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Sgt. Dave Kuhar of Sully District Police; Gary Welschenbach of the Clifton Lions; Pat Herrity, Springfield district supervisor; John Frey, clerk of the court; Lt. Matt Owens of Sully District Police; and Jim Chesley, former mayor of Clifton and show organizer.

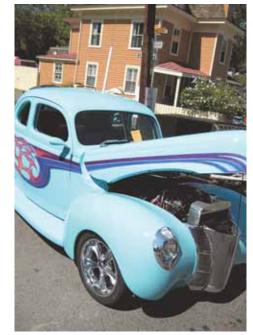
Clifton Labor Day Car Show a Huge Success

he 16th annual Clifton Labor Day Car Show was a huge success on Monday, Sept. 7, featuring some 310 registered cars and earning approximately \$30,000 for two charities: Life with Cancer and the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. The show held in downtown Historic Clifton featured street rods, foreign, customs, antiques, trucks, muscle cars, motorcycles and more. In the 16 years of the show's existence, more than \$300,000 has been raised for different charities. The show is presented by the Clifton Lions Club and the Clifton Acacia Lodge.

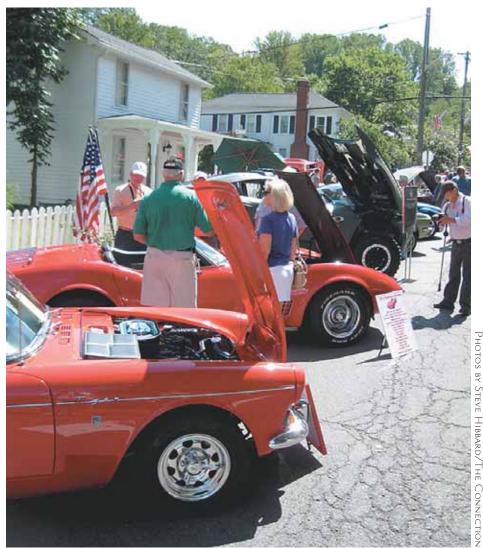
"It's been a beautiful day with a great turnout," said former Clifton Mayor and show organizer Jim Chesley. "It's been stupendous; everybody has done a wonderful job."

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity added: "It's one of the best kept secrets in the county; it's a special place."

— Steve Hibbard



A blue 1940 Ford Coupe owned by Sally Shifflett.



The 16th annual Clifton Labor Day Car Show drew a multitude of car enthusiasts and helped raise \$30,000 for local charities.



Rob Winston, of Springfield, shows off his 1923 Ford T-Bucket which he rebuilt into a 1950s drag racer.

Ora Lee

Mudd Mason Ora Lee Mudd Mason, 90, of Lorton,

died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015 at her home. Mrs. Mason was born to Horace and Belle Mudd on June 21, 1925 in Alexandria. She grew up as the youngest of eight brothers and sisters on North Saint Asaph Street and lived in the city until 2002. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years Harry W. Mason in

A career employee of the Alexandria

City Public Schools, she worked in the cafeteria at both Mount Vernon School and George Washington High/Middle School retiring in 1990 as the last in-house baker in the Alexandria school system.

She was a dedicated member of the First Assembly of God Church from its origins on South Patrick Street in the

1930s and was later a pillar of the congregation which moved to Braddock Heights in 1965. Ora Lee, known by the congregation as "Mama Mason," served the church



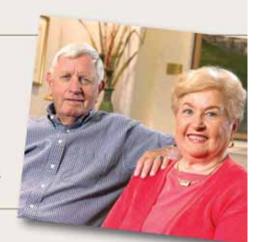
and the community as a caterer for over five decades at scores of socials, weddings, and special events often serving hundreds of people at a time. Her catering was extended to other Alexandria groups including the Railroad Evangelists, Alexandria-Washington DeMolay, G.W. sports banquets and the former Methodist Protestant Church. Never was there a

charge for her labors as she considered it as her calling in the service of the Lord.

