



(From left) William Helgesen, 3, and sister Elizabeth, 1, of Penderbrook, sit on the back of an ambulance.

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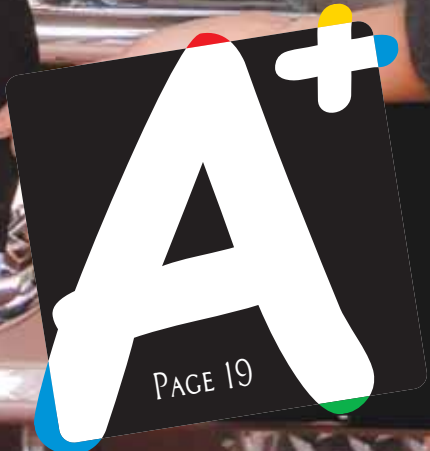
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Craig Evans and Jon Brantley with Station 403 of the City of Fairfax Fire Department patrolled the fair.

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City of Fairfax Welcomes Fall

37th annual Fall Festival Celebration held on Sunday.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

With a forecast of rain and showers, the event planning team for the City of Fairfax Park and Recreation Department postponed the annual Fall Festival Celebration—originally planned for Saturday—and held it on Sunday, Oct. 13. “Mother Nature is one thing we cannot control,” said Leslie Herman, special events manager at the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department. “With the forecast for the weekend, we felt fortunate we were able to re-schedule for Sunday.”

This year was the 37th annual Fall Festival. “We start working on the Fall Festival in about January. We see what we want to change or add,” said Herman. “We are also working on other events throughout the year. We like to book our carnival companies and entertainment early.”

THIS YEAR more than 300 vendors attended. Amusement rides were set up at the Sun Trust Bank Parking lot, at 4020 University Drive.

Eve Ruffner was one of the more than 30 volunteers assisting with the day’s events. A student at Virginia Commonwealth University, Ruffner has previously volunteered for the Fairfax Fall Festival. “The rain affected the event. There was a decreased attendance,” said Ruffner. Still, most vendors left the event satisfied. “We had some good sales,” said vendor Gregg Jones. A resident of Annapolis, Md., Jones is the owner of a photo and frames business, New Earth Frames.

All the musical entertainment signed on for the event attended. There were four entertainment stages, including the Main Stage by University Drive and South Street, the Children’s Stage, the Festival Stage by Old Town Hall and the Country Stage by University Drive and Armstrong Street. Master of Ceremonies for the Main Stage was Jarrod Wronski.

A resident of Herndon, Wronski said, “I’ve been coming to the Fairfax Fall Festival since I was a child, this event is one year older than I am.” Wronski’s wife and children were also attending the festival. “It is a great event to bring your family,” said Wronski.

Another new feature for the festival was the All American Lumberjack Show. Professional lumberjacks competed in 11 different events in fast paced



The folk rock band Scythian was at the Main Stage during the afternoon. Members include Alexander Fedoryka, Josef Crosby, Danylo Fedoryka, Ben-David Warner and Tim Hepburn.



Amusement park rides through Taylor & Sons Inc. were available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

entertainment. Audience members could see everything from axes, modified racing chainsaws, water events and cross cut saws. Each show offered different events. “The adults had just as many laughs as the children,” said Herman.

THE LUMBERJACK SHOW was sponsored by JL Tree Service, a Northern Virginia tree service company based in the City of Fairfax. Two elite sponsors for this year’s festival were Fair City Mall and radio station 97.1 WASH-FM.

Another feature of the festival was the open house events at several local institutions including the City of Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center, the Ratcliffe-Allison House, the Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, and the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department Station #3. “It was a good turn out,” said firefighter Captain Page Whitacre.



Nate Greenberg in the All American Lumberjack Show at the Fairfax Fall Festival.



Fire medic Joe Waters was at Fire Station No. 3 helping demonstrate the water hose to children.



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State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) participates in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Korean National Ceremony where the Korean War dead are buried. In August, Marsden and his wife, Julia, spent a week in South Korea as guests of the Government of the Republic of Korea. He was invited to discuss his sponsorship of the “East Sea” bill, and also to present a resolution from the Southern Legislative Conference encouraging trade development between the United States and Korea.

What’s in a Name?

Virginia legislators work with Korean American groups to push for “East Sea” in textbooks.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Virginia’s gubernatorial candidates Ken Cuccinelli (R) and Terry McAuliffe (D) may be light years apart on most issues, but on one issue they’ve reached a consensus.

Last month, they both pledged support to Virginia’s growing population of Korean Americans to use the dual names of “East Sea” and “Sea of Japan” to denote the body of water between Korea and Japan in Virginia’s textbooks. Koreans view the “Sea of Japan” designation as a legacy of Japanese colonial rule.

Currently, more than 2.5 million Korean-Americans reside in the U.S. and nearly 150,000 of them live in Virginia.

“As governor, going forward, I will wholeheartedly support the effort to have our textbooks and other teaching materials reflect the concurrent names as we pursue education excellence in Virginia,” Cuccinelli wrote in a Sept. 16 letter to the Korean Community of Virginia.



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From left—Jung Ki Un, chairman of Voice of Korean Americans (VOKA), State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), and Peter Kim, president of VOKA, display a petition to use the dual names of “East Sea” and “Sea of Japan” to denote the body of water between Korea and Japan in Virginia’s textbooks. Currently, Virginia’s textbooks only use Sea of Japan, which Koreans view as historically inaccurate and a legacy of Japanese colonial rule.

“As governor, I will ensure that as new texts are purchased or downloaded, they reflect this important historical truth,” McAuliffe wrote to the Korean Community of Virginia on Sept. 25.

For the past year, state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) has been leading Virginia’s legislative efforts to add the “East Sea” in public school textbooks.

Marsden has been working with Peter Y. Kim, a Chantilly businessman, who is president of the non-profit Voice of Korean Americans (VoKA). In January, Kim formed VOKA to promote the use of “the East Sea,” contending the naming dispute is critical to Korean Americans for a number of reasons.

“The entire Korean-American community in Virginia is very concerned about the situation, particularly related to educating Korean-American children about their heritage that is currently not recognized by the state,” Kim said.

“The effort is gaining momentum in Virginia,” Marsden said, noting the “East Sea” Bill will require all future textbooks purchased by the Virginia Public Schools of Education to

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Our Daily Bread Development Manager Jennifer Rose, 40, with Food Manager Chris Garriss, 50.

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Complete the Circle Oct. 27

Our Daily Bread hosting food and toiletries collections, community event.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Our Daily Bread in Fairfax is hosting its third-annual “Complete the Circle” food-collection campaign and community event on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Fairfax High School practice field. “We’d like to raise 10,000 pounds of food,” said Jennifer Rose, 40, development manager with Our Daily Bread.

Some 28 different groups will be participating as teams, including local Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and church groups. Already, 600 people have signed up for this year. Organizers are asking that people bring \$10-\$20 food gift cards, non-perishable food, canned goods and toiletries, which will be distributed to needy families through Food for Others food bank, serving the entire county.

During the afternoon, hundreds of volunteers will gather for a “living picture,” photographed from high above by Daniel Dancer of “Art for the Sky” at the field at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The outer part of the circle will be comprised of food donations.

