the roles of bees and butterflies.

"It seemed like every 15 minutes my son would come running up with a new fact he learned about bees, or meadows, or how to build a birdhouse, he was excited to take it all in," said Ellen Forrest of Herndon. "I think this event did a great job of covering the full spectrum of what outdoor, open space can offer, and I know it made an impression on my son, I hope it did the same with everyone that came out."



Haitian American Olympic runner Moises Joseph and Monique Péan announcing winners of last year's VIP5K.

Running, Walking To Help Haitians

VIP 5K Run/Walk to be held Saturday, Oct. 12 at Lake Fairfax Park.

The Vanessa Péan Foundation is sponsoring the second annual VIP 5K Run/Walk in memory of Great Falls resident Vanessa Péan who died tragically in a car accident on Beach Mill Road Oct. 30, 2005 at age 16. Since 2005, the Vanessa Péan Foundation has been shaping the future of Haiti by providing scholarships to underprivileged children as well as critically needed basic services such as clean water. This 501c3 is dedicated to creating a better future for all Haitians through education and by addressing basic human needs. Over 322 scholarships have been provided and a clean spring water well now provides potable water for a town the size of Great Falls.

Join the Péan Family and friends at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston Saturday, Oct. 12. The run/walk begins at 9 a.m.

Experience what it is like to carry water-cans—just like they do in Haiti. You have a chance in a short relay before the 5k run/walk. Individuals can sign up at www.prraces.com, one of

three Virginia certified cross-country courses.

A raffle for a new iPad and Kindle will be held at the race site and a silent auction includes gift certificates to local merchants including Chez Francois, Fontaine de Jeunesse "Venusfreeze" treatments, Starbucks gift basket, Stars Studio Private Acting Lessons, and Private Oil Painting lessons at Artists Studio on the Green.

VIP 5K race sponsors include The J. Donegan Family, 1 to 1 Fitness, Helen Vasiliadis, Realtor of Long and Foster, Strawberry Cottage, and John and Jane Trimble Accounting Services.

❖ Saturday, 8 a.m. through noon, Oct. 12.

❖ Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston

Register online at www.pprace.com under the Vanessa Péan Foundation logo or on race day at 8 a.m. Donations can also be made online or at www.vanessapeanfoundation.org. Checks can be mailed to 343 Springvale Road, Great Falls, VA 22066.

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Seven-pound water cans are used to demonstrate how heavy carrying water long distances can be for women and children. Nina Yalung of Loebig Chiropractic is ready to begin relay. Monique Péan, Coty, Courtney and Dan Dickson, T.J. Loeffler, Claire Donegan and Steve Glass are ready to race as well.

Negative Campaign

Candidates appear at minority business forum, attacking each other.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Local and statewide candidates for office appeared at an unprecedented forum in Northern Virginia last weekend, a collaboration of minority business groups of blacks, Hispanics and Asians. But as candidates arrived at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College for a Sunday afternoon forum, voters realized that the tone of the campaign would remain unrelentingly negative.

"All three of the Republican candidates are Tea Party right wing extremists," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who is running unopposed. "Look at their records and their stands on the issues."

Plum attacked Cuccinelli's lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act as well as his investigation into a University of Virginia professor studying climate change. The longtime delegate also said the Republican attorney general candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-25) has a similar record, including a bill that would have required women to report abortions to police. Together with the candidate for lieutenant governor, Plum said, the ticket is Tea Party from top to bottom.

"For some reason, some folks in the Democratic Party think that the label Tea Party is going to stimulate some kind of negative feelings," said Jay McConville, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "But I think those people are great patriots, and they are supporting the candidates they think are best for the commonwealth."

AS CANDIDATES for governor took the stage to make their case to voters, the tone of the campaign remained starkly negative. Each of the candidates spent as much time talking about their own vision of the future as they did castigating their opponent as someone who would harm Virginia. For Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli: "My time as attorney general and my time in the state



Republican Ken Cuccinelli speaks at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

"Politics has become a blame game. They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."

— Deborah Williams of Fairfax City

Senate leaves me as the only candidate who would show up on day one knowing how Virginia government works from having participated in it. I will not need on the job training if you elect me on November 5th, and I'm the only candidate who can say that."

For weeks, Republicans have been criticizing Democrat Terry McAuliffe for threatening to shut down Virginia government unless the General Assembly agreed to expand Medicaid. McAuliffe attempted to beat back that argument during the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce debate, pledging that he would not force a shutdown. Meanwhile, the Democrat is now criticizing the Republican for appearing at a fundraiser with Texas Senator Ted Cruz, whom Democrats say is the architect of the government shutdown.

"Ken Cuccinelli was apparently more concerned about his reputation with the Tea Party than with ending the government shutdown that is undermining Virginia's economy," said McAuliffe. "It's the obligation of Virginians to send a message to Washington. A govern-

ment shutdown should never be a bargaining chip."

WITH ELECTION DAY only four weeks away, candidates and their advisors are preparing for the most intense and high-stakes portion of the race. Both of the major-party candidates are responding to that dynamic by trying to frame their opposition in the most negative way possible. That leaves Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis rising in the polls as his opponents take shots at each other. After McAuliffe and Cuccinelli finished Sunday evening, Sarvis offered a critical review. "A lot of negative attacks. Not a whole lot of substance," said Sarvis, who is polling at about 10 percent support. "And if you want to see dysfunction of voting out of fear for the lesser of two evils, look at the federal government right now."

After the candidates were finished making their pitches, many of the voters had a hard time processing what they heard. The stump speeches left many wondering what the candidates would do if elected. Many of the voters at



Democrat Terry McAuliffe takes the stage at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.



Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis greets voters at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

the Annandale forum said they felt the tone of the campaign had become distractingly negative, a series of attacks and counter-attacks that left many feeling isolated from the process.

"Politics has become a blame game," said Deborah Williams of Fairfax City. "They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."

