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Police Investigating Use of Taser in Franconia

Follow-up report justifies the “less-lethal force option” as lawful deployment.

Fairfax County Police Internal Affairs officials are investigating the use of an “electronic control weapon,” or taser, by an officer on a suspect that took place in Franconia on Sept. 24.

A short cell phone video of an officer forcing the suspect to the ground in front of a police cruiser surfaced after the incident, prompting a release from police Chief Edwin Roessler that Internal Affairs would investigate the event.

On Monday, Sept. 28, the police released a more detailed explanation of the incident, including an audio recording of the original service call to officers and two cellphone videos taken by witnesses that stream on YouTube. The report names the suspect in the incident, though it doesn’t provide the names of any of the officers involved.

The public report also says, “The officer’s discretion was appropriately used to deploy a form of a less-lethal force and in compliance with all policies and laws in this matter.” While the statement itself doesn’t indicate who made that determination, police spokesperson Lucy Caldwell said the report can be attributed to Chief Roessler.

Caldwell additionally said the Internal Affairs investigation has not concluded and witnesses are still being sought.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, the suspect first entered the employee break room of SunTrust Bank in the Rose Hill area of Alexandria. When he walked out of the bank with the manager’s sunglasses, the branch manager called bank security, who then contacted Fairfax County Police with a description of the man.

The report continues that an officer saw a man at a nearby convenience store who met the description the bank security provided. The officer approached the man, Elton Cansler, 35, of Alexandria, and asked him if he stole the sunglasses and the man answered that he had.

While the officer was trying to “initiate the arrest,” the report explains further, the suspect kept his arms straight against the police cruiser and pushed back against the officer, which the police classified as assaulting the officer and resisting lawful arrest.

When the suspect moved his hands forward towards his waist, the report says the



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One of two cell phone videos of the incident shows a Fairfax County police officer use a taser on Cansler and then handcuff him, with help from another officer.

officer believed he was reaching for a knife that he had previously seen clipped to the suspect’s front pants pocket. This prompted the officer to deploy the taser for one five-second cycle, which is explained in the report introduction as a policy directive for a “less-lethal force option” and in this case was “lawful and appropriate.”

“Mr. Cansler was actively resisting the officer by physically struggling and refusing to obey lawful commands to place his



Fairfax County Police released photos of the knife found on Cansler after he was arrested.

hands behind his back to be handcuffed to complete the arrest for the crime he committed,” the report says. “Additionally, it was very clear to the officer that Mr. Cansler had a knife in his right front pants pocket and he kept placing his hands in that pocket.”

Cansler was arrested for committing larceny and assaulting a law enforcement officer. He was taken to the Fairfax

County Adult Detention Center after disregarding commands at the Mount Vernon District Station. Cansler was cleared medically and released from the jail on bond on Sept. 25. His court date is scheduled for Nov. 24.

POLICE ARE ASKING witnesses with additional information to contact the Internal Affairs Bureau by phone at 703-246-2793. To read the full release from police, including links to the videos, visit fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2015/09/28/update-use-of-force-investigation-from-september-24-2015.

—TIM PETERSON



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West Springfield Elementary Joins Chalk4Peace

On Sept. 25, students from West Springfield Elementary School celebrated International Peace Day by uniting with others to spread the message of peace across the world. Art teacher, Allison Whitbourne, along with all of the students, participated in the international art movement Chalk4Peace. The Chalk4Peace organization is an international nonprofit that invites people of all ages and backgrounds to unite and communicate their vision of peace by creating chalk artwork outdoors. The sidewalks and blacktop surrounding West Springfield was lively with the sounds of students and staff gathered in small groups who worked together to create a giant chalk montage displaying hope, peace and love for a better world for all.

McKenna Family Attorney Said Death Premeditated

Supporters outraged over lack of charges.

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The 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.

"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-

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."



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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.

Local Senior Wii Bowlers Compete at Greenspring

The Springfield community was host to the annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics event.

For 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 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.

Greenspring is also a Gold Sponsor of the NVSO.



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Springfield Domino's and NFPA Promote Fire Safety

Local residents may receive free pizza for properly functioning smoke alarms.

Springfield Domino's, located at 6715-K Backlick Road, and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) are teaming up with the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department to promote fire safety during Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 4 – 10). On Oct. 6 and 8 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., anyone who orders a Domino's pizza may be randomly selected and surprised at the door when their pizza arrives aboard a fire engine. If the smoke alarms in the home are working, the pizza is free. If the smoke alarms are not working, the firefighters will replace the batteries or install new smoke alarms.

"We're very excited to partner with NFPA and the fire department for a program that not only promotes

the safety of our friends and neighbors, but rewards those who make fire safety a priority," said George Angulo, Springfield Domino's franchise owner.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm."

"Half of all home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep," said Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department Chief Blake Payne. "That's why having a fully functioning smoke alarm in every bedroom is so important. Smoke alarms save lives."

Customers in this particular Springfield Domino's coverage area can call 703-866-1200 to place their order and be eligible for the fire engine delivery.