“I’m excited about completing the circle because it raises awareness about food insecurity in the most affluent of counties in the country,” said Rose, who commutes from Warrenton.

The cost is \$5 to participate and includes a T-shirt. The event includes pizza by Donatos Pizza, Whole Foods goodies and drinks. Entertainment will be provided by the children’s band, School of Rock, with face painting and fun activities geared towards children. Corporate sponsors include: Apple Federal Credit Union, Virginia Heritage Bank and Bowman Consulting.

In the first year, 700 people at-

tended, bringing 2,500 pounds of food. In the second year, 700 people attended, bringing 4,800 pounds of food; and contributing \$5,000.

“Complete the Circle is a way to bring the community together to help fight hunger by hosting food donations, food gift cards and toiletries,” said Chris Garriss, food manager of ODB. “We started a program called ‘Food Bridge,’ and are trying to help clients become more self-sufficient by offering food gift cards because they can make their own choices.”

The program targets 60 families undergoing financial hardships by offering food, toiletries and gift cards for four months. In 2012, ODB provided food assistance to 287 families for four months. The families can stay with the program for six months if they are mentored by ODB volunteers, and nine months with “Project Bridge” to help them get back on their feet again. After they complete the program, new families are rotated in the system.

According to a June 11 study by “Feeding America,” there are more than 76,000 people in affluent Fairfax County who are “food insecure,” meaning they do not know where their next meal will be coming from.

To participate, visit the website: www.odbfairfax.org or contact Jennifer Rose at develop@ODBFairfax.org, or 703-273-8829. For Food for Others sponsorship information, contact Jessica Cogen at JCogen@foodforothers.org or call 703-207-9173.

Non-perishables Needed

Canned sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, beans (pinto, kidney, black, etc.), chili, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, mashed potatoes, cereal, crackers, pasta, rice, mac & cheese, peanut butter, canned meats.

Toiletries Needed

Needed toiletries can be cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, shampoo, toothpaste and tooth brushes, soap and deodorant.

Honoring Holocaust Survivors

Expressions of the Holocaust: Dinner Honoring Survivors, a special night of music, art, and poetry memorializing the struggle of those who survived the travesties of the Holocaust will take place on Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the HUB Ballroom at Mason's Fairfax Campus. The event is free for Mason students (with a \$10 deposit), and \$54 per person for community members.

RSVP by Nov. 5, 2013 at www.regonline.com/dinnerhonoring survivors.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes, including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

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Lydia Au of Fair Lakes with son Nicholas, 5, inside a fire engine.



Jacob Moses, 4, of Fair Oaks has a new fire hat to match his firefighter raincoat and boots.

Visiting the Local Fire Station

Local residents visited Fair Oaks Fire Station 21 during its open house, Saturday, Oct. 12.

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(From left) siblings Zach Topscher, 7, and sister Tessa, 8, of Greenbriar, brought their stuffed animals with them.



(From left) buddies Cameron Vargas, 6, and John Rockett, 7, both of Penderbrook, pose in front of a fire engine.



(From left) William Helgesen, 3, and sister Elizabeth, 1, of Penderbrook, sit on the back of an ambulance.

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Open Casting to Be Held in Fairfax

An open casting call for The Great American Home Movie will be held on Friday, Oct. 25, at the Best Western Fairfax, 3535 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and conducted locally by Ken Sander, owner of Home Video Studio.

The casting call is looking for people who lived in the United States between 1946 and 1976, who are at least 40 years of age, and who are willing to tell their personal stories of a time when American life was documented in a unique and intimate way: through home movies. For more information, contact Ken Sander at 703-3233-6110 or ken@kensandervideo.com.

Meow-loween at Animal Shelter

In the spirit of Halloween, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter is celebrating "Meow-loween" with programs, activities and half-off cat-adoption fees throughout October. Adoptees will receive a free bag of treats and goodies for new feline family members. And on "Feline Fridays" this month, all adult cats are just \$5.

Residents may also learn about cat health and behavior each Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. During the weekend of Oct. 25-27, visitors may join in fun activities with the staff, volunteers and animals. All adoption fees on dogs and cats over age 3 will be waived those three days. There'll be games, prizes and spooky, hands-on fun for families, plus guinea pig and rabbit-petting stations, a haunted cat-condo-decorating contest and trick-or-treat for shelter pets.

Dispose of Old Medications

City of Fairfax police, in cooperation with the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration, will collect unused and unwanted prescription drugs on Saturday, Oct. 26. It's part of national Drug Take-Back Day. People with unused and unwanted prescription drugs may turn them in at two, different locations.

They'll be collected from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the lobby of police headquarters at 3730 Old Lee Highway or may be given to a police officer stationed outside the CVS Pharmacy at 10090 Fairfax Blvd. from 10 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Over-the-counter medications also will be accepted.

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Don't Let Negatives Keep You from Voting

Choices are stark; think about what principles should guide governance in Virginia for the next four years.

Every Virginia voter will have the option to cast a ballot for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and their member of the Virginia House of Delegates.

While much of the coverage and advertising at the top of the ticket has been negative in the extreme, it will still matter who is governor. Don't turn up your nose, hold your nose if necessary, and go vote. You can vote on Nov. 5; most likely you can vote before that.

Voter Identification

Virginia's existing voter ID requirements will change in July 2014. A law requiring photo identification at the polls was signed into law in May 2013. This new photo identification requirement will not take effect until July 1, 2014. The current law allows for the acceptance of all identification documents listed here.

When you arrive at your polling place, a voting official will verify that your name is on the registration list. Voters will be asked to present one valid form of identification. It can be any of the following: Virginia voter registration card; Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid Virginia student ID; current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; Social Security card.

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sons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, however: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area and more. Voters can also vote absentee by mail.

It's worth looking at the absentee ballot application online before going to vote absentee in person: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf>.

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite" voting locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035.

Saturdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday, Oct. 15-Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

The satellite locations in Fairfax County are also open for absentee in person voting; Saturdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday: Beginning Oct. 15-Nov. 1, 3:30-7 p.m.

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COLUMN

It's Going to Take Humility'

BY FRANK WOLF
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
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In Luke 12:48 Jesus said, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

The Congress and the president have been entrusted with much, namely the responsibility to govern this country.

The American people rightly expect us, regardless of party affiliation, to come together, espe-

cially during times of crisis, and find ways to get things done.

They are understandably fed up with this current dysfunction, and I am, too.

Each side thinks it is winning, but in reality, the country and the

American people are losing. Senate Chaplain Barry Black says there's a level of insanity involved in the current government shutdown. Asked what it would take to end the current impasse, the former Navy chaplain said, "It's going to take humility." Wise words.

Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

There is too much pride poisoning this debate.

The American people should be the winner, not one party or the other, not the administration or the Congress.

Short-sighted political victories aimed at capturing the latest headline in the 24 hour news cycle will not stand the test of time, nor will they be viewed well through the lens of history, especially if on our watch the trust that must exist between elected officials and the electorate is frayed beyond repair.

For those of us who think

Obamacare is a disaster, its future will not be decided by shutting or opening of the government. The public debate surrounding Obamacare, which will undoubtedly be at the forefront heading into the mid-term elections, will play second fiddle until the government is once again operational.

