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Candidates Meet on Fairfax Public Access

Clerk, Sheriff and Soil & Water incumbents and challengers answer questions.

By Tim Peterson The Connection

airfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid wasted no time in bringing up the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna during her opening remarks. Kincaid said the loss of life, which occurred in February following an incident where a team of Sheriff's deputies was attempting to transport McKenna to Alexandria police and deployed a taser on her four times, continues to weigh heavily on her.

The Sheriff and Bryan Wolfe, who is challenging her for her job, answered questions Monday night Sept. 28 as part of a "meet the candidates" event organized by the Fairfax League of Women Voters. The event took place at the studios of Fairfax Public Access and was broadcast live.

Kincaid went on to highlight that she has since banned the use of tasers in the jail, increased the use of "telepsychiatry" in the jail for inmates to receive mental health services remotely, spearheaded a "diversion first" program and made mental health training mandatory for officers in her department.

Wolfe, who has previously run against Kincaid, immediately went on the offensive, calling the state of mental health services under the Sheriff a "critical area in need of repair." He said the death of McKenna, who had mental illness, could have been pre-



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid (left) answers questions opposite opponent Bryan Wolfe (right) in a quasi-debate moderated by the Fairfax League of Women Voters co-president Helen Kelly (center).

vented if there was more Crisis Intervention Team training in the office of the Sheriff. "I gave the Sheriff warning in 2013," Wolfe said. "She basically dismissed it."

MODERATOR and Fairfax League of Women Voters co-president Helen Kelly asked the candidates how they would improve inmate access to services. Kincaid highlighted the first inmate resource fair held in 2014, which gave inmates the opportunity to meet with vendors offering help for becoming re-established members of society following release from the jail.

Wolfe criticised not being able to check success or failure rates of existing services at the jail because the Sheriff's Office's last completed and published audit was in 2013. Kincaid never directly responded to Wolfe's asking about a 2014 annual report.

When asked if, as Sheriff, they would be

part of an ad hoc review commission similar to the one currently meeting to examine policies and practices of the Fairfax County Police Department, Kincaid commented that her office is represented on the existing commission, as well as that group's subcommittees to discuss use of force and mental illness services. "We're always willing to be part of something," she said.

Wolfe responded that he would "welcome witnesses to watch what we do, welcome community involvement.

"There's nothing in the Sheriff's Office you'll have to FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] from me," Wolfe added.

The other candidates who participated in the event are vying for Clerk of the Court and Soil and Water District director. Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh was invited but did not attend the program.

Bettina Lawton and incumbent John Frey went first for Clerk, answering a variety of questions including what their top priorities would be if elected.

For Lawton, an attorney, reserve deputy sheriff and part of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, she focused on reviewing existing practices and procedures in the Fairfax Court. "We have to look at, is there a better way to do things?" she said.

As part of his answer, Frey emphasized the importance of continuing to engage with many different users throughout the court to make decisions about multi-million dollar projects.

Scott Cameron, incumbent George Lamb IV and incumbent Jerry Peters, Jr discussed the role of Soil & Water Conservation District director.

Cameron said his top three priorities would be focusing on the watersheds that are in the worst condition, targeting invasive species and advocating at the General Assembly for policy and laws that work for Fairfax County as a suburban area.

Lamb listed continued good governance, working on the Chesapeake Bay by applying data with aggregate maps and finding ways to branch out and address climate change at a County level.

Peters highlighted continuing trusted partnerships, increasing the sense of personal environmental stewardship around the County and providing more useful information to the public.

AFTERWARDS, Kelly said she thought the program went "very well."

"I think it was beneficial and educational to the community," Kelly said. "That's what we're all about."

A recording of the session will soon be available to stream through the Fairfax Public Access website at www.fcac.org.

Blue Stars Are Better than Gold

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

n the last year and a half, Fairfax County Public Schools have been able to reduce the energy consumption in their buildings by 15 percent. That cut down resulted in savings of \$4.5 million, according to a release Sept. 25 by the school system.

February 2014 marked the beginning of a partnership between Fairfax County Public Schools and Cenergistic, an energy conservation program firm. Cenergistic analysts set out to evaluate county campuses and reduce operating costs by increasing efficiency.

According to Dr. Randy Hoff, chief executive officer of Cenergistic, the school system spends approximately \$34 million

annually on utilities while operating its more than 200 campuses.

"It's a significant expense," Hoff said at the board's regular meeting on Sept. 24. He said the job is to "ensure we're eliminating waste and maintaining comfort in the buildings as well."

Hoff came before the board to announce not only the energy and money-saving accomplishments of the cooperative analysis, but that with 146 Energy Star-certified schools, Fairfax County had taken the lead as the most efficient district in the United States.

Los Angeles Unified School District was the previous leader with 142 schools Energy Star-certified.

"This is important to be first on," Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza said, "because it demonstrates to our community how seri-

Fairfax County's 146 Energy Star-certified schools make it the most energy-efficient district in the country.

ous we are about taking care of the precious taxpayer dollars that we're stewards of.

"Every dollar we save," Garza added, "can be directed back to classrooms, teacher sal increases, is important to our school system."

