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The election officers at the Great Falls United Methodist Church, which is the polling place for the Forestville precinct Tuesday, Nov. 5.



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Great Falls Goes to the Polls

Off-year election will decide governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, delegate, sheriff.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls residents exercised their right to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5, heading to the polls to decide on a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state delegate, sheriff and on a school bond. While the turnout wasn't expected to bring the numbers of last year's presidential elections, many in the community came out to vote at one of four locations.

"Obviously the presidential race last year is big for our country, but an off year like this is still very important to the community," said Thomas Smith of Great Falls. "Our governor is going to be essential to crafting statewide policy, and our delegate is someone we're going to see around our community for the next two years, so it's very important on a local level."

The Great Falls Library, which is the location for the Hickory precinct, reported a problem with their optical scanner, which records paper votes, but otherwise the process seemed to run smoothly.

The race for the 34th delegate seat, with Republican incumbent Barbara Comstock facing off against Democratic challenger Kathleen Murphy, was the race that got the most attention because of the direct local ties.

"While I don't agree with everything Barbara Comstock has voted for, there are certainly worse things than voting with the rest of her party," said Bill McGinley of Great Falls. "Specifically, a lack of knowledge about some of the major issues in the state and region, which I think Kathleen Murphy has demonstrated. I came to hopefully help Barbara lead us for the next two years, through the Route 7 widening, through the coming of Metro with the hopes that she'll be standing up for us in Great Falls during these changes."

Murphy's supporters were also out in force, hoping to usher in a new era that supporters feel will give more emphasis on keeping the government out of their personal lives.



Residents prepare to vote at Great Falls Elementary School Tuesday, Nov. 5.

"Our freedom begins with ourselves as individuals, and I will never support someone who believes it's their prerogative to tell people, particularly women, what kinds of health care and reproductive choices they should be making," said Rebecca Smiley. "And as much as I hate to go fully partisan, this is one time when it's needed, because I think Republicans are too comfortable making those kinds of decisions on behalf of too many other people. Hopefully we'll see a change, starting tonight, with Kathleen Murphy."

A few people were interested in the Sheriff's race as well, despite it not receiving the level of attention as some of the other races.

"The sheriff's race is important to me because as the police force that runs our jail, our votes will have a direct impact on how criminals are treated in this county, which is a reflection on the county as a whole," said Trish Martin of Great Falls. "With no incumbent in the position, it's a way for the county to speak out on which direction we'd like to go."

VIEWPOINTS

Great Falls Voters: Who Did You Vote for and Why?

— ALEX McVEIGH

"I support the Democratic candidates, who I believe will uphold women's rights. I was in college when Roe v. Wade happened, and I don't want to see us go back there. I believe in the expansion of Medicaid and the availability of health insurance for as many people as possible."

— DEBBIE TURNER



"I'm a strong supporter of Ken Cuccinelli. He's an extremely principled man who would be an exceptional governor. A lot of people aren't aware of the good he's done for this state and for Fairfax County."

— KAY ADAMS



"Del. Barbara Comstock has done a lot for our children and their education. As a mother of a senior and freshman in high school, that's what I'm interested in. She's a proven leader, and votes the way I like on issues important to my family."

— CAROLYN CUPPERNULL



"Del. Comstock has been very effective in securing more in-state college spots, which is a big deal for a lot of people. And I think Ken Cuccinelli is one of the most principled men in the state, and he'll work hard to protect our rights."

— CARLA LANZARA



"I'm in favor of access to health and mental care for the underserved communities, particularly women, who often don't get the care and counseling they need. And I think Kathleen Murphy will work for those interests."

— JANE WRIGHT-SIMPSON



"It's very important to continue to support the rights of gay, lesbian and transgender people. I'm in favor of all the lefty issues, and as the mother of daughters, I just don't think Barbara Comstock represents my moral ground. Her vote for transvaginal ultrasounds is unforgivable."

— AMY AUGENBLICK



THE COUNTY LINE



Alan Young of Burke, a member of FABB (Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling), talked with Jason Wu of Great Falls about the importance of bike and pedestrian-friendly transportation projects to ease congestion and make Fairfax County more “livable” at Hayfield High School Wednesday, Oct. 30.



Tom Biesiadny, director of Fairfax County's Department of Transportation, led the first of four “Countywide Dialogue on Transportation” meetings, held Oct. 30 at Hayfield High School in Alexandria.

Fairfax County Wants You

County launches “Transportation Dialogues” to get feedback on public’s priorities.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Upcoming Meetings

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Not since 1987 — when today’s 40-something motorists were newly-minted drivers — has Fairfax County seen any new revenue stream for its traffic-choked roadways or relief for the region’s chronic gridlock.

But on the last day of the Virginia General Assembly session last year, state lawmakers narrowly passed a landmark \$3.5 billion transportation bill.

Hailed as the most ambitious, sweeping transportation funding initiative in a generation, House Bill 2313 is projected to generate about \$880 million a year to reverse the decades-long erosion of road revenue.

And while Northern Virginia motorists will pay for much of it in the form of additional taxes, the area also stands to gain nearly \$2 billion in the next six years for transportation projects.

“At this time last year, we were in dire straits. We faced an epic transportation crisis,” said Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). “Because of the transportation bill, we’re at important point in our history, where we have money and we want the input of our citizens.”

McKay, who chairs the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, was speaking to a group of residents at Hayfield High School Wednesday night, Oct. 30. It was the first of four public forums — “Countywide Dialogue on Transportation Projects” — designed to educate and solicit input from residents on their priorities for county transportation projects.

TOM BIESIADNY, director of the county’s Department of Transportation (FCDOT), led the presentation: “We believe in the next six years there will be about \$1.2 billion for county transportation projects,” Biesiadny said. “We want to make use of those revenues, and ultimately make a recommendation back to the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 10 about your priorities for

the next six years.”

Biesiadny told residents the Board of Supervisors tasked his department with evaluating unfunded projects based on several criteria, including public input. Other criteria include congestion reduction, travel-time savings, school and park access and air quality.