It also bears mentioning, that while important, Obamacare must be placed in a larger context of the exploding national debt and deficit, and unsustainable spending and entitlement programs set against the backdrop of a public discourse bereft of civility.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 18

Homecoming Parade & Bite of Braddock. Parade at 5 p.m., Bite of Braddock from 5-7 p.m., game vs. West Springfield at 7:30 p.m., starting at Ashburn Community Center, 9528 Ashburn Drive, Burke. From floats and cheerleaders throwing candy to Bite of Braddock food, games and entertainment, Homecoming Night excitement builds and culminates with the rivalry game.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates Info Session. 11 a.m.-noon, at the Fairfax CASA office, 4103 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 200, Fairfax. If you would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children then register. 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

Cherishing Our Children. 4-5 p.m., at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A talk for parents, grandparents, teachers and all who love children, by Julie Ward, former

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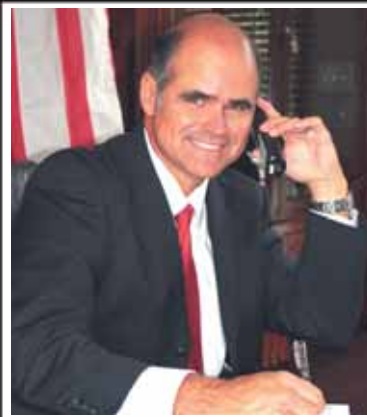
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Rotary Clubs Join Hands to Help Others

Members of the Rotary Clubs of Fairfax and Burke combined forces to sell brats, French fries, hamburgers and beverages during the Burke Centre Festival that was held Sept. 7-8 at the Burke Centre Conservancy. The Rotarians were raising funds for service projects and were joined by Boy Scouts and adult leaders from Boy Scout Troop 698, Venture Crew 698, and members of the Fairfax High School Interact Club. The Boy Scouts operated an order and delivery service to the vendors working in other booths.

The spirit of volunteerism among the various groups was an exceptional example of how shared resources can make a big difference when help is needed. Together, this intergenerational workforce of 65 volunteers planned, stocked, staffed and cleaned up the concession booth that raised nearly \$4,500. Those funds will be used for local and international Rotary service projects. As another community service, all unsold food was donated to a local homeless shelter



Paula Kelley, vice president of the Rotary Club of Fairfax, and members of the Fairfax High School Interact Club at the Burke Centre Festival.

at the end of the festival.

Rotary Club of Burke President Chuck Sleeper said, "This effort was a great example of how Rotarians build community spirit and combine the talents and skills of a variety of like-minded civic and service organizations to accomplish goals and Engage Rotary to Change Lives." Members of the Rotary Club of Fairfax had voted to lend a hand when they learned that the Rotary Club of Burke was going to be short-handed for the

festival. "It was wonderful to be part of the joint effort to support another Rotary Club in our district and to see the enthusiasm of the young people from Boy Scouts, Venture Crew and the Interact Club," said Paula Kelley, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Fairfax.

The Rotary Club of Fairfax also supports a school and literacy project in Guatemala, local charities, an exchange student program, Fairfax High School college scholarships, Teacher of the Year



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Members of the Rotary Clubs of Burke and Fairfax cooking food for a worthy cause.

Awards in the City of Fairfax, and many other projects to help those in need and to build positive relationships around the world. The Fairfax club has also made many contributions to the City of Fairfax, including the four-faced street clock in Kitty Pozer Park, the picnic shelter in Van Dyke Park, and the Rotary Gallery in the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center. The Rotary Club of Fairfax meets Mondays for lunch at the American Legion Hall, 3939 Oak Street in

Fairfax from noon until 1:30. For more information about the Rotary Club of Fairfax, visit the club's website at www.fairfaxrotary.org. Or email the Rotary Club of Fairfax's executive director, Irby N. Hollans, Jr., at ihollans@earthlink.net. The Rotary Club of Burke meets for breakfast on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 at Brion's Grille. Visit the Burke club's website at www.burkerotary.org. Or, contact the Burke Club at info@burkerotary.org.

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Celebration Banquet. 7 p.m., at The Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. A banquet to benefit the Lamb Center, with a mission of combatting homelessness and transforming lives through Christianity. 703-314-7805, tlcelebration@gmail.com or www.thelambcenter.org/index.html.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Affordable Health Care Act Info. 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Two professionals help to clarify the new law: Dr. Alison Evans Cuellar, associate professor of health administration and policy at George Mason University, Kathy May, director, Virginia Consumer Voices for Healthcare (VCV). RSVP. CarlaR@jccnv.org, 703-323-0880 or www.jccnv.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Casting Call. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Best Western Fairfax, 3535 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. The casting call is looking for people who lived in the United States between 1946 and

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Genealogy Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at King's Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor a genealogy workshop. Everyone is welcome. 703-455-2998, 703-690-7136 or www.saxbyscoffee.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 30

ADD/ADHD Support Group. Noon, at 4031 University Drive, Conference Room A, Fairfax. A group of people impacted by ADD/ADHD gathers for informative, guided discussions, sharing and support and provide refreshments and ample parking in rear lot or on the side streets. 703-362-2100 or getclear@clearviewcoach.com.

ONGOING

Adventures in Learning. Mondays, Sept. 30-Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. A day designed to exercise the body and mind. \$30; open to adults 50 and older; bring a bag lunch; registration begins Aug. 30 at www.scfbva.org or at 703-343-4788 and continues throughout the session.

Singers Wanted. The women's show choir is interested in new talent to perform at Northern Virginia community sites. Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Burke. Contact Gayle Parsons, 703-644-4485 or gparsons3@cox.net.



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From left, Rabia Badar, director of Eye Level Fairfax Center; Joe Montano, regional director for Senator Tim Kaine; Andrew Sample, Eye Level franchisee/owner; Janet White, Eye Level regional manager; Kevin Lee, EVO Payments regional sales manager; and Jessie Sample, Eye Level Ashburn Center director.



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Fairfax High Student Honored for Writing

A Fairfax High sophomore was among those honored Sunday for their entries in a Grandparents Day writing contest. She is Maeve Costello and she received an honorable mention for a story she wrote called, "Meeting Charlie."

The Writers of Chantilly, a local group of professional and aspiring writers, sponsored the competition, which was held over the summer. The winners were recognized during a Sept. 8 ceremony at the Chantilly Regional Library.

Costello's story was about her grandmother's new puppy and, for her efforts, she received a certificate and will have her work published in an upcoming Writers of Chantilly anthology. She especially enjoys writing mysteries and her work may be read at FanFiction.net.

"I like being able to create stories that are different from real life so, when you read them, you can exit your life a little while and enjoy the stories," she explained. "I feel very honored; I didn't realize my story would win an award."

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Volunteers run the book sale at The City of Fairfax Regional Library on Saturday (from left): Sigrid Carlson, Gary Frankel, Patsy Maddox, Marilyn Feldman and Barbara Leadbetter.



Barbara Leadbetter, president of the Friends of The City of Fairfax Regional Library.

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Fairfax Library's Book Sale a Success

The City of Fairfax Regional Library's book sale was a huge success last Friday through Sunday. Its Children's Book Sale the previous weekend was the best in the last three sales. On Friday, 1,600 people attended.

