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Students and parents walk to Cherry Run Elementary School on National Walk to School Day.

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BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The “kiss and ride” lane of cars dropping off students was noticeably sparse at Cherry Run Elementary School.

Principal Mark Bibbee said they average between 70 and 80 cars a day. On National Walk to School Day, Oct. 8, he counted just 25. His students and parents were pounding the pavement.

“I think it’s great,” said Bibbee. “There’s two sides of it: The school board goal is to be a custodian of the environment and earth, so it’s nice we’re raising awareness about emissions. For me it’s also about healthy choices and healthy lifestyles.”

Bibbee said 100 of Cherry Run’s students are technically bus riders and 370 are supposed to be walkers. Even before the national awareness day came along, the school has been encouraging more students to walk or ride a bike.

“My kids normally take the bus,” said Burke resident and Cherry Run parent

Michele Greeny. “Today we walked and it took about 30 minutes. If we lived closer, we’d walk every day, but we have to cross Old Keene Mill.”

THERE’S ALSO THE FACTOR of recent changes to the responsibilities of crossing guards at schools. “We were sort of forced into it,” said Bibbee. “Our kiss and ride line has been backing up.”

But regardless of the crossing guard situation, Cherry Run students, like many others, have speeding cars throughout the neighborhood with which to contend.

“This morning on Koziara [Drive], there was an accident right by the crosswalk,” Bibbee said in an interview on Oct. 9. “Someone was rear-ended, knocked the car over. They slammed on their brakes to avoid a kid in the crosswalk.”

In a study conducted over the summer by Fairfax County Police on neighborhood roads around the county, they observed more than 50 percent of drivers went more than 10 miles over the posted speed limit.

“You can see the demand,” said Braddock



Braddock Supervisor John Cook, James Cubeta of Burke, Master Police Officer JT Frey, with Terra Centre second-grader Paige Cubeta and Kiddie Country student Madeline Cubeta enjoy a clear, crisp morning on National Walk to School Day.

Burke schools participate in National Walk to School Day

Supervisor John Cook, greeting a steady stream of Terra Centre Elementary school students and parents at the corner of Marshall Pond and Burke Centre Parkway, also on the morning of Oct. 8. “How many people might walk more regularly if it were safer.”

Cook was there with two Fairfax County Police officers, positioned in the intersection and directing multiple lanes of traffic.

“We did it last year and it was fun,” said Burke resident James Cubeta, walking to Terra Centre with his daughters Paige and Madeline. “We sometimes drive, but usually take the bus. This morning Paige was ready to bound out of bed and walk to school.”

“It’s about getting people to try it,” said Cook, “bringing it to the forefront and focus on how we can make it happen more.”

THAT’S THE NUTSHELL of Cook’s “Slow Down. You Live Here. We Live Here.” neighborhood speeding awareness campaign, for which he held a community kickoff meeting Wednesday night after Walk

to School Day.

He unveiled bright yellow neighborhood yard signs emblazoned with the catchphrase, and West Springfield Police District Traffic Unit commanders showed off new speed detection signs that send officers more data on who’s speeding, when and how often.

“Everyone has to get that awareness,” said Cook, “from the Homeowners associations, the civic associations, everyone has to work on being more careful when driving.” Cook is also planning a crossing project for Terra Centre that will include narrowing Burke Centre Parkway slightly as it passes the school to allow for wider sidewalks, as well as adding islands in the street itself.

Bibbee has been having dialog with the homeowners associaiton and VDOT about speeding on Koziara each of his five years at Cherry Run.

“It’s a big concern,” he said. “We’ve talked about four-way stop signs, tried to get speed humps. It’s been a lengthy process.”

In the mean time, students are taking it one day, and step, at a time.



Gym teacher Leah Copeland of Centreville, fourth-grader Jack Gorski, sixth-grader Bailey Gorski, gym teacher Ashley Dupski of Winchester and second grader Christopher Boehm soak up a little sunshine while walking to Cherry Run Elementary School on Oct. 8.



Cherry Run Elementary School students participate in National Walk to School Day: (from left) Ava Greeney, fourth grade; Mason So, fifth grade; Reina Westhoff, third grade; Elizabeth So, second grade; Emily Adeyemi, kindergarten; Thomas Gilhooly, fourth grade; James Brandow, fifth grade; Devyn Shipman, sixth grade and Evelyn Turner, first grade.

Friends of Pohick Library Raises \$20K

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

The Friends of the Pohick Regional Library handed the Fairfax Library Foundation a check for \$20,000 last July.

Getting to that amount came about by humble means — dollars and cents from having a book sale.

The group holds ongoing and biannual book sales every year, where it sells not only books but movies, CDs and audio books priced between 25 cents to \$5 each.

Friends of the Pohick Regional Library president Yolanda Atkins said that the group sold about 12,000-15,000 books on its way to making \$20,000.

"We couldn't provide book sales without dedicated volunteers that continue to contribute because they know we're doing a worthwhile thing," said Atkins, who lives in Burke.

Five hundred hours were logged by at least 20 volunteers, in addition to help from the Boy Scouts, to prepare for the group's biannual three-day sale. "It's a community effort," said Mary Storch, of Burke, the book sales manager.

Storch also feared that the advent of eBooks would affect the sale "but we're still



PHOTO BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO/THE CONNECTION

From left, Friends members Sonia Black, Margaret Merriman, of Springfield, Bob Atkins, Mary Storch, of Burke, sort and arrange book donations in the small space reserved for the Friends at Pohick Regional Library.

getting a lot of books" donated, she said.