RECENT POLLS have shown a clear and growing lead for McAuliffe, with the Democrat running five to seven percentage points ahead of the Republicans. That lead grows even larger if the Libertarian is included in the polls, giving the Democrat an eight-point lead in one poll. Republicans reject the idea that their candidates are in trouble, though. When

asked about polling numbers, McConville said Republicans seem more motivated than the Democrats.

"I think that there's a lack of feeling of that same kind of excitement on the McAuliffe side," said McConville. "He's obviously a problematic candidate."

Democrats say they feel national Republicans have delivered an October surprise that has harmed their side, the government shutdown. On the campaign trail and in interviews, Democrats are making the case that Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket are aligned with obstructionists in Washington.

"I feel that Ken Cuccinelli is at a desperate point in his campaign," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who is chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "He attacked Terry time and time again instead of talking about what he would do for Virginia."

Fatal Crash in Franklin Farm Area

Around 3:50 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, a 19-year-old driver of a 2012 Honda Civic was traveling west-bound on McLearen Road, near Cobra Drive. For reasons unknown, the Honda drove off the road and then reentered the roadway heading west in the east-bound lanes of McLearen Road and struck a 2000 Honda Civic head-on, which was driven by 64-year-old Chris Reams of Sterling.

Both drivers were transported to a local hospital where Mr. Reams died.

The exact cause of the crash is still being investigated by the police crash reconstruction unit and charges may be pending. However, at this time, it does not appear that alcohol is a factor.

Rust to Chair Transportation Committee

Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates William J. Howell (R-Stafford) announced Monday that he would appoint Delegate Tom Rust (R-Herndon) as chairman of the House Committee on Transportation. Rust is the senior-most member of the Transportation Committee.

"For more than 10 years, Tom has been a leader on transportation and economic development issues here in the commonwealth.

His experience and expertise on these issues make him uniquely qualified to serve as the chairman of the House Committee on Transportation. I look forward to formally appointing Tom as chairman when

the 2014 session of the General Assembly convenes," said Speaker Howell.

"Tom has been a tireless advocate for transportation solutions since he was first elected to the General Assembly. As chairman of this important committee, Tom will continue to be a leader on Virginia's efforts to find 21st century solutions to our transportation challenges.

"This year's landmark transportation reform package, which Tom proudly supported, will generate over \$6 billion in new revenue for transportation projects. Tom will be a key leader in the General Assembly's efforts to ensure that money is spent wisely and in a way that reduces congestion, increases safety and promotes economic development," Howell added.

Staying Safe on Halloween

The MOMS Club of Herndon will host a How to Stay Safe on Halloween talk on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m.-noon at Trinity Presbyterian Church (615 Dranesville Road, Herndon). Children attending this event will also have the opportunity to make a Halloween craft. All Herndon, VA (zip codes 20170 and 20171) stay-at-home mothers are encouraged to join this free event.

Guest speaker Officer Denise Randles of the Herndon Police Department will provide tips on how to safely trick or treat with children (including potential visibility issues) and how to check candy. After the talk, children will make a Halloween craft to take home.

For more information or to RSVP contact: Tomoko Azuma, Membership VP at Herndon_moms_info@yahoo.com.

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com by the Friday prior to the following week's paper.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 9

Call to Artists. ArtSpace Herndon's Visual Arts Programming Committee is looking for experienced artists for 2015 exhibits in the Nelson J. and Katherine Friant Post Gallery. Artists can submit a proposal for a solo show or a small group show through Nov. 10. The Visual Arts Programming Committee encourages collaboration among painters, sculptors and 3D artists. <http://www.artspaceherndon.org/calls-for-art/exhibiting-at-artspace-herndon/>.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

The Moral Imperative of Environmental Justice. 7-9 p.m., at the United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant scientists and activists will address the subject of environmental justice and its relationship to the faith community. The panel and discussion will be moderated by Marco Grimaldo, VICPP executive director. 703-860-1203 or louisadavis@verizon.net.

Hunter Mill District Meet and Greet. 7-9 p.m., at Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Qualified candidates for sheriff and state delegates for Districts 34, 35, 36 and 86 are invited. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and AARP Dulles Area Chapter #4681. 1-877-926-

8300 or <http://aarp.cvent.com/HunterMillEvent>.

"How Congress Works and How it Doesn't." 8 p.m., at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. A talk by Robert Kaiser, associate editor of the Washington Post on "How Congress Works and Why it Doesn't." DHeimsfeld@gmail.com.

Enter Works 12" X 12" or Smaller for exhibition at Parkridge 5 Building, 10780 Parkridge Blvd., Reston. The works will be featured for the holiday gift-giving season. Deadline for entries is October 9. www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

AWANA Club. 7-8:30 p.m. at MLK Christian Church, 11400 North Shore Drive, Reston. Awana programs offer a program to teach children to practice Christian faith in the church and community. 703-709-3641.

FRIDAY/OCT. 11

Campfire Cookery. 6-7:30 p.m., on Soapstone Drive, between Glade Drive and Lawyers Road. Enjoy dinner around a crackling campfire. Try different methods of campfire cookery, including stick, pouch and Dutch oven techniques. Plan to also make campfire popcorn, and finish the evening with s'mores. All supplies provided. Reservations required by Oct. 8. \$7/person RA members, \$10/person Non-members. 703-476-9689 and press 5.

SATURDAY/OCT. 12

Mushroom Hike. 10:30 a.m.-noon, at Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade
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OPINION

Preventative Medicine

Getting a flu shot has never been easier.

With the Center for Disease Control shut down along with almost all of the Federal Government, it falls to the states to monitor influenza activity.

Visitors to cdc.gov are greeted with:

“Due to the lapse in government funding, only websites supporting excepted functions will be updated unless otherwise funded. As a result, the information on this website may not be up to date, the transactions submitted via the website may not be processed, and the agency may not be able to respond to inquiries until appropriations are enacted.”

No update is required to the CDC recommendation that every child, woman and man over the age of six months be vaccinated for the flu every year, preferably by October.