"We're finding that people are still buying lots of books," said Barbara Leadbetter, president of the Friends of the Library. On Sunday, bargain hunters paid \$5 per bag of books. Some dealers traveled from North Carolina and

Pennsylvania—dropping \$500 for filled boxes. The library also gave five boxes of books, including large-print versions, to the Heatherwood Nursing Home. It also sent a box to the Fairfax Detention Center.

"We do it twice a year," said Marilyn Feldman, past president of the Friends of the Library. "We're the only library that has a cart of books that's free. Every day it's replenished, and it's very popular with the patrons."

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On the Job and Hot on the Trail

Finding people is fun for new, police bloodhound pups.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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The newest members of the Fairfax County Police Department don't wear badges or carry guns. But they're officers, just the same — and they're awfully cute.

They're Bolt and Silas (Sy, for short) and they're 14-week-old bloodhound puppies being trained to track and find people by scent. They were introduced to the public recently by their partners, MPO Pete Masood and PFC Kevin Clarke, respectively.

"They've got thousands of years of instinct using their noses in trailing and tracking," said Clarke. "They have the capability to run a very old trail, which is a forte of bloodhounds. They won't do narcotics or criminal apprehension; they'll only learn one discipline — tracking."

The pups will be used to follow clues in homicide investigations and find missing adults, such as Alzheimer's patients, and lost children. And when they locate the object of their search, they won't bite.

Instead, said Clarke, "They're friendly and non-aggressive. All they want to do is be around people. So they'll love [whoever they've found]. They'll jump on them, lick their faces and give them hugs and kisses. Then they'll be ready for their reward from us — which is the love we give them."

First, though, the warm-brown puppies with tender, expressive eyes have to be trained. Last Wednesday, Sept. 18, outside the police K-9 Training Facility in Chantilly, the pair of puppies — who are brothers — stayed close to each other and to their partners.

Since the facility is next to the police firing range, multiple shots often rang out while the pups stood on the grass. And each time, the puppies startled. But it's just one of the many sounds and surfaces they'll have to get used to.

"We'll get them out here and acclimate them to the noises — gunfire, [vehicle] brakes and birds," said Masood. They'll also be exposed to airplanes, wind, rain, heat, car horns honking, plus obstacles such as fences. And they'll learn how it feels on their paws to walk in the woods, through brush, on cement, carpet, tile floors, etc.

That way, said Clarke, "When they get out on the street, when they're almost a year old, they'll be ready."

The police got the purebred puppies from Huntsville, Ala., for \$600 each, when they were just 7 weeks. But, added Clarke, "A fully trained bloodhound goes for \$15,000-\$20,000 because of the training they've re-



Officer Pete Masood (left) and Kevin Clarke show off the newest members of the Fairfax County Police K9 unit, Bolt (left) and Sy, 14-week-old bloodhounds that the two handlers will train to be tracking dogs for the unit.



Litter-mates Bolt and Sy, 14-week-old bloodhounds, are the newest members of the Fairfax County Police K9 unit. They will be trained to find trails and locate missing people.

ceived."

Masood said police have had success with this bloodline, as these pups are the second pair from the Alabama site. They'll eventually be 90-100 pounds but, said Masood, "If they're leaner, they'll have less hip problems and more endurance. We want to be able to work them long hours. It's also easier on us, lifting them up over obstacles, if they're not so heavy."

Bolt and Sy are eating specially designed, high-protein, dry dog food. "But they eat a lot of it — and anything else they can get a hold of — children's toys, hardware," said Clarke. "Officer Masood's dog is named Bolt because, after a week home, he removed a bolt from his crate and ingested it."

"He worked the bolt loose overnight," said Masood. "I found the nut, the next day, and took him to the vet, who X-rayed him, saw the bolt still in his stomach and got it out."

As for Clarke's puppy, he said, "My kids named him Silas after Uncle Sy on [the TV show] 'Duck Dynasty,' and I think it's a fitting bloodhound name."

The department has 15 patrol K-9 offic-

ers, including current bloodhounds Shnoz and Cody. Masood and Clarke also each work with a patrol dog, trained to apprehend criminal suspects. And usually two or three dogs a night are on the job.

"I've been in this section 12 years, working with German Shepherds, and have worked with Shnoz since 2008," said Masood. "Officer Clarke has worked with Shepherds five years, but this is his first bloodhound. Officer Marshal Thielen works with Cody."

Ideally, police would like the dogs to work for 10 years; but sometimes, health problems force them to be retired early. So they want to get Sy and Bolt up and running as soon as possible because they'll eventually replace Shnoz and Cody.

The bond between the K-9s and their partners is critically important. "They want to please us — that's their reward — so the dogs come home with us and our families," said Clarke. "They're with us 24/7; we have safe and secure backyard kennels at our houses."

"My wife used to be a vet," said Masood.

"And she and our 4-year-old daughter both love Bolt."

Colt, Clarke's German Shepherd, and Sy are part of a team now, as are Shnoz and Bolt, where the more-experienced bloodhound teaches the newcomer. "If Sy sees Colt do something, he does it, too," said Clarke. "The same is true of Shnoz and Bolt."

The bloodhound pups will train 30 hours/month and, once they're done, Clarke expects they'll be requested for help throughout the region and even across state lines. "Most regions have patrol dogs," he said. "Bloodhounds are rare because of the time, energy and expense to train them. They're smart and obedient, but stubborn, because they think with their nose first and their brain second."

"They can be given a piece of clothing and they'll stay with that scent, despite other, different odors in an area," continued Clarke. "And they can follow a scent even a week later. For example, they could find a person missing in a park, although hundreds of other people were hiking there."

He said one of the "biggest perks" of having bloodhounds is their scent-specific training. Said Clarke: "A dog can also be trained to identify someone — almost like in a lineup — by putting his paws on the chest of the person whose scent he tracked."

"Each track always yields positive, successful leads for the detectives," he added. "Even if the dog can't find the subject, he could, for example, find the bus stop where the subject last was. Or he could tell us where the scent stopped by just circling around that spot."

Police dogs are also considered law-enforcement officers. "They're working dogs," said Masood. "And if someone assaults them, that person can be charged."

Currently, Bolt and Sy are focusing on bonding with Masood and Clarke. But within a month or two, they'll begin short tracks. "We'll then stretch out the time and distance to teach them to eventually run three- and four-day tracks," said Clarke. "Tracking is in their blood; they're one of the oldest tracking dogs in the world — we're just harnessing it."

Actually, he said, "It's a game to these dogs. So when it becomes real, it's still fun for them."

"Their natural instinct is to hunt animals," added Masood. "We just train them to hunt humans."

The puppies are first trained by someone showing them food and then running away with it, and they have to find it. "They'll learn the game through repetition," said Clarke. "And at the end, there's a party — verbal and physical praise, plus a food reward."

Eventually, said Masood, they'll receive scent articles to track. That's because, said Clarke, "It's what they're bred to do — and they love it."

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Teri Baker, of Fairfax, and her 7-week-old foster puppy, her 50th foster, are greeted by shelter volunteers. Baker has been volunteering at the shelter for eight years, and fostering puppies for five years.

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Family Celebrates 50th Foster Puppy

What does the Fairfax County Animal Shelter do when it takes in an extremely young animal, one too young to adopt out? It finds a foster family willing to take on the responsibility of nurturing the sometimes days-old animal until it is old enough to be adopted permanently.