The group's contribution qualifies them for Publisher level sponsors, according to the Fairfax Library Foundation sponsorship guidelines. The Friends of the Pohick Regional Library will be recognized by the library foundation during a reception, A Library Jubilee, on Saturday, Oct. 18, which will be held at the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

The goal of the group is to "provide funds so all of Fairfax County can benefit from it," said Atkins. Over the years, the group has fulfilled the requests of Pohick Regional Library, which have included support for the floating collection, eBooks, furniture, shelving, landscaping, and the summer reading program.

Susan Harman, Fairfax Library Foundation Executive Director, wrote in an email that the "Fairfax Library Foundation greatly appreciates the Friends' continued support and dedication to the library. Their generous contribution to the Foundation will help fund scholarships for library employees and volunteers as well as Changing Lives Through Literature and other programs, presentations and services. The Friends' dedication to enhancing library is commendable and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for their continued support."

Bulova Urges Action on Geer Shooting Investigation

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors decided they've exercised enough patience with U.S. Attorney Dana Boente's office. Now more than 13 months after Fairfax County police shot and killed John Geer while he was standing unarmed in the doorway of his Springfield home, Board chairman Sharon Bulova addressed the silence from Boente. Police have still not named the officer who shot Geer.

In a letter to Boente, dated Sept. 19 and released last week, Bulova first acknowledged the Board's understanding that the attorney's office has had the Geer case and been supposedly investigating it since January 2014.

"Since the shooting occurred," Bulova said in the letter, "our citizens have regularly contacted various members of the Board to communicate their concern and at times displeasure that the criminal investigation into this incident has not yet been completed."

After the shooting on Aug. 29, 2013, the initial investigation by the Fairfax County Police Department was handed off to Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh. Several months and a pair of conflicts of interest (cited by Morrogh) later, the case was transferred to Boente's office.

Fairfax County Police have yet to release any information to the Geer family or the public regarding details of the shooting or their own internal investigation. The Department of Justice has been just as forthcoming.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL LIEBERMAN

John Geer standing in his doorway, minutes before he was shot by a Fairfax County Police officer.

"The Board, however, would like to express to you the importance of a resolution of this matter," Bulova wrote in the letter, "as that will go a long way towards allowing our citizens to have faith in the process by which police shooting incidents are in-

vestigated."

In an Oct. 10 response, a spokesman from the U.S. Attorney's Office said they have no additional comment in light of Bulova's letter.

John Geer's father Don Geer recently

penned a letter of his own, not to Boente, but to Nicholas Beltrante, executive director and founder of the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability. Beltrante was inspired to begin petitioning the Board of Supervisors to appoint a citizens' police oversight board after the 2010 police shooting of David Masters.

"We have now spent 13 frustrating months trying to acquire information as to who, why, etc. John was killed," Don Geer said in the letter. "The Police Department policy of investigating a case, then hiding behind internal rules to avoid releasing information while working to exonerate the shooter is unacceptable. This does not provide justice for the victim, satisfaction for the public or closure for the family."

Geer summarized his account of what happened to his son, and the timeline that followed.

"I fully support the appointment of a Citizens Complaint Review Board that would report to the County Board of Supervisors to provide transparency and accountability for the actions of the Police Department," wrote Geer.

Last month, the Geer family filed a \$12 million wrongful death and gross negligence suit against the Fairfax County Police Department.

For more information on the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, visit www.virginiaccpa.com.

— TIM PETERSON

AREA ROUNDUPS

Farmers Markets

* Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot. The Government Center is at 12000 Government Center Pkwy., in Fair Oaks, and the next markets are slated for Oct. 16 and Oct. 23.

* Two farmers markets are still open in the City of Fairfax. They'll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

Election Officers are Sought

Fairfax County needs 2,700 election officers, particularly bilingual citizens. Election officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required training and forms. People may choose to accept the \$175 payment for a full day or volunteer their time.

For more information, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections and click the "training and education" button or call 703-324-4735, TTY 711. Sign up at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm>.

K-9 Krawl 5K is Oct. 18

The Fairfax County Police Department's annual K-9 Krawl 5K is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the county Government Center's parking lot C. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a K-9 demonstration at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K walk at 9 a.m.

This event was created to bring awareness to the connection between animal cruelty and the link to domestic violence, and dogs are welcome in the walk. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCPD2014K9KRAWL>.

Volunteering Made Easy

Fairfax County introduces its new volunteer management system, paving the way for easier navigation of county volunteer opportunities. People may visit volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov, fill out one application and search for opportunities meeting their interests by geographic location, dates, type of people or program type. They may view positions from a variety of agencies track their hours and review upcoming volunteer jobs. They may even volunteer to serve during emergencies.

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

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

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

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

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

- ❖ 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 the

best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

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

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschooled.

Email submissions for the Children's Connection to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 8.

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. 8. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

Halloween Parties, SoberRide

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

out as a holiday connected to increases in drinking and driving.

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

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

For more information visit www.wrap.org

Last Call for Letters

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 24 to be considered for publication ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Letters should be original, and include the writer's full name and address; we will print your town name, not your full address. Letters will be under 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

— MARY KIMM,

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Responding to Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

BY JOE MEYER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

Domestic violence is a prevalent issue in Fairfax County and in some cases, too many cases, even result in fatalities. In fact, approximately 50 percent of the homicides occurring in the community are a direct result of domestic violence.

Relatively low homicide rates in the community overall prove that proactive public safety efforts are effective, but the presence of any domestic violence, regardless of the outcome, can not and should not be tolerated.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization that operates Artemis House, Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.

