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The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers would like to thank all of the 2014 award winners listed above for their consistent advocacy, proactive communications, and support of our workforce over the past year. We publicly acknowledge their efforts to make a difference in the lives of FCPS employees. Thank you for caring about us; it matters and is appreciated.



Police Investigating Death of Robinson Sophomore

Family, friends, school community mourn Brooke Buesking.

The Robinson community is coping with the loss of sophomore Brooke Buesking. On Oct. 15 Fairfax County Police found her body close to train tracks by Sideburn and New Guinea Roads, the Burke area where they'd gotten a report of someone being hit by a train.

The calls about the collision and Buesking missing both came in around 9 p.m. Police are waiting for a conclusion from the medical examiner as to the cause and nature of her death, however they don't suspect there was any criminal activity or foul play involved.

ROBINSON PRINCIPAL Matthew Eline sent a message to students and parents about Buesking's death the next morning, Oct. 16. He noted that Buesking played violin in the intermediate orchestra and clarinet in the beginning band. She was also teaching herself to play the ukulele, with help from the Internet.

"Brooke's father allowed me to share news of her death with you so that you may be prepared to support your children," Eline wrote. "We are taking every step we can to be responsive to the needs of our students and their families."

A visitation gathering for family, friends and the community of supporters was held in the afternoon on Oct. 19 at Living Savior Lutheran Church.

Visitors streamed into the fellowship room that included a photo slideshow of Buesking. Her father Buck and brother Chase hugged and shook hands with everyone by tables bearing photo albums, a violin, a clarinet and a ukulele. Buesking's mother, Virginia, died in 2011 of colon cancer.

The mood was sad and sentimental, but so close to Buesking's death and with many questions remaining, there was also palpable shock and confusion.

Josie Bulova, who's known Buesking since the two went to Bonnie Brae Elementary School together, was there.

"It was definitely helpful for me," she said in an interview the following Tuesday, "to help me kind of cope. To see all the people she touched in her short life. All the friends, teachers, everyone there to support each other."

Buesking's strong sense of humor came through in the pictures, including one of matching scrunched faces with her father.

"She's always the person that would try to cheer everyone up," said Bulova. "Hyper,



On Oct. 17, Robinson students hung a banner and wore purple clothing in a "purple out" to honor one of Brooke Buesking's favorite colors.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOSIE BULOVA

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crazy, overly happy. She always had something funny to say, even if you didn't want to hear it. She would tell you anyway."

Buesking was also a supportive friend.

"She would push you towards doing something you wouldn't normally do," Bulova said. "In sixth grade we went to Hemlock Overlook. I was afraid to go on the zipline. She just jumped right next to me and I went down. That was Brooke."

The Robinson administration has offered a full compliment of grief counseling services to students and family members, including numerous emergency resources.

"We went in big groups," said Bulova. "That was really helpful. It really calmed everyone down and put everyone in a slightly better mood. They accepted that we wanted to be with each other."

THE GROUPS of Buesking's friends have spent the last few days in tears, broken periodically by someone cracking a joke, her favorite way to end an awkward silence.

"She was always, always happy," said Bulova. "No matter what."

—TIM PETERSON



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETHANY HOUSE

(From left) Shelli Vasser Gilliam, Bethany House fundraising consultant; Jasmin Witcher, Bethany House interim executive director; and Doug E Brammer, area manager, Verizon external affairs. In September, Verizon made a \$5,000 grant to the Bethany House Trauma Recovery Program.

Focus on Domestic Violence

Domestic violence shelters and awareness organizations are hoping to build on the response they've seen since the Ray Rice abuse case escalated in a very public way.

"Calls increased to national hotlines roughly 80 percent after the video surfaced," said Braddock supervisor John Cook. "A lot of people think this is something you shouldn't talk about, that it's meant to stay private, in our home. We need to get the word out this is a bad thing, that we should talk about it and make it clear it's not acceptable."

At a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting several weeks ago, Cook proposed a resolution to designate October "Domestic Violence Awareness Month." He's following up that action with an awareness event planned for Oct. 22 at the Coyote Grille in Fairfax.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Shelter House, 24-hour domestic violence shelter Artemis House, as well as Fairfax County Court Appointed Special Advocates, a directional tool for the children victims of domestic violence.

The next day, a few miles southwest of Coyote Grille, Alexandria-based Bethany House is holding an event of its own at Malek's Pizza Palace in Springfield. Bethany House offers temporary housing and support to female domestic violence victims and their children.

The Bethany House event takes place Oct. 23 from 4-9 p.m., while Cook's event was set to last from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Oct. 22.

—TIM PETERSON

Warner, Gillespie Clash in U.S. Senate Debate

Stark distinctions on same-sex marriage, immigration, abortion and health care.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In front of an audience of Northern Virginia business leaders, U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) and Republican challenger Ed Gillespie honed their attacks on each other during a sharp, wide-ranging debate Tuesday evening, Oct. 7.

While the candidates mostly avoided headline-making confrontations, they drew stark distinctions between their visions of the nation's future, staking out familiar ground on politically polarizing issues such as same-sex marriage, immigration, abortion and health care.

The debate, sponsored jointly by NBC4 and the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, was held in the two-story auditorium of Capital One's headquarters in McLean.

Both candidates quickly established their pro-business positions, vowing to clear the way for greater economic opportunities for Virginians.

"I want future generations to have the same opportunities that I've had. My grandfather was an immigrant janitor. My parents never went to college. And I got to be counselor to the President of the United States of America," Gillespie said in his one-minute opening remarks, taking a familiar swipe at Warner by adding that he "feared we're losing that kind of economic opportunity and upward mobility as a result of the Obama/Warner policies."

"My policies will ease the squeeze on hardworking Virginians and make it easier for them [and] for the unemployed to find work Under the Obama/Warner policy, for every net job created in Virginia two people have gone onto food stamps. There are 65,000 more women living in poverty today. And 250,000 of us will have our health care plans cancelled as a result of the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare, which the senator still supports," Gillespie said.

IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, Warner positioned himself as the moderate, bi-partisan problem solver who will help break the paralyzing gridlock in Washington. The former governor is seeking another term in Washington, where he said he had a record of working with other lawmakers to push forward pragmatic, "sensible" solutions to challenges like health care costs, crushing student debt, the nation's immigration crisis, and its slow economic recovery from the 2008 recession.

"You know what, on every major piece of legislation I work on I start with a Republican partner ... I'm so proud that I've got



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAIRFAX CHAMBER

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce hosted a U.S. Senate debate between U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) and Republican challenger Ed Gillespie, on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at The Capital One headquarters in McLean. The forum was moderated by Chuck Todd, host of NBC's "Meet the Press." Panelists included Aaron Gilchrist and Julie Carey of NBC4 and Karen Tumulty of The Washington Post.

Incumbent: Mark R. Warner, Democrat

Family: Wife Lisa; 3 children: Madison, Gillian, Eliza

Birthplace: Indianapolis, Ind.

Home City: Alexandria, Va.

Religion: Presbyterian

Education: JD, Harvard Law School, 1980; BA, George Washington University, 1977

Political Experience: Senator, U.S. Senate, 2009-present; Candidate, U.S. States President, 2008; Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia, 2002-2006; Candidate, U.S. Senate, 1996; Chair, Democratic Party of Virginia, 1993-1994

Current Legislative Committees: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Member; Budget, Member; Finance, Member; Joint Committee on Printing, Member; Rules and Administration, Member; Select Committee on Intelligence, Member; Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion, Member; Subcommittee on Economic Policy, Member; Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, Chair; Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance, Member; Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, Member; Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, Member

Professional Experience: Co-Founder, Nextel Communications; Former Staff Member,

Sen. Chris Dodd, U.S. Senate; Former Employee, TechRiders; Managing Director, Columbia Capital Corporation, 1989-2002

Religious, Civic, and other Memberships: Honorary Chair, AmeriCorps Support Group; Member, Board Member, Medical Care for Children Project; Member, Board of Directors, Alexandria Volunteer Bureau; Member, Board of Directors, United Community Ministries; Member, Board of Trustees, George Washington University; Member, Board of Trustees, Virginia Union University; Chair, National Governors Association, 2004-2005; States' Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, 2003-2004; Chair, Education Commission of the States, 2003-2004; Chair, Southern Governors' Association, 2003-2004

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Candidate: Ed Gillespie, Republican

Family: Wife Cathy; 3 Children: John, Carrie, Mollie

Birth Place: Alexandria, Va.

Home City: Lorton

Pets: 2 dogs - Sunny and Skye

Education: Graduated, Catholic University of America

Political Experience: Chairman, Republican Party of Virginia; Chairman, Bob McDonnell's Campaign for Governor, 2009; Counselor to the President, Bush Administration, 2007-2009; Chairman, Republican National Committee, 2004

Professional Experience: Communications Consultant, Alexandria, Va.; Former Employee, Family Grocery Store; Policy and Communications Aide, House Majority Leader Dick Armey; Parking Lot Attendant, U.S. Senate Parking Lot

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actually more former Republican legislators supporting me this campaign than when I first ran."

Chuck Todd of NBC's "Meet the Press,"

the debate's moderator, addressed the first question to Gillespie, noting the day's breaking news of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to review the case on gay marriage.

"It is now legal here in the commonwealth of Virginia. You personally oppose gay marriage. Are you comfortable? Can you accept this decision by the Supreme Court not to act?"

Gillespie said it was a matter for the state, not the federal government.

"I love people and respect them for who they are. I believe we are all created in the image and likeness of God. And as you noted, in my faith, marriage is between one man and one woman ...," Gillespie said.

He added that same-sex marriage "is the law in Virginia today. And — as I do not believe that — a federal law ... is the proper approach, then of course I accept the ruling of ... the decision by the Supreme Court not to take up this decision of the circuit court."

"I support marriage equality," Warner said, when it was his turn to address the question. "I think it is appropriate that we live in a commonwealth that doesn't discriminate."

Debate panelists included Aaron Gilchrist and Julie Carey of NBC4 and Karen Tumulty of The Washington Post, who each asked the candidates two questions.

Carey asked Warner if he thought U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine was wrong when he sought to constrain the president's unilateral power to make war.

"Your own colleague, Sen. Tim Kaine, has said, quote 'You don't ask people to sacrifice their lives until the nation has debated and committed to the mission.' Is he wrong about that?"

Warner said he agreed with Kaine, and also said it was an example of his difference with the president.

"This is where I differ where the president," Warner said. "I believe that we need a more forceful response against Syria and Iraq. I think it is very important that we also ... I've been calling since early March for stronger actions against Mr. Putin in Russia."

Warner and Gillespie repeatedly went back and forth on the "97 percent question." A prominent theme in Gillespie's campaign has been hammering home the statistic that Warner voted with President Obama 97 percent of the time.

"My opponent's whole campaign has been pretty much based on this bogus charge, the 97 percent charge," Warner said after Gilchrist asked both candidates to list how they differed from the President. "I mean, independent political analysts have called it both misleading and not reflective of my record. The National Journal which still does a review of all the votes, not just a subsection, ranks me right in the sensible center."

Gillespie responded that while "Senator Warner's press releases are very bipartisan ... his floor votes are very party line ... While he just said he supported the Keystone XL Pipeline, on two different occasions when there was an opportunity to move forward with (the Keystone XL Pipe

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FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Burke Presbyterian Church is embarking on a six-week study of the book by writer, theologian and activist Brian McLaren entitled "Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?" McLaren claims that his Christian identity moves him "toward people of other faiths in wholehearted love, not in spite of their non-Christian identity, and not in spite of [his] own Christian identity, but because of [his] identity as a follower of God in the way of Jesus." All are welcome to join this conversation on Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Oct. 26 – Nov. 23 at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. www.BurkePresChurch.org, 703-764-0456.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner 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.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive.

Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

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- ❖ Bicycle improvements that include developing new bicycle facilities, constructing trails, adding bicycle parking and enhancing access-

sibility (\$6 million)

Fairfax voters have a long history of approving bond questions for local transportation, schools and parks. This should be no exception.

Vote

The importance of voting, and the difference just a few votes can make, is on display in Virginia, where close elections decided by a fraction of a percent of total voters have set the stage for some big changes.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. But you don't have to wait until then.

In person absentee voting is underway at Fairfax County Governmental Center and seven satellite locations thru Nov. 1.

Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Conf. Rooms 2/3, Fairfax, 22035. Now - Oct. 31, Monday thru Friday - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Satellite Voting Locations Include:
Franconia Governmental Center - 6121

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You'll need photo identification to vote either on Election Day or absentee. Any registered voter can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID Card will have to complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

— MARY KIMM,

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Don't Honk at Me for Being Cautious

BY DONNA D. CAREY
SPRINGFIELD

In 2007, a member of my family was nearly killed by a driver who failed to yield on green turning left from Old Keene Mill Road onto Huntsman Boulevard. The driver then claimed to be on Government business at the time and with the help of a Government insurance company seemed to avoid much personal inconvenience despite having caused a terrible accident.

My loved one survived but has never been the same physically. Even with some reimbursement for hospital stays, nothing can replace healthy lung capacity or vertebrae or account for years of subtle after effects. When it comes to traffic accidents, there is no question prevention is the best cure. Traffic accidents ruin people's lives every day.

Everyone who lives in West Springfield knows the Huntsman intersection is dangerous. Even

worse is the intersection of Bauer/Greeley and Old Keene Mill. Even with warning signs and flashing lights, impatient drivers routinely tear through the red light at Bauer. Hard red lights – not even a hint of yellow. Nearby residents are at high risk having to navigate this intersection every day. The intersection needs cameras and 24/7 police presence. Unfortunately, there are many dangerous roads and intersections, and communities just do not have the money to police every one all the time.

So it is up to us to be careful. Great - what are the odds.

When I approach the Bauer signal, I try to wait to make sure all the cars have stopped before I move on my green light, for my sake and others. It makes me angry to see drivers speed through the red light. I do honk at these drivers, not only because it infuriates me that they are selfish and careless with other people's safety but also because I hope they will wake up and think twice the next

time. Yes, someone saw that. Yes, people care. Yes, you are accountable. I've seen the consequence of your careless attitude, and it's devastating.

On the other hand, when do I hear someone honk at me? Not for running a red light. No, they honk at me for being careful. Okay, so maybe I'm going to wait a few extra seconds for that next batch of cars to drive by before I make my left turn on green. Why? Because my loved one was nearly killed by someone making a careless left turn. When I'm turning right, I stop first to make sure the coast is clear before I move. Why? Because my loved one was almost killed by a careless driver.

Don't honk at me for being cautious. Think about what you're doing. A horn is negative reinforcement. If you honk at someone and that person is inclined to be intimidated, then next time they approach a signal they are going to think, "Oh, I have to rush and take a chance so that person

behind me won't honk at me." And then they might kill someone.

Relax. Take a breath. Say a prayer. Think about how thankful you are for all your limbs and your lungs and your family. Before you know it, that person in front of you will have moved and you can be on your way. By being calm and cautious, you could save someone's life. What if it were your loved one in the middle of the intersection when a person runs a red light? If the light is yellow, STOP. If the light is red, STOP. It's only a couple minutes.

Running red lights is a crime. If you must honk at someone, honk at the person who just ran a red light. If you catch me running a red light, yammering on my cell phone, weaving in and out, cutting you off, then fine, go ahead and honk at me. But don't honk at me for being cautious.

Show your appreciation for people who care more about your life than their own need to get somewhere. Show them some patience.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote 'Yes' on Transportation

To the Editor:

We are writing about the Nov. 4 voter referendum on transportation bonds for Fairfax County. The Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is a diverse coalition of individuals and public, community, and business organizations that have joined forces to improve commu-

nity health by mobilizing resources, increasing awareness, and promoting change. The Partnership has identified investments in infrastructure that support physical activity as a major priority in its community health improvement plan. Investments in facilities and pathways for pedes-

trians and bicyclists benefit everyone through enhancing safety, providing active transportation options, providing opportunities for routine exercise, expanding access to recreational opportunities, and improving quality of life. Improvements funded by the bond will also permit more "Safe Routes to School," or opportunities for children to walk or bike to school. The goals and objectives of both our

plan and the transportation bond issue are aligned in encouraging a healthy lifestyle through physical activity and improving connectivity throughout the county. Please support the bond by a "yes" vote on Nov. 4.

Marlene Blum and Julie Knight
Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax/Co-Chairs

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Thirty-Six FCPS Students Named to Virginia Honors Choir

Vocal musicians from 14 Fairfax County public schools have been named to the Virginia Honors Choir for 2014. This select choir is open only to the top 125 singers from around the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is the highest honor a choir student can attain during his or her high school career. Thirty-six Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students were selected for the choir, and six students were

named alternates. The students will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention in Norfolk on Nov. 22.

FCPS students named to the 2014 Virginia Honors Choir are:

❖Annandale High School: Annika Hackfeld and David Furney

❖Centreville High School: Nancy Brittain, Jin Young Lee, and Karsten Kim, and alternates Kayla Ebright and Alexandria De La

Rosa.

❖Chantilly High School: Claire Hewer, Michael Mason, Jake Fries, and Troy Fries.

❖Fairfax High School: Tia Maxfield, Laurel Romoser, and James Derrick.

❖Herndon High School: Sarah Overton.

❖Lake Braddock Secondary School: Christos Kokkinis and alternate Mary DeMarco.

❖Langley High School: Vivian

Vaeth, Ali Burk, Sarah Salem, Connor Kianpour, Andrew Myers, Ethan Zell, and alternate Yasmeen El-Rafey.

❖Madison High School: Ben Parsell.

❖Marshall High School: Kailee Sibley, Nadia Duncan, and Alex Mourao.