Recently a long-time volunteer at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, Teri Baker, of Fairfax, celebrated fostering her 50th puppy. The vast majority of those puppies are American Pit Bull Terriers — a breed surrounded by controversy and misinformation.

Baker noticed that many pit bull puppies were coming in, but few were being fostered. She saw a need and stepped in to fill it. And she says it evolved from stepping in to meet a need to something she and her husband Doug Baker absolutely love to do.

“There is a mythology that they are more aggressive than other dogs, that they bite more than ‘normal’ dogs ... they’re just dogs ... very smart dogs,” said Baker. She acknowledges that there are specific challenges that they incur with pit bull puppies as they working on printing and bonding with the dogs, “For example, we teach the puppies never to put their mouths on us.”

“It’s very satisfying to know in a small way we have started a lifetime of unconditional love for the adopting family and that’s what keeps us going.”

Tawny Hammond, director of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter praises Baker’s efforts and commitment, “Volunteers are the engine that drives the shelter and helps us achieve our mission. Without volunteers we couldn’t do what we need to do.”



Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler thanks Teri Baker, of Fairfax, for her long commitment to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in celebration of her 50th foster puppy. Says Roessler of Baker’s efforts, “Volunteers make the difference here at the shelter.”

Requejo Pleads Guilty to Two Felonies

A Fairfax man charged with sexually molesting a child pleaded guilty last week in Fairfax County Circuit Court. He is Eduardo Requejo, 23, of Warwick Avenue, and he’ll be sentenced in February.

He worked as a swimming instructor at the Oak Marr Rec Center in Fairfax since 2005 and was also a swim coach throughout the Fairfax community. But on July 15, police charged Requejo with two counts of aggravated sexual battery.



Eduardo Requejo

However, authorities said the offenses didn’t happen at his worksite; the child is an acquaintance and wasn’t one of his students. The victim is a 7-year-old girl, and police said the offenses occurred on March 1 and July 2.

Last Thursday, Oct. 10, Requejo pleaded guilty to two amended charges of committing an indecent act with a child; both are still felonies. Judge Brett Kassabian then set his sentencing for Feb. 21, 2014.

—BONNIE HOBBS



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Jan Siegfried, PVI’s instrumental music director, guest-conducts the “Washington Post” march. Siegfried served 20 years in the Air Force Band before coming to Paul VI.

United States Air Force Hits the Mark at Paul VI

Not all assemblies are the same, and Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax recently hosted one for the record books. By 11 a.m. on Sept. 25, Air Force trucks and vans had converged to the school’s back parking lot, and AF personnel were busy moving equipment in bags and anvil cases into the school. Meanwhile, PVI’s Music Boosters set out a reception for the 75 arriving Air Force personnel. In the Student Activity Center, mats were laid out, chairs and stands placed, sound system checked and rechecked, and soon it was time. At 1:15, the Air Force Band from Bolling Air Force Base D.C. began an awe-inspiring concert for participating teachers and classes.

Shortly into the program, students stood at attention as the national colors were formally presented by a contingent of the USAF Honor Guard. After the National Anthem, and retiring the colors, the band lit into Jenkins’ “American Overture,” with the French horn section ripping into the music. Students were surprised when

halfway through the program another contingent of the AF, the award-winning USAF Drill Team took the floor. Students clapped and gasped as the commanding team performed a silent succession of precisely timed movements using bayonet-affixed 11 lb. M-1 garands.

A special highlight of the performance was when Jan Siegfried, PVI’s instrumental music director, was invited to guest-conduct the “Washington Post” march. “Having the Air Force here at PVI was a dream come true. It was like introducing family to each other,” shared Siegfried. Siegfried had served 20 years in the AF Band, retiring in 2003, and is in her 9th year teaching at Paul VI.

The concert finished with a rendition of “Salute to the Armed Forces.” Students were asked to stand as each service song was played if they had family or friends that had served. Much of the student body was observed standing during some or all of the pieces. God, patriotism and music made for a great combination this day.



PVI students were treated to a rousing performance by the Air Force Band, Honor Guard and Drill Team.



Runners take off from the starting line of the 2012 Goblin Gallop 5K.



Dressed as Angry Birds last year are (from left) Savni Puri, Christine Conner, Lyn Howard and Michelle Mai.

20th Annual Goblin Gallop Is Oct. 27

Benefits families of children with cancer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Jack-o-lanterns, pumpkin pie and colorful leaves signal that Halloween will soon be here. And that means it's time for the Goblin Gallop. This year's event is the 20th annual and it's set for Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center.

And although it raises money for a serious cause, there's always a party atmosphere. Many of the participants, plus those cheering them on, wear Halloween costumes; and afterward, there are refreshments and a costume contest.

"It's more than just a 5K race," said event organizer George Quadrino. "It's a family-fun event with live music, a moonbounce and commemorative T-shirts."

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K race, at 9 a.m.; and the 5K walk, at 9:10 a.m. Entry fees through Oct. 24 are \$28 for the 5K run, \$20 for the 5K walk and \$15 for the 1K fun run. From Oct. 25 on, those fees, respectively, are \$30, \$25 and \$20.

Entrants should add \$5 to each amount if they'd like a long-sleeved, rather than a short-sleeved, T-shirt. Register at www.goblingallop.org. Online registration will remain open until race time.

PEOPLE MAY RUN individually or as part of 5K teams competing against each other. Participants may be on a coed team of at least four people; the categories are organizations, families and friends. The top team in each category will receive fun awards for best team costume, fastest team—adding

up the four members' times, and for the team with the most members registered before packet pickup on Oct. 25.

Fairfax Station's Dixon Hemphill is the race director; and because of its headline sponsor, the race's official name is the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop. Other main sponsors include Don Beyer Volvo, the Shaffer Charitable Foundation and the law firm of Butzel Long.

All proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. George Quadrino established it after his son John died of the disease in 1985 at age 7. And each year, money raised from the Goblin Gallop is used for numerous, small grants to help childhood cancer victims and their families.

"We raised almost \$40,000 last year and that helped a lot," said Quadrino. "It allowed us to help about 260 families."

Some 1,850 people participated in last year's Goblin Gallop, and Quadrino expects between that number and 2,000 people this time. Usually, hundreds of people sign up on race day and, said Quadrino, "Computer registration only takes a moment."

The course is USATF-certified, and prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50 are awarded to the top three, overall, male and female finishers. Prizes are also given to the top three overall finishers in various age categories, including a masters group for those over 40. All children participating will receive runner's medals inscribed with the words, "20th annual Goblin Gallop."

All competitors will receive a free, commemorative, glow-in-the-dark T-shirt. Decorated with the words, "Goblin Gallop," in orange, the shirts are purple and feature a scene of trick-or-treaters walking past a haunted house and a large, rising moon.

No dogs or headphones are allowed in the 5K events, but strollers are welcome in both the running and walking events. A computer chip in the runners' numbers

will register their starting and finishing times.

The route is challenging, but runners like it because it's fairly flat, with few hills and all right turns. Race D.C. Timing LLC will handle scoring and results, and the awards ceremony will be on the stage in front of Coastal Flats. Results will be posted that afternoon at goblingallop.org and Results.racedctiming.com.

After the race, the band Shaky Ground will perform classic rock on the Fairfax Corner stage, costumes will be judged and awarded prizes, and participants will enjoy hot dogs, breakfast bars, fruit, cookies and beverages.