In a community comprising more than 1 million members,

with just 34 beds, Artemis House regularly stretches beyond capacity to accommodate those in need. Shelter House, Inc. also provides transitional housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence through the Community Housing Resources Program and NOVACO.

Shelter House also operates the Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters where 33 percent of the homeless population experienced domestic violence.

The recently trending hashtag, #WhyIStayed, illustrates the complexities a victim faces when leaving the abuser and these programs are crucial in ensuring safe housing is available. However, these programs alone are not enough to eradicate domestic violence in our community.

Shelter House works alongside law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, probation officers, courts, judges, offender service providers, mental health provid-

ers, homeless services and other human service providers to implement a coordinated community response orchestrated by Fairfax County's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Each service component contributes to meeting the unique needs of those fleeing domestic violence.

Measuring the effectiveness of a collaborative response such as this can be challenging, but studies have shown that combining approaches in a coordinated effort reduces future incidents of violence. Collaboration is the solution to increasing victim safety and decreasing future violence in our community and your help is needed to continue our efforts.

Shelter House is participating in The Allstate Foundation's "Purple Purse Challenge," a project that is aimed at raising awareness and building the financial empowerment of domestic violence survivors. The Allstate Foundation part-

ners with leading national and local nonprofits to expand their efforts and Shelter House is honored to have been selected to participate. To learn more about the Purple Purse Challenge and to make a donation, visit www.shelterhouse.org. Contributions go directly to supporting our programs serving survivors of domestic violence. With 1-in-4 women estimated to have experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, expansion is needed to adequately serve those fleeing domestic violence in our community and ultimately work towards ending the occurrence domestic violence altogether. We hope you'll join us in the "Purple Purse Challenge" to help raise funds and awareness as we change the conversation from #WhyIStayed to #HowIHelped."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the 24-hour hotline or Artemis House to discuss: 24 hour hotline/helpline: 703-360-7273, TTY: 703-435-1235 Artemis House: 703-435-4940

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SCHOOL NOTES

Twenty-five students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named 2015 National Achievement Scholarship program semifinalists in an academic competition for Black American high school students conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students represent 12 high schools in FCPS.

The semifinalists are:

- ❖ Annandale High School: Yonatan Ayele.
- ❖ Edison High School: Maxine Morgan and Shalom Yiblet.
- ❖ Fairfax High School: William Sampong.
- ❖ Hayfield Secondary School: Camryn Bishop, Reese Cloud, and Dominique Edwards.
- ❖ Lake Braddock Secondary School: Leul Berhane-Meskel and Kinaya Hassane.
- ❖ Langley High School: Leah Yirga.
- ❖ Madison High School: Rachel Bostick, Jesse Ernest, and Benjamin Jackson.
- ❖ Marshall High School: Natascha Whyte.
- ❖ South County High School: Maya Armstrong and Olivia Jones.
- ❖ Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST): Azeez Abdikarim, Arielle Ampeh, Rebecca Clark-Callender, Theodore Richardson, Hannah Wied, and Rollin Woodford.
- ❖ West Potomac High School: Zoe Smith.
- ❖ Woodson High School: Robert Cuyjet and Daniel Pryce.

The semifinalists will compete for more than 800 Achievement Scholarship awards, worth \$2.5 million, to be awarded next spring. The awards will be supported by corporations, professional organizations, foundations, and funds from the NMSC. To be considered for a scholarship, semifinalists must advance to the finalist level by fulfilling additional requirements.



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THROUGH WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

War on the Doorstep: Fairfax Militia in the War of 1812. Exhibition. The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Open Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free tours at 1 p.m. 703-591-0560.

THROUGH SUNDAY/FEB. 8, 2015

Dressing for the Occasion: An Exhibition of Costumes and Textiles Representing Fairfax Personalities and Events. Exhibition. Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center, 10209 Main Stree, Fairfax. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 703-385-8414.

THROUGH SUNDAY/OCT.19

Earth and Fire Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, 22079 Lorton. An exhibition featuring the works of 35 leading ceramic artists from the nine nations: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar. <http://workhousearts.org>

THROUGH SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Edgar Allan Poe's Nevermore. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. Take a musical journey into the heart and soul of Edgar Allan Poe, America's first truly visionary poet. Lyrics are adapted from Poe's writings. Admissions: \$15. [www.workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org). 703-584-2900.

THROUGH SATURDAY/OCT. 25

40 Years of Potomac Valley Watercolorists Public Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, 22079 Lorton. This exhibit of 100 watercolor painting celebrates the 40 year anniversary of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. <http://workhousearts.org>

THROUGH FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Pumpkin Patch. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Pumpkins are available from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily until Oct. 31, when the patch closes at 6 p.m. 703-569-9862.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Messiah Church's 30th Annual Bazaar. 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Messiah Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Craft and business vendors, vintage items, pumpkin patch, Christmas shop, bake sale, chili luncheon, used book, toy and yard sale. 703-569-9862. www.messiahumc.org.

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Tour demonstration gardens with a Master Gardener docent who inspires you with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 historic house. Admissions: \$29/ person. Register at www.fairfaxcountygov/parks/greenspring using code 290 484 5501 or call 703-941-7987. Ages 13+.

Friday Morning Music Club. 11 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. A community of music lovers and musicians, the Friday Morning Music Club, Inc., has promoted classical music in the Washington area for over 120 years. FMMC's public concerts—now held throughout the week—provide performing members with a host of outlets for their talents as well as delighting audiences in Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. All concerts are free and performed as a public service. For more information, visit www.fairfaxarts.org or call 703-352-ARTS.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Molok'ai by Alan Brennert. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Humor to Hold One's Own As 50 Approaches

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

A singular performer is coming to the area. Annabelle Gurwitch, who co-hosted TV's "Dinner and a Movie," has been seen on a wide variety of television shows including "Seinfeld" and is the author of "I See You Made an Effort: Compliments, Indignities, and Survival Stories from the Edge of 50" will be at the JCC of Northern Virginia.