Michael Katz, with the Energy Star program and the Environmental Protection Agency, said that on average, schools with the Star certification generate about 30 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than non-certified schools. He, as well as several board members, commented on the way this energy-conserving program can both impact climate change and provide educational opportunities for students on being better stewards of the environment.

"The buildings in which we work, play and learn have a tremendous role to play in addressing this challenge," said Katz.

Katz and Hoff explained that 30 percent of energy used in school buildings is wasted, and the main power draw for utilities is heating and cooling.

Hoff used the examples of snow days, summer vacation and after-school as opportunities for uses of the school to be consolidated in a way that requires less heating or cooling energy. Hoff's next goal is reaching a 25 percent reduction in consumption, while continuing to ensure students and teachers are comfortable and in a hospitable learning environment. "We have a lot of runway ahead of us to improve even more," Hoff said.

McKenna Family Attorney Said Death Premeditated

Supporters outraged over lack of charges.

Abigail Constantino
The Connection

he Fairfax County NAACP held a rally for Natasha McKenna in front of the Fairfax County Courthouse on Sunday, Sept. 27. McKenna family attorney Harvey Volzer said that McKenna's death was premeditated. "The day before, all members of the SERT team discussed how they were going to take her [from the detention center to the hospital]," he said.

"Anybody with half a brain could have handled this situation better, let alone, eight supposedly trained individuals in the adult detention center. What they did was outrageous and to think that they had spent the day before planning how to do this, is sorry," said Volzer.

He said that there is no excuse for not using accepted protocol in every hospital and federal prison in the United States to chemically sedate agitated prisoners.

Instead, McKenna was tasered four times. Though no charges were brought to the officers involved, Volzer said he is still hoping.

McKenna's death manifests the issues of race and the treatment of the mentally ill.

Shirley Ginwright of NAACP Fairfax County asked why McKenna's case was not brought to the grand jury like John Geer's. In her statement she called for justice, indictment and a change in law.



Natasha McKenna's great aunt Eudora Paul carries a sign with McKenna's words the day she was tasered by officers from the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department.

lot. Write Natasha McKenna in," said Ginwright. "Vote him out."

Mental health advocate Pete Earley said that McKenna was dehumanized even in death. "Mental illness is not a crime. It is not a death sentence," he said.

"Condolences are not enough. Justice for Natasha is what we should give to her family," said Ginwright.

"Just seeking for justice. They have a family, and it's unfair," said McKenna's great aunt Eudora Paul.

McKenna's mother, Marlene Williams was supposed to attend the rally but did not make it. Volzer read a statement from the McKenna family asking the community to "demand that elected officials and those paid to protect and serve do so with humanity, integrity and fairness."



Shirley Ginwright of the Fairfax County NAACP speaks at the Justice for Natasha rally in front of the Fairfax County Courthouse on Sunday, Sept. 27.

"We encourage you to write your local lawmakers and demand increased law enforcement training on recognizing the mentally challenged and on implementing procedures to protect these individuals while in custody."

Natasha McKenna was a 37-year-old African American woman who died while being transported from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center to INOVA Alexandria. During the transport, she was tasered four times and restrained by the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team. McKenna was diagnosed with schizophrenia at age 12.

Prior to her last encounter with law enforcement on Feb. 3, she had had incidents with the police on Jan. 7, 8, 14, 15 and 26, according to the Commonwealth Attorney's report. She died four days later on Feb. 7.

"Six white men attack a naked woman and we're supposed to pretend that's not in some way tinged by a racist history in this country," said Cayce Utley of Show Up for Racial Justice of Northern Virginia.

"John Geer had a lot of public support. Where's the public support for Natasha McKenna? Where's the white folks outraged about that? We have policies and policing that treat people of color differently. This would not have happened to a white woman," said Utley. Only a handful of people attended the rally.

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond Morrogh garnered criticism for the decision not to pursue charges in McKenna's death. Morrogh is running unopposed in November.

"There's a write-in section in the the bal-

Local Senior Wii Bowlers Compete at Greenspring

The Springfield community hosted the annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics event.

or the seventh consecutive year, Greenspring retirement community in Springfield was host to the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) Wii Bowling events. On Sept. 21 and 22, 71 local senior Wii bowlers vied for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the community's specially designed, six-lane virtual bowling alley. This year, nine Greenspring residents came away with medals in the event and three residents bowled a perfect game during the competition.

The following Greenspring residents received medals in the 2015 NVSO Wii bowling competition:

Gold, women: Sara Mason (70-79 age group), Helen Moot (80-89 age group), Vivian Mitchell (90-99 age group);

Gold, men: Gene Earl (80-89 age group):

Silver, women: Gloria Tomita (70-79 age group), Martha Siemering (80-89 age group);

Silver, men: Jay Parsons (80-89 age group), Ray Kaminski (90-99 age group); Bronze, men: Ray Wright (90-99 age

Bronze, men: Ray Wright (90-99 group).

Residents Gene Earl, Jay Parsons, and Helen Moot also bowled perfect 300 games during the event. In 2011, Greenspring resident Joan Matteson bowled the first perfect game in NVSO Wii bowling history.