Biesiadny said HB2313 provided new funding for both regional and local transportation projects, such as roadway, transit, bike and pedestrian projects. “These are ‘new capacity’ projects,” Biesiadny said, “You won’t see paving, fixing potholes or mowing the grass with this money.” He noted that money already committed to projects in the board’s four-year plans (FY 2013-FY2016) have been excluded from the discussion.

Biesiadny said FCDOT was starting its public outreach campaign this week, emphasizing that the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback in various ways — in person, online, via online chats, social voting or email through Nov. 18. All of the public meetings include an overview presentation, a question-and-answer session, educational materials and a series of coded maps to view the list of potential projects.

“Some of your ideas actually made it into the final General Assembly bill. The purpose of tonight is to look at the 214 unfunded projects, and get your input,” he said.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount. Vernon) joined McKay and Biesiadny at the meeting. “Mount Vernon’s priorities are, in this order, Route 1, Route 1 and Route 1,”

Hyland said, joking that the meeting was so important that he was missing Game Six of the World Series between his beloved Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals. “This is my first time as a supervisor I’ve been able to come to a meeting and say ‘we can do something for you on transportation. Thanks General Assembly. And go Boston Red Sox!’”

Perhaps because of the Word Series, there were only about 20 residents at the meeting and six who gave brief comments, but they came from all parts of Fairfax County to talk transportation.

Jason Wu drove from his home in Great Falls to encourage the county to build a sidewalk on the one-mile section that leads into the town of Great Falls.

“I’m an ordinary citizen,” Wu said. “We have a petition with more than 100 signatures to get a sidewalk on that Westmoreland Street. It’s very dangerous to ride a bike there, and we have been spending a lot of time organizing to get this project on the list.”

Greg Budnick, a local engineer from Springfield, said he was there to caution supervisors “not to overreach financially” when evaluating projects. “Being a bicyclist, I can enjoy bike lanes and bike trails ... But I’m not sure anyone wants 10 feet of trees taken out of their development for more bike lanes.”

Jim Preston and David Mikkelsen of Alexandria, who represented their HOA, said improvements along Richmond Highway, were critical to the easing congestion throughout the county.

Robert Michie, a representative of the Lee District Transit and Sidewalk Committee, lobbied for Project #182, which includes street pedestrian and bicycle access improvements along Van Dorn Street. The project, estimated at \$500,000 has been “on the books for years,” Michie said. “We’re pushing very strongly to get this particular one down because it provided metro access to Van Dorn Street. We consider Route 1 a lab. If we can fix Route 1, we can fix anything.”

EDITH KELLEHER OF VIENNA said she was there as the executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. “We endorse Project #60,” Kelleher said. The project includes the widening Richmond Highway from four to six lanes from Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Route 235) to Napper Road. The cost has yet to be determined.

Many of the unfunded projects on the county’s list were road widening projects that included pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Alan Young, a Burke resident and member of Fairfax Advocates for Better Biking (FABB), said the group was “furiously” reviewing the county’s bicycle master plan to see if there are components for bike and pedestrian access.

“It would be helpful when you look at projects to see that there are components for bike and pedestrian access,” he said. “One of our main goals is to make Tysons and other transit-oriented, mixed-use developments more bicycle-friendly.”

“We really appreciate Fairfax County for undertaking a major transformation of Tysons to create a livable, walkable community. Four new Silver Line Metro stations due to open in Tysons in 2014 are part of the foundation of that transformation. We want to see that throughout the county,” Young said after the meeting.

McKay said the supervisors were in the process of developing a master list of projects, and needed the public’s input.

“We want to be conscious of being fair throughout the county, because that’s the only way this thing will work. There are a lot of moving parts to this. So, your input is critical to this process.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Countywide Dialogue on Transportation meetings, or to take the online survey, got to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/cdot/.

Residents can also visit the web site to sign up for email updates or find out if new meetings have been announced.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

The Vienna American Legion Auxiliary

10 a.m., at Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Place flags on the graves of veterans at Flint Hill Cemetery (on Route 123 between Courthouse Road and Hibbard Street); meet beside the tool shed inside the cemetery. 703-938-1379.

Northern Virginia Leadership Awards

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The annual NVLA awards celebrate the actions and attitudes of community leaders. 703-938-2593.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

Fall 2013/14 Registration Open House

9:30-11:30 a.m., at McLean Children's Academy, 6900 Elm St., McLean. Bring your child and come tour the school; registration is available for the morning, afternoon and full day preschool classes. 703-734-2353 or www.childrensacademy.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

9th annual Vienna CROP Hunger Walk

2 p.m., at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Walk to help stop hunger during the (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk. The walk is 3 miles and starts and ends at the Vienna Town Green. <http://www.viennacropwalk.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/241743379312873>.

Food for Trees Holiday Food Drive

Orders for 50 percent off freshly-cut Christmas trees which benefit the local community must be placed by Nov. 10; pickup is Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Old Firehouse Teen Center in McLean, with non-perishable food donation benefiting SHARE requested. Cookie decorating and games are available for children inside as trees are prepared. www.foodfortrees.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

Fall 2013/14 Registration Open House

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Chapter 1116 NARFE. 1:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. The Vienna and Oakton chapter of the National Association of Federal Active and retired Employees hears speaker Jane Priest, regional manager, Programs and Services, Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter and Chapter Alzheimer's Fundraiser. There will also be a book and bake sale to raise money for the Alzheimer's Group. 703-938-7346.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Business Executives Networking Group

1:30-3:30 p.m., at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The non-profit organization for mid- to senior-level professionals with at least 10 years of business experience hosts the area chapter network meeting for meeting peers of various disciplines and sharing business opportunities and job leads. RSVP. HeatherRosen@thebeng.org.

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BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

For Ian McKeown, it was all about the Christmas trees. As someone who spent most of his life working at garden centers and farmers market, when the Vienna native was looking for a path, he decided to follow the Christmas trees.

"When I was in high school, I would sell Christmas trees every winter, and always made some good money at it. I decided to attend college at N.C. State because that's where most of the Christmas trees, especially firs, come from," he said.

Having attended two colleges previous, McKeown found that many of his credits wouldn't transfer. He filled those spaces with "nothing but horticulture classes."