Ora Lee and Harry's kitchen ministry was

at its height during their summer-long "vacation" every year as the cooks for the Assembly of God's Potomac Park Camp in Falling Waters, W.Va. For over 30 years, thousands of campers, staff and visitors feasted on their food preparations. For several years in the 1970s they served as cooks during mission trips to the Lumbee Indian reservation in North Carolina. Ora Lee was devoted to her family and friends. She is survived by her daughter Noreen L. Perry of Lorton and had three grandsons, a number of great grandchildren and many adoring nephews and nieces.

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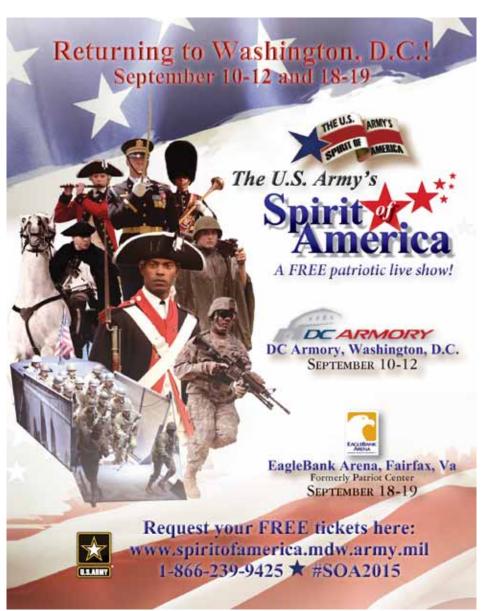
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News



South County High School principal Matt Ragone looks at class schedules with students during the first day of school.

South County Welcomes Stallions

outh County High School principal Matt Ragone has been having "a blast" since he got to the school in the middle of last year.

This being his first first day with these students, he said standing at the doors to the school "reinvigorated" him and other faculty with a reminder of their purpose in education

Among the principal's goals for this school year are "making sure everyone feels wel-

outh County High School principal come and has a place," and "breaking out Matt Ragone has been having "a of department silos."

"Everyone sees it, says it's a challenge," Ragone said, referring to "pockets" of disconnected students in years past.

To accomplish the latter goal, he's hired the school's first "instructional coach" to work with teachers on collaborating and coordinating curriculums.

—TIM PETERSON SEE VIEWPOINTS, PAGE 5

- School 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.

Raymond J. King of Clifton earned his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, with a focus on Robotics, from the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of Utah at the close of the Fall 2014 semester. An NSF - IGERT grant helped fund his post-graduate studies there. A 2003 graduate of Robinson Secondary School, Raymond went on to receive both his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech before marrying fellow VT engineering graduate, Amelia Davis. He is the son of Clifton residents Dr. Graham and Jane King.

Ava Lakmazaheri from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) won the Best of Category Award and a first award in Robotics and Intelligent Machines at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, held in Pittsburgh.

Lakmazaheri earned the awards for her project, Brain-Actuated Robotics: Controlling and Programming a Humanoid Using Electroencephalography. Lakmazaheri also won several special awards.

Katie Bershadsky, born and raised in Burke, has been selected to the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society in the local chapter at Kennesaw State University. Delta Epsilon Iota was established to recognize and encourage academic excellence in all fields of study. Bershadsky is expected to graduate in 2018 with a major in public relations.

Her parents are Scott and Kim Bershadsky. Her grandparents Malcolm and Marcia have lived in Burke for more than 30 years.

Jacob M. Sage, of Burke, Junior, Pre-Construction Engr Mgt. has made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall term at the Oregon State University. A total of 861 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,598 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing.

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—James F. Hind

What are you most looking forward to today, this school year?

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Jenna Huber, junior:

"Meeting new people. I went to West Springfield High School last year, and before that was in school in Korea."



Katelyn Crafts, senior:

"Graduating, then becoming a teacher for either elementary school or preschool."



Nakkara Hess, senior:

"It's my last year of reckless youth — I want a STOP sign. Also being happy with friends during our last year together."