Virginia and Maryland are both reporting confirmed cases of influenza at a “sporadic” level. Since it takes two weeks for the vaccine to take full effect, now is the time to be vaccinated if you haven’t yet had the shot.

Every year, 5-to-20 percent of U.S. residents become sick with the flu, with 200,000 hospitalizations. Children are especially vulnerable with about 20,000 children under the age of 5 hospitalized. Depending on the severity of the

Get One

Flu shots are available on a walk-in basis at most pharmacies including Walgreen, CVS, Rite Aid, Giant, Safeway and independent pharmacies; most urgent care clinics and at area hospitals.

INOVA CLINICS

Inova Alexandria Hospital, Every Friday 3-6 p.m. until Dec. 13 (not Nov. 29)
HEC Rm 1 & 2, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304
Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, Every Saturday 1-4 p.m. until Dec. 14, Medical Plaza Building Conference Room A, 3700 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033
Inova Fairfax Hospital, Every Saturday until Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, The Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042
Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Every Tuesday until Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-noon, Hospital Lobby, 2501 Parker's Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
Inova HealthPlex-Lorton Every Sunday until Dec.15, 1-3 p.m. Conference Room, 9321 Sanger Street, Lorton, VA 22079

flu in a given year, from 1976 to 2006, estimates of annual deaths ranged from 3,000 to a high of about 49,000, according to the CDC.

Remember that getting the flu shot is also community service. You might be strong and healthy and think that you will not suffer too much if you get the flu. But everyone has contact with people in the high-risk groups: people over 65, children under 5, pregnant women, people with other illnesses. So have your shot to protect other people.

Deadline to Register to Vote, Oct. 15

To vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2013. You can check your registration status online by visiting the State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov.

❖ Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>
132 North Royal Street, Alexandria, 22314; FAX 703-838-6449; email tom.parkins@alexandriava.gov

❖ Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-222-0776, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

❖ Arlington Board of Elections, 703-228-3456, <http://www.arlingtonva.us/vote>, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 320, Arlington, 22201; FAX 703-228-3659; email voters@arlingtonva.us

❖ City of Fairfax General Registrar, 703-385-7890, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp>

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❖ State Board of Elections, 804-864-8901
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http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Index.html

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intimidation at The McLean Farmers Market

To the Editor:

An ugly scene disrupted the usual tranquility of the McLean Farmers Market last Friday. As market-goers know, the Republican and Democrat parties have tables where people can pick up campaign literature, bumper stickers, yard signs and information about voting and registration. Or, they can just stop and talk, if they want.

Last Friday, shortly after the opening of the market, I was accosted as I stood alone, minding my own business, behind a table with some Republican signs and literature. I understand that people may not want to be bothered when coming and going from the market, so if I “man” the table I simply say good morning or just smile. But I wasn’t even paying attention when a man suddenly was beside my table shrieking “terrorist,” then vehemently spewing curses at me, “f-you,” over and over, and loudly. I suggested he needed to control his anger but finally said I was calling the police. It was so bad a Democrat volunteer

came to my assistance.

I guess the man doesn’t like Republicans, but the profanity and completely unprovoked vehemence and hatred with which he cursed me—a total stranger and lone woman—was frightening. I didn’t know if he was deranged, a little unhinged, or just having a bad morning. My hands shook as he reached for the door of his vehicle parked adjacent to my table.

Two squad cars arrived promptly after I called the Fairfax County Police, and the officers quickly identified the man from his license plate number. They intended to call upon him to discuss his menacing behavior. I am writing to thank the Democrat volunteer, Patricia Scott, and the Fairfax County Policemen who responded so quickly and took my concerns seriously. I hope this event and my letter will help deter this man and any others from such conduct in the future.

Women should feel safe at the farmers market and not fear that they will be threatened by an abusive, bullying male, trying to intimidate a lone Republican woman. To the extent that national political leaders are using epithets such as “terrorists,” “jihadists,” and “anarchists,” they are irresponsibly encouraging this kind

of behavior. There are profound policy differences between the two parties, but our disagreements must not degenerate into personal hatred and violence at the individual level, where complete strangers can be so vilely attacked. I have respectfully asked the Connection to withhold my name from this article.

A Republican Woman in McLean
The name known to the editor.

The Issue of The Hour

To the Editor:

Climate change is the issue of the hour and climbing. Not many people may find this connection, but as we have been discussing in my environmental security course, climate change and the associated environmental degradation problems are a risk to national security.

Climate change does not know any borders and thus one country’s problem can become that of the neighboring or even an overseas country. I believe that there should be a complete separate climate change task force under the main national security team. This is necessary because climate change and

its effects could cause violent conflict as resources deplete and the climate changes (as in the name), which intensifies the frequency and intensity of different weather systems. This would create stress on the land that everyone, especially developing countries, relies on for everyday survival. With shortages and changes in availability of resources, there is an increased risk of violence between different groups, especially ethnically different ones, that need the same resource. If other countries resort to violence or mismanage their more vulnerable resources it can affect us on US soil because in this globalizing world most resources are interconnected and it can also affect our international relations where we may have to get involved and risk the lives of our own people. Climate change is an issue that needs to be examined closely by the general public. For more information people should look at the Environmental Protection Agency website and other reliable resources that can tell you about the consequences of climate change that are closer to home than you think.

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Herndon resident Marcus Beauregard standing next to his oil painting, "Emily," which won first prize.

Portrait Exhibit Opens at ArtSpace Herndon

Arts Council holds weeklong art celebration.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

Art related activity in downtown Herndon is on a high as the Council for the Arts of Herndon has set up special activities and events to celebrate local artists and artwork. Events are being held at ArtSpace Herndon on 750 Center Street as well as local restaurants to highlight the opportunities to enjoy art in the town.

The Council for the Arts is again sponsoring the portrait competition at ArtSpace Herndon. The competition was judged by Edward J. Reed, an international award-winning artist, who juries numerous national and regional art competitions. "The paintings here were of such high caliber it was a challenge to choose the strongest pieces," said Reed.