❖Oakton High School: John Ferri.

❖South Lakes High School: Catherine Evans and alternate

Jessy Eubanks.

❖West Potomac High School: Shana Merker and Sam Rainey.

❖Westfield High School: Abigail Martin and alternate Jonathan Bidingier.

❖Woodson High School: Suzanne Howard, Hope Carey, Ariana Hooberman, Lara Taylor, Jacob Nelson, Will Everett, Caleb Yoo, and Jon Miller. Auditions were open to seniors enrolled in choral programs at their respective schools.

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Dulles Now Screening for Deadly Virus

Local hospitals to treat ill passengers arriving from Africa.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Dulles International Airport was one of five airports in the nation to begin screening for Ebola on Thursday.

The Center for Disease Control and Protection trained staff to check all passengers arriving from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to check for signs of illness to prevent more passengers from infecting others during their daily interactions.

"We work to continuously increase the safety of Americans," said CDC Director Tom Frieden in a press release. "We believe these new measures will further protect the health of Americans, understanding that nothing we can do will get us to absolute zero risk



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

Dulles International Airport was selected as one of five airports in the nation to begin screening travelers arriving from African nations affected by Ebola.

until we end the Ebola epidemic in West Africa."

The press release states that travelers from the three African

countries will be escorted to a separate screening location after having their passport reviewed, observed for any signs of illness

County Schools Prepared for Ebola Threat

Fairfax County Public Schools is communicating with parents regarding the risks of Ebola in a school setting, according to FCPS spokesperson John Torre.

All county schools already require a strict physical exam before enrolling. Torre said they are working with the county Health Department to implement further measures.

"Health care providers are screening patients for travel history and have received guidance on how to respond appropriately when they determine a patient is at high risk for Ebola," he said. "Effective Oct. 10, FCPS began screening new students for their recent travel history. Students who have visited one of the Ebola-affected countries in the last 21 days will receive an additional assessment by the Health Department to determine the individual's risk."

Torre said all students who go to the nurse's office with a fever will be screened for their travel history as well.

"If a student, or a member of his/her household, has recently visited one of the Ebola-affected countries, the Health Department will follow-up with an additional assessment of the student and his or her family members to determine their risk and, if warranted, take appropriate public health actions," he said.

or fever. If there are no symptoms present, the individual will be given instructions on how to self-monitor themselves.

If the trained professional believes they are at risk for Ebola, however, they will be "referred to the appropriate public health authority" for further evaluation.

CDC Communication Specialist

Anita Blankenship said she would not be able to reveal where individuals would go if they had Ebola symptoms.

"CDC has Memorandum of Agreements with hospitals near U.S. ports of entry that have agreed to evaluate ill travelers if a serious communicable disease is suspected," she said in an email. "The actual hospital names are confidential under the terms of the agreement."

The press release noted that most travelers arriving from Africa with a fever tested positive for malaria.

"In the last two months since exit screening began in the three countries, of 36,000 people screened, 77 people were denied boarding a flight because of the health screening process," it states. "None of the 77 passengers were diagnosed with Ebola and many were diagnosed as ill with malaria, a disease common in West Africa, transmitted by mosquitoes and not contagious from one person to another."

HUNTER MILL SUPERVISOR

Cathy Hudgins noted in a press release that Reston Hospital Center was the closest hospital to Dulles International.

"Some residents have expressed fear," she stated. "While we should all have concern, we must not let that turn to panic."

Remember, Ebola is not new to Reston. Twenty-five years ago, we worked with appropriate local, state, and federal agencies to contain Ebola, and I believe that we should be able to do the same today."

She said that Reston Hospital Center, like other Northern Vir

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Ebola Precautions

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ginia hospitals, are preparing themselves for possible sick patients - whether for Ebola, malaria or other illnesses.

"If authorities make the decision that Reston Hospital Center, or any other facility in Fairfax County, is the best option to treat and possibly save an individual's life, then I will support the decision reached by the medical professionals who have all of our best interests at heart," stated Hudgins.

Blankenship did not answer when asked if other passengers will be notified whether a traveler from their plane was taken to the hospital for symptoms or tested positive or how professionals can tell the difference between a traveler with Ebola or other illnesses.

Inova Fairfax spokesperson Tracy Connell said she did not know if they were one of the designated hospitals for Dulles International. However, she did say an individual who vomited and had a fever was taken to the hospital on Friday afternoon for possible Ebola symptoms. At the time, she said the hospital was waiting for the county Health Department to determine whether to test the patient for Ebola.

The hospital is equipped with an isolation room and personal protective equipment for staff to keep themselves safe. In the last week, the staff even ran several emergency drills to prepare for a worst-case

scenario epidemic. "If a patient has the symptoms, we're trained to treat it as if they have Ebola," she said.

A WOMAN WAS ALSO TESTED for Ebola symptoms last week in Loudoun County after coming back from Africa recently. Although her tests came back negative for the virus, Rep. Frank Wolf said there was not enough concern about the epidemic before it came on American soil.

"Since July, I have been voicing concern that there is not a sufficient plan in place to deal with the deadly disease," he said in a press release. "Last week, I called on the Obama Administration to appoint one person to coordinate a response. Regrettably, my recommendations have fallen on deaf ears."

Today I am calling for a ban on travel from those West African nations battling Ebola." In addition to screening at the arrival gate, first responders are being trained on safety protocols when arriving at the scene for someone who is displaying Ebola-like symptoms.

"Ebola prevention is based on principles and approaches that we use every day," said State Health Commissioner Marissa J. Levine in a press release. "However, there are unique aspects of Ebola that require us to make sure our plans and processes are up to date for this new concern."



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Lyme Disease, ‘The Great Imitator’

Lyme Disease Association holds forum on impact of disease on Fairfax County students.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

Kate Sheridan was a star athlete and an A-student up until the fifth grade when she suddenly developed flu-like symptoms and one day woke up with a rash on her face in the shape of a bullseye. Her parents took her to the doctor and she was diagnosed with Lyme disease. Soon, she was in a wheelchair and was transferred to a special needs class. “Losing control over your body and feeling yourself sliding backwards and there’s nothing you can do to stop it,” have been her experience since she was diagnosed.