After graduating last year, he returned to the area to start his own landscaping company. On a chance drive along Georgetown Pike, he saw a sign advertising a garden

center for rent, and he knew he had found his latest project.

McKeown and his girlfriend, Laura Murray, opened State Gardens at the end of September, aiming to make it a one-stop shop for pumpkins, squash, flowers and more.

"When we first saw the place for rent, I thought it would be a great place for a Christmas tree stand, which I've always wanted to run," he said.

THE MAIN BUILDING at State Gardens is filled with local arts, from metal sculptures to handblown glass spoon rests, dip trays and ashtrays, to a selection of photographs by local photographer Walt Lawrence.

"People certainly don't come here expecting to find art, but once they come in, they seem to like what we've got to offer," McKeown said.

"We got about 30 handblown glass pumpkins that have sold a lot, we've got about six left. We also have glass ornaments from the same artists, which we'll be getting more of as

the holiday season approaches."

The highlight of the holiday season for McKeown will be when the Christmas trees arrive on Nov. 29.

"Most places have the standard Fraser fir and not much else, but we'll have at least six species of trees, and I'm looking to get up to eight, including four species of fir, Blue spruce and white pine," he said. "My personal favorite trees are the grand fir, which have this incredible smell that will fill your entire house. They have sturdy branches and softer needles than the Fraser fir. I've been looking into getting them stocked here, so hopefully we'll have them."

Along with Christmas trees, State Gardens will also have custom made wreaths and garlands for the holiday season, and McKeown says they are planning to have Santa stop by every weekend after Thanksgiving.

With hopes of making State Gardens much more than just a seasonal stand, McKeown and Murray are already dreaming of the possibilities.

"I learned a lot during my time in school, and we've heard a lot of interest from people about taking classes here. Plant propagation is something not a lot of people know about, but it's very interesting," McKeown said. "There's sexual and asexual propagation where you can use seeds, cuttings, bulbs to create and clone your own plants."

Gardening classes are just one possibility for McKeown and Murray.

"We're brainstorming ways to get whole families in here. If Ian can teach some horticultural class, I could teach some children's classes, like how to make a birdhouse," Murray said. "People come in and tell us things they would like to see here, and we keep a list going, so we're definitely hoping to be here for a long time and we're trying to get creative in what we can do."

Many members of their steadily growing customer base are enjoying State Gardens so far, and would like to see it become a permanent fixture.

"I'm glad this is a functioning gar-



Ian McKeown and Laura Murray, operators of State Gardens, which recently opened up in Great Falls, has a variety of plants, art and more.

den center, rather than just an empty lot, and certainly rather than some kind of housing development," said Bernice Gaudly of Great Falls. "I'm very intrigued by their knowledge and interest in making it a successful business, and I can't wait to see what they've got in store for planting season next spring."

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NEWS



Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) listens as Forestville Elementary student Grayson Miller addresses the library board committee.

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Community Debates Library's Future

Public meeting in Great Falls raises concerns about the foundation of education in Fairfax County.

BY JEAN T. JIANOS
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees committee on The Future of the Library, officially the "Evaluation and Communications" committee, held a public meeting in Great Falls on Monday, Oct. 21. The committee was appointed by the library board last month after the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on the initiative of Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, asked the library board to obtain input from the public and library staff before making any new, comprehensive changes to the library's current operational structure and staffing. Library Director Sam Clay was in attendance and addressed the meeting. Director Clay and the board will be making a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Nov. 19.

The purpose of the meeting was for the committee to hear and consider the concerns and suggestions that library users and community members have about the current state of the library and the library's

future planning. Many of the speakers questioned whether the foundation of education in Fairfax County is being eroded.

THE LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN for 2013-2015, approved in September 2012, states that the library's mission is to "educate, enrich and empower our diverse community. That is our purpose, our unique reason to exist. No other organization aims to do that for all residents." One of the library's primary strategic goals is to "enhance Fairfax County's investment in education" in support of the Board of Supervisors' stated highest priority. In addition to serving residents of all ages, the library identifies itself as a partner of public and private schools, the wider education community and the business community. All of those stakeholders were discussed at Monday's public meeting.

In his remarks to the committee, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers President Steven L. Greenburg said that "teachers love and respect, and want fully funded, your libraries, just like your schools. ... Your teachers value both the community piece and the education piece that our libraries provide."

A number of people commented on the important role that the library plays in supplementing and supporting public and private school programs after school hours and when school libraries are not open. Forestville Elementary fifth-grader Grayson Miller appreciates having library resources

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From left, Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany; library trustee Kristin Cabral, Dranesville District; and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) talk with community members about their concerns for the library.



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OPINION

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Call for student artwork and writing; deadline Dec. 6.

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable, and the editions have won many awards. It is a keepsake edition for many families, and an edition read and praised by readers with and without children.

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

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

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

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name

of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Friday, Dec. 6.

Some suggestions:

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

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

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

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ Opinion pieces about family, friends, movies, traffic, sports, food, video games, toys, trends, etc.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

We welcome contributions from families, public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Vienna/Oakton, McLean, Great Falls, Reston and Oak Hill/

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Email submissions for the Children's Gazette in the Alexandria Gazette Packet or Mount Vernon Gazette to editor Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

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

Please send all submissions by Dec. 6. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 26, 2013.

Helping Most Vulnerable Neighbors

Individuals with mental illness represent a disproportionately high percentage of the homeless population.

BY RUSSELL SNYDER

Once in a while you read or hear about mental health illness, probably in this very paper. However, more often than not, mental illness is discussed only when a tragedy occurs that brings it to the forefront of the national dialogue. We should strive, as a community, to change that.

More than 260,000 adults in Virginia live with serious mental illness. In the Fairfax-Falls Church community approximately 1,350 people are homeless; more than half of those individuals suffer from serious mental illness.



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Individuals with mental illness represent a disproportionately high percentage of the homeless population. With statistics like those above, this is an issue that needs our attention all year round.

For readers that do not know, Volunteers of America operates Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter, a 50-bed emergency homeless shelter in Fairfax County for men and women. In our shelter, clients receive case management based on individualized service plans. They attend various life skills groups to empower them to make positive changes. Bailey's also has an outreach partnership

with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. A Community Case Manager works directly with our clients who have been identified by staff as having a mental health diagnosis. These individuals receive services and support to build their self-sufficiency, the end goal for all of our clients in every single program we run.