According to their website, "the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) was organized in 1982 for the purpose of providing senior adults an opportunity for competition and fellowship through various athletic, and recreational events." In addition to being 50 years of age or older, eligible participants must live in one of the following jurisdictions: Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, or Fairfax and the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, or Prince William.

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The Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Area Agency on Aging, AARP, Fairfax County Park Authority, RSVP Northern Virginia (Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Alexandria, and Volunteer Arlington) and The Positive Aging Coalition are partnering to host this event.

More than 30 organizations and Fairfax County agencies will be on hand to talk about their volunteer programs and benefits including: Fairfax Opportunities and Resources, Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Lorton Community Action Center and the Shepherd's Center

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OPINION

Changing Perspective on Death Penalty

Evolving standards will eclipse death penalty entirely at some point in the future.

t's sad to see senseless death as a response to senseless death. Alfred R. Prieto is not a sympathetic figure, a serial killer who was on death row in California when DNA connected him to murders and rapes in Reston and Arlington that took place in 1988. He is scheduled for EDITORIAL execution this week, at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Evolving standards of decency have led to the understanding that it's wrong and unconstitutional to subject people whose crimes were committed when they were juveniles or people with intellectual disabilities to the death pen-

The Arc of Northern Virginia, an advocacy group for people with intellectual disabilities, asked Gov. Terry McAuliffe to send Prieto back to California so that his intellectual disabilities, raised in the sentencing phase of his trial, could be analysed. McAuliffe has declined to intervene in Prieto's case. It was a Virginia case, Atkins v. Virginia, that led the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that execution of people with mental retardation is unconstitutional.

Prieto was sent to Virginia to face trial even though he was already on death row in California because of the belief, clearly correct, that he would be more likely to be executed in Vir-

Over time, it seems clear that evolving standards of decency will end the death penalty in the United States. The number of death sentences has dropped dramatically since 2000, and executions have declined as well, from a

> high of 98 in 1999 to just 35 in 2014, the lowest in 20 years, according to Amnesty International.

Prieto committed heinous crimes, and releasing him from prison should never be an option.

Warren Fulton and Rachel Raver were last seen around midnight in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2, 1988. The two George Washington University students, both 22, were found dead Dec. 6, 1988 in a field off Hunter Mill Road in Reston. Both were shot in the head. Raver had been raped. Investigators believed they had been abducted and forced to drive to the remote location. DNA evidence linked Prieto to Raver's death and to that of Veronica Jefferson,

Vigil to Oppose **Death Penalty**

Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will hold vigils around the state on the evening that Alfredo Prieto is scheduled for execution, Thursday, Oct. 1.

Arlington Vigil in opposition to the death pen-

Oct. 1, 8:30-9:10 p.m.

Clarendon Metro Station. The vigil will be held in the public park between Clarendon and Wilson Boulevards, right behind the Metro exit. Attendees are welcome to bring signs with appropriate, peaceful, anti-death penalty

For more information, contact Elise Cleva at elise.cleva@gmail.com or see http:// www.vadp.org/

a 24-year-old CIA finance officer who was raped and shot to death in Arlington County in May 1988, although he was never tried in that case. A Fairfax County jury sentenced Prieto to death in 2006.

The murders and rapes were unsolved for 17 years until 2005 when California's DNA database joined a national database.

— Mary Kimm

Move Forward Against Gerrymandering

By Dianne Blais And Lois Page

League of Women Voters of Virginia

ept. 1 brought yet another reminder of the partisan rancor that too often paralyzes the Virginia General Assembly these days. Despite convening briefly for a special session in mid-August, that body failed to meet the deadline imposed by a federal court for redrawing the boundaries of the state's 3rd Congressional District.

To briefly recap, a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the General Assembly to go back to the drawing board after it found that its 2011 Congressional redistricting plan sought to pack as many African-Americans as possible into the district represented by Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott of Richmond. Because African-Americans now make up nearly 20 percent of the state's population, this approach served only to dilute their potential political power in a state that has 10 other Congressional districts.

While the legal and political wrangling continues, the failure of the General Assembly to address its responsibilities will likely leave the map-drawing in the hands of the federal judiciary — a job that the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) suspect the judges are not eager to take on. The LWV-VA believes that these maps are a good place to begin, because they were developed by persons seeking to adhere to the redistricting requirements embedded in the Virginia Constitution, rather than by persons seeking only to amass enough voters of the right political stripe in their districts to assure their easy re-election.

The judges do have the opportunity to set a three different congressional redistricting very positive example for all future redistricting efforts by using as their starting point the independent, bipartisan redistricting plans that were developed during the last redistricting cycle. A good redistricting plan would respect natural geographic boundaries, the boundaries of local jurisdictions and communities of interest. If redistricting is done in a way that is fair and non-partisan, it will ultimately produce a result that permits democratic processes to flourish in our state and reflects the true political power of minorities and other ethnic groups within our increasingly diverse Com-

The court also has the opportunity to follow a key recommendation of Governor McAuliffe's bipartisan Integrity Commission. The commission recommended amending the Virginia Constitution so that future redistricting plans would always be drawn by an independent commission, rather than partisan politicians.