"Annabelle Gurwitch is an extraordinary story teller who will inspire and intrigue while you laugh hard" is the way Connie Pesachowitz, President of the JCC, described her. The performance is open to all, both non-members and members of the JCC. "It will be a treat of a performance for the Northern Virginia community," added Pasachowitz.

What can audiences expect? She will bring a comic's perspective to what can happen as one approaches the age of 50. It is a laughing-to-happy tears look at coming of middle age for both men and women. After all, about every seven and a half seconds, someone in America turns 50.

In an interview, Gurwitch spoke of be-

Where and When

"An Evening of Comedy with Annabelle Gurwitch" at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Performance: Saturday, Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$23-\$72. For tickets visit: www.jccnvarts.org or call the JCCNV box office at 703-537-3000.



coming "invisible" after a certain age. "There's the saying 40 is the new 50, but when you're 50, no one who's 40 thinks you're the same age as them unless you've got a lot of tattoos."

If you grew up before the world of social networks thinking "LOL meant Lots of

Love and not Laugh Out Loud;" then you're not alone, noted Gurwitch. "No matter what is happening, we need to have a sense of humor as we go through life. Humor is a way to help us cope."

One more comic turn. Gurwitch was on her daily run. She was "feeling pretty good...when a guy coming towards me said Good Job! I smiled at him; then I realized he wasn't saying good job to any of the other younger people running, just me! It was like he was surprised I was still ambulatory!" Something to relate to.

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Genealogy Help Desk. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Bring family history stumpers to the experts. Accomplished genealogists and library staff will be on hand to assist. Adults. 703-293-6227.

A Succession of Masks: Batman and the Sexual Revolution. 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, W-3 Theatre, Lorton. This presentation parallels Batman and Robin's plight against the backdrop of gay rights. \$10 per person, \$5 for Artists at and Friends of the Workhouse, Volunteers and Military. Contact Moria Nisbet, 703-584-2986.

FRIDAY/OCT.17

Springfield Town Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. 10 a.m. Music, character artists, and more. Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield.

Genealogy Help Desk. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Bring family history stumpers to the experts. Accomplished genealogists and library staff will be on hand to assist. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Dr. Ralph Stanley and The Clinch Mountain Boys: Farewell Tour. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebration of Dr. Ralph Stanley a Jazz and bluegrass musician. \$29-\$48. 888-945-2468.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Taking Care of Heirloom Textiles. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Learn how to clean, store and display a range of fibers with artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein. Admissions: \$22/person. Register at www.fairfaxcountygov/parks/greenspring using code 290 402 4001 or call 703-642-5173. Ages 13+.

Teen Fan Fiction Writing Group. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Group of teens who write and share original fan fiction. Teen volunteer facilitates. Age 13-18. 703-249-1520.

Great Books and Great Times: 75 Years at Our Library. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Join storyteller Gary Lloyd for a walk through the history of the Fairfax County Public Library over the past 75 years with an emphasis on Springfield. All Ages. Please register. 703-451-8055.

Wag a Tale. 11 or 11:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria. Need a little practice reading or just love dogs? Register to read to one of our therapy dogs. Age 5-12. 703-339-4610.

Genealogy Help Desk. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Bring family history stumpers to the experts. Accomplished genealogists and library staff will be on hand to assist. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Family Fun: Geocaching. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. Find out what geocaching is all about and then seek out a few caches yourself. Some GPS units are available to share, but bring your own if you have one. Admissions: \$15/person. Register at www.fairfaxcountygov/parks/greenspring using code 290 471 4101 or call 703-642-5173. Ages 10+ with registered adult.

Dog Adoption. 12 -3 p.m. Petco, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Call 703-817-9444 or visit www.hart90.org/

"On Air: Music through the Decades." 2 & 7:30 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Vienna-Falls Chorus presents a concert with an all-out feast for the senses with lights, stage decorations, dancing and humor. For tickets call 703-242-SING or go to www.viennafalls.ticketleap.com/ONAIR. General admission is \$22, \$17 for seniors, groups and children.

Hearts and Hands Bazaar. 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Crafts, vendors, pumpkins, yard sale items, food, baked goods, collectibles, women's clothing, books, furniture and more. 703-569-9862. www.messiahmc.org.

2014 Workhouse Arts Center Gala. 6:30 p.m. Workhouse, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Benefits the programs at the Workhouse Arts Center, which serves more than 75,000 students, artists and visitors each year. Contact Moria Nisbet, 703-584-2986.

Annual Children's Concert. 2 p.m. Lake Braddock Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Admission: \$2 donation or two canned food items per person. Donations benefit ECHO, a local organization serving families in need. Come in costume. Visit lakebraddockchorus.squarespace.com.

A Toast to the Animals. 1:30-5:30 p.m. Award-winning wine, music, silent auction and more. Supporting the Humane Society of Fairfax County. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Tickets: \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, available online: <http://hsfc.org/>

Genealogy Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. King's Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. This free workshop is designed for DAR membership, but would benefit any person interested in learning the right techniques used in filling out many lineage society applications, and in how to start genealogical research. Contact Lise Harvey 703-455-2998 or Jeannie Leson 703-690-7136.

Springfield Town Center Childrens' Court Opening. 1 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. Entertainment for children provided by World Girl, Scholastic representatives and PREIT and Vornado will accompany ribbon cutting.