It takes many resources to help homeless individuals with a mental health diagnosis find their way to recovery, but it is possible to accomplish this goal with programs like Bailey's and collaborations among community partners.

If you would like a behind-the-scenes look at the work Volunteers

of America Chesapeake is doing to assist those that are homeless and challenged with mental illness, call Tonya Fulwood, Vice President of Homeless Services, at 240-764-2661. Be an advocate and help us create awareness so we can continue to help our neighbors travel the road to self-sufficiency.

Thank you to the Fairfax community and our partners throughout Northern Virginia for your support as we continue to serve our most vulnerable neighbors in the fight to prevent and end homelessness in our communities.

The writer is President/CEO of Volunteers of America Chesapeake, a faith-based health and human services nonprofit assisting more than 8,000 people each year at 31 programs, many serving the homeless and mentally ill. Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter has been the community's primary emergency homeless shelter since 1994.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Deceptive Look at Background Checks

To the Editor:

The technology in my DVR insulates me from most advertisements. That insulation is especially

appreciated during what seems to be the never-ending political season during which ad after ad simply attacks one candidate or another.

Sometimes my finger is not fast enough to save me, and that is how I viewed what may be the

most deceptive and hypocritical advertisement that I ever recall seeing. Now that I recognize the

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

graphics, I see it often as I speed through ads, and it seems ubiquitous.

The ad, sponsored by Independence USA PAC, (whoever they are) attacks candidate for governor Ken Cuccinelli for his opposing “comprehensive background checks at gun shows” which the ad claims would “close the gun show loophole.” I am writing not to address the merits of the argument for background checks, but to point out the deception practiced in this TV ad.

The ad criticizes Attorney General Cuccinelli for opposing “comprehensive background checks” at gun shows which the ad says would deny guns to criminals and the “dangerous mentally ill.” The ad then flashes on the screen photos of four killers. I think killers receive much too much publicity, so I will not mention their names. Here they are, and how they got their guns:

VA Tech murderer — purchased two pistols from a FFL (Federal Firearms Licensee) not at a gun show, so he passed two NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) checks.

Sandy Hook murderer — after murdering his mother, he stole four of her guns that she had purchased from FFL dealers; not at a gun show; passing NICS checks in the process, and which she had failed to secure properly.

Navy Yard murderer — purchased a shotgun from a Virginia FFL dealer, which meant that he passed the background check conducted by the Virginia State Police that includes a NICS check.

Aurora, Colorado, murderer — purchased four guns in separate transactions at FFL stores and passed four separate NICS checks.

Four murderers; 11 weapons; at least eight (probably 11) background checks; no gun show purchase.

So, this ad uses the photos of mass murderers for emotional effect, implying that “closing the gun show loophole” would have prevented these tragedies.

The ad is deceptive; dishonest, hypocritical; and unethical, to say nothing of illogical. But then I already said it was political advertising.

I will let the reader draw a conclusion as to those who approved it.

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Route 7 Widening Fairfax County Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Colvin Run Elementary School
1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Find out about an ongoing study to widen Leesburg Pike (Route 7) from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and the west end of the bridge over the Dulles Toll Road, to increase capacity, decrease congestion, and improve safety, in conformity with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

The project would also include intersection improvements, as well as a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides of the road to increase mobility for cyclists and pedestrians.

Stop by between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project. VDOT and Fairfax County staff will be available to answer your questions.

Review project information at www.virginiadot.org, at the information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2118, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **November 16, 2013** to Mr. Leonard "Bud" Siegel, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 7 Widening – Reston Avenue to Dulles Toll Road" in the subject line.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager at the above phone numbers.

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Wary visitors make their way through the Great Falls Friends and Neighbors haunted house.

Ali Simanson, as a gorilla, steals away with a banana, played by Maribeth Burg, at the Great Falls Halloween Spooktacular Thursday, Oct. 31.

Ghosts, Ghouls Come to Great Falls

Annual Spooktacular features haunted house, trick or treating.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Brayleigh Miller, 5, grasped her father's hand as she stepped into the ominous structure on the Great Falls Village Green. As they walked into a dimly lit makeshift hallway, she heard scraping sounds and started to pull back toward the entrance, but her dad held her hand firm and kept moving forward.

"He told me that it would be fine, we just go one step at a time and we'd be done before I knew it," Miller said. "As long as he was in front of me, I figured he could stop anything coming at us."

Miller ended up making it the entire way through, and her reward at the end of the Great Falls Friends and Neighbors Haunted House was a handful of candy for her collection.

The haunted house was just one part of the annual Great Falls Hal-

loween Spooktacular Thursday, Oct. 31. Children, pets and adults from around the area came to the village green to trick or treat at local businesses.

"Great Falls isn't what I would call a trick-or-treating friendly community. Our penchant for low density makes for long walks and not too many stops if we were to stay in our neighborhood, so I'm glad we can all come here," said Susan Blakely of Great Falls. "Here they can hit twice as many stops in 20 minutes than they could all night, and we're not too worried about traffic or darkness."

The Langley High School band provided the soundtrack for the evening, as costumed musicians set up in the parking lot and played throughout the evening.

Captain America and other Marvel superheroes such as Iron Man seemed to be the most popular costumes of the day, but children also came dressed as a variety of ani-

From left, Elizabeth Anh, 6, Maribeth Burg and Caroline Burg, 6, get a scare during the Great Falls Friends and Neighbors Haunted House Thursday, Oct. 31.

mals, athletes and in at least one case, furniture.

"The best costume I saw was a young lady dressed as a dining room table, complete with cups,

plates and her head came up through the middle of the table and she was wearing a birthday cake hat," Becky Redoubt of Great Falls

said. "Very creative, and bonus points for being something that was clearly not bought in a bag at a costume store."

From left, Greyton Simanson, 8, Peyton Burg, 8, Caroline Burg, 6, Lulu Tierney, 9, Henry Burg, 4, Emma Chun, 8, Michelle Ahn, 8 and Elizabeth Ahn, 6, at the Great Falls Spooktacular Thursday, Oct. 31.