The reception and awards ceremony was held on Oct. 5. This was also the last reception to be attended by Dale McGrath in the position of arts coordinator and acting director at ArtSpace Herndon. McGrath has decided to leave her position at ArtSpace to pursue other opportunities. "Dale was very pleasant to work with, she will be missed," said volunteer Ruth Blackwell.

During the reception, Reed announced the winners and honorable mentions of the competition. Monetary prizes were awarded to



McLean resident Gavin Glakas won second place prize for his work "Silver and Burgundy (My Wife Jasmine)."



Pat McIntyre at the ArtSpace Herndon, standing next to several pieces in the portrait exhibit.

the first, second and third place winners. The exhibit includes the 25 finalists from the ArtSpace Herndon's annual portrait competition. Jurors Ellen Todd and Jordan Xu evaluated the entries from 77 artists and selected the 25 finalists.

FIRST PLACE went to Herndon resident Marcus Beauregard for his oil painting titled "Emily." "My daughter was lying on the couch, and I was impressed by the composition," said Beauregard. "This piece took me about a month to

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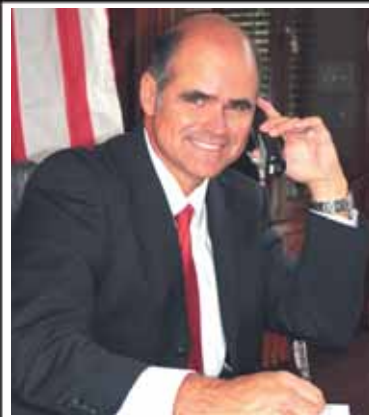
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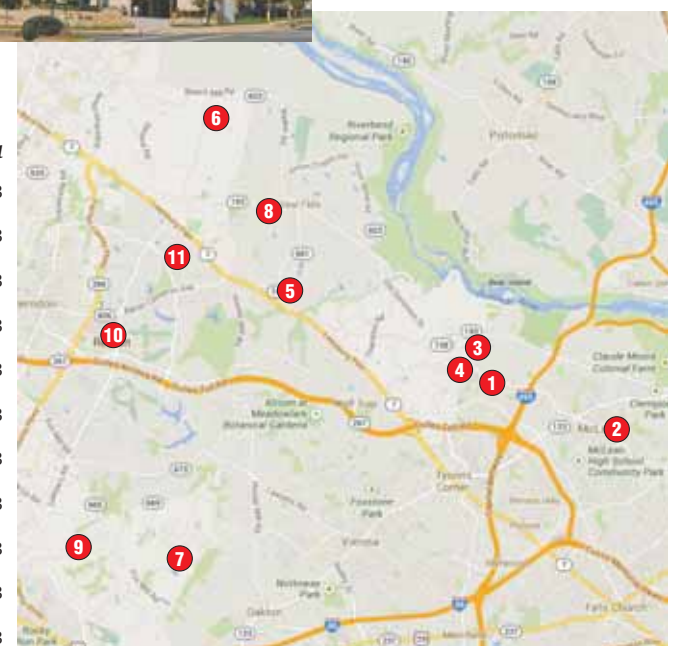
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Decorating for Fall

Local designers offer suggestions for bringing the harvest into your home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

The colors of autumn are all around as pumpkins and squash fill produce stands and leaves change from green to orange, red and yellow before falling from their branches.

Local designers and tastemakers are unveiling home accents that bring the warm hues of the season into the home. Whether using pillows, throws or flowers, adding the colors and textures of fall requires less effort than one might expect.

"Emerald green, orange and turquoise are three of the biggest color trends we're seeing," said Marcus Browning of European Country Living in Old Town Alexandria. "Throws and pillows are a given, but you can also tie in traditional and modern accessories with rugs, stained glass lamps with modern or intricate designs."

Small trays provide a canvas for highlighting color and adding functionality to a room, says Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md. "Color and pattern are in right now," she said. "I just purchased the C. Wonder (<http://www.cwonder.com>) navy and white chevron tray for my home. It adds a punch of color and freshness to a room. Preppy is back in a big way, too, offering lots of patterns."

Potomac, Md., based interior designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman uses flowers to add warmth to a room. "I love mums," she said. "I put them on my kitchen island and on the hearth in my family room. I fill my yard and home with them. They offer such great fall color. I plant them in my flowerbeds and put them in pots on my front porch."

For those who don't want the maintenance of fresh flowers, Browning suggests their fabric counterpart. "Great silk flowers are nice to put in corners of side boards," he said. "If you have a brown table, colored candle stick holders add a lot of great color."

Pumpkins, which are ubiquitous this time of year, are also one of



PHOTO COURTESY OF EUROPEAN COUNTRY LIVING

Marcus Browning, of European Country Living in Old Town Alexandria, suggests candlestick holders in rich colors for adding the warmth of the season to one's home.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEST EGG

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says hand-blown glass pumpkins are a great way to add a touch of fall to one's home.

Kleinman's fall accessories of choice. "I add them to the display of mums on my porch," she said. "I have a large ceramic pumpkin ... that I put on my kitchen table surrounded by real, tiny pumpkins, gourds and squash. I use that centerpiece from early October right through November."

David Mitchell of David Mitchell Interior Design in Washington used a similar style concept at a McLean home recently. "Wooden bowls are a great way to bring in seasonal accessories," said Mitchell. "Pottery Barn has large, vintage, carved wood bowls that

are great for a sideboard or coffee table, and you can fill them with mini pumpkins to add a dash of orange to a neutral space."

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, "Hand-blown glass pumpkins are extremely popular and a great way to add a classic touch of fall in your home."

Make use of fall foliage both inside and outside of your home, advises O'Shields. "Wreaths for fall are abundant, featuring leaves and small pumpkins, and are a great way to set the stage for fall décor," she said. "Mantel decorating ... is an easy way to create a focal point



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE CONNECTION

Mums and pumpkins are classic fall accessories for both the exterior and interior of one's home.

for fall in a room. Add leaves, fall candles, pumpkins and more to liven up a room."