Another highlight will be the Reptile Man, who brings snakes, a baby alligator and other reptiles for viewing by interested attendees. "He talks about them and explains what they eat," said Quadrino. "Kids are absolutely fascinated."

In addition, more than \$3,000 in door prizes will be given away. Most are donated by local merchants and include Redskins tickets, restaurant meals and gift certificates at running stores. Glory Days Grill is the largest prize-contributor, donating \$1,000 worth of goodies.

Because of the Goblin Gallop, the John Quadrino Foundation is able to make nearly 300 grants per year, totaling about \$80,000. The recipient families are referred by pediatric social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children's hospitals, and the grants are given directly to these families.

Because medical bills can be overwhelming, parents of seriously ill children often need help with rent, utility bills or car-repair costs. Often, one parent must quit a job to stay home and take care of the child. And a family with no prior financial problems suddenly finds itself in dire straits. That's where the foundation comes in.

Each year, for example, it awards grants for generators. They go to families with a

child who relies on a lifesaving machine at home. And, said Quadrino, "If their power went out, it could be devastating."

THE FOUNDATION buys wigs for children who've lost their hair to radiation/chemotherapy. And in the past few months, said Quadrino, "We outfitted 10-12 families with back-to-school clothes for their children."

"We've also paid for a sibling's child care so parents can visit their sick child in the hospital," he continued. "My wife and I saw the need when our son was going through this, and he did, too—he's our inspiration. He'd see kids like him who didn't see their parents very much, except for Sunday afternoons."

Worrying about their child's health, while wondering how they'll pay their rent or mortgage, is a "double whammy" for parents, said Quadrino. So his Foundation does all it can to help them.

"In the beginning, we were hoping to make three or four thousand dollars from the race, and it snowballed," he said. "But the need is still there. We also take care of lots of unpaid utility bills. Every week, we turn on people's lights and stop them from being turned off. We fill in where insurance doesn't."

Reflecting on the Goblin Gallop's 20th anniversary, Quadrino called it "pretty unusual" for a race to last that long, but he's glad it has. "We feel really good about it," he said. There are a lot of volunteers involved and we appreciate our sponsors. This allows us to help more people and we're excited about it."

To donate to the organization, send checks payable to The John Quadrino Foundation to P.O. Box 4614, Falls Church, VA 22044. Contributions are tax-deductible and may also be made via the Combined Federal Campaign by designating CFC No. 8931, or via the United Way by selecting No. 59426.

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY-THURSDAY/ OCT. 17-31

19th annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Playground. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Burke Nursery, 9401 Burke Road, Burke. Inflatable slides, obstacles courses and playgrounds, pumpkins galore, artisan market, fall plants and foliage for sale, many children's activities and all the fall-themed fun you can imagine. 03-323-1188 or www.pumpkinplayground.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 18

"The Norwegian Paperclip." 7 p.m., at Norway House, 3846 Meredith Drive, Fairfax. A book signing and program by Olav R. Crone-Aamot, Norwegian underground operative against the German occupation of Norway in World War II, and career intelligent specialist with the US Army in Germany and Asia. 703-573-5943 or www.norwaydc.org.

Modern Fado by Mariza. 8 p.m., at GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Mariza will perform her modernized interpretation of fado, the ancient Portuguese genre which translates as "fate" or "destiny." A pre-performance discussion runs 45 minutes prior to the performance on \$23-\$46; tickets are half price for

The Hungarian State Folk Ensemble will perform Saturday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. at GMU's Center for the Arts.

youth through grade 12. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19

25th annual Spartanfest.

10 a.m.-3 p.m., at WSHS, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. A craft show, silent auction, games, food and more to benefit the school. 703-629-2760 or wshsspartanfest@msn.com.

Burke Book Festival. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Hall, 9501 Old Burke Lake Road, Burke. Author signings and readings, music, prizes, Stanley & Norman, the basset hound brothers featured in the children's book series by author Frank Monahan, young adult author Daniele Lanzarotta and a donation book drive on behalf of Unity Bowling and more. <http://rocketscienceproductions.blogspot.com/p/rsp-book-fair.html>.

Merrifield Fall Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., at Mosaic, 2910 District Ave., Fairfax. Live music by three different bands; a beer garden with fall food specials, hosted by Matchbox; local artists; kids activities including face painting and a balloon artist; a pumpkin patch hosted by Merrifield Garden Center; college football games broadcast on Lucy; and involvement from Mosaic's retailers and restaurants.



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Confederate States Marine Corps. 6-8 p.m., at Old Firestation #3 restaurant, 3988 University Drive, Fairfax. John Tansill speaks about his Confederate ancestor, Capt. Robert Tansill, CSMC, from Prince William County; a 6 p.m. dinner from the restaurant menu precedes a 7 p.m. talk. \$5. 703-425-5735. <http://www.stringfellowcamp.org/index.html>.

Vintage #18 Concert. 6-10 p.m., at Accotink Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. The first set will be family and child-friendly; the rest of the evening features performers lending to a dance-hall feel. Refreshments will be available (childcare available upon request). \$10. 703-503-4579, administrator@accotinkuuc.org or vintage18.net.

Aziz Ansari. 8 p.m. at the GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. One of the stars of NBC's "Parks and Recreation" performs his own stand

up comedy. \$35-\$45. cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ OCT. 19-20

Hungarian State Folk Ensemble. 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, at the Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The troupe presents "Hungarian Rhapsody," a spirited journey through time that traces the history of this thousand-year-old culture through its dance and music traditions. \$ www.cfa.gmu.edu.

The Marci and Zina Show. 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday at The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich offer "wackily sophisticated" entertainment. From heartbreakingly sincere to laugh-out-loud funny, they do it all with style and class. \$29/\$24 JCCNV member and seniors; \$19 students and groups (10-plus). 703-323-0880 or www.jccnv.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

Virginia Chamber Orchestra. 4 p.m. at Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. David Grandis, music director, presents "Autumn Serenade." Music by Schubert, Wagner, Poulenc. Adults, \$25; seniors or adults online, \$20. Students admitted free. 703-758-0179 or www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

TUESDAY-MONDAY/ OCT. 22-DEC. 16

"Page Turners." Daily, at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The exhibit highlights visual

artists who are also illustrators, to run concurrently with the 8th annual Northern Virginia Jewish Book Festival. Features Valerie Brown, freelance photographer with images from her "Capital Splendor: Gardens & Parks of Washington, DC," Ian Frank, architect and artist, Katherine Janus Kahn, illustrator of the Sammy Spider series and Ziz, a gigantic bird of Jewish mythology and The Ladsmiths with female metalsmiths' jewelry creations. 703-323-0880 or www.jccnvarts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

"Chocolate Soldiers from the USA." 4 p.m., at Angelika Film Center, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. Tells the story of 140,000 Black American soldiers and thousands of British civilians who crossed a racial divide and introduced the British population to jazz, jitterbugging and Black American culture by night. <http://www.filmfest.com/>.

Tony Arnold. 8 p.m. Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 3905 Railroad Ave., Fairfax. The award-winning soprano presents Haydn's "Symphony No. 60, 'Il Distratto,'" Stravinsky's "Pulcinella Suite," and the world premiere of Theofanis's "Ordo Virtutum." Price to be determined. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org/.