Great Falls Senior Center to Host Holiday Potluck

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) is hoping to repeat the success of last year when it holds its second holiday potluck celebration for area seniors. The center is wrapping up its program year with this social occasion. Once again, the theme is "Celebrating and Sharing This Wonderful Season."

In keeping with the theme,

highlights are a potluck luncheon and entertainment by a local choral group. The Woman's Club of McLean Chorale will kick off a program of seasonal offerings plus Broadway standards and a sing-a-long. Three singers, one comedienne and Iris Reimann, its director and accompanist, will entertain guests. The chorale has existed for some 14 years.

The only business to be conducted at this event is an important one. Guests who are GFSC members will cast their votes from the slate of nominees to the Board of Directors. The votes will be counted that day and the new board announced.

The Dec. 3 event will be held at Christ The King Lutheran Church at 11550 Georgetown Pike. The program

will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The luncheon is a departure from the center's normal format. Guests will have the opportunity to bring their favorite dish—salad, vegetable or dessert—to share with fellow attendees, or to make a modest donation. The Senior Center will supply ham, turkey, breads and beverages. Dan and Karen Ritchey of Keller

Williams Realty, Ritchey Realty RESources LLC, are the December event sponsors. To attend and to sign up to bring a favorite dish for the luncheon, contact Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or 703-759-4345. Guests who require transportation to attend should call Gene or Maddie McCabe at 703-438-0810.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2013/sep/26/fairfax-county-calendar/>.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 6

Dan Rosenberger on Light Painting. 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna. The photographer will speak to the Vienna Photographic Society on light painting, a special type of night photography. 703-255-2452, www.vpsva.org or bjw.1989@verizon.net.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 6-16

Jolanta Noska's Abstracts at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave. W., Vienna. See the work of Jolanta Noska, who took a master's program in elementary education in her native Poland before moving to Virginia. Her abstract works are created in acrylics, pastels and leather. 703-319-3220 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

The GFWG Meeting. 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., at the Great Falls Library in the large conference room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The guest speaker will be the best-selling, award-winning children's book author and illustrator **Henry Cole**, who'll discuss his work and engage in audience Q&A. 703-757-8560.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

Heroines in Technology. 6 p.m., at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. A black-tie gala that recognizes and honors women in the technology industry for their dedication to community service. The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner, awards presentation, and a silent and live auction. Proceeds from the event will support local March of Dimes programs. 571-257-2303 or mmurphyhedrick@marchofdimes.com.

16th annual Rotary Monte Carlo Night. 6:30-11 p.m., at the Fairview Park Marriott in the ballroom, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. A black tie optional night of dancing to The Loudoun

Jazz Ensemble, an unlimited dinner buffet, silent and live auctions and gaming tables including Blackjack, Roulette, Craps & Texas Hold-em Poker, each with prize drawings. A portion of the proceeds benefits funds for the eradication of polio worldwide as well as charities that Rotary supports. \$75; sponsorships available. 703-929-1451 or www.dunnloring-merrifieldrotary.org.

Natalie York & Steve Forbet. 7:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Vienna native Natalie York, now a Brooklyn-based singer-songwriter, will open for Steve Forbet. www.natalieYork.com or www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Holiday Bazaar. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Vienna Community Center (corner of Cherry and Park streets), Vienna. Browse among 70 plus local and regional artisans and vendors. There will be an old fashioned bake sale, white elephant items at Aunt Alice's Attic and a gently used book sale. Proceeds support several scholarships to deserving high school students and elementary schools that are awarded by the Vienna Woman's Club. \$2.

37th Annual McLean Antiques Show and Sale. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. An

Maggie Sansone, who plays the hammered dulcimer as well as Scottish small pipes, guitar and bodhrán, plays with Scottish Celtic harpist Sharon Knowles and Irish singer and guitarist Pat Egan at The Old Brogue Sunday Nov. 10 at 5 and 7 p.m.



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exceptional group of dealers representing antiques, decorative accessories, furniture, folk art, porcelains, silver and much more. \$7. <http://www.mcleancenter.org/> or 703-790-0123.

Discover Graphics Atelier 30th Anniversary.

4-6 p.m., at the Frame Factory 212 Dominion Road N.E., Vienna. An exhibit of original, hand-pulled prints from current and former artists associated with Discover Graphics, which was founded in 1983 by accomplished printmakers Penelope Barringer and Allan Kaneshiro to promote traditional printmaking techniques. The exhibit runs from Nov. 6-Dec. 15. www.discovergraphics.org.

Community Tysons Harvest Dinner.

4-7 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 7628 Leesburg Pike (Route 7), Falls Church. Enjoy a turkey dinner at the closest church to Tysons Corner, with sides, drink and dessert. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under (takeout available).

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 9-10

The 37th annual McLean Antique Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, at The Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Over 50 dealers of American, English, Asian and European antiques, decorative accessories, furniture, folk art, fine porcelains, silver, linens, paintings, Oriental rugs, jewelry and the like; lunch and dinner fare available from Sweet Stuff of McLean. \$7. www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming or 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.

SUNDAY/NOV. 10

People Who Need People. 2-4 p.m., at Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. An exhibition of paintings and sculptures featuring portraits and a variety of colorful scenes of people. Meet artists from around the region, and enjoy light refreshments at a reception. The exhibit is open through Nov. 30 Tuesdays through Saturdays. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Live Irish & Scottish Musicians Perform.

5, 7 p.m., at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Enjoy music from Maggie Sansone, who plays the hammered dulcimer as well as Scottish small pipes, guitar and bodhrán; Scottish Celtic harpist Sharon Knowles; and Irish singer and guitarist Pat Egan, in addition to ales and Irish cuisine. \$17; \$12 for children. 703-759-3309 or www.instantseats.com/events/oldbrogue.

MONDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m., at the Freedom Memorial, behind the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The speaker at this year's ceremony will be LCDR John A. "Sandy" Pidgeon, a retired Navy SEAL Officer who served in Somalia,

Haiti and Iraq. A Marine Corps Reserve Color Guard will present the colors. The sixth grade at Great Falls Elementary School will join for the event and the Madrigal Choir of Langley High School will provide music.