Sarah Benson, senior:

"Getting our literary magazine 'Xanthus' off the ground has been my project after getting inspired by Creative Writing teacher Mr. Ketch. We started an online page this summer: The website is schsxanthus.wordpress.com."

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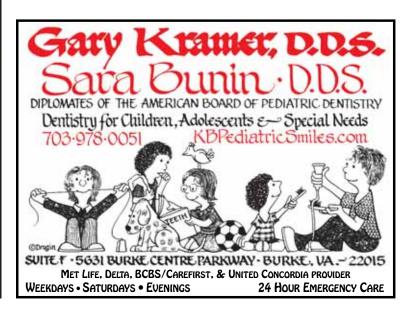
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OPINION

Focusing on Suicide Prevention

Help is a phone call away.

his week is Suicide Prevention Week. Preventing suicide means paying attention to mental health and treating depression, and there is no better time to focus on that than the first week of school.

In 2013, more than 41,000 people ended their own lives in the United States, more than 21,000 with firearms. (Compare to the number of murders in 2013, 16,120.) In 2013, more than 800,000 people were treated in

U.S. emergency departments for selfinflicted injuries. More than a million adults report making a suicide attempt each year, while many more people struggle

with thoughts of suicide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death

for Americans overall and the second leading cause of death among adolescents and young adults aged 15-29. More than half of suicides involve firearms.

In 2013, 1,047 Virginians died by suicide, with white males accounting for 716 of those deaths. The Southside region had the highest suicide rate at 19.3 per 100,000 in 2013, while the Northern region had the lowest rate at 10.1 deaths. (By comparison, there were 383 homicides in Virginia in 2013.)

Two groups particularly at risk are youth and the elderly. Data from the Virginia Department of Health indicates that rates of suicide in Virginia were higher for older people than youth

— but suicide is a leading cause of death for young people.

One strategy to prevent suicide is to learn about the warning signs of suicide, which can include individuals talking about wanting to hurt themselves, increasing substance use, and having changes in their mood, diet, or sleeping patterns, according to the CDC. When these warning signs appear, quickly connecting the person to supportive services is critical. Pro-

moting opportunities and settings that strengthen connections among people, families, and communities is another suicide prevention goal.

Exhibiting any of the signs listed below is reason for an immediate call to the National Suicide Prevention hotline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK). If you cannot reach someone on this line, go to an emergency room, make sure you or your loved one is not alone until professional help arrives and remove all firearms, sharp objects, drugs, alcohol and other things that could be used in a suicide attempt.

- * Talking about wanting to die or kill one-
- Talking or writing about suicide or death.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- ❖ Talking about being a burden to others and how the world would be better off with-
- Talking about being trapped or in unbearable pain.

- Showing rage or talking about seeking re-
- arms, pills, or other means to kill oneself.

See http://www.afsp.org/understanding-

- Mary Kimm

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Correction

In last week's editorial ("How to Vote; It Matters," Sept. 2, 2015), a list of offices up for election in Fairfax County failed to mention school board races. Here is the corrected

Complete withdrawal.

- * Displaying extreme mood swings and act-
- ❖ Looking for ways to kill oneself, such as searching online or obtaining access to fire-
- Giving away prized possessions and other personal things; tying up loose ends.

suicide/facts-and-figures

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Safety Is Paramount for the New School Year

A message from the Chief of Police about safety and the start of the new school year: Dear Community Member,

As each school year comes to an end, the Fairfax County Police Department in partnership with our great community, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), and the Virginia Department of Transportation, begins a process to prepare for the start of school in the fall. Our mutual goal has always been and continues to be the safety of your children, pedestrians, and commuters to and from schools at the beginning and end of each day.