It was commendable that then-Governor Bob McDonnell appointed an independent, bipartisan advisory commission, which held hearings around the state before proposing maps. The commission also encouraged the consideration of the winning maps that emerged from a competition among Virginia college teams that year.

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of using such commissions to draw the boundaries of legislative districts, we believe the current impasse provides the appeals court with a rare opportunity to demonstrate that this approach can actually work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In doing so, the court can strike a blow for fairness, transparency and good government — and take an important step toward promoting a healthier democracy in our very politically polarized state.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA), along with Leagues across the country continue to press for redistricting reform at the state level. To learn more about redistricting and LWV-VA decades-long efforts to decrease gerrymandering go to http:// www.lwv-va.org/redistrict.html. A major effort of LWV-VA is to have redistricting reform by 2021 when the next redistricting occurs.

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The Art of Driving 5K Enters Second Year

obin Thompson's daughter Ashley Renee was a sophomore at Lake Braddock Secondary School when she died in a car crash on June 10, 2003. She had borrowed a friend's car to drive home from school and slammed into a tree after losing control of the vehicle. She was within a mile of her house. Investigators concluded alcohol, speed, cell phone and other passengers weren't factors in the accident, but that she likely lacked experience and training.

Robin started the Ashley Renee Thompson Memorial Foundation and outreach organization The Art of Driving to raise awareness about preventing youth crashes like Ashley's. Last year was the first 5K road race she organized to help elevate the conversation.

"It's not a topic a lot of people want to talk about," Thompson said at the 2014 event. Her goal is "getting people to understand just how serious a problem is, that it is truly an epidemic. This is not a transportation issue, it's a public health issue."

The race's "Survive the 5" title comes from the top five reasons for teen crashes and injuries: Driver inexperience, drive distractions, excessive speed, not wearing a seatbelt and alcohol and illegal drugs.

The 2nd annual Art of Driving "Survive the 5 5K" is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3. The venue is Great Waves Waterpark at Cameron Run Park in Alexandria. For more information, visit www.theartofdriving.org.

- Tim Peterson



Young, eager runners pushed to the front of the first annual Art of Driving "Survive the 5 5K" on Oct. 4, 2014.











Brass lined up neatly in a straight line



Drum majors - Elizabeth Lee is left, wearing a salsa dress - standing in the center before the performance begins. The audience cheered and gave a round of applause when the two drum majors showed salsa steps

Bruin Marching Band Shines at Oakton Classic

Featuring Latin repertoire, the band members gave an energetic performance at the 30th

The Bruin Marching Band was

"Fortune of Fools," and they played

When the band performers

marched and spread across the

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Several color guards, wearing red

Bolero, Salsa and Malaguena.

Oakton Classic competition.

By Arisa Ishita THE CONNECTION

he football field was filled with different kind of vividness: colorful costumes, beautiful sound of instruments, lively performance and cheers and a round of applause from the audience.

Oakton Classic is the annual invitational marching band competition run by the band boosters of Oakton High School.

The competition took place on Sept. 26 and this year 12 high schools – excluding the host – from Fairfax County, Prince William From left — Laura Sizemore and Ava Ingegner, color guard County, Loudoun County and captains of the Bruin Marching Band, were pleased with Frederick County participated to **their performance at the competition.**

In the competition, Lake said. Braddock Secondary School's Bruin Marching Band won the first the biggest group among the parplace in the class 5A category and ticipating schools – 230 members also received the Cougar Gold total in the band. Their repertoire Award among overall first place in was "La Suerte De Los Tontos," or classes of 3A and above.

THE CLASS depends on the number of musicians in the band: school with up to 50 musicians is football field, green grass was in the class A category and school beautifully getting covered by the with 131 or more musicians is in the class 5A category.

Ava Ingegneri and Laura tops with yellow stripes in them, Sizemore – sophomore and junior. also stood out nicely. respectively – are both color guard Standing in the middle of the their instruments, they would For the results of the 30th Annual captains for the Bruin Marching entire band was one of the two sometimes line up in a straight line, Oakton Classic and further infor-Band at Lake Braddock. They said drum majors, Elizabeth Lee, senior. and the other time they would mation for upcoming band compethey did well overall and were pas- Dressed up in a bright red salsa make a circle. sionate about their role.

"I like the energy," Ingegneri showed a quick salsa step involv- techniques using a few colorful classic and http://www.vboda.org.

of the performance. They twisted their arms turning the flags and threw them in the air, then neatly caught them back. Their body movements were flowing well with the rest of the performance and the After their performance, they

were ready to watch the final program of the day by Oakton High School, the host

flags was another fascinating part

"[What I like about the competition is] we can hear other schools," said Gabe Fuentes, freshman and one of the cymbalists in the Bruin Marching Band.

Lee was also pleased with how the group did. She said her group experienced a major difficulty in some spots during the rehearsal but they pulled it together and did well overall in the performance.