Griffin House and Caroline Rose.

7:30 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Singer-songwriter Griffin House and Americana-rock and multi-instrumentalists Rose and partner Jer Coons play. <https://jamminjava.com/events/griffin-house>.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

Steak and Cabernet Dinner. 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor, McLean. Enjoy a four course menu featuring an array of steak preparations plus a decadent dessert, each paired with a Cabernet Sauvignon from a different winemaking region. Wildfire Executive Chef Eddie Ishaq will create the custom menu and Todd Lieberman of Stock Yards Packing will speak on the selections. \$90 per person. 703-442-9110.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12-13

The Creative Arts Programs & Performances. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. This year's showcases will highlight 22 professional artists and arts groups showcasing a variety of educational programs; such as dance performances, science presentations, theatre, music, storytelling, puppetry, multi-media presentations, and much more. RSVP. caps@artsfairfax.org, www.artsfairfax.org/caps/program/news or <http://artsfairfax.org/caps>.

THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Jacqueline Saunders Portrait Demonstration. 10:30 a.m.-noon, at The Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. Presents award-winning watercolor artist as she captures a person on a piece of paper in a series of brief impressions. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Andrew Belle. 7:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., McLean. The alternative artist plays songs from his new album, "Black Bear," which debuted at top spots on the billboard. www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Landscape Painting Demonstration. 1-4 p.m., at Color Wheel Gallery 65, 1374 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Gallery 65 hosts Jill Basham at a landscape painting demonstration. She discusses the process of blocking and color, and her signature style of visible brushstrokes and the transference of emotion into her paintings. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP. 703-356-6345 or <http://cwgallery65.com/>.

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FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

GriefShare, a weekly support group for adults grieving the death of a loved one, meets Sundays 6-7:30 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Part St., Vienna with a video/discussion format through Dec. 8. \$20 for workbook. GriefShare@viennapres.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

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.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers the Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. The RE program offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. 703-281-4230.

Author Explores 'Undead Chaos'

Joshua Roots released debut urban fantasy novel.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

For the past 10 years, Joshua Roots has wanted to write a book. While an active duty Marine, he says he played around with the idea.

"I started books and series, but didn't finish them, and didn't know when, if ever, I would get around to it," Roots said, a Great Falls native who now lives in Reston. "But during my last deployment, I had some downtime, and found myself with a chapter or two. When I got home, I got online on some writer's forums, and learned how to polish my writing. About two or three years ago, I got serious."

Now Roots' serious efforts have paid off, with the release of his first novel "Undead Chaos." Part of the urban fantasy genre, Roots found himself not just creating characters and telling their stories, but creating a whole new world with an entirely new set of rules.

"The book takes place in a world



Author Joshua Roots has released his first novel "Undead Chaos."

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where there are magical people, people who can manipulate the elements, things like that. And my character, Marcus Shifter, has a complicated relationship to his own magical abilities, something in his past led him to move away from using them," Roots said. "I liked the idea of a guy who can do magic, but he carries a Glock, and that's how he goes about his business."

"Undead Chaos" features Marcus Shifter taking on what he thought was a simple mission, only to be thrown back into the magical world he thought he left, as well as something much more sinister.

Creating such an intricate world was no small task for Roots, even though he said that was his favorite part of the process, so it wasn't something he was anxious to abandon after just one book.

"I've got the second book in the series sent to the publisher, and I'm currently working on the third one. My editor wanted me to get deeper into some of the histories of the characters for future books, which was very interesting," he said. "I've learned that there are no such things as throwaway characters, and that anything in the plot can come back in a future book. And of course, I've got new characters and plot lines that will appear in those books."

Not content with one multi-volume series, Roots said he is also working on another series, one about modern Greek mythology.

While he was still trying to get his writing career off the ground, Roots learned firsthand how hard the business end of writing can be, sending his work to 62 agents before finally landing a deal.

"My friend once told me that writing the book was the easiest part, and I didn't believe it," he said. "I thought writing 90,000 words would be by far the hardest part."

"Undead Chaos" is available as an e-book and an audio book. It can be found at Amazon.com, and at www.joshuajroots.com.

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provided by Sweet Stuff of McLean.

The Antique Show will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10. Admission is \$7 for adults and can be used on both days of the show. Proceeds of the show will benefit The Alden's James C. Macdonald Arts Scholarship Fund. The Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

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Citizens Raise Library Concerns

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available to him beyond his school library collection. "If the school library doesn't have a book, you don't have to go on [a web] site and buy the book because that might take awhile," says Miller. "You can just go to the library, and even if they don't have it, you can just request it and it will come from another library a lot quicker than buying it."

Community member Douglas Cobb told the committee, "from my standpoint, the library is probably the most important function we have after ... school. ... the library has to be the intermediary between our formal education and the rest of what we really need to know to survive and to flourish in an adult life."

Bill Canis, vice-president of the Great Falls Citizens Association and a motor vehicle industry analyst for the Library of Congress, spoke in his private capacity as a resident of Great Falls. "This is really a 'knowledge-worker' county,

... Fairfax County is knowledge-based," said Canis. "If we are a county of knowledge-workers, the library is one of the places knowledge-workers go to learn new things."

SEVERAL SPEAKERS made comparisons to Montgomery and Loudoun counties, and the District of Columbia. Great Falls resident W. Scott Railton, Esq. expressed concern that, "we will degrade our libraries ... putting us behind Loudoun County, behind Montgomery County, but most importantly of all, will undercut the quality of services that Fairfax County provides to its library patrons and to its citizens as a whole." Michelle Miller, president of the Friends of the Great Falls Library, echoed Railton's concerns. Miller said, "I have been touring some of the other counties' libraries. They are impressive. ... It is amazing what all the other counties are investing in their libraries and I do somewhat wonder where is Fairfax putting their focus?"

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Nine Langley HS girls made it to the state qualifier. From left: Kendall Deese, Veronica Smith, Kaitlin Bonacci, Maddy Nguyen, Cathy Park, Lauren Smith, Rachel Zmuda, Maria McQuade, Anna Sampson.