With the support of family, friends, teachers, counselors and a team of doctors, Sheridan was able to graduate from Oakton High School after five years. Now, the 19-year-old is a student at George Mason University and has even started an intense exercise program. She calls herself a “survivor of Lyme disease.”

Sheridan represented the patient perspective in a forum on the impact of Lyme disease in Fairfax County students held on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Fairfax High School. “Why are we talking about a tiny bug?” said Executive Director of the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association Monte Skall.

LYME may not be grabbing the headlines, like Ebola, but the Centers for Disease Control estimates Lyme cases to be 300,00 per year and Fairfax County has an average of 212 new cases per year for the past five years, said Skall.

Steve Thomas, a teacher at Kilmer Middle School in Vienna, would consider Sheridan lucky—her diagnosis was immediate and accurate. Thomas’ symptoms occurred in 2005, while he and his family were living in Nicaragua. Two years later, his mysterious affliction forced his family to move back to the United States.

Doctors told Thomas that he had ALS. He and his family started planning for his death. It was while watching the documentary Under Our Skin that something clicked for him. “I immediately knew I had Lyme disease,” he said. “I have never been so excited to have had Lyme disease” compared to ALS.

Prior to Thomas’ epiphany, he had had three negative tests for Lyme disease in a three year period.

The disease is hard to diagnose for a variety of reasons. Psychiatrist Joseph Annibali described Lyme disease as the “Great Imitator” because it and its co-infections can mimic other diseases.

As chief psychiatrist at Reston Amen Clinics, he has seen cognitive and psychiatric issues resulting from the disease, such as brain fog or clouding of consciousness, ADHD, anxiety, mood disorders, OCD, and anger. Annibali’s daughter also has Lyme disease.

Because the disease’s symptoms often appear as symptoms of other illnesses, treatment can be hard to pinpoint. Heather Applegate, a psychologist for Loudoun County Public Schools who was undiagnosed for many years, said that the prescription of



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Panelists, from left, Steve Thomas, Eboni Cornish, Alessandra Luchini, Lance Liotta, Joseph Annibali, Tara Fox, Heather Applegate, Kate Sheridan, Joshua Smith, and Nancy Fox, present their experiences treating and living with Lyme disease on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Fairfax High School during a public forum on Lyme disease.

More Information

Lyme Disease Signs and Symptoms
http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/signs_symptoms/
National Capital Lyme Disease Association
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medication for diseases that are not Lyme disease are common occurrence.

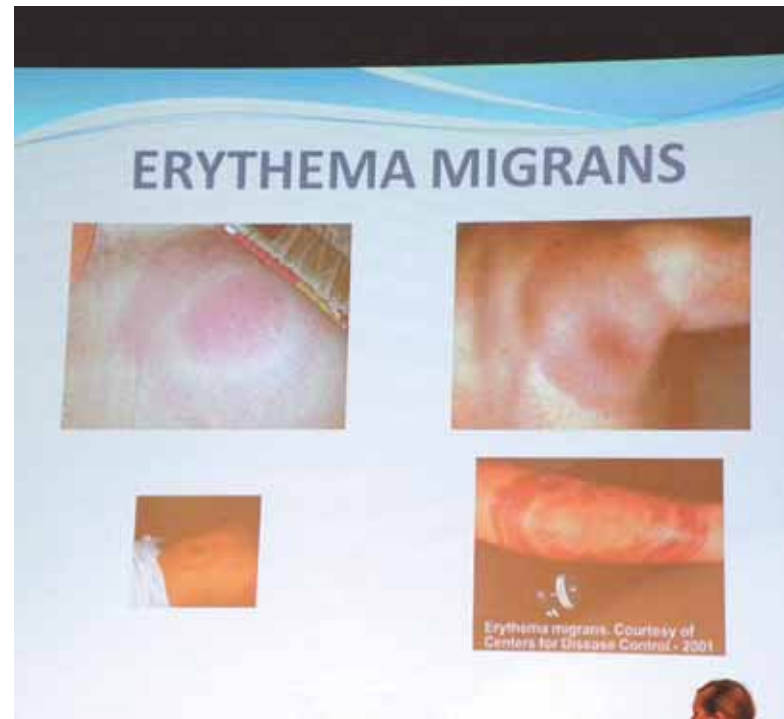
“Tick-borne illness has confounded the brightest of parents and the best of doctors,” said Skall.

“The saddest thing is an undiagnosed patient,” said Applegate. Children who go undiagnosed causes the family fear for the child’s survival and mistrust of health care and school officials. “I’m confident that Fairfax County Schools are dealing with undiagnosed” cases, she said. “It’s a good idea for the school system to be educated about these kids,” said Applegate.

The test for Lyme disease is also unreliable. Nancy Fox has written books and curricula about Lyme disease education. On the day she was tested in 2003, her first result in the morning was negative but she tested positive for Lyme disease later that afternoon.

RESEARCHERS at George Mason University have made some progress in creating a more accurate and timely test for diagnosis called Nanotrap Urinary Antigen Test for Lyme. Lance Liotta and Alessandra Luchini of the George Mason Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine said that the test has the potential to increase the specificity and level of sensitivity for Lyme antigens. It is also non-invasive and can test the efficacy of treatment.

How does one prevent Lyme disease? Avoid ticks and tick places, dress properly—long sleeves, long pants—apply repellents and insecticides, and check for ticks, suggested Joshua Smith of the Fairfax County Health Department. But with all these precautions, he said “it is still possible for ticks to escape these defenses.”



Erythema Migrans, a bullseye shaped rash, is a characteristic symptom of Lyme disease.

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Organized locally, an estimated 400 people will participate in the 6K (3.6-mile) or optional Golden Mile walk. Registration for the event begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by the walk at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, in Fairfax Station and ends at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax. Shuttles will be available at both the starting and ending locations. Walkers will enjoy live entertainment and refreshments at the conclusion of the walk.