SUNDAY/OCT. 19

"Not Fade Away: A Memoir of Senses Lost and Found." 2 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. When Rebecca Alexander was 12, her parents were told that she would be completely blind before she turned 30. In college, she found out that due to a rare genetic disorder she was losing her hearing as well. "Not Fade Away" is Rebecca's first book. General admission tickets: \$11, \$9 for J members and seniors (65+), \$7 for those under 30. 703-537-3000. boxoffice@jccnv.org. www.jccnvarts.org.

NTRAK Scale Model Train Show. 1- 4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Information on the museum and shows is at www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/OCT. 20

Children's Performance Series: Miss Cathy's Mother Goose Tales. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Miss Cathy shares classic tales and makes little ones part of the story. Come out and enjoy this storytelling experience. Free, but donations are accepted. 703-385-2712.

PJ Library Book Buddies. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Please join us to read selections from the PJ Library and make a craft to take home. PJ Library provides families with a free treasury of Jewish books and music each month. Age 6 months to 5 years. 703-249-1520.

Tales for Twos: Alphabet Antics. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Join us for stories, songs and activities about the alphabet. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

Magic Tree House Club. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read the eighth story in the series Midnight on the Moon by Mary Pope Osborne and discuss. Print copies are available at the library service desk. Age 6-8. 703-249-1520.

Chess Club. 4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn openings, strategy, tactics and more. Players paired with others of similar skill. Drop in anytime. Age 8-16. 703-644-7333.

Hidden Pond Monday: Reptiles. 4:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Cosponsored by the Friends of Richard Byrd Library. Age 6-12. 703-451-8055.

Crazy 8s Math Club. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s to build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it's a new kind of math club. School age. 703-293-6227.

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Read to a therapy dog. Ages 6-12 with adult. 703-293-6227.

TUESDAY/OCT. 21

Zinio: EMagazines at Your Local Library. 2 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn how to use Zinio to access free digital magazines. Age 13-adult. 703-644-7333.

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Read to a therapy dog. Ages 6-12 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Classics Book Club. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. "The Good Earth" by Pearl Sydenstricker Buck. Adults. 703-451-8055.

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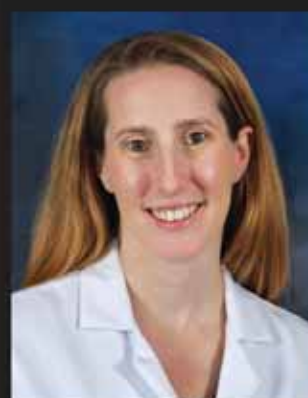
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The Private School Admissions Process

Local educators offer insider tips on how to select and get your child admitted to the perfect school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While this school year might still feel new, some parents are already thinking about next fall. Or if they're not, they should be. For parents who are considering sending their children to one of the area's private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, the application process should be underway.

"Now is the time to begin the independent school admission process for the 2015-2016 academic year," said Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Application deadlines vary by school, but generally fall between mid-December and late January.

"Parents often start the process by exploring school websites and speaking with trusted friends who have personal experience with specific schools. Doing your research may be time-consuming, but what

could be more important than finding the right educational fit for your child?"

Use this time to peruse school websites and get to know the schools you think might be a good fit for your child. "Go beyond the admission [web] pages," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Read a school's magazine or its weekly parent memo. Follow a school's Facebook page or Twitter feed. Looking at a school through varied lenses will provide a better sense of culture at the school.

"Talk as a family about what would be the best kind of school for your child," she continued. "Coed versus single gender, traditional versus progressive, suburban versus urban, no uniform versus uniform, kindergarten through second versus kindergarten through eighth versus kindergarten through 12th."



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Visiting prospective schools will give parents and students a sense of the institution's atmosphere and culture.

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to be happy and successful in school. "Keep your mind open," said Mulligan. "The spectrum of excellent schools in our area is broad, enabling parents to think beyond name recognition and focus on right fit when selecting a school."

There are a few factors for parents to consider: "Does a school's mission resonate with your family's values?" asks Dunning. "Will the curriculum challenge your child's strengths and support him or her in other areas?"

PARENTS AND STUDENTS should begin by creating a list of schools where they plan to apply and start contacting their top choices. "The most important piece of advice for a family is to visit the school website often. That is full of interesting stories about a school," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in McLean.

"Once you've narrowed down your choices, make plans to visit the schools. Tours have started, and there will be additional opportunities such as open houses, student visiting days, and curriculum nights," said Dunning. "It is impor-

tant to experience the culture of the school to get an accurate picture. Each independent school has its own distinctive mission, and you will feel it as soon as you step onto campus."

Miller says open houses can help reduce the potential anxiety a student might have about other parts of the application process, such as an interview or standardized test, which are often requirements for private school admissions. She also suggests attending a school play or athletic event. "Those are great ways to see a school community."

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Pohick Evening Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Moloka'i by Alan Brennert. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Evening Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "Five Came Back" by Mark Harris. Adults. 703-293-6227.

OCT. 22-OCT. 27

Disney On Ice Presents Frozen.

Patriot Center, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Feld Entertainment, Inc. announces that its 34th Disney On Ice spectacular will bring to life the Academy Award-winning and number one animated feature film of all time, Disney's Frozen. www.patriotcenter.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22

My Gym-Babies. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop a child's large motor skills with physical exercise designed for babies. Age 12-23

months with adult. 703-249-1520.

P is for Pumpkin. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Join for Autumn stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

My Gym-Toddlers. 11:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop a child's large motor skills with physical exercise designed for toddlers. Age 2 years with adult. 703-249-1520.