Your Police Department is committed to ensuring all children are safe at all crossings while maintaining efficient vehicle traffic flow. Based on your input, through an audit process, we have retrained crossing guards and up-

now certified in directing and controlling vehicle traffic outside the scope of the crosswalk to help alleviate traffic congestion. We will continue to audit all locations throughout the school year as mandated by our policy. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Captain Michael F. Grinnan, Commander of Traffic Division, at Michael.Grinnan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

EDITORIAL

The following links are available to learn more about school cross-

You can visit the Fairfax County Police Department map of all school crossing sites at http:// fairfaxcountygis.maps.arcgis.com/ apps/Viewer/index.html?appid= 708ad1ef5c924029a9d12125d4c17ee8%20

To view the Police Department's policy on school crossing guards, please visit: FCPD General Order 530.3.

For more information regarding your school start time, please visit: FCPS 2015-2016 Bell Schedule.

As a reminder, the beginning of each school year requires all of us to take extra caution in traveling our roadways and to be patient as graded several positions which are others adjust to new routines in

our day to logistically get our children to and from school. As your Chief of Police, we welcome your input to improve the safety of our children.

Sincerely,

Edwin C. Roessler Jr, Col Chief of Police

Giving Diplomacy a Chance

To the Editor:

I thank Senator Mark Warner for his September 3 statement supporting the deal our government has jointly negotiated with other world powers to curb Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Nothing will be easy going forward with Iran. However, Senator Warner, like nearly 10,000 Virginians whose petitions we presented to him on Aug. 26, has rightly recognized that we must give diplomacy a chance well before force can be considered as a last, neces-

Northern Virginia can be thank-

ful that both our U.S. Senators plus Congressmen like Gerry Connolly and Don Beyer favor pursuing our best available option, which is the negotiated deal on the table, rather than precipitously risk putting our country again down the pathway to unnecessary war. We can only hope many more of their colleagues in Congress will see the logic and morality of this choice.

> **Govind Nair** Fairfax

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PEOPLE

Clifton Teen Earns Nationwide Service Grant

hristina Anton, a Robinson Secondary School senior from Clifton, has earned a \$500 student service grant as part of a nationwide project coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in partnership with "generationOn," a global youth service organization.

Anton will partner with the Fairfax County government and the Clifton Betterment Association to use the grant to help fund maintenance of a wooded area known as 8-Acre Park, which is near her home.

Anton said, "With increased

concern about tick-borne illnesses, very few people visit 8-Acre Park in the summer. As a result, bushes along the trails and camping area have become overgrown.

By removing excess vegetation, we'll contribute to both Lyme Disease prevention and increased use of the park by community residents."

Anton learned about the generationOn grant opportunity while representing the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) during NRECA's annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, which was held June 14-18, 2015.

"For 50 years, America's electric cooperatives have invested in our students by sending youth delegates to Washington, D.C., thereby allowing some of our



Christina Anton

best and brightest students to gain first-hand insight," said Stan Feuerberg, president and CEO of NOVEC. Christina's parents are NOVEC members.

"Students are our beacon of hope for the future," he continued. "This grant program builds on that investment, giving our students the tools to expand their résumés while applying what they've learned to directly benefit their communities."

Mary Howell, youth tour director with the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, which represents NOVEC and 14

other electric cooperatives in three states, added, "This project will help Christina learn valuable handson leadership skills at the same time. We're honored to be able to help Christina give back, and look forward to watching her grow into a future leader."

Upon completion of her project, Anton plans to work with Virginia State Delegate Tim Hugo to increase awareness of how Virginia residents can prevent tick-borne illnesses while enjoying outdoor activities.

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Home Life Style

'Remodeled Home Tour'

3,700-square-foot, four-bedroom center hall Colonial renovated in phases over nearly two decades will be featured in a "Remodeled Home Tour" sponsored by Sun Design Remodeling. The house, at 1611 Noral Place in Alexandria, is owned by Paul and Laurie Carter. The residence will open to the public Sept. 12, noon-4 p.m.

Purchased by the Carters in 1998, the home has evolved steadily over the years. Originally a production house with builder-grade finishes, the whole house remodel now on display demonstrates the kinds of improvements and upgrades that can occur when owners continue to occupy, modifying the environment to suit evolving interests.