Langley Girls Shine in Golf State Qualifier

The Langley HS girls golf team had an excellent performance at the State Qualifier on Oct. 22, where nine of the 13 girls on the team performed.

Sophomore Maria McQuade and senior Rachel Zmuda advanced to the state tournament. Bob Hayne coaches the team.



From left: Langley girls golf coach Bob Hayne, sophomore Maria McQuade and senior Rachel Zmuda.

Great Falls Azzurri Blue U-10 Wins Columbus Day Tournament

The Great Falls U-10 Azzurri soccer club won their division at the Richmond Strikers annual Columbus Day Tournament in Richmond Monday, Oct. 14. The Great Falls Azzurri Blue won the top "Nina" division and finals by amassing 27 goals over a four game stretch and beating a tough St. Marys Maryland-based team 5-1 in the tournament finals. Members of the Azzurri Blue are: Ethan Addington, Kian Ambrose, Dorian Cushing, Ryan Duenkel, Jack Ellinger, Annabeth Holsinger, Spencer Paulsen, Evan Preta, Jeffrey Stark and Jake Sachtleben.

The Great Falls Azzurri White had an excellent tournament as well, winning their division but losing in a close match in the semi-finals Sunday morning. Members



From left, back, Dorian Cushing, Jake Sachtleben, Kian Ambrose, Evan Preta, Spencer Paulsen, Ethan Addington; front: Jeffrey Stark, Annabeth Holsinger, Jack Ellinger and Ryan Duenkel.

of the Azzurri White are: Max Alexander, Andy Chen, Dillon Clark, Aidan Connelly, Quincey

Daniel, Alexander Mavris, Inaki Palacios, Alejandro Rojas, Alex Scanlon and Collin Togher.



PHOTO BY CHRIS CLEMENTE

Langley quarterback Nick Casso goes airborne in route to a first down against Madison.

Langley Football Wins Six in a Row

Final regular season game coming at archrival McLean on Friday, Nov. 8.

November started out the same way October ended, with the Langley Saxons rolling over another conference opponent, this time it was rival Madison who found themselves on the short end of a lopsided 49-14 mauling.

The potent Langley offense took advantage of two early miscues and a highly effective passing game to build a 35-point lead before the Warhawks could even get on the board. The streaking Saxons have now won six in a row to improve their record to 7-2 overall, 5-1 in the conference with the final regular season game coming on the road at arch-rival McLean on Friday, Nov. 8.

Two crucial Madison mistakes to open the game, a fumble on their first possession and a blocked punt by Brian Pitts recovered deep in their territory was all Langley needed to jump out to an early 14-0 lead on short runs by Nick Casso (2 yards) and Tyler West (7 yards). West carried the ball 22 times, gaining 137 yards with one touchdown. Erik Swayne supplied the PATs as he did on all seven scores.

With a comfortable lead in

hand, the Saxons went to work through the air, adding a touchdown toss to Philip Antypas (7 yards) and two to Austin Denham (38, 30), who had four catches for 138 yards. In between, Garrett Collier provided an electrifying 78-yard punt return for a score. For the game senior quarterback Nick Casso was 7 for 15 for 205 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 40 yards and two scores behind the blocking of a massive O-Line anchored by seniors Brooks Norris, Alex Kolencik and Bennett Molster.

The Warhawks struggled to sustain any offense against a stubborn Saxons defense that yielded only 138 yards on the ground. The biggest play for Madison was a 69-yard touchdown pass from Trey Ramsey to Nate Williams for the Warhawks' first score midway through the third quarter. Madison's only other score came in the waning seconds of the game when Kyle Karp plunged in from 1 yard out. Unlike the previous two years, when Langley lost in overtime and after a potential tying field goal went wide, this time the Saxons made sure the outcome was never in doubt.

Yoga Community Lauds New Smithsonian Exhibit

Sackler exhibit is first of its kind.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Yoga instructor Luann Fulbright of McLean moved her practice from the mat to a gallery recently when she joined diplomats, philanthropists, artists and fellow yogis at a gala to celebrate the opening of “Yoga: The Art of Transformation” at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, D.C. It is the world’s first exhibition on the art of yoga.

“I couldn’t be more excited to have been able to attend this exhibit,” said Fulbright, a director of Dream Yoga Studio & Wellness Center in McLean. “It’s not only the first of its kind, but it was put together by a team of scholars led by Debra Diamond, an exquisitely studied and curious curator who brings her depth knowledge of Indian and Asian art and yoga together to shed light on the history and fascinating, many missing stories of yoga that are like yoga itself — mind expanding.”

“It’s great to have an exhibit that educates people about the roots and origins of yoga and what it can do for their lives and their health”

— Sara VanderGoot of Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga

The exhibit, which opened Oct. 19, features temple sculptures, devotional icons, manuscripts and court paintings created in India over the past 2,000 years. With artifacts borrowed from 25 museums and private collections in India, Europe and the United States, the exhibit explores yoga’s diverse history.

Museum officials said the exhibit reunites three monumental stone yogini goddesses from a 10th-century Chola temple for the first time, as well 10 folios from the first illustrated compilation of asanas, or yogic postures, made for a Mughal emperor in 1602, which have never before been exhibited together. The exhibit also includes Thomas Edison’s “Hindoo Fakir” (1906), the first movie ever produced about India.

Maryam Ovissi, one of the exhibit’s sponsors and the owner of BelovedYoga studio in Reston and Great Falls, said she appreciates such



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARYAM OVISSI

Maryam Ovissi, a sponsor of “Yoga: The Art of Transformation” and the owner of BelovedYoga studio with locations in Reston and Great Falls, attends the exhibit’s opening gala with her student Jean Edelman, also an exhibit sponsor.

a comprehensive exploration of the evolution of yoga.

“Yoga has become a very loaded word in our society, and there are many facets to it. You can think of yoga as a gem,” she said. “The exhibit shows that yoga has philosophical roots. It offers an understanding of [yoga] as a healing modality and gives a perspective of how it was introduced to the West and evolved into what has become today. The curator did an excellent job of showing that it’s an entire journey. People will walk away knowing that yoga is rich and has layers to it.”