Incorporating the hues of fall into a home's existing décor can help welcome the season in style. "Bringing in the colors of fall will add warmth to your home as the

air gets crisper," said O'Shields. "Orange, gold, reds and brown are all earth tones that create a feeling of fall. Adding warm throws for cooler nights and updating throw pillows are easy ways to incorporate colors for the new season."



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Sophomores Lead South Lakes Volleyball Past Herndon

Caloyannides finishes with 18 kills for Seahawks.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

South Lakes outside hitter Melody Caloyannides doesn't need a perfect set to be an offensive force, Seahawks head coach Cheri Hostetler said. But when a teammate puts the ball on the money, the 6-foot sophomore is capable of putting down kills with authority.

Caloyannides was the driving force behind the South Lakes volleyball team's 3-1 (25-20, 21-25, 25-16, 25-21) victory against rival Herndon on Monday night during a Dig Pink match at South Lakes High School. She finished with 18 kills, including eight in the fourth set.

After a 5-1 Herndon run cut the South Lakes lead to 16-15 in the fourth set, Caloyannides had four kills down the stretch to help the Seahawks capture their second victory in a best-of-five match this season and improve their record to 10-9.



South Lakes sophomore Melody Caloyannides totaled 18 kills against Herndon on Monday.

"She's great," Hostetler said about Caloyannides. "Just getting her the right sets is part of our challenge with her. You can see, even if she has a bad set, she still makes something happen. But you see when she gets a perfect set: it's a crusher."

CALOYANNIDES WASN'T the only South Lakes sophomore who had a strong performance against Herndon.

Outside hitter Kristina Brownell totaled 12 kills and five aces. Six-foot-1 middle blocker Vela

McBride had eight kills and five stuff blocks. McBride missed a month with a fractured bone in her foot, but has been a force at the net upon her return. "The first couple matches, it took her a little bit to get into it," Hostetler said. "But now she's fully into it. We just need to set her more."

After dropping six straight matches, South Lakes has won seven of its last eight, including a 5-0 mark in best-of-three matches during the Hayfield Hawks Invitational.

On Monday, the Seahawks won



Herndon senior Kayleen Harrington (8) swings against South Lakes on Monday.

the first set, but dropped the second to the Hornets. In the third set, South Lakes scored the final five points to earn the win.

Herndon scored three straight in the fourth set to cut the South Lakes lead to 21-19, but the Seahawks scored four of the final six points to win.

"It feels great to get the win over [our] rival," McBride said. "We had a great [crowd]."

Senior outside hitter Kayleen Harrington had 12 kills for Herndon. Senior outside hitter Catherine Nickle had five kills and

senior opposite hitter Katie Gettler had four.

"They're doing well on offense, but I think they have to focus more on truly playing until the end of the point," Herndon coach Rebecca Waters said about the Hornets. "South Lakes hustled and got a lot of those balls back over that should have been kills, and we didn't get that."

South Lakes will host Oakton at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. Herndon, which dropped to 5-3 in best-of-five matches, will host Chantilly.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Langley Football Blows Out Marshall

The Langley football team overwhelmed and outplayed an over-matched and outmanned Marshall Statesmen squad on Friday, winning 56-13 at Marshall High School.

The Saxons scored early and often, using a balanced attack for a total of 530 yards (283 in the air and 247 on the ground) to improve their season record to 3-2, with two of their wins coming against teams ranked in the Washington Post's top 20.

Langley scored on its first five offensive possessions against Marshall, going 56-yards (in two plays), 42-yards (also in two plays), 88-yards (in three plays), 76-yards (in four plays), and 85-yards (in two plays). Between the first two scores, Garrett Collier returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown. By



Langley quarterback Nick Casso, seen against Chantilly on Sept. 27, threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score on Oct. 4 against Marshall.

halftime, Langley had amassed a 42-6 lead (Erik Swayne had supplied all six PATs).

Marshall's sole score came with 6 seconds left in the half on a 2-yard run.

The Saxons played their reserves the remainder of the second half after registering a quick seven

points on their first possession of the half to push their lead to 49-6. Both teams traded fourth quarter scores to end it at 56-13.

For the game, Langley senior quarterback Nick Casso completed 4 of 7 passes for 218 yards and two touchdowns.

He also scored a rushing touch-

down. Casso had a career-long 85-yard toss to Austin Denham late in the second quarter.

Complementing the passing was junior running back Tyler West, who rushed for 204 yards and three touchdowns on only seven carriers. He had an 88-yard gallop at the outset of the second quarter.

Langley will host Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. Marshall (0-5) will travel to face Stuart.

McLean Football Beats Herndon

The McLean football team on Oct. 4 earned its second consecutive victory, beating Herndon 42-27.

McLean's Gabriel Sutherland carried 18 times for 176 yards and four touchdowns, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

Daniel Hecht completed 12 of 17 passes for 185 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

Herndon's Lamik Bumbrey carried 23 times for 104 yards. Ryan McLaughlin completed 13 of 20 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns.

McLean (3-2) will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. Herndon (0-5) will host Edison at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12.

South Lakes Football Defeats Madison

The South Lakes football team improved to 3-2 with a 36-27 victory over Madison on Oct. 4.

Madison's Marcus Person carried 17 times for 103 yards and two touchdowns, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

South Lakes will travel to face Thomas Jefferson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. Madison (0-5) will host Robinson.

SCHOOLS

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Herndon resident **Siva Somayyajula**, a sophomore at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, has participated in the week-long Virginia Space Coast Scholars (VSCS) Summer Academy program at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

The following students received the DAR Youth Citizenship Medal from the Providence Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution: From Fairfax, **Brett Morrow**

and **Anthu Cung**, Oak View Elementary School; **Sonia Chaudhary** and **Ian Drummond**, Greenbriar East Elementary School; **Sidhu Dogiparthi** and **Seon Woo Cho**, Greenbriar West Elementary School; **Yoshi Iketani** and **Emma Rowson**, Lees Corner Elementary School.