SUNDAY/OCT. 27

Spookfest. Time TBD, at Buffa's Dance Studio, 9570 Burke Road, Burke. A Halloween party with dancing, games, crafts, a haunted house, costume contest, raffles, food, prizes and special guest characters. \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door, free for children. 703-425-5599 or www.buffas.com/.

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South County running back LeVaughn Davis carries the ball against T.C. Williams on Oct. 12.



South County quarterback David Symmes threw two touchdown passes against T.C. Williams on Oct. 12.

‘Undisciplined’ South County Holds on to Beat T.C. Williams

Stallions improve to 5-1, Titans fall to 4-2.

At the conclusion of Saturday’s game at T.C. Williams High School, South County football coach Gerry Pannoni voiced displeasure with the Stallions’ effort.

“We played undisciplined,” he said, “We played sloppy, we didn’t play smart.”

But they played well enough to win.

In a matchup of 4-1 teams from Conference 7, South County overcame penalties, turnovers and big plays by the Titans to beat T.C. Williams, 44-37. Running back LeVaughn Davis’ 22-yard touchdown run gave South County a two-score lead with less than five minutes remaining and the Stallions held off a late TC rally. Trailing by seven points, the Titans drove to the South County 31 with six seconds remaining, but quarterback Darius Holland’s pass into the end zone fell incomplete. South County was flagged for numerous penalties, committed two turnovers and allowed three TC touchdown runs of at least 51 yards. Despite their struggles, the Stallions improved to 5-1 with key contributors Robert Avery (RB/DB), Ed Kargbo (LB) and Campbell Buhrow (RB/LB) set to return within the next few weeks.

“I guess if there’s a silver lining, it’s we’re winning without several of our very good kids and they’re close to coming back,” Pannoni said. “... We’re finding a way to win, but that wasn’t good enough. That was bad. That was a bad performance, I thought.”

After a 15-yard South County penalty in the second quarter, Pannoni called timeout,

walked onto the field and chewed out the Stallions offense in the huddle. On the following play, quarterback David Symmes connected with Kevin Quigley for a 32-yard touchdown, giving South County a 21-0 lead with 10:16 remaining in the first half. The Stallions led 28-16 at halftime and 36-23 early in the fourth quarter.

“That’s not the style of play we want to represent,” Symmes said. “We want to be able to dominate mentally and physically. I’d rather win by 21 than seven points and have it down to the last [six] seconds [with TC] chucking it up into the end zone.”

Did Pannoni’s on-field pep talk help?

“He definitely has a great presence and we listen to him,” Symmes said, “especially when he’s screaming at us.”

Symmes completed six of 12 passes for 73 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. He also carried nine times for 35 yards.

Davis carried 35 times for 147 yards and two touchdowns. James Simon rushed for 82 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries and sophomore fullback Thomas Wheeler scored on a 1-yard run.

South County is averaging 49.5 points per game.

T.C. Williams dropped to 4-2, but showed resiliency in defeat. Trailing 21-0 early in the second quarter, the Titans faced third-and-11 at their own 12-yard line, having gained just seven yards to that point. Running back Malik Carney took a handoff and gave the Titans a spark with an 88-yard touchdown run.

Trailing by 13 points early in the fourth quarter, Carney received another third-down carry and raced 85 yards into the end

zone, cutting the South County lead to 36-30 with 10:05 remaining.

Carney, who is committed to UNC as a linebacker, finished with 15 carries for 220 yards and two touchdowns.

Davis’ 22-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion by Gerald Hulett gave South County a 44-30 lead with less than five minutes remaining. TC responded with a three-play, 82-yard scoring drive to pull within seven. Holland, who struggled most of the afternoon, connected with Timmy Rattanaphone for a 43-yard gain on second-and-nine before finding a wide-open Alex Bledsoe for a 38-yard touchdown, cutting the South County lead to 44-37 with 3:35 left.

“We played undisciplined, we played sloppy, we didn’t play smart.”

—South County football coach Gerry Pannoni

TC’s final drive started at its own 25-yard line with 50 seconds remaining after South County turned it over on downs. Holland moved the Titans down to the Stallions 31 and spiked the ball with six seconds left. His desperation pass on the final play fell incomplete.

“We made lots of mistakes on both sides of the ball which contributed to our loss,” TC head coach Dennis Randolph said. “... But the thing that impressed me was we stuck in there. We could have very easily—when we were down five and then they scored again, went up 13—we could have

just stopped right there and said hey, it’s over ... but the kids came back.”

Holland, who missed last week’s game against Annandale with an elbow contusion, completed six of 29 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown. The junior, in his first season as a varsity starter, went 1-for-14 in the first half and misfired on 19 of his first 21 attempts.

“It’s his first season as a varsity player and there’s no substitute for experience,” Randolph said. “Hopefully he gained some valuable experience tonight.”

Holland made a play with his legs in the third quarter, when his 51-yard touchdown run cut the South County lead to 28-23.

“I made a move and got [in the] open,” Holland said. “[I] saw the light and I was out.”

Mahlique Booth rushed for 50 yards and a touchdown for the Titans. Rattanaphone had an interception.

South County will host West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

“We shot ourselves in the foot with penalties,” Pannoni said. “Whether it was a holding, whether it was a personal foul, if you want to keep playing in December, that’s the kind of stuff you can’t do.”

T.C. Williams will travel to face Lee.

“We had some execution problems, but overall, you can come out of this game saying we aren’t willing to lay down,” TC lineman and UNC commit Jeremiah Clarke said. “We fixed our problems from [the loss to] Centreville [and we’re] ready to fight back at the end of games and come back—stuff that’s going to help us later on in the playoffs.”

The T.C. Williams football program is looking to end a 22-year playoff drought.

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These students at The Madeira School in McLean enjoy each other's company on campus. School visits offer prospective families an opportunity to learn about student life.

Choosing a Private School

Local educators offer advice on selecting the right independent school for your child.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Marta Soltes was sitting in an Arlington coffee shop recently pouring through catalogs and application packets from some of the area's most elite independent schools. Her stack of brochures was almost as high as her extra-large latte.

"There are so many options," said Soltes, who is a mother of twins. "And the application fees are outrageously expensive. I can't apply to all of them."

As the independent school application process gets underway, many parents are struggling to find the best fit for their child. Author and education consultant Ann Dolin, president of Educational Connections Inc., in Fairfax, and Bethesda, Md., says when choosing a school, key factors to consider include the school's location, single-sex versus co-ed, the level of academic rigor, methods of instruction, athletics and a child's chance of acceptance. Dolin recommends school visits, tours and open houses as a way to start narrowing down your choices.

"You'll want to consider certain factors," said Dolin. "Is the school close by or logistically feasible? Are you looking for all-out rigor and accelerated academics or would your child benefit more from a balanced, less intensive approach? Are sports important to your child? If so, this factor may make a school more or less attractive. Is the school known to be

highly competitive, meaning that only a small percentage of students gain acceptance each year? Is the school looking for very high test scores and top grades? These are the schools that might be hard to get into. Be sure your list contains some of these 'reach' schools, but also others that may provide a better chance of acceptance."