My Gym-Preschool. 12:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop a child's large motor skills with physical exercise designed for toddlers. Age 3-5 years with adult. 703-249-1520.

FAITH NOTES

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Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014 (12-2 p.m.) at Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence, 6304 Lee Chapel Rd, Burke. The Program will feature Jari Villaneuva, a Bugler, speaking on The History of Taps. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry, 703-620-0161, by Nov. 14. The cost is \$10; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office 703-323-4788. See www.scfbva.org for more information.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the cor-

ner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

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BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Woodson volleyball team was in control of Monday's match against Oakton when Cavalier head coach Len Palaschak took out some of his starters, including senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed, in order to give playing time to some of his reserves.

Oakton, which trailed 21-9 at one point during the fourth set, started to creep back into the contest. When the Cougars cut the deficit to 22-16, Palaschak called timeout and put Reed, a team captain, back on the floor. Reed promptly put away a cross-court kill to stop the bleeding.

Reed's hitting talents produced a team-high 12 kills, a .407 attack percentage and helped the Cavaliers to a 3-1 (25-18, 17-25, 25-11, 25-20) victory on Oct. 13 at Oakton High School. Reed also had four aces on a night when Woodson totaled 18.

REED'S AGGRESSION at the net helped the Cavaliers bounce back from a rough stretch that included three losses in four matches. Reed, however, hasn't always possessed an offensive mentality. Following a position switch as a junior, she maintained a defensive approach when Woodson needed her to attack. As time passed, Reed became an aggressor and the Cavaliers have benefited since.

Reed was Woodson's libero during her freshman and sophomore seasons, twice earning second-team all-district honors. When Reed was a junior, Palaschak asked her to move from her defensive position to outside hitter. Reed wasn't happy about the idea, but the Cavaliers needed some help with their attack.

"We had a problem a couple years ago with outside hitters not being able to hit balls on the court and [not] placing the ball well," Palaschak said. "... [Reed and I] had a long talk about it because as a freshman and a sophomore, she was second-team all-district as a libero. She would have been [a] first-team [libero], probably, last year, [but] she did this for the team."

Along with a lack of experience playing outside hitter, Reed had to overcome her lack of size. At 5 feet 6, Reed is short for a net player. However, Reed said her focus on conditioning and experience playing beach volleyball boosts her endurance and increases her jumping ability.

"Without [beach volleyball]," Reed said, "I don't think I could have made the transition at all."

While Reed had the physical ability to



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Woodson outside hitter Mackenzie Reed had 12 kills against Oakton on Oct. 13.

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— Woodson senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed

succeed at outside hitter, she lacked the aggression needed to reach her potential. She still had a defensive mentality while playing an offensive position.

"I was more of a defensive player in the front row," Reed said. "I didn't really want to transition to hit. I wanted to take every ball."

While beach volleyball helped Reed with certain elements of playing outside hitter, it hindered, in a way, her approach to attacking. The kind of well-placed finesse shots that succeed in 2-on-2 beach volleyball don't work as often in a game of 6-on-6 inside a gymnasium.

"Every year, we have a little transition she has to make from playing beach to coming back to the court," Palaschak said. "On the beach, you're used to placing balls a lot and you can see that sometimes when she'll do her approach. She'll do her last two steps and try to place balls and it's hard to do with six players on the court. We have to get her to do that transition and rip the ball, which she was doing very nicely [against Oakton on Monday]."

Reed would eventually figure out her new position, earning first-team all-conference honors as an outside hitter during her junior season in 2013.

"Last year, we had teams setting up their defense just to play her," Palaschak said. "They'd come out and watch her play and they'd set up their defense against her."

Now a senior, Reed continues to improve. "[I'm] more comfortable, definitely," she said. "I've embraced the position this year. I like it because it's more exciting getting kills."

Senior libero and North Carolina A&T State commit Keniah Rivera, also a team

captain, said she notices a change in Reed. "She's a great player," Rivera said. "She's very smart. She knows where to put the ball. ... There's a huge difference [from last season]. She hits harder, she's more confident in herself. Last year, as the transition went she was kind of nervous, she didn't want to make a mistake."

REED'S 12-KILL PERFORMANCE against Oakton on Monday helped Woodson improve its overall record to 9-6. Woodson's Jen Sabolsky finished with nine kills against the Cougars. Mary Ellen Gill had eight and Lenna Roman finished with seven. Leah Farmer dished 17 assists and Sophia Mackin finished with 11.

Reed, Angelica Jennin and Sarah Mueller each had four aces. Sabolsky and Mackin each had three.

"We needed this," Palaschak said. "We just have not found a chemistry on the floor yet. It was nice to watch that tonight. We know that this is the lineup we need to use, but they just need to get that chemistry going. ... We just need to find that groove on the floor. This is the first time we've really had some excitement playing like this."

The Cavaliers faced Lake Braddock on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. Woodson will travel to face West Potomac at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, and Robinson on Tuesday.

Woodson has its sights set on competing for a Conference 7 championship. When the Cavaliers need a kill along the way, they will likely look to their converted libero.

"She was getting good, long, four-step approaches here [against Oakton] and getting a lot of power behind the ball," Palaschak said. "She was crushing balls."



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Robinson senior Patrick Myers placed 13th in the boys' varsity race at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

Top 15

Robinson's Myers places 13th hours after taking SATs.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Taking the SATs can be a nerve-racking time in a student's life as he/she prepares for life after high school. It would be understandable if someone wanted to spend the rest of the day relaxing after experiencing a heavy dose of pressure.

On the other hand, there are student/athletes like Robinson senior Patrick Myers. His post-SAT activities included a brief nap and running a personal-best time at Bull Run Regional Park.