"I just love being able to help every single section and everyone,"

LATER IN OCTOBER, Lake ing swift turn and body move-Braddock Secondary School will have a few more important band It seemed to be a surprise for the competitions to attend, including the Shenandoah Valley Marching audience that the band started

Harrisonburg High School.

Invitational on Oct. 10 at

their performance with such vivid

salsa steps by the two drum ma-

jors. Cheers and a round of ap-

stop for a while

mance began

plause from the bleachers did not

Then the marching band perfor-

Strong sound of brass and winds

black pants – marched and played ling.

boomed across the field. As the

dress, Lee, with her partner, Each color guard demonstrating www.oaktonbands.com/oakton-

Michael Luley, the director of the Bruin Marching Band, said Saturday's competition was a great chance for his students to prepare for the upcoming competitions. Within the next few weeks, he would like to particularly focus on musicians in uniforms – white cow- Bolero and Salsa, and perfecting

boy-looking hat, purple jacket and musical effects as well as marchthe evening show.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-4 Fall for Fairfax KidsFest. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fairfax County Government

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ted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Annual Fall for the Book Festival. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A weekong, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Featured authors are National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien and "Outlander" author Diana www.fallforthebook.org

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

Jammin' Book Party. Lorton Library, Explore fun stories and games. Snacks provided. Age 9-12.

FRIDAY/OCT. 2

Movie Night in the Campground. 7 9 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, Join in the fur of Movie Night by watching Burke Lake Park this fall.

An Afternoon with Tim Federle. 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Tim Federle, author of books for middle graders including Better Nate Than Ever and its sequel, Five, Six, Seven, Nate! Books available for sale and signing

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 2-4

Cabaret Series: Notorious! 8-9:30 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Wav. Lorton Cabaret of this month welcomes audience with a story containing wicked villain and best songs, and fills the audience with laughter. Tickets: \$25-\$30. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and artists from Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings ewelry, sculpture, photography blown glass, pottery, wood work, and

Country-Western Dance. 7:30-10 p.m. The Salvation Army, Fairfax Corps, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. Couples and singles welcome. \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org.

Concerts from Kirkwood Season

Opener. 3 p.m. Kirkwood sbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh

Parkway, Springfield. New York-base pianist Martin Soderberg presenting an exciting program of music by Spanish and Latin composers

Music, Fun and Faith Fest. 11 a.m. Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. This will be a family fun day of musical performances by musicians and ministers from the 10 Northern Virginia UU congregations, a "preach off," food, fun, a bounce house, face painting, games, prizes, and lots of stuff for the whole family in a carnival atmosphere. \$5.

Teen Writers Club. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Do you enjoy writing fiction. poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs oin us for sharing, discussion and eedback of works in progress. Teen

Cool Cow Comedy Presents: Lucas Bohn. 7-8:30 p.m. & 9-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton, Host and comedian Rahmein Mostafavi leads

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The Bunnyman returns at Clifton's Haunted Trail on Oct. 24, a terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park.

Clifton Day. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Town of

display and running

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14

Springfield Christian Women's

Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield

Harvest Time. 11 a.m. Lorton Library,

9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton.

Songs, stories and fingerplay about

Don Hakenson to Present a Civil

Station Railroad Museum, 11200

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Lake Braddock Secondary School

Band will be performing a wide

soloists, marches and patriotic

Filmmaker Series: Back on Board:

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University Drive, Fairfax. Back on

Board: Greg Louganis tells the life

story of this four-time Olympic

Champion as he returns to diving

after a long period of absence. A

discussion with filmmaker Cheryl

son Center Cinema, 4400

variety of musical selections,

Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road,

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including wind ensemble standards

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

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War Forum. 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax

Fairfax Station Road, Noted Civil War

harvest. Age 2-3 with adult.

Connection Luncheon. 11:30 a.m

Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301

Center, 12000 Government Center **Shop.** 12:30-4 p.m. Fairfax City Parkway, Fairfax. Northern Virginia's Regional Library, 10360 North Street, largest family fall festival includes Fairfax. The Fairfax Ferns Garder more than 100 interactive activities, a Club will have a Small standard full kids' carnival, exhibits and Flower Show that will have flower programs focusing on education, spor design and horticultural exhibits. and fitness, the environr SUNDAY/OCT. 11 safety and personal health.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4 Clifton, corner of Main Street and Railroad Technology Exhibit. 1-4 Chapel Road. The town's annual arts p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad and crafts fair. Informative luncheon Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road along with door prizes and delicious Contributions by local inventors since T-TRAK Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. the early days of railroading and The Fairfax Station Railroad Muse futuristic" concepts, still being used today, will be highlighted. Artifacts 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Table from the Museum's collection will also Top N gauge model trains will be on

TUESDAY/OCT. 6

Tai Chi. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, Come experience the benefits of tai chi. Wear comfortable clothes that allow vement. Adult.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 7

be on display. \$2-\$4.

Read! Build! Play! 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road Burke. Read a story, build with DUPLOs, and play with friends! Age 3-5 with adult.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8

Storytime Yoga. 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join us for stories, stretching and simple yoga poses. Bring a mat or

FRIDAY/OCT. 9

Navy Band Concert. 7:30-8:45 p.m Romance Lovers. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join this new book group to discuss Start Me Up by Victoria Dahl. Rad every romance subgenre, from historical to paranormal to

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages.