Fairfax County Hosts Volunteer Fair

Older adults, seniors, and retirees looking for flexible, meaningful volunteer opportunities are invited to "Venture into Volunteering," a free volunteer fair, on Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Lorton Workhouse Arts, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Area Agency on Ag-

ing, 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 Opportu-

nities and Resources, Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, Lorton Community Action Center and the Shepherd's Center of Annandale/Springfield.

For more information or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, contact Jeannine Deem Purdy, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, at 703-704-6075, TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.



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OPINION

Changing Perspective on Death Penalty

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

It'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 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 penalty.

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 Virginia.

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 penalty

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 messages.

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

Sept. 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 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 Commonwealth.

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

three different congressional redistricting 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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Sunlight streaming in from floor-to-ceiling windows contrasts with an interior palette of deep, earth tones at recently opened Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill in Springfield Town Center

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Where There's Smoke

California-based Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill opens in Springfield

Springfield resident Brian Watson has lived in the area for about as long as some of the meat smoking in the back of the restaurant he manages. Watson moved to Springfield from California to open the 16th Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill at Springfield Town Center in June.

It's the first location outside the The Golden State and a big change for Watson, who's been with the company 11 years. "It's been good, fun," Watson said about his first impressions of northern Virginia. "The weather is definitely different."

Watson and Wood Ranch partner, managing chef and "Sultan of Smoke" Alejandro Benes, recently hosted members of the media and local food community at the restaurant, first offering trays of burnt end brisket "bon bons." Hours of roasting over hickory had made the meat extremely tender and imparted a smoky depth that intensified with the welcome heat of chipotle cherry and habanero peach barbecue side sauces (made in-house).

Benes said the partners had been



Springfield resident Brian Watson, general manager of Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill, which opened at Springfield Town Center in June, holds out a sample tray of burnt-end brisket "bon-bons."

looking at coming to the northern Virginia area for about four years, as it and Washington, D.C. have developed as foodie destinations, and finally found the right opportunity at Springfield Town Center. He described Wood Ranch's concept as "premium, casual American restaurant featuring BBQ."

The full menu draws from a va-



Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill partner, managing chef and "Sultan of Smoke" Alejandro Benes (center), explains the concept of the restaurant to members of the media and food industry.

riety of BBQ traditions, including St. Louis ribs and Carolina pulled pork, as well as fire-roasted chicken, freshwater trout and atlantic salmon. But its robust BBQ section is lead by a specialty from both Texas and Wood Ranch's native California: Tri Tip.

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“Orpheus in the Underworld” from Virginia Opera at the Center for the Arts.

By DAVID SIEGEL
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Have no fears of flying off into Offenbach's delicious musical parody of the legend of Orpheus pursuing his wife Eurydice into the Underworld. Be swept away with light, sparkling opera music and terrific voices as well as some naughty mythological Greek gods and a bored married couple. All sung in English with plenty of contemporary touches in this battle of wits and the sexes.

“Orpheus in the Underworld” is the season opening performance of Virginia Opera at the Center for the Arts. “Orpheus” includes the instantly recognizable galloping “Can-Can” that will energize not only the actors on stage but everyone in the audience.

The production “is full of satirical humor; basically a Comedy Central roast of all the Greek gods and goddesses,” said Adam Turner, principal conductor and artistic advisor at Virginia Opera.

For “Orpheus,” Turner is the chorus master for the over two dozen cast members. In this critical role, he makes sure the many voices from principals to chorus members, “blend together in what is a modern story that explores bad behavior.”

How is “Orpheus in the Underworld” so irreverent? The story revolves around the utter boredom of the gods on Mount Olympus who later become connected to the open marriage of mortals Orpheus (Javier Abreu) and Eurydice (Meredith Lustig). Eurydice wants “to explore her femininity



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Margaret Gawrysiak as Public Opinion and Javier Abreu as Orpheus in Virginia Opera's production of “Orpheus in the Underworld.”

Where and When

Virginia Opera presents “Orpheus in the Underworld,” George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Ave., Fairfax. Performances: Saturday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$48- \$98. Call 888-945-2468 or visit: www.cfa.gmu.edu. Note: “Orpheus in the Underworld” is sung in English with English supertitles. There is a pre-show discussion 45 minutes before the performance.

and sensuality” noted Turner. She finds herself carried off to the Underworld by Pluto (Daniel Curran) and soon appears before uber-god Jupiter (Troy Cook). There is a key character named “Public Opinion” (Margaret Gawrysiak).

Offenbach's “Orpheus in the Underworld” is a quite modern take on values, politics, even class struggles and ethical conflicts

noted Turner. “Orpheus” has many recognizable tunes beyond the “Infernal Gallop” which has become popularly known as the “Can-Can.” And you may recognize a slowed version of the “Infernal Gallop” that represents the tortoise in the musical suite “The Carnival of the Animals” by Saint-Saens.

Add to all this, that Northern Virginia will soon be treated to Virginia Opera's expanded programing including in local schools, according to Robert Cinnante, recently appointed education and outreach director for Virginia Opera. “The Virginia Opera has a new strategic mission to become the opera company with the youngest opera audience in the America in the next decade.” There will be outreach as well to young professionals and Millennials, so that “future generations of opera audiences grow.”

CALENDAR

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