Myers placed 13th at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11, earning a medal with a top-15 finish. He posted a course-PR time of 16:38 while battling muddy conditions.

"It wasn't my best race today," Myers said. "I think it's partially because of the mud, partially because I didn't have my teammates out there running with me today. Other than that, I think I did OK."

Myers' Saturday started with taking the SATs at Westfield High School, which lasted from 8:30-10:30 a.m. From there, Myers started preparing for the race.

"I went home and took a short nap, sort of got myself ready," he said. "[I] had a quick snack, and then got on out here to watch my teammates a little bit and get ready."

Loudoun Valley's Andrew Hunter won the event with a time of 15:44. Millbrook's Tyler Cox-Philyaw finished runner-up with a time of 16:05, followed by Chantilly's Ryan McGorty (16:11).

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TOWN OF CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL AND TOWN OF CLIFTON PLANNING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council and the Town of Clifton Planning Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 20124 to consider the amendment of the Town of Clifton's Zoning Ordinance, resulting from the requirements of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulations, to adopt Fairfax County's Chapter 124 of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Stormwater Management Ordinance, into the Town Code, as Chapter 13 of the Town of Clifton Code. The proposed revision to the Town Code by the addition of Chapter 13 of the Zoning Ordinance is available for review and downloading on the Town's website at www.cliftonva.us and a hard copy of the proposed Chapter 13, Stormwater Management Ordinance Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton VA, 20124. All interested parties are invited to attend and express their views with respect to the proposed adoption of Chapter 13 to the Town of Clifton Zoning Ordinance of the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Obituary

Randolph "Randy" Brooks, age 94, died Tues., Oct. 7, 2014, at Integris Hospice House in Okla. City, OK. He was born June 28, 1920 in Rogers, N.M. to Thomas Harvey and Effie May (Marshall) Brooks. Randy graduated from Rogers High School in 1938. Soon after graduation, Randy began his lifelong career in aviation by enrolling in Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK. He received his A & P license and an offer to teach while he earned his single-engine and helicopter ratings at Spartan School in Tulsa, OK. Randy met and married Thelma Swanson in 1942. During WWII he served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. After serving his country, Randy returned to Tulsa, OK, and Spartan School of Aeronautics. Later he joined Sinclair Oil Company's Aviation Department. After they merged with Atlantic Richfield, Randy chose not to trans-fer to California but went with FAA as an Aviation Inspector in the southwest region. In 1983 he transferred to FAA Academy where he was a course manager on Helicopters, Compliance and Enforcement. Randy retired from FAA in 1990 but worked as a consultant for the Department of Energy until 2004. Randy was a recipient of the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award and the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Each award cate-gory requires a minimum of 50 years documented distinguished service. He was a lifetime member of EAA and a charter member of EAA Chapter 10 in Tulsa, OK. Since 1983, Randy has lived in Yukon, OK, and served his Lord and Savior as a member of Canadian Valley Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, brothers, Cecil and Britt Brooks, baby daughter Debbie and two wives, Thelma and Shirley. Survivors include his wife Margette, son Larry Brooks and wife Judy of Fairfax, VA; grandson, Matt Brooks of Fairfax, VA; daughter Marilynne Robertson and husband Ron (who Randy considered a son more than a son-in-law) of Flower Mound, TX; granddaughter Stephanie Kirkham and husband Scott and their children Slade and Sophie Kirkham of Dallas, TX; stepson Steven Balch and wife Lisa of Garner, N.C.; grandchildren Stephen and Stephanie Balch, Aaron, Stephen, and Zach Taylor; stepdaughter Barbara Balch-Hernandez of Van Buren, AR, and granddaughters Marissa, Myriah, Malia and Maelle; sisters-in-law Margaret Pinion of Winslow, AR, Helen Deal and husband Herb of West Pittsburgh, PA, Anita Tidwell of Del City, OK, Karen Perkins and husband Jim of Bonanza, AR, and Joyce Holt and husband James of Hackett, AR, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in New Mexico and Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Integris Hospice House, 13920 Quailbrook Dr., Okla. City, OK 73112. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Fri., Oct. 10, 2014, at the Yanda & Son Funeral Home Chapel, with interment following at the Yukon Cemetery, Yukon. Online condolences may be signed at www.yandafuneral.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda & Son Funeral Home, Yukon, OK.



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Lovingly-maintained home w/charm & characters. Awesome floor plan w/spacious rooms. Gorgeous hwdws on main lvl + new carpet. Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & gas frpl w/doors to deck. Eat-in Kitchen w/granite counters, updated appls, pantry & separate laundry rm. Expansive MBR suite w/dressing area, W/I closet, dual vanity. Walkout bsmt boasts rec rm w/2nd frpl, 5th BR/Den, full bath & storage. Newer windows, HVAC.
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Fairfax **\$899,000**
Stately colonial with 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs on beautiful 1 acre sited on a cul-de-sac. Meticulously maintained and beautifully updated with outstanding landscaping, pool, extensive patio and play area. Spacious kitchen, grand master suite and lower level with game room and guest suite.
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Woodbridge **\$849,900**
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Haymarket **\$727,000**
Dream home...timeless beauty...overlooking pond, golf course & mtns. Stunning views from custom porch, deck & patio. 3BR/3BA has MBR on main & fin. LL. Hdwds, granite & more for luxury buyer. Close to golf, clubhouse & amenities in 55+ Regency at Dominion Valley. See <http://15466-legacy.LFlisting.com>
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