From Herndon, **Meghan Rock** of Oak Hill Elementary School received the DAR Youth Citizenship Medal.

The following students received the Outstanding Work in American History Medal from the Providence Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution: From Fairfax, **Steven Burris** and **Julia Zhou**, Oak View Elementary School; **Vraj Desai**, **Lara Demir**, **Rebekah Myers**, and **Justin Wang**, Greenbriar East Elementary School; **Lizzie Han** and **Vaishnavi Visveswaran**, Greenbriar West Elementary School; **Steven Sekar**, Lees Corner Elementary School. From Fairfax Station, **Ryan Smith**

and **Cameron Johnstone**, Fairview Elementary School. From Herndon, **Kyle McClelland** and **Eli Kaufman**, Oak Hill Elementary School.

David X. Gao of Herndon received the National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship. The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology graduate plans to study economics.

Herndon students **Michael H. Chen**, **Emily Schaal**, **Jefferson**

Sheron and **Tae-Jung Yang** of Herndon High School, and **Jocelyn Huang**, **Sreenath Are**, **Rohan Banerjee**, **Ashwin Basana**, **Arjun Iyer**, **Aseem Jain**, **Anne Li**, **Soumya Mishra**, **Christin Park**, **Rohan Punnoose**, **Sarah Quettawala**, **Simran Rohatgi**, **Snigdha Srivastava** and **Tony Xiao** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology are National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

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Herndon Boy Scout Troop 159 held a successful bike drive for Bikes for the World on Saturday, Sept. 28, collecting 87 used bikes, as well as accessories such as helmets. Bikes for the World is an Arlington-based charity that sends used bikes around the world to help children and adults needing reliable transportation to school, work and health care. Troop 159 collected the bikes on Sept. 28 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon. The drive was conducted as the

Eagle Scout service project for troop member Conor Mears, 16, of Reston. The scouts processed the bikes for shipping, provided donors with receipts, and loaded the bikes onto the trailer. The bikes will most likely be shipped to Barbados in a few weeks.

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Memorial Service Set for William Jarvie Nicoson

A memorial service for William Jarvie Nicoson, lawyer and first director of the New Community Assistance Program, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive, Reston.

Nicoson died earlier this summer Sunday, July 7, after a long illness. He was 81.

As a Reston resident, he was very active in the community: he served on the Reston Association Board of Directors, was one of the founders of the Connection Newspapers, and he helped create and serve on the boards of Greater Reston Arts Center, Planned Community Archives, Celebrating Special Children, and the Reston Historic Trust, where he served as president for 10 years. He was recognized for his many community contributions by being awarded the prestigious "Best of Reston" award in 2002.

He is survived by his wife Patricia McLaughlin Nicoson, the president of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association; stepchildren William Todd Fairbairn and Mary Fairbairn Morgan; and five grandchildren. His marriage to his first wife Jacqueline Robb ended in divorce.

Women's Club of Reston to Host a Volunteer Fair

For their October general meeting, the Women's Club of Greater Reston will host a volunteer fair at the Lake Anne Community Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Representatives from six organizations will talk about opportunities to give back to the community. They will give a brief explanation of their needs and what types of volunteers they can utilize.

The meeting is free and open to the public. (No need to be a Reston resident.) Refreshments will be provided. See their website at www.restonnewcomers.org or call Sharon at 571-201-8719 for more information.

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Farther Away But Still Close

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



I went to visit my father the other day – at the cemetery – September 23rd was his birthday. He would have been 94. I had no trouble finding him; he was in his usual spot next to my mother of course, also deceased. My father often joked about his cemetery plot: he wanted an aisle so if he had to get up in the middle of the night for a glass of water, he wouldn't disturb my mother. Presumably, when I stand over his grave and blather on about stuff – most regularly about my life living with cancer, I am not disturbing him. I really don't know for sure since I receive very little feedback. It's always quiet there, other than when I'm speaking. But I wouldn't expect anything else; after all, it's a cemetery. Libraries are noisy by comparison.

My father has been gone now nearly seven years, since December 2006. (My mother died two years later, nearly to the day.) Hardly has he ever been forgotten though. I was an extremely lucky child. I had a great father who was devoted to his family: me, my brother Richard and my mother, Ceil. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for any of us. I miss him terribly, especially during baseball season. He loved the Boston Red Sox and was fortunate, unlike some others his age (born in 1919) to have actually witnessed a World Series Championship in his lifetime (1918 was the last Championship until 2004). There are New Englanders who during their particular 86 years of life (the actual length of the "Curse of the Bambino") – or less, never celebrated a Championship; he did in 2004. With the Red Sox back in the playoffs this year for the first time in four years, my father's memory looms large; (heck, he was a member of a "knothole gang," attending games as a child during the Great Depression).

And though I readily admit I haven't had any two-way conversations with him at the cemetery, I have had – and continue to have, although less frequently than in previous years, the occasional dream where he appears or is present somehow. I don't recall any real interactions of late: touching, conversing, interacting, etc. In the past, however, there have been a few dreams where there was definite acknowledgment of one another, touching even, and a feeling that our connection was still intact. I don't know that I feel anything like that when I visit him at the cemetery now. But given the fact that he's buried a few feet below where I typically – and respectfully, stand (off to the side, actually), his physical proximity to me there almost trumps the cerebral-type dream interactions that we've shared since his death. I wouldn't want to have to choose between the two. I like experiencing both. I hope he does as well.

My parents are resting peacefully approximately 20 minutes by car from my house. And though neither one is still alive, they both live on inside of me. I don't think I could have survived having stage IV non-small lung cancer (a terminal diagnosis) for as long as I have without their wisdom and encouragement – in life and in death. I'm lucky still.