Burke History Day. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Furjanic follows the screening. Burke Fire and Rescue De THURSDAY/OCT. 15 -18. 9501 Old Burke Road, Burke, Burke's Vincent. Time varies. 9518 Workhouse "Famous, Infamous, and Persons of Interest" will be featured at the Way, Lorton. In this 75-minute annual Burke History Day. Join for performance written by Leonard exhibits, talks and children's events to Nimov and directed by Paul Stein, the learn about the rich history of this story looks into the mind of a vibrant community. misunderstood genius Vincent Van Gogh and rumors flying in Paris after

Fairfax Ferns Garden Club Flower

Ongoing

Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. Through Nov. 7 at McQuire Woods Gallery, Bldg 16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday: 12-5 p.m. The exhibition brings together some of the area's top painters in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, presenting 100 original works including landscapes, florals, still life and abstracts.

his death. Tickets: \$25. www.workhousearts.org

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

K-9 Krawl 5K. 9 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax A free walk to help increase awareness between domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty Register at https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/ 2015K9Krawl

Trivia Night. 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. Have fun while providing funds for projects for children in our community. Bring friends and form a team.

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Come join the evening to learn some new dance moves. Mini-lesson takes place from 7:30-8 p.m. followed by open dance from 8-10:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10-15. www.workhousearts.org

SUNDAY/OCT. 18

DMV Run for the Warriors. 8:15-10 a.m. Burke Lake Park, Shelter A, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, Local 5K and 1-Mile Walk/Run to raise support and awareness of military non-profit, Hope For The Warriors, which aims to restore hope for service members, their families, and families of the fallen. runforthewarriors.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

TGIFairfax - Rock the Block. 6-9 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 Jniversity Drive, Fairfax. This family friendly free concert series features fantastic live bands, great food and a beer and wine garden - all held in the heart of Old Town Fairfax.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24 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 VolunteerFest. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Various

locations. VolunteerFest is the local celebration of National Make A Difference Day. All volunteer activities are free to the participant Register as a volunteer at www.volunteerfairfax.org/ individuals/volunteerfest.php.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-25

Disney on Ice. 7 p.m. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrate the legacy of Disney in this ice skating spectacular as Mickey Mouse leads a parade of characters to sing along to your favorite Disney songs for the whole family to enjoy. www.ticketmaster.com

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Railroad Collectibles Special Sale. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Railroad collectibles, antiques railroad memorabilia, toys and art.

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From left: Sara Kreitzer, manager of **Development and** Corporate Services, Volunteer Fairfax; Maria Bernadzikowski, **Emergency Response** manager, Volunteer Fairfax; Lynne Garvey Hodge, vice president, **Volunteer Fairfax Board of Directors**; Evan Engelbert, lumber supervisor, Home Depot; Tyler Corey, president, Board of **Directors, Volunteer** Fairfax; Teresa Nacario, office manager, Volunteer Fairfax; **Emily Swenson, acting** executive director, Volunteer Fairfax.



Volunteers Helping Volunteers

volunteers! For 40 years, "Volunteer Fairfax" has been the heart of volunteer ing in Fairfax County. This nonprofit, grant, corporate and Fairfax County sponsored organization has a staff of 15 employees who match the skills and interests of volunteers and donors to the needs of local nonprofit organizations. Occupying the space of a small bungalow in the heart of Fairfax, the staff works in cramped quarters – with little privacy, stark overhead fluorescent lights, window ac units and an antiquated IT system. It is a virtual treat to be able to take a lunchtime walk in the neighborhood.

When Sean Curtis, assistant manager, Evan Engelbert, lumber supervisor and carpenter extraordinaire and Travis Corker, former lumber supervisor and full-time George Mason student - all from the Fairfax Home Depot Store #4601 - became aware of Volunteer Fairfax's workspace predicament they realized that a simple picnic table could provide a welcome outdoor team lunch hour. Enter Engelbert's vision, master craftsmanship and "can-do" attitude. Within two weeks, he had designed and assembled with the help of Corker, two one-ofa-kind "Benchnic" tables (benches that close & fold into a picnic table) for the "Volunteer Fairfax" organization. Members of the "Volunteer Fairfax" staff and the Board of Directors were on hand for the aus-

his is a story of volunteers truly helping picious delivery on Friday, Sept. 11. Acting Executive Director Emily Swenson said, "Our staff is extremely excited to be able to join one another outside, under the trees and enjoy a break from work." Tyler Corey, president, Board of Directors (and a member of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department for 30 years) made sure to have the location for the Benchnic tables graded and readied for their arrival. Lynne Garvey Hodge, vice president, Board of Directors and president of her own Leadership Development and Customer Service consulting practice said, "This is a story I will most definitely be sharing with my clients! A story of people seeing a simple need and doing what they can to help one another out. Home Depot is lucky to have such outstanding employees - willing to improve the lives of local Fairfax County citizens. And in this case they are helping people who are already helping people! It doesn't get any better than that!"