"The ideal of long term ownership is the option to create a home that, over time, becomes more supportive of favored activities and aesthetic preferences," says Bob Gallagher, Sun Design executive vice president.

"We are finding this kind of on-going commitment to personalizing a residence much more frequently than in decades past."

Sun Design Remodeling frequently sponsors tours of recently remodeled homes as well as workshops on home remodeling topics. Headquartered in Burke, the firm recently opened a second office in McLean. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com for more.

— John Byrd



BEFORE: The original kitchen relied on rows of builder-grade cabinets for storage. Eliminating walls initially seemed impossible to Laurie, but custom cabinets by Sun Design's Jeremy Fleming created the opportunity for a wholly different floorplan.

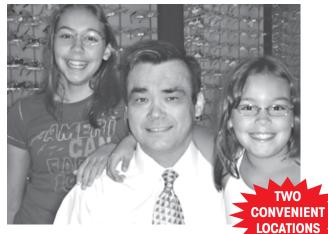


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AFTER: Paul and Laurie Carter, who remodeled their Alexandria home in several phases over nearly two decades, have made their home available for an "open house" Saturday, Sept. 12. The open kitchen plan (shown) was part of the final phase. Sun Design Remodeling introduced a transitional-style interior design.

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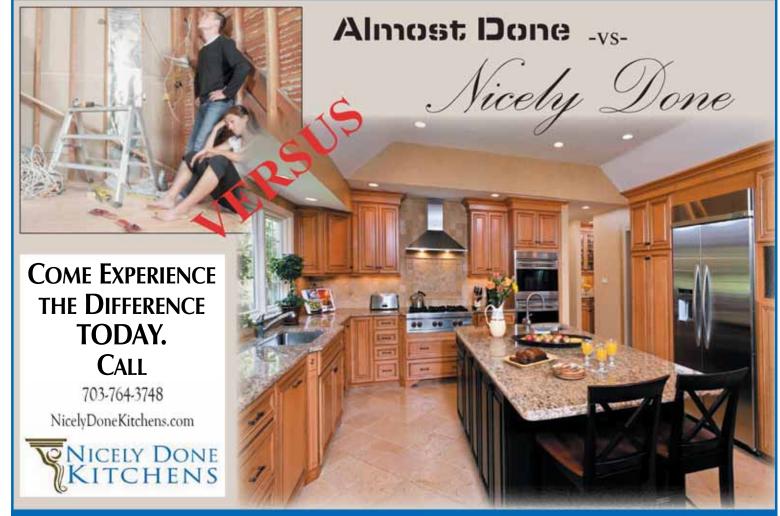
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Thinking of downsizing?

Free seminar will focus on moving to a smaller place without sacrificing style.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

omeowners considering a move from a large home to a smaller dwelling will have an opportunity to receive expert advice on their transition later this month. Representatives from the real estate, moving and home design industries will host a lifestyle seminar to discuss downsizing issues like interior design, organizing and packing.

"The lifestyle seminar will address all aspects of moving and condo living, including what to keep, what to donate and how to decide," said Christine Basso of TTR Sotheby's International Realty. "The experts at Town & Country Movers will discuss ways to make the entire moving process

run smoothly from starting early to the most effective ways to pack to determining what goes where."

According to Basso, seminar attendees will also hear from design experts who will offer guidance on personalizing one's living space. They will also give advice on topics such as measuring existing and new furniture for space placement and incorporating an art collection into a home's design.

The seminar will be held Sunday, Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Quarry Springs estate condominiums, located at 8101 River Road in Bethesda, Maryland. The Quarry Springs complex will open later this year.

To RSVP to the free event, contact Christine Basso at 202-302-2508. Visit http://www.quarrysprings.com for more information.



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Homeowners attending a seminar on downsizing will get expert advice on issues like furniture placement, organization and interior design.

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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.