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Artist Marcia Klioze stands with Chad Watkins and his son Brody by her painting at the ArtSpace Herndon.

ArtSpace Herndon Hosts Portrait Exhibit

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complete.”

Second place went to McLean resident Gavin Glakas for his work “Silver and Burgundy (My Wife Jasmine).”

“I love ArtSpace,” said Glakas. “I really enjoy coming out and seeing all the work everyone does.” Glakas has been painting professionally for the past 13 years. “My wife posed for this piece,” said Glakas. “She does not enjoy posing but she will pose every once in awhile.”

Third place went to “Self Portrait” (oil on stainless steel) by Patricia McMahon Rice. Honorable mentions went to “The Fan” (oil on linen) by Mark Giaimo, “Red Sweatshirt” (oil) by Samantha Hand, “Versus Myself” (oil) by Christopher Hill, and “Boy” (oil on canvas paper) by Anna Watson.

The reception was artist Leah C. Olivier’s second time visiting ArtSpace Herndon. “It is a very professional gallery and the exhibit was very well done,” said Olivier. Olivier’s work “Study of M” is also on display at ArtSpace.

Pat McIntyre, an artist and town-appointed member of the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts Board of Directors was drawn to the detail of Patricia M. Rice’s “Self Portrait” (oil on stainless steel). “It is astonishing, the hands were really well drawn and you cannot see the brushstrokes,” McIntyre will be teaching a course on Oct. 15 at ArtSpace Herndon covering the basics in acrylic painting along with soft pastels to create a fall landscape. Registration is required to participate.

THE COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS OF HERNDON provides opportunities for local artists and the community to come together. This year the third annual Arts Crawl will be held on Oct. 9 at four local restaurants: Ice House Café, O’Sullivan’s Irish Pub, Jimmy’s Old

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Dale McGrath standing next to Mark Giaimo’s painting, “The Fan.”



Artist Leah C. Olivier standing next to her piece “Study of M” on display at ArtSpace Herndon.

Town Tavern and the Mediterranean Breeze. A special feature will be a sneak peek of the new pottery studio “Potter’s Fire” at 797-B Center Street. “This event is bigger in size than last year,” said Signe Friedrichs, executive director of the Council for the Arts of Herndon. “We have added a new venue and a lot of the artists are cutting edge artists,” said Friedrichs.

The next day, Thursday Oct. 10 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Ted Reed, judge of the portrait competition,

will offer a free critique to artists of their own artwork at ArtSpace Herndon. Another art related activity occurring at the ArtSpace Herndon will be the Om Shalom Trio concert on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. This event will have limited seating, and tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Reservations in advance are strongly advised.

The portrait exhibit will be on display at ArtSpace Herndon until Sunday, Nov. 3. To learn more about ArtSpace Herndon, visit www.artspaceherndon.com.

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WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 9-12

Arts Week. 5:30-7:30 Wednesday in Herndon. The Portrait Competition sponsored by Council for the Arts is a highlight of the festival, which also features the Arts Crawl at Mediterranean Breeze, Jimmy's, O'Sullivan's and Ice House Café on Wednesday, with Herndon-area artists available at each restaurant with examples of their work on display. Light appetizers are available and the bar is open on a pay-your-own way basis. Crosscurrents Concert Om Shalom is Oct. 12 and the Champagne and Chocolate Gala is Sunday, Oct. 6. www.artspaceherndon.org.

WEDNESDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 9-28

2-D Mixed Media & Painting

Competition. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery Exhibit, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Jean Gill, an artist, juror and educator with a love of both science and art is the judge for this exhibit of 2-dimensional paintings and mixed media art. The League of Reston Artists is a non-profit organization open to all Washington, D.C. Metro art lovers and has been an important part of the Reston community for nearly 45 years. www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/OCT. 9-31

Breaking the Panels: Pop Culture, Comic and Illustration Art. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., at Hunters Woods Gallery Exhibit, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Gian Lomagilo and Jeff Lonnett are two young artists and teachers who are serious about their art, but like to have fun with it. Both were inspired by popular culture – musicians, movies, television, comic books, advertisements, novels – but their artistic interpretations are very different.

THURSDAYS-SUNDAYS/OCT. 10-20

“The 39 Steps.” 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Sundays at Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. NextStop Theatre company produces a murder mystery, directed by Evan Hoffman and adapted from the Hitchcock film and novel by John Buchan of the same name. \$25-27. 866-811-4111 or www.NextStopTheatre.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 10

Classical Guitar Concert. 2:15 p.m., at Reston Community Center, Center Stage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods Village Center, Reston. Dr. Miroslav and Natasa Loncar are classical guitarists and native Croatians who have performed throughout Europe and the U.S. 703-503-3384, olli@gmu.edu, www.olli.gmu.edu

Newcomers' Night. 7-9 p.m. at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. This one-stop shopping event is open to new, current, or past volunteers and newcomers. Light refreshments and door prizes will be available. RSVP. Ashleigh@reston.org 703-435-6577.

Artwork Critique. 7-9:30 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Ted Reed, the judge of our 5th annual portrait competition,

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-13

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SATURDAY/OCT. 12

The Om Shalom Trio. 8 p.m., at the Post Gallery, ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Award-winning international musicians Ranendra Das, Ahbik Mukherjee and Valeriya Sholokhova draw upon their Far Eastern and Middle Eastern roots to create a fusion of Indian Classical and Jewish Folk music in an intimate setting with limited seating. \$18, adults; \$15, students and seniors. Reservations. www.artspaceherndon.org or 703-956-6590.

FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS/OCT. 12-NOV. 3

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THURSDAY/OCT. 17

Rascal Raccoons. 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Make your own raccoon mask and tail crafts, and dress up like a raccoon to go in search of what it needs to survive. Explore the forest to look for food, water and shelter that is just right for a raccoon. Reservations required by Oct. 14. \$5/child RA members, \$8/child Non-members. 703-476-9689 ext. 5 or naturecenter@reston.org.