Engelbert, 29 years old, is the single father of one child and a former firefighter and EMT, having served in Dekalb County Georgia. He spends much of his time working on community projects and volunteering in the community.

Corker has worked with Home Depot for over four years and has been at the Fairfax location for two years. He has served in the U.S. Army for six years and has also worked on many volunteer projects with Home Depot.



From left — Sara Kreitzer, manager of Development and Corporate Services, Volunteer Fairfax; Maria Bernadzikowski, Emergency Response manager, Volunteer Fairfax; Evan Engelbert, lumber supervisor, Home Depot; Travis Corker, lumber assistant, Home Depot; Tyler Corey, president, Board of Directors, Volunteer Fairfax; Emily Swenson, acting executive director, Volunteer Fairfax and Teresa Nacario, office manager, Volunteer Fairfax.

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"Benchnic" table (benches that close and fold into a picnic table) at the Volunteer Fairfax site.

Area Roundups

Robinson Students to Communicate with International Space Station

Middle and high school students at Robinson Secondary School will participate in a teleconference with astronauts on the International Space Station, including Robinson alumn Kjell Lindgren, on 10:20 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 5.

Lindgren, a 1991 graduate of Robinson who was valedictorian of his class, is a flight engineer on the International Space Station and launched on July 22. He was selected in 2009 as one of 14 members of the 20th NASA astronaut class. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, earned his master's in cardiovascular physiology from Colorado State University, and earned a doctorate in medicine from the University of Colorado.

Students plan to ask the astronauts about life in space, experiments done while on the space station, equipment used, tasks performed and why they became astronauts. They also have questions about what earth and the other planets look like from the space station and what power sources are on board the ISS.

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Library to Host Anti-bullying Fair

The Burke Centre Library is hosting an Anti-Bullying Fair at Robinson Secondary School on Oct. 17 with October's anti-bullying month theme. The library is also putting on T-shirt and poetry contests with the theme of antibullying. At this fair, there will be local colleges and anti-bullying organizations with booths to talk about what they do and how they help stop bullying. There will also be free lunch, guest speakers and musical entertainment along with an award ceremony for the T-shirt and poetry competitions.

In an effort to combat bullying, the Burke Centre Teen Advisory Board (BCTAB) will be sponsoring a T-Shirt Design competition. The theme of the competition is "Stop it Before it Starts!" This theme is trying to raise awareness about the earliest stages of bullying in teens. Using this motto, design the front of a T-shirt that will spark conversation about early signs of bullying. The back of the T-shirt will be pre-designed by the BCTAB with the theme "Stop Before it Starts!" The BCTAB will look for innovative/ creative design, aesthetic, color, layout, a design consistent with theme: "Stop it Before it Starts!" and a three to five sentence statement explaining the design at time of submission. The back of the T-shirt will be pre-designed by the BCTAB with the theme "Stop Before it Starts!" The judging will also be taken care of the BCTAB. T-shirt designs must be submitted at (http:// www.burkecentretab.com/). Prize money will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. (1st: \$150, 2nd: \$125, 3rd: \$100).

For the poetry competition, the Burke Centre TAB is looking for poetry relating to the general theme of bullying, whether that be personal experience or combating bullying.

Volunteer Fair

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of Annandale/Springfield.

Refreshments will be provided and participants will have an opportunity to enter a prize drawing.

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Sports

Lake Braddock Defense Holds Off West Potomac

Bruins QB Edwards scores game-winning TD on fourth-down run.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

acing fourth-and-6 from the West Potomac 18-yard line on the final play of the third quarter, Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards rolled to his right and looked down field before encountering a West Potomac defender. Edwards came to a stop, avoided the defender and headed back across the field to his left before scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

With less than 7 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, West Potomac faced fourth-and-goal at the 5-yard line. Rather than attempt a field goal, head coach Jeremiah Ross went for the lead, but quarter-back Mark Ellis' pass, intended for standout receiver CJ Burch, fell incomplete.

The West Potomac football team played well enough to have a chance to upset the Lake Braddock Bruins during Friday's battle of undefeated Conference 7 opponents. But when plays had to be made in crunch time, it was Lake Braddock, winner of at least a share of six consecutive Conference 7/Patriot District titles, which found a way to get it done.

The Lake Braddock defense made two fourth-down stops in the final quarter and the Bruins held on for a 24-21 victory at West Potomac High School.

After stopping West Potomac on fourth-and-goal, Lake Braddock punted the ball back to the Wolverines, who took over at their own 25 with 3:05 remaining. After a 6-yard pass play on first down, three straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to the Bruins, who were able to run out the clock.

Friday's victory extended Lake Braddock's win streak against West Potomac to eight games. The Bruins improved to 4-0, including 2-0 in the conference. The Wolverines fell to 3-1, 0-1 in the conference.

"I think [the defense] showed some maturity," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "We grew up a little bit today. Not only did we stop them [on fourth-and-goal], we had to hold them again and stop them. The kids didn't fold under pressure. That was my worry — [we would] give up another bomb to [Burch]. We played tough. The goal-line stand, there was great coverage there."