Alexandria/Kingstowne **\$549,900**
Beautiful 3-lvl brick TH, 3BR,3.5BA, Updated Baths, new paint, Fin W/Out LL with Fireplace, Kitchen with granite & Stainless Steel appls, Fam room off Kit, MBR with vault ceiling, new windows, 2 car Garage, close to schools, stores & Metro. MOTIVATED SELLER!
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax City **\$399,999**
Lovely updated brick, end townhome. Hardwoods, custom kitchen & much more. Close to shops and restaurants. Minutes to Vienna metro, GMU & major transportation routes.
Betsy Rutkowski 703-229-3368



Lake Anna **\$1,250,000**
One of Lake Anna's best! Gorgeous house, great deep water, beautiful view. Amenities galore in this one of a kind French Country/Contemporary home. Light and bright, amazing gourmet kitchen, room for family and friends with 4 bedrooms + 2 more (ntc), 2 dual entry baths. Fabulous main level master with spa bath & dressing room. Bask in the sun at the pool. 3 car garage, paved drive to boat house.
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Lorton **\$600,000**
Shows Like a Model! This gorgeous SF home features 4 BRs, 2 Full and 2 half BAs, gourmet Kit w/Silestone Ctrs, Sun Rm & Large FR. Fully finished LL w/huge Rec Rm & Exercise Room. A must see!
Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803
Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948



North Reston **\$934,900**
Updated and gorgeous! 3 finished levels, 5 BR, 3 & 1/2 BA, walkout basement, 2 story foyer, library, spectacular updated kitchen, hwdw main level, many built-ins and upgrades. Open floor plan, backs to wooded parkland.
Ann Grainger 703-819-5300



Fairfax City **\$599,900**
4 BR, 2.5 BA. Julia Child Would Approve! Suddenly you'll feel like you are hosting your own cooking show when you prepare meals in the beautifully renovated kitchen w/ large granite topped center island! On one side, it's a well-lit kitchen work space. On the other, it's a breakfast bar w/ plenty of space for chairs or bar stools so your guests can help or chat with you as they watch you prepare a delicious gourmet dinner. There is also additional space for a kitchen table! The main level is open and spacious, w/ excellent room flow. Adjacent dining area offers the flexibility for accommodating either a large harvest table or 2 smaller dining tables. Hwdw floors on top 2 levels. Fin. basement.
Mary Wharton 703-795-0587



Burke Centre **\$415,000**
This town home has 3 finished levels, 3 bedrooms, and 3.5 bathrooms. The home has been updated, new HVAC and over 1,500 square feet of living space.
Richard Esposito 703-503-4035



Burke Centre **\$615,000**
Long-time owners have babied this lovely home! Nothing left to do but move in. Stunning rear sunroom addition overlooking park-like setting. So many improvements to incl remodeled kitchen, baths, roof, windows, siding, HVAC, HWH, carpet, paint & more. Expansive eat-in kitchen w/adjoining family room. Grand MBR suite w/custom W/I closet. Gorgeous Hdwds. Fin Bsmt. Green space galore. A "10."
Jim Fox 703-503-1800



Clifton **\$798,000**
Charming brick home with 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs sited on 5 acres with majestic views. Lovingly remodeled with attention to details showing in every room-beautiful crown moulding, sparkling hardwoods, grand dining room, mahogany built-ins in the living room and custom cabinetry in the kitchen and baths.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Gainesville **\$599,900**
Heritage Hunt 55+ (50+ ok). Pristine 3 lvl 'Yardley' - water & mountain views! 3BR, 3.5 BA, HDWDS, Main lvl MBR, Grmt Kit w island & Silestone, Liv, Din, Brkfst, Fam, Scrnd porch, Storage, wrp/ arnd Deck, 2 car Gar, HOA inc PH/Intnt/Cable/Trash & Fitness.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax/Kings Park West **\$685,000**
Spacious center-hall Colonial with quality finishes! Well-designed addition creates open floor plan. Kitchen is fully remodeled with a breakfast room & opens to amazing family room w/cathedral ceilings. UL has four large BRs + a den Master & hall bath have been expanded, both w/dual sinks. Great finishes on LL with legal egress. Close to schools, VRE & Metrobus.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Clifton **\$679,000**
Perfectly sited on 1 acre, this brick home has been beautifully remodeled and updated throughout! Open floor plan, gorgeous kitchen and baths, sparkling hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, fully finished walk-out lower level and fabulous landscaping including deck and stone patio are just a few of the features.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Fairfax Station **\$675,000**
Bright, shiny 4 BR Det with 2 car garage on quiet cul-de-sac. Superb condition new hardwood floors, granite, and tile main. Fresh WW carpet bedroom level & paint throughout. Ready for the new owner.
Steve Wharton 703-627-0103



Sterling **\$306,000**
Terrific End Unit Townhouse in Parkside at Dulles. 1500 sq. ft. in this 3 BR/3 BA home.
Jon Sampson 703-307-4357



Lorton **\$725,000**
Former Model Home with Extensive Upgrades. New Designer Gourmet Kitchen with top-of-the-line Stainless Steel Appliances, 2 Ovens & Custom Cabinetry. Open Floor Plan makes entertaining effortless. Two Beautiful Gas Fireplaces. Rear Covered Porch, Slate Patio & Kitchen Deck along with incredible Privacy make this home a solid 10!
John & Jen Boyce 703-425-5646



Fairfax **\$535,000**
Nicely updated 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in sought after Kings Park West. Kitchen has attractive cabinetry w/granite, stainless appliances, gas cooking & breakfast bar adjoining dining room. Patio off Kitchen & DR makes for some great outdoor meals! Upgraded baths, hardwoods, sitting room with access to patio & quiet backyard. Close to VRE, Metrobus, schools & shopping.
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