“I invite each of you to walk on November 23 in kinship and solidarity with neighbors near and far to make a difference,” said Janet Smith, coordinator of the Burke CROP Hunger Walk. “CROP walkers walk so struggling families can rebuild their

lives, whether it’s here in the U.S., Latin America, or Africa.” Funds raised by CROP Hunger Walkers nationwide feed the hungry, assist uprooted people, and empower families and communities around the world to help themselves.

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CROP Hunger Walk participants raise money by collecting pledges from sponsors. Sponsor/registration envelopes can be obtained from participating congregations, or by contacting Janet Smith 703-455-9025 or BurkeVA.CROP@cox.net). “And if you can’t walk on Walk day, or just want to broaden your horizon of sponsors, you can walk on the web with us,” Smith said. Visit www.crophungerwalk.org/burkeva to find out how.

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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.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

S.T.E.M. Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (S.T.E.M.) Monthly focus on one of the STEM subjects with stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers. Age 4-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Ancestors Tutoring. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Sign up for a one-on-one genealogy tutoring session. Adults. 703-249-1520.

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Clifton's "haunted" bridge lives up to the hype, at least for a few hours during the community's Haunted Trail event to be held from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 25

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The Little Women of Virginia: The Adventures of a Navy Widow & her Daughters during the Civil War. 2 p.m. Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Adele Air retells how the Forrest family lived during the Civil War. 703-591-0560.

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Clifton Haunted Trail. 7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 26

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Concert Series U.S. Army Strings. 4:30-6 p.m. Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax. Free concert. Offering may be taken. 703-591-3120.

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U.S. Senate candidate Ed Gillespie, a Republican and former White House aide, speaks in a debate held in McLean.



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U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Virginia) speaks in a debate held in McLean.

Senate Candidates Debate

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line), Senator Warner voted to block that from moving forward.”

Warner replied that those votes were “mostly procedural votes ... What he didn’t say as well is when I voted against off-shore drilling is because there was no proceeds coming back to Virginia.”

Tumulty, a former Time Magazine writer, kicked off a spirited debate on immigration reform and the DREAM act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act.)

Supporters argue the latest version of the bipartisan legislation would produce a variety of social and economic benefits, while critics contend that it would reward illegal immigration and encourage more of it, inviting fraud and shielding gang members from deportation.

She asked the question to Gillespie first.

“A moment ago you spoke quite passionately about your own family’s story as an example of the kind of opportunity this country has offered immigrants,” Tumulty said. “Back in April, Mark Herring, the attorney general of Virginia declared that undocumented, qualified immigrants who grew up in Virginia, who graduated from high school in the commonwealth could qualify for in-state tuition at universities and colleges in Virginia. Do you agree with this policy?”

“I understand it,” Gillespie said. “It’s a state policy. I’m running for the U.S. Senate.”

Gillespie went on to say that the U.S. “should have a means by which we can issue fresh visas to people who are here if they have, you know, not violated any other laws beside our immigration law.”

But he also said any legislative approach begins with securing our borders.

“The fact that we have a porous southern border today is not just an immigration concern, it is a national security concern with the growing threat if ISIS or ISIL. And it is a public health threat and a public safety threat with the growing concerns about Ebola ...”

Warner said he agreed the immigration system is broken.

“The thing is, the Senate actually put together a bipartisan plan that would do that ... It more than doubles border security,” Warner said.

Warner said the bipartisan bill dealt with the question about special work visas, and other immigration reform issues.

“How do we make sure we have those tech workers that graduate from George Mason or Virginia Tech, they don’t have to go home, and they simply have to go to Canada for those high-paying jobs now because (Canada) fixed their immigration system ...”

IN THE MOST CONTENTIOUS MOMENT of the debate, Warner castigated Gillespie for withdrawing his support of the bill.

“Remarkable thing, this bill was supported by 68 senators ... Was it perfect? Maybe not. But we got nothing back from the House. And what I find curious is back when this bill was being debated my opponent, Ed, wrote and said that this bill was both good policy and good politics. Now he said on the campaign trail that he’s against the comprehensive Senate immigration reform bill. And I just wonder what’s changed? Did the policy change or the politics changed?”

“Nothing changed on my end,” Gillespie shot back. “And it’s, you know, PolitiFact,

Warner-Gillespie Debate ‘Disappointing’

Libertarian candidate says chamber’s decision to include only major-party candidates in U.S. Senate debate a “disservice” to voters.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

After a full day of campaigning at Fort Belvoir on Friday, Oct. 11, Robert Sarvis talked about his campaign for U.S. Senate, and his disappointment in not being invited to participate in Tuesday’s U.S. Senate Debate — a major televised debate hosted by The Fairfax Chamber at Capitol One’s convention center in McLean.

“The Fairfax Chamber informed us that it was nothing other than ‘tradition’ to only invite major party candidates,” Sarvis said.

“But this was after we formally requested an invitation, noted that over 145,000 Virginians voted for Robert Sarvis for governor in 2013, and sent them a petition signed by over 1,000 Virginians in support of a three-candidate debate.”

“It was disappointing,” Sarvis said. “Once again, Virginia voters did not hear from all the candidates on the ballot in Tuesday’s debate.”

Sarvis noted that neither of the first two debates featured questions about civil liberties and privacy, and he is the “only candidate in the race who will fight to protect all our constitutional liberties, end the mass surveillance of innocent Americans, and rein in America’s interventionist foreign policy.”

“If I had been on stage with my oppo-



COURTESY PHOTO

Robert Sarvis

nents, I would force them to open up and defend their records on these issues,” Sarvis said.

“Independent and libertarian-leaning voters aren’t the only victims of establishment-only debates,” Sarvis continued. “Had I been on stage tonight, I could have challenged the spin and hypocrisy of both my opponents. All Virginia voters would benefit from a real debate among all the candidates on the ballot.”

“Moreover, my ‘Open-Minded and Open for Business’ vision resonates with voters who don’t identify with either major political party, particularly the majority of millennial voters who are willing to support a candidate who is both fiscally responsible and socially tolerant.”

Robert ‘Rob’ C. Sarvis, Libertarian

Family: Wife Astrid; 2 children: Harlan, Ai-Li

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Education: MA, Economics, George Mason University, 2013; JD, Law, New York University, 2005; MA, Mathematics, University of Cambridge, 1999; BA, Mathematics, Harvard, 1998

Political Experience: Candidate, Commonwealth of Virginia, Governor, 2013; Candidate, Virginia State Senate, District 35, 2011

Professional Experience: Co-Founder, Wertago Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), 2008-present; Graduate Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 2011-2013; Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, 2006-2008; Law Clerk, E. Grady Jolly, U.S. Court of Ap-

peals, Fifth Circuit, 2005-2006; Summer Associate, Kirkland and Ellis, 2004; Summer Associate, Fish and Neave, 2003; Software Developer, Bang Networks, 2000-2002; Technical Assistant, Department of Defense, 1994-1998

Religious, Civic, and other Memberships: Member, Virginia Citizen Defense League, 2011-present; Member, District of Columbia Bar Association, 2007-present; Member, New York State Bar Association, 2006-present; Founder, Journal of Law & Liberty, New York University

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which you cited earlier, looked at my position on immigration reform and said it’s been entirely consistent. And it has been.”

In the past month, several polls have come out showing that support for Gillespie is growing, although Warner still has a commanding lead. A survey from the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher New-

port University, which came out the same day as the debate, showed likely voters favoring Warner by 12 points on the day of the debate. Gillespie noted his growing support in a brief post-debate Q&A with reporters.

“I feel real momentum ... the race is narrowing,” Gillespie said.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Neighborhood Fall Festival. 5-8 p.m. King of Kings Lutheran Church and Preschool, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. Fun activities for the entire family. There will be a moon bounce, games and prizes, a maze and haunted room, food, hot cider, s'mores, face painting, story time, crafts, a costume parade, raffles, pumpkin decorating and much more. It will end with Trunk or Treat for the kids at sun down. Free. 703-378-7272, ext. 225, jhangen@kofk.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 27

Stories for Three to Fives:

Halloween Fun. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, songs and activities filled with Halloween fun. Age 3-5 years with adult. Come in your costume (optional) and join our Halloween parade. 703-644-7333.

39 Clues Book Club. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The 39 Clues series follows Amy Cahill and her brother Dan as they travel the world to hunt for clues. The second adventure is "One False Note" by Gordon Korman. Activities and discussion. Age 9-12. 703-249-1520.

Pohick Prose Society. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Teens talk about books. Call for title. Age 13-18. 703-644-7333.

TUESDAY/OCT. 28

Eric Energy: Halloween Blast. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Join Eric

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Build your child's early literacy skills with stories, songs and play. Age 1-2 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Time for Twos. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Join us for a story time focusing on early literacy skills just for 2s. Age 2 with adult. 703-451-8055.

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George Mason University Visiting Filmmakers Series. 7:30 p.m. Johnson Center, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. Showing of Out in the Night, with question and answer with director Dorosh Walther, producer Giovanna Chesler, and professor and subject Renata Hill. Free. Open to public. 703-993-2768.

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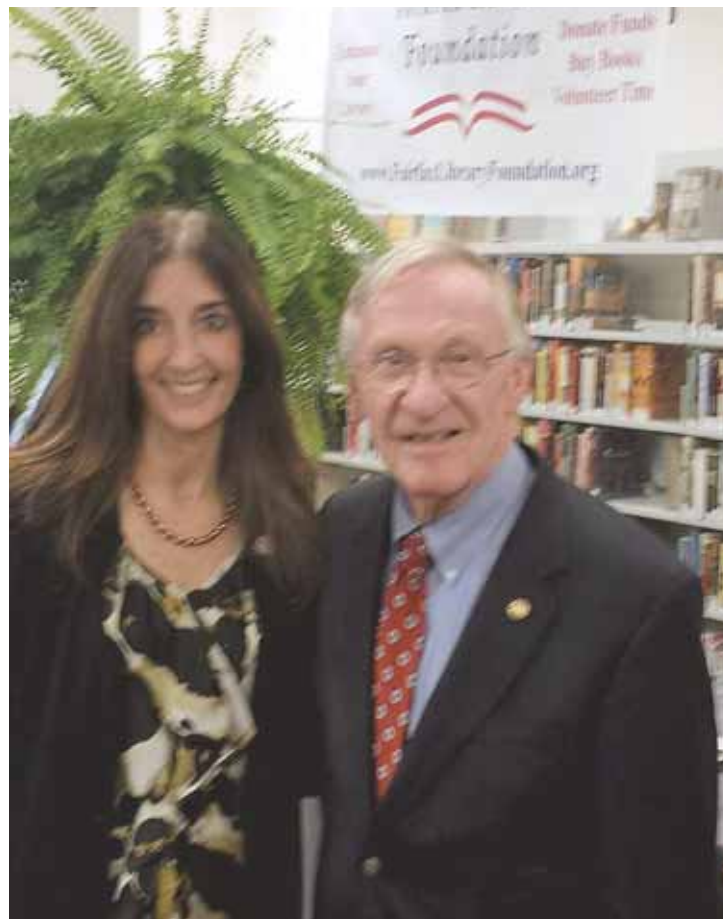
Fun Flicks. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch movies based on children's books. See Dem Bones, Dinosaur Bones and Teeny-Tiny and the Witch Woman. All ages. Register each child and adult separately. 703-644-7333.

Library Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the Fairfax County Public Library system held their annual Library Jubilee Gala. The night celebrated the Fairfax County Public Library's 75th anniversary with both a live and silent auction, entertainment provided by the George Mason University School of Music and a keynote speech by Gary Noesner, a former FBI Hostage Negotiator and author of "Stalling for Time."