LOCAL ADMISSIONS DIRECTORS agree that attending open houses and scheduling school visits are effective ways to start the application process. "An admission open house is a great venue to get an overview of a school's environment, sense of community, and the approach to teaching and learning," said Julie Jameson, director of admission at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md. "Opportunities to get to know the school are offered through tours, speaking with current students and parents, meeting faculty and administrators, and learning more about curriculum, activities and student life."

Charlotte Nelsen, director of admission and financial aid for The Potomac School in McLean, suggests visiting a school during the day when classes are in session. "Visiting campus gives families a chance to see classes in action, sense the level of student engagement and picture their child at the school," she said.

"Observing classes and teacher-student interactions will give families a feel for the culture of the

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Selecting Independent School

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school,” said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment at Norwood School in Bethesda. “How is the learning environment set up? How do teacher and students interact? Are students working independently or collaboratively? Are they happy and engaged? Do the walls and the sounds in the hallway sing to you?”

Julie Lewis, director of admissions and financial aid at Alexandria Country Day School in Alexandria, said, “Being in the hallways and seeing how students and teachers interact with one another gives a prospective family a feel for the school and its culture that

cannot be found on a website.”

Richard S. Moss, director of admissions at The Height School in Potomac, Md., says that an open house offers families an opportunity to look into the “heart and soul of a school” and to get a sense of a school’s true environment. “On a superficial level, a good school ought to present an organized and welcoming open house, but a discerning parent and student will look beyond the external trappings to discern what values and principles an institution holds dear and how it implements those principles,” said Moss. “If the principles line up with those of family, and the school does a good job of implementing them, it could be a good fit.”

Open houses, said Mulligan, offer a different experience than a school tour. “[They] are wonderful opportunities to really delve into curricular discussions with faculty,” she said. “Because open houses typically happen during non-school hours, teachers and administrators are available for conversation. Current students and parents are also usually in attendance, so if hearing about the school experience from that perspective is important to you, then an open house would be a worthwhile activity.”

Mulligan said she believes it’s important to experience a school in more than one setting. It “allows for a deeper understanding

“Observing classes and teacher-student interactions will give families a feel for the culture of the school.”

— **Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment, Norwood School**

of how a school’s mission comes alive.”

Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid for The Madeira School, in McLean, also suggests that prospective families visit frequently and spend

time on campus outside of scheduled tours and open houses. “Come often,” she said. “We all have sporting events, announced on our website. You should stop by a game sometime. School plays and concerts are my favorite way to learn about a school. These events often have large numbers of parents and students from the school, and it is a wonderful way to see the culture of the school in one place.”

DURING THE VISIT or open house, parents and prospective students should consider the school’s environment and ask themselves several questions, said Katherine Carbo, director of Lower School admission at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria: “How comfortable do I feel in this environment? Do the faculty appear passionate and enthusiastic about teaching? Are the students focused and engaged? What is the overall philosophy of the school? Is the approach traditional or progressive?”

Classroom size and structure are other factors to note. “Keep your eyes peeled for the number of children in the classroom, and try to get a feel for their daily schedule,” she said. “Could you imagine your child working and playing with the students and teachers you see? Visiting a school provides parents with one snapshot of the community. Learning more about that community takes time.”

Carbo also suggests visiting several schools. “Most of the information you collect through reading and conversations will be reliable,” she said. “But the right match for your child may be vastly different than your neighbor’s child or coworker’s child. This is why touring different schools is important.”

Start now by calling or emailing a school’s admission office to request a tour, said Carbo. “When should you get started?” she asks. “That really depends on what program you are seeking out. Most admission seasons begin in October, and parents will tour in the fall or winter, a year before they hope their child will start school.”

The most important guide, say experts, are a parent’s instincts. “Each school has its own distinct feel,” Carbo said. “It is up to you to visit and see what seems to be a good fit for your family.”

Dolin said, “Parents’ intuition is a good guide, but you have to balance it with the needs of your child.”

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The Choice Is Clear

To the Editor:

Within one month, Virginians will head to the polls to elect another governor. The choice is clear. One candidate has no experience in public office and is a partisan operative, while Ken Cuccinelli has dedicated his life to public service by serving as a delegate and as the commonwealth's highest legal authority, attorney general. Ken worked to improve K-12 public education, took a personal interest in releasing an innocent man from serving 27 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, and protected women on Virginia's college campuses.

While Ken's opponent has no record to run on, and requires on the job training, he does pride himself on being a businessman. Virginians don't need a governor whose business plan is modeled after the failed GreenTech debacle.

Acknowledging his lack of a record, Ken's opponent has resorted to personal attacks on Ken's character. In a state where young women may be expelled from school if they take a Tylenol or Advil, Ken's support of

parental notification and a waiting period for minors when considering an abortion is both responsible and reasonable. Furthermore, because Ken cares about the health and safety of all women, he has followed the Virginia Board of Health's recommendation to require women's health care clinics to maintain the same health and safety standards as other outpatient surgical hospitals. While people may disagree on women's issues, Ken has served and protected all the citizens of Virginia in his role as attorney general. We need this same common sense approach in our next governor.

Finally, with the recent shutdown in Washington, we need a governor who can reach across party lines and govern. The partisan attacks and intolerant rhetoric from Ken's opponent leaves little doubt that he is incapable of being bipartisan. Ken has a record of working with both Republicans and Democrats, and I expect he will continue conducting himself in this same manner when he is elected governor.

Alice Butler-Short
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FROM PAGE 8

Only through enacting reforms based on the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles recommendations will we ever solve the drivers of our deficits. We have put these tough, but important, reforms off for far too long.

To my colleagues in the Congress and to President Obama who think they are "winning" at this particular moment, we would do well to remember the words of Napoleon Bonaparte in speaking of the changing nature of public opinion: "The crowd

which follows me with adulation would run with the same eagerness were I marching to the Guillotine."

I return again to the sentiments of scripture: We have been given a great trust, and it is demanded of us to come together to solve these problems.

It is time to show some humility. It is time to govern.

Let's get the government back open, ensure we don't default on our debt and then commit ourselves to curbing unsustainable entitlement spending.

Promoting "East Sea"

FROM PAGE 4

reflect both names.

"What we call things is important, and names have deep meaning," Marsden said. "This would go a long way in speeding up the integration of our Korean-American population, and making people feel accepted and respected."

The dispute over the name has been simmering between Japan and South Korea for decades. In 1992, objections to the name Sea of Japan were first raised by North Korea and South Korea at the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

Since 1997, South Korea has campaigned the International Hydrographic Organization, the governing body responsible for the naming of bodies of water, for the additional use of the East Sea name on the grounds that the term Sea of Japan only became popular globally during Japan's colonial rule of the peninsula. Japan used the name Sea of Japan has been used internationally since the 19th century, before the Korean Peninsula came under Japanese rule.

"What's important to me as a state representative is that we already teach students about the controversy, so our textbooks ought to reflect that fact," Marsden said. "All they are looking for is a position of respect."

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) announced he is sponsoring a similar bill in the House this year.

"It is not right that their position on this issue be ignored," said Hugo in a statement. "It is not right that so many of our Korean-American students are taught that there is only one name for this body of water, when their culture and history say otherwise."

Kim said his group's final goal is to include "the East Sea" in all textbooks used at elementary, junior high and high schools in 50 states by March 2017, when the International Hydrographic Organization holds a meeting to discuss Seoul's request for the concurrent use in formal international maps.

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