YOGA INSTRUCTORS said the exhibit will educate people about the practice. “Having an exhibit like this confirms that yoga is so much more than most folks today think,” said Fulbright. “It’s not a fad. It’s not a particular religion. It’s not just exercise. It’s a constantly developing practice that people from many cultures have embraced for thousands of years to transform and empower themselves and their nations. I’m encouraging all [of my] students to see this exhibit, which can’t help but motivate and deepen their practice.”

Great Falls resident Jean Edelman, an exhibit sponsor and one of Ovissi’s students, hopes those who make the trek to the Sackler Gallery will walk away inspired. “I think it is a wonderful opportunity to bring to light yoga to people who never knew anything about it. It is a great for the mind, body and spirit.”

Dawn Curtis, owner of East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna, also attended the opening gala. She believes the exhibit will offer attendees “a great education about the vastness of yoga and its practices. It is an amazing exhibit. The most extraordinary room ... is what I would call the Goddess room: three beautiful yoginis brought to-



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERESA DUNCAN

Yoga students Teresa Duncan and Jean Edelman attend a gala to celebrate the opening of “Yoga: The Art of Transformation” at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery.

gether in one room,” she said, referring to the Chola goddesses.

Alexandria-resident Heather Sutliff, of East Meets West Yoga Center, said the exhibit will make yoga more accessible to a wider audience. “I think the fact that the

Details

“Yoga: The Art of Transformation” will remain at the Sackler Gallery until Jan. 26, 2014. Visit <http://asia.si.edu/exhibitions/current/yoga.asp>.

Smithsonian has dedicated an exhibit to yoga spotlights its growing influence in society,” she said. “It kind of endorses yoga’s legitimacy and makes people sit up and take notice, and think, ‘Hey, maybe I should look into this yoga thing.’”

She also hopes people recognize the health benefits. “Yoga practice not only helps calm the mind, but has significant physical benefits that can be realized right after your first yoga class,” said Sutliff. “There are many medical studies that show consistent yoga practice reduces the risk of heart disease and diabetes and can lower cholesterol levels. I look forward to the day when I can get a prescription for yoga practice as easily as a prescription for a statin or beta-blocker.”

Yoga instructor Sara VanderGoot, of Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga in Alexandria and Arlington, said the exhibit will raise awareness about the practice. “The exhibit really means a lot to the yoga community,” said VanderGoot. “It’s great to have an exhibit that educates people about the roots and origins of yoga and what it can do for their lives and their health”

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RONALD K. PIRNIE,)Plaintiff,

Vs.

Case No. CV 2013-901174

CRAIG RAYMOND ARNOLD and) DAVID MENGEL ADAM,
JR.,) Defendants.)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: DAVID MENGEL ADAM, JR., Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a judgment against the Defendants, CRAIG RAYMOND ARNOLD and DAVID MENGEL ADAM, JR. was filed against you in said court on August 22, 2013 and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on October 4, 2013, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Brantley T. Richerson, Attorney for Plaintiff Ronald K. Pirnie, whose address is Post Office Box 1138, Fairhope, AL 36533 an answer to the complaint within 30 days of the last date of publication, to wit: by the 6th day of December, 2013.

Clerk of the District Court of Baldwin
County, Alabama
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Thomas Gedle, as grantor, to John D. Eubank and Timothy E. Lewis, as trustees, for the benefit of Commercial Lending, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, as beneficiary, dated November 29, 2012 and recorded on November 30, 2012 in Book 22736 at Page 0619 as Instrument No. 2012054176.010 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, VA ("Deed of Trust"), with an original principal balance of \$400,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the front door of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, on

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This Spud's For You



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There's more talk now than ever before, about the possibility of the Washington, D.C. professional football team changing its name. The current name, which resonates to those of us who care about such things, has been front and center and generally accepted for over 80 years, since 1932 in fact. After so many years in the League and five NFL Championships to their credit, to say the current ownership and its rabid and loyal fan base are attached to the team's name is hardly newsworthy. However, cultural changes in our country and politically correct sensitivities have merged of late and the name we've mostly grown to respect and admire has come under some scrutiny and as a result, certain Indian Nations, most recently The Oneida Nation, have expressed their dismay at what they perceive to be the continuing use of a racial slur by this franchise; in effect, a name that demeans and is totally inappropriate and no longer tolerable in 21st century America.

I am certainly not one to pass judgment on such characterizations and hot-button issues of the day, so I won't (I'm mostly cancer-centric these days). But I would like propose a name-compromise of sorts. Why not change the name to The Washington Redskin Potatoes? This name would blend together the good (the familiar), minimize the bad (the insensitive) and enable the team, its ownership and fan base to sort of have its name and not suffer any separation anxiety because of it. Even better, "Let's Go Skins" still works, too. It would henceforth refer to a potato, however, rather than a People. Hopefully, there are no potato interests in Maine or Idaho that would object to introducing its starchiness into the National Football League.

Let's face it; who doesn't like potatoes at the ballpark? Or anywhere for that matter; even me, and I'm the fussiest eater this side of Mikey, the kid from the old Life Cereal commercials who was famously stubborn about his breakfast-food choices. I'm not exactly sure what the mascot would look like; probably not a Mr. Potato Head-type look-alike, but neither do I envision seeing an Indian headdress on a potato either. Of course, I doubt I'll be entrusted to lead up the marketing campaign for such an important and historic transformation. After all, I'm only a writer attempting to sow some seeds of humor - and perhaps a little discontent, while trying to find a middle ground that potentially keeps the home fires burning (or is that home fries cooking?) without offending a proud people fighting for their ancestral respect - both in the past and in the present/future.

Momentum to keep the name does not seem to be building. Nevertheless, the status quo may yet win the day. Still, The National Football League, despite its reach from coast to coast and possibly even from continent to continent (as there's continuing talk about franchises in London and Japan; note the in-season contests scheduled presently for this year and next) is still just a game, a game with a 12 billion dollar revenue stream, but a game nonetheless. The Oneida Nation is a people. People matter more than games. And feelings matter most of all, and failings, too. To not consider their feelings would be a failure. And failure is definitely not a trait any of us want to associate with the new Washington Redskin Potatoes.

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