SATURDAY/AUG. 1-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Workhouse Arts Center, W-16 Vulcan Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This exhibition represents the depth and breadth of contemporary functional and sculptural ceramic artworks being created throughout the country. Visit http://www.workhousearts.org/events/visual-arts/workhouse-clay-national-2015

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Stories, songs, and activities. Library staff share with children a love for books, and parents learn to cultivate early literacy skills. Age 2-3 with adult.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 11

S.T.E.A.M Storytime. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Each month focus on one of these subjects with stories and activities appropriate for preschoolers. Age 4-5 with adult.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Oktoberfest Volksmarch. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. A volksmarch, literally translated "people's walk," is a leisurely walk through a scenic, historic, interesting area over a predetermined route. The free walk passes through lush forests and around Burke Lake. Choose from a five or 10-kilometer route (three or six miles) and walk, jog or run at your own pace. German food and drinks will be available to purchase, and the Kings Park German Band will play from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Workhouse Education Open
House. 12-3 p.m. Workhouse Arts
Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton.
Demos, hands-on workshops,
opportunities to talk one-on-one with
instructors as well as explore the
campus. Young attendees will enjoy
face painting, balloons and cotton
candy. And as a bonus, interested
students can take advantage of a 10
percent discount on tuition on a
weekly class of their choice.

Rummage Sale Fundraiser. 8 a.m. -2 p.m. Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Multi-family rummage sale fundraiser to benefit the Fairfax High School Crew Team.

Lorton's Fall Festival. 11 a.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/ calendar-of-events.html for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 13

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 3-Nov. 8. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Boulevard, Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

TUESDAY/SEPT. 15

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Stories, songs, and activities. Library staff share with www.ConnectionNewspapers.com



Photo courtesy of Jeannie Winslow, Burke Centre Festival

The 38th Annual Burke Centre Festival will take place Sept. 12-13 to celebrate the spirit of the community with rides, activities and live entertainment for all ages to enjoy.

children a love for books, and parents learn to cultivate early literacy skills. Age 2-3 with adult.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 16

Multicultural Craft Workshop. 4 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Create a craft from another country. Age 6-12.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 17

Mother Goose Storytime. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays and lay a foundation of early literacy skills for your baby. Birth to 23 months with adult.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 18

Best of FAVS Showcase. 3 p.m. Harris Theatre, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Best of FAVS Showcase will be highlighting award winning student films.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

Raise a Glass of Hope. 4-7 p.m.
Private residence in Mason Neck. A
wine tasting to benefit the Lorton
Community Action Center (LCAC).
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Fairfax County NAACP Freedom
Fund Awards Banquet. 1-5 p.m.
Waterford Springfield, 6715
Commerce Street, Springfield. Eric
Broyles, co-author of "Encounters
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to Surviva" will be the event
speaker. There will be book signing
and books available for purchase. See
the author discussing his book in a
TV interview. The rest of the evening
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Fashion Show. 2-4 p.m. The Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax. Fashion show, silent auction and dessert. A Gogo Grandmothers benefit helping African grandmothers raising orphans of AIDS. Fashions by Stein Mart. \$15. To register go to burkecommunity.com/adults/women.

Children's Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax Thousands of gently-read books and nonbook media organized into categories including picture books, early readers, nonfiction, holiday. chapter books and more.

Potomac Jazz Club Picnic. 12-6 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Join the Potomac River Jazz Club for an afternoon of jazz music. Three bands will be featured during this event: The Jefferson Street Strutters, The Capital Focus Jazz Band and The Conservatory Classic Jazz Band. Tickets \$25.

2015 Bead Challenge Event. 10
a.m. - 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Beads of Challenge(BOC) is an exclusive Beads of Courage "beadraiser" and fundraiser that brings together children who are BOC members, along with their families, by encouraging them to attend a BOC event in their community and request a dream bead. A dream bead answers the question "if I could have any bead, what would it be?" During the event, participants will see how "act of courage beads" are made and learn more about the artistic process of glass bead-making

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Date Night: Chef's Table. 7-9 p.m.

Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox
Road, Lorton. Date Night cooking
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relaxing and an escape from the daily
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prepared by participants working
together at each of the cooking
islands. Participants will be served a
tasting portion of all the entrees and
a pre-chef-selected drink of choice.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

NTRAKScale Model Train Show. 1-

4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a display and N gauge trains running. Tickets: \$2-\$4.

Doggie Splashdown. 7 p.m. Fairfax Swimming Pool, 4200 Roberts Road, Fairfax. Bring your canine for a chance to romp in the pool. A \$5 cash donation per dog is suggested, with all proceeds going to the Humane Society of Fairfax County.

MONDAY/SEPT. 21

Small Wonders. 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories, songs and finger play. Age 12-23 months.

PJ Library Book Buddies. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Enjoy Jewish storybooks from the PJ Library and make a craft.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 23

What's in the Sky? 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories, songs and finger play. Age 3-5 with adult.







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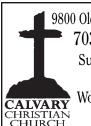
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West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett threw four touchdown passes and ran for a score during the Spartans' 35-28 win over Robinson on Sept. 4.



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West Springfield receiver Daniel Adu caught two touchdown passes against Robinson on Friday.

Muskett Leads West Springfield to Season-Opening Win Over Robinson

Junior quarterback throws four touchdown passes, rushes for one.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

ith the score tied and 1:17 remaining in the fourth quarter of Friday's contest against Robinson, West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett took the shotgun snap and headed around left end.

Moments later, the Spartan signal caller was sprinting down the sideline, turning a decent gain into a game-winning touchdown, putting the finishing touch on a fantastic season-opening effort.

Moments after Robinson tied the score, Muskett turned a quarterback trap play into a 55-yard touchdown, propelling the Spartans to a 35-28 victory on Sept. 4 at West Springfield High School. The junior and second-year varsity starter played a role in each of the Spartans' five touchdowns, leading West Springfield to its first season-opening win since 2012.

"He's a stud and he's only going to get better," third-year head coach Jason Eldredge said. "As soon as he actually starts reading the field, he's really going to be a scary football player."

Muskett took over as West Springfield's starting quarterback early in his sophomore season and led the Spartans to a share of the 2014 Conference 7 championship. West Springfield defeated Washington-Lee in the opening round of the 6A North playoffs before suffering a 27-24 season-ending loss to Lake Braddock in the quarterfinals.

THIS SEASON, West Springfield returns nine starters on offense and retained offensive coordinator Anthony Parker, bringing



Robinson running back Dajon Lee rushed for 119 yards and a touchdown against West Springfield on Friday.

continuity to that side of the ball while helping Muskett grow as a quarterback.

"The continuity thing is priceless," Eldredge said. "Unfortunately, one of [Muskett's] weaknesses early on is his ability to read and make quick decisions. That he's overcoming now, as you can see. Obviously, the physical gifts he brings to the table [are] something special, but at that position it's your mind that has to be just as sharp. Being in the same offense one year to the next is a huge help to that."

Muskett completed 11 of 18 passes for 287 yards and four touchdowns, with one interception against Robinson. He also carried 19 times for 130 yards and a score.

"I feel a lot more confident and we're clicking easier," Muskett said about his second season as a varsity starter, "and it's just completely different from last year."

Muskett connected with sophomore Jordan Hughes for a 57-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter, extending West Springfield's lead to 28-20 with 2:49 re-

maining. Robinson responded with a sixplay, 60-yard drive, capped by quarterback Alex Miller's 1-yard sneak for a touchdown. Senior running back Sean Foncha reached the ball out and broke the plane of the goal line on the ensuing two-point conversion attempt, tying the score at 28 with 1:26 remaining.

Muskett would score the game-winning touchdown on the first play of West Springfield's ensuing drive.

"He's much faster," senior left tackle Brock Vaughn said about Muskett, who increased his speed by running track. "... When he gets in the open field ... he's just gone."