Lake Braddock took the lead for good when Edwards scrambled for an 18-yard touchdown on the final play of the third quarter, giving the Bruins a 24-21 advantage.

"We originally wanted to throw toward the West Potomac (right) sideline," Edwards said. "We had a nice pass play set up. As soon as the ball was snapped, they adjusted well to it. I rolled out that way figuring I was going to take off and then I kind of peeked out of the left side of my eye, and then my entire line was set up sort of in a wall. I got maybe nine or eight real good blocks running down the sideline."

Edwards completed 18 of 34 passes for 179 yards. He was intercepted once. He also carried 10 times for 48 yards and a score.

"He is a gamer," Poythress said about his quarterback, "and you've just got to keep giving him opportunities."



Photo by Richard Mapi

Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards carries the ball during the Bruins' 24-21 win over West Potomac on Sept. 25.

West Potomac's best chance to tie or take the lead came when the Wolverines had first-and-goal at the 8-yard line with less than 8 minutes remaining. But after a run play on first down gained three yards, the Wolverines came up empty after three straight incomplete passes.

Rather than attempt a tying 22-yard field goal, Ross opted to go for it on fourth-and-goal at the 5. After the game, Ross brought up that Lake Braddock had pressured West Potomac's extra-point attempts.

"My thought process is: I liked our guys versus their guys as far as athletically," Ross said. "I like our matchups. When you're playing a team like that, I really wasn't playing for the tie."

On fourth down, Ellis looked for Burch, who was covered by Lake Braddock cornerback Peyton Scott, but the ball bounced off Burch's hand.

"I knew he was their best receiver and I knew they were going to try to go to him," Scott said. "We're coached well and I knew what I had to do to stop him. I was alert. I was ready for the ball to come his way."

West Potomac led 14-10 at halftime after blocking a field goal attempt on the final play of the half. Lake Braddock responded with a 12-play, 69-yard drive to open the second half, and took a 17-14 lead on Lamont Atkins' 1-yard touchdown run with 8:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Atkins finished with 20 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown. Ibrahim Mansaray carried seven times for 62 yards and a score.

Burch had a big night for West Potomac, catching six passes for 146 yards and a touchdown. His 48-yard touchdown catch with 4:03 left in the first quarter gave West Potomac a 14-3 lead.

Ellis completed 16 of 33 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns. Ellis connected with Brandan Lisenby for a 37-yard touchdown with 4:45 remaining in the third quarter, giving the Wolverines a 21-17 advantage.

Lisenby had four receptions for 80 yards.

West Potomac running back Justine Annan had 13 carries for 49 yards and a score.

"We had a chance to win it and we didn't," Ross said. "The kids played their tails off. That was a great high school football game."

Lake Braddock will host Centreville at 7 p.m. on Friday. West Potomac will travel to face Woodson.

"The kids are hurting right now and they should because they care," Ross said. "I told them that. I said, 'Hey, let it hurt tonight ... but tomorrow we watch the film and then we get in the weight room ... and get ready for Woodson.' I think this team's got a lot of football [left] in it."

SPORTS BRIEFS

South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton passed for 301 yards and six touchdowns during the Stallions' 42-40 win over West Springfield on Sept. 25.



PHOTOS BY WILL PALENSCAR/THE CONNECTION



West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett threw five touchdown passes against South County on Sept. 25.

Stallions Win Shootout Against Spartans

South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton and West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett combined to throw 11 touchdown passes on Sept. 25 and the Stallions and Spartans combined to score 82 points.

At the end of the night, the South County football team defeated West Springfield 42-40 at West Springfield High School.

Both teams entered the Conference 7 matchup with 3-0 records. South County remained unbeaten thanks in large part to Clayton, who completed 22 of 29 passes for 301 yards, with six touchdowns and one interception. He also carried 13 times for 126 yards.

Dillon Spalding caught six passes for 144 yards and three touchdowns. Solomon Simay, Michael Salisbury and Nate Avery each caught one touchdown pass.

Clayton threw all six of his touchdown passes in the first half as South County led 42-26 at the half.

West Springfield outscored South County 14-0 in the second half, but fell short of a victory.

Muskett completed 13 of 26 passes for 335 yards and five touchdowns, with no interceptions. Darean Robertson had four catches for 163 yards and two touchdowns. Jacob Estes and Najee Green and Daniel Adu each caught one touchdown pass.

South County will travel to face T.C. Williams at 3 p.m. onSaturday, Oct. 3. West Springfield will host Stone Bridge at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

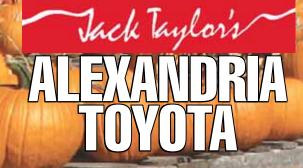
South County's Spalding Selected to National Team

South County receiver Dillon Spalding was selected to play on USA Football's 2016 U.S. Under-17 National Team. In February, the team will face Canadian National teams in the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium.

Robinson Football Improves to 2-2

The Robinson football team defeated Oakton 42-17 on Friday in the Rams' Conference 5 opener.

Robinson (2-2, 1-0) will travel to face Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.



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SATURDAY/OCT. 17

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