The Phoenix Winds Quintet. 2:15 p.m., at Reston Community Center, Center Stage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods Village Center, Reston. Members Rosalie Morrow on flute, Jane Hughes on oboe, Bill Jokela on bassoon, Allen Howe on clarinet and Ako Shiffer on French horn performing in the fifth of six Thursday afternoon “Meet the Artists” concerts cosponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. 703-503-3384, olli@gmu.edu, www.olli.gmu.edu.

FRIDAY/OCT. 18

VOCE Chamber Choir. 8 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Selections from Les Misérables will be played in the opening concert of the 25th anniversary season, dedicated to songs about finding voice and acceptance; the earth's future; and the desire for freedom among



Om Shalom Trio, ArtSpace Herndon presents the Om Shalom Trio in concert on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. The Om Shalom Trio concert represents the premiere of CrossCurrents, a series of world music concerts and master classes at ArtSpace Herndon. The CrossCurrents series features collaboration among artists of different cultures results in performances of thrilling and exhilarating original music.



Special Consensus performs bluegrass music Friday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon.

peoples all over the world. A special feature will be a work originally commissioned by Voce Chamber Choir. \$10. 703-956-6590. www.artspaceherndon.org.

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12th annual Reston Home Tour. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at various locations throughout Reston. The Reston Historic Trusts holds a self-guided homes tour that celebrates and commemorates the vision of Robert E. Simon, Jr., Reston founder. Documentary films on the making and development of Reston show throughout the day. \$25 tickets before Oct. 13; \$30 each Oct. 13-19; \$20 for groups of 10-plus. www.restonmuseum.org.

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7:15 p.m., at Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. One member of the harmony-happy group was a member of The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon in his youth. Each member of the band boasts accolades, including Grand Ole' Opry appearances. \$13 Members, \$14 non-members. 703-435-2402 or DAHurdSr@cs.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

The Chamasayan Sisters. 2:15 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Center Stage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods Village Center, Reston. Monika and Armine Chamasayan, violinists, and Marina Chamasayan, pianist, are all award winners of national and international competitions in Europe and the U.S. They perform in the last of six Thursday afternoon “Meet the Artists” concerts cosponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. 703-503-3384, olli@gmu.edu, www.olli.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Children's Art & Creating the Reston Mosaic. 10 a.m.-noon, at Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Children help prepare for Reston's 50th birthday by creating original art for the museum to use for Founder's Day 2014. www.restonmuseum.org.

Book Talk. 2 p.m., at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Author, Air Force veteran, and retired American diplomat Robert F. Dorr will discuss his book “Mission to Tokyo: the American Airmen Who Took the War to the Heart of Japan.”

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Festival on the Square. Noon-4 p.m., Reston Heights, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. This festival features live music, entertainment, refreshments, children's activities, and the Community Walk to End Homelessness. 703-390-6166.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

Turtle Island String Quartet with Nellie McKay: A Flower is a Lovesome Thing. 8 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Nellie McKay joins Grammy-winning Turtle Island String Quartet in producing both renditions of music by Billie Holiday and Billy Strayhorn as well as original pieces. \$20 Reston, \$40 Non-Reston. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 2

Children's Fall Flea Market. 9 a.m.-noon at 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Junior merchants will sell gently used toys, books, clothing, and games at the annual Fall Flea Market. Admission is one non-perishable food item for the RCC Thanksgiving Food Drive.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

David Henry Hwang's Lost and Found In Translation. 3 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Tony Award-winning playwright of “M. Butterfly” discusses his works, writing process, and artistic philosophy. \$15 Reston, \$30 Non-Reston. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

The Rite of Spring. 8 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. CenterStage celebrates the 100th anniversary of Stravinsky's orchestral concert piece with performances by the Bowen McCauley Dance Ensemble and Darryl Brenzel and the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra. \$25 Reston, \$50 Non-Reston. www.restoncommunitycenter.com. WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

Promoting Jewish Medical Awareness in Northern Virginia

The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present a program on ethics, "Life in the Balance: Jewish Perspectives on Everyday Medical Dilemmas," as part of the institute's new six-session fall 2013 course that will begin during the week of Oct. 27.

Rabbi Leibel Fajnland of Chabad of Northern Virginia will conduct the six course sessions from 7:30-9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28 in Fairfax and Tuesday, Oct. 29 in Herndon.

"Nowadays, at some point or another, everyone faces an extremely difficult medical decision that they aren't equipped to handle," said Rabbi Zalman Abraham of JLI's headquarters in Brooklyn, N.Y. "Our objective with this course is to acquaint the public with fascinating Jewish perspectives on some of the most cutting-edge dilemmas in medical ethics."

In Life in the Balance, participants will ponder ethical questions about a range of topics ranging from end of life issues to preventive measures and respect due to the body after death. Questions include: Must we prolong life at the expense of immense suffering? Should we legalize compensation for organs to save the lives of those on the transplant list? And where do we draw the line between keen vigilance to safeguard one's health and pointless panic? The course



Rabbi Leibel Fajnland

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will also explore ethical ramifications of fascinating new technologies such as digital autopsies, and uterine transplants. "These important issues are critical to so many people's lives yet they are rarely discussed nowadays," said Rabbi Fajnland, the local JLI instructor in Northern Virginia. "This is a unique opportunity that will benefit the wider community and we invite everyone to attend." Like all JLI programs, Life in the Balance is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. The course is accredited to offer AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits for medical professionals, CLE credits for attorneys in most states, and AGD PACE credits for dentists. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship.

Interested students may call 703-476-1829 or visit www.myJLI.com for registration and other course-related information.

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Morning prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.org.

Adult Sunday school will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis.

Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

The Jewish Federation of Greater

Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

The Baha'i community of McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday worship services for the Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon.

The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need.

There is no cost; yarn can be provided. E-mail shawl@saint-timothys.org or visit the Pastoral Care page at www.saint-timothys.org.

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