Among the night's attendees were Congressman Gerry Connolly, Delegates Eileen Filler-Corn and Ken Plum and Fairfax Chairman Sharon Bulova. The event was held at the City of Fairfax Regional Library this year.

Delegates Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Ken Plum (D-36) celebrate Fairfax County Public Libraries 75th Anniversary at the Library Jubilee on Saturday, Oct. 18.



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Robinson goalkeeper Caroline Freeman recorded a shutout against Centreville in the Conference 5 tournament quarterfinals on Oct. 20.



Robinson's Addie Walsh scored a goal against Centreville in the Conference 5 tournament quarterfinals on Oct. 20.

Robinson Goalie Freeman Shuts Out Centreville

Rams earn regional berth with tournament victory.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

In a matchup of quality goalkeepers with their seasons on the line, it was Robinson's Caroline Freeman who walked off the field with a clean sheet and an opportunity to play another day.

The Robinson field hockey team defeated the Centreville Wildcats 3-0 in the win-or-go-home quarterfinal round of the Conference 5 tournament on Oct. 20 at Robinson Secondary School. Both Freeman and Centreville's Kylie LeBlanc entered the contest in the top five for saves in the Washington, D.C.-metro area, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. The Rams and Wildcats were locked in a scoreless tie in the second half before Robinson scored three goals in a span of five minutes, including two against LeBlanc.

Robinson's Addie Walsh scored the game's first goal with 20:35 remaining in the second half. Katie O'Loughlin found the back of the cage less than two minutes later, and Charlotte Clark put the finishing touches on the 3-0 win.

"I think once we got that first goal," Rams head coach Lindsay Arnsmeier said, "they just calmed down."

LeBlanc, a sophomore, tallied four saves and finished her season ranked third in the area with 160.

"She's aggressive," Centreville head coach Demby Banbury said. "She is not afraid. And if you look at her, she's constantly ready. Even if the ball is [at the other end of the field], she's never just standing there. She's always focused and she's only a sophomore."

Freeman, a senior, had three saves and sits in fifth with a 114 and an opportunity



Katie O'Loughlin and the Robinson field hockey team secured a berth in the 6A North region tournament with a 3-0 win over Centreville on Oct. 20.

to add to her total.

"[Freeman has] been amazing," Arnsmeier said. "She is one of my key players on defense. She's explosive. I think she's the top goalie in the area."

Freeman became a field hockey goalie her freshman year. Her comfort level grew after a couple seasons and now she wants to play at the collegiate level.

"I was just sort of thrown into the position," Freeman said. "... I was a soccer goalie and my teammates needed a [field hockey] goalie for freshman year because they didn't have one. They said it's just like [playing] soccer goalie. It wasn't. It was a new thing. I got more comfortable in the pads to the point where soccer goalie became hard to play because I wasn't comfortable without pads."

Arnsmeier said Freeman has taken control during her senior season.

"Last year, she was a little timid with some of the things that she did," Arnsmeier said. "She wouldn't come out as much. Now, she

"She is one of my key players on defense. She's explosive. I think she's the top goalie in the area."

— Robinson field hockey coach Lindsay Arnsmeier about Caroline Freeman

"... Her communication at the beginning of last season was terrible and that was the main thing that we focused on, that she needs to be talking the whole time. Now, you can always hear her."

The victory advanced Robinson to the conference tournament semifinals and earned the Rams a berth in the 6A North region tournament. The Rams faced No. 1 seed and defending state champion Westfield in the semifinals on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

The conference tournament championship game is Thursday, Oct. 23 at Oakton High School.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

West Springfield Football Beats Lake Braddock

The West Springfield football team sits in second place in the Patriot District after knocking off defending champion Lake Braddock 16-14 on Oct. 17 at West Springfield High School.

The Spartans improved to 5-2, including 3-1 in district play.

West Springfield will travel to face Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

Robinson Football Suffers First Loss

The Robinson football team was knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten, losing to Westfield 31-14 on Oct. 17.

The Rams (6-1) will travel to face Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

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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.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Teen Advisory Board Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Board members meet biweekly to plan and implement projects and programs that will enhance library services for teens. Age 13-18. Free. 703-249-1520.

Take Control of Your Blood Sugar. 3 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. R.N. and Certified Health Counselor Anita Capizzi discusses how to lower blood sugar levels naturally through simple diet and lifestyle changes. Adults. 703-293-6227.

MONDAY/OCT. 27

Library Tech Help. 11 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Get library-related electronic resources questions answered. Includes help with eBooks and compatible devices. Adults. Bring library card, eBook reader and laptop. 703-293-6227.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Adult. Gloria Monick, gsmonick@aol.com 703-250-0877.

TUESDAY/OCT. 28

Library Tech Help. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Get library-related electronic resources questions answered. Includes help with eBooks and compatible devices. Adults. Bring library card, eBook reader and laptop. 703-293-6227.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve English conversation. Adults. 703-451-8055.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Practice speaking English with others and improve skills. Adults. 703-293-6227.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Practice English with others and improve skills. 703-644-7333.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Walk-in eBook and Computer Clinic. 10 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Help with downloading library eBooks. Bring device and its account ID and password. Help with basic computer skills. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Library Tech Help. 6 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Get library-related electronic resources questions answered. Includes help with eBooks and compatible devices. Adults. Bring library card, eBook reader and laptop. 703-293-6227.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1-SATURDAY/NOV. 22

NVRC Collecting Blankets for Refugees. Several Fairfax County locations. Northern Virginia Regional Commission will collect blankets to help Syrian refugees. www.helpsyrianrefugees.net/

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

Recycling Event. noon-5 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Recycle outdated electronics and save a dog's life. Questions on what to bring, info@aforeverhome.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 15.

NAACP Branch Election. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Election of branch officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee.

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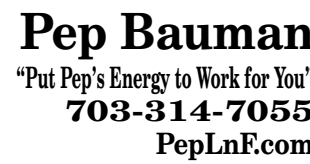
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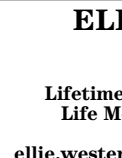
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