After West Springfield and Robinson traded punts for much of the first quarter, Muskett gave the Spartans a 7-0 lead with a 94-yard touchdown pass to junior Daniel Adu with 1:38 remaining in the opening quarter.

Robinson led 14-7 late in the third quarter, when Muskett connected with senior Darean Robertson for a game-tying 48-yard

touchdown.

On West Springfield's next possession, Muskett again found Adu, this time for a 26-yard score, giving the Spartans a 21-14 advantage.

"Honestly, [Muskett] put the team on his shoulders and when we needed it, he responded," Eldredge said. "That's the character of that kid. He works his tail off in the offseason. For him to do what he did today, he's a stud."

Foncha scored on a 17-yard run with 7:08 remaining in the fourth quarter, diving into the end zone to cut West Springfield's lead to one. The Spartans blocked the Rams' ensuing extra-point attempt and maintained the lead at 21-20.

Foncha carried 16 times for 89 yards and one touchdown. Senior running back Dajon Lee led Robinson with 119 yards on 16 carries. His 7-yard touchdown run with 2:41 left in the second quarter tied the score at 7.

Miller completed 4 of 10 passes for 47 yards and a touchdown.

FOR WEST SPRINGFIELD, Adu finished with four receptions for 143 yards and two touchdowns. Hughes had four catches for 68 yards and a score.

"[Our] ultimate goal is [a] state championship, but we view anything less than our 9-3 record last year as a disappointment," Muskett said. "We want to match that and surpass it."

West Springfield (1-0) will open conference play on the road against Mount Vernon (1-0) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11. Robinson (0-1) will host Woodson (0-1) at 7 p.m.

"We had injuries," Eldredge said. "We were down to our last guys — we had a JV linebacker crew out there in the fourth quarter — so to me, we gutted it out. The irony of that is the way we lost our season last year, on the 1-yard line in the quarterfinal against Braddock with 1 second to go, for us to come out and win in the last seconds, means that maybe we've grown up a little bit."

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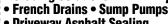
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THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

Creating a Personalized Playlist Workshop.

3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Learn more about how to identify favorite music and how to set-up and tailor an individualized playlist. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit InsightMCC.org for more information.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

Indoor Yard Sale. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. West Springfield High School - Cafeteria (Door 10), 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Massive indoor yard sale to benefit West Springfield High School's award-winning Spartan Theatre Company. Clothes, housewares, toys, games, books, DVDs and more for sale.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 15

Wakefield Chorale Singing Group. 7:30-9:30 p.m. United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Love to sing? Come join the Wakefield Chorale — a group of local men and women who enjoy singing. Practices begin Sept. 15. No audition required. Join for good music, fun and friends. For more information, please call Susan at 703-255-3489 or Johanna at 703-

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569-0214.

Financial Considerations for Caregiving.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 18

Prospective Members Meeting. 7 p.m.

GlowGolf, 8430 Old Keene Mill Court, Springfield. All members of the community age 18 or older are invited to attend these events; children are also welcome when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Kiwanis International is a global organization of members dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs at all age levels —nearly 600,000 members strong—annually raise more than \$100 million and dedicate more than 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children.

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The 32st Annual Infant Toddler Family Day

Care Provider Appreciation Celebration. 1-3 p.m. PJ Skidoos Restaurant, 9908 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Infant Toddler Family Day Care (ITFDC), a non-profit organization providing child care resource and referral services in Northern Virginia, will celebrate its 32nd anniversary. ITFDC services and supports early child care educators who provide high quality child care throughout Northern Virginia

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 25-26

Children's Consignment Sale. Friday: 9 a.m. -8 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Children's clothing and toys in good condition available for purchase.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Community Coffee House. 6-9 p.m. The Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, 8511 Hooes Road, Springfield. Community coffee house, benefiting the Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse featuring live music, coffee and baked goods donated by members of the community and local businesses. Donations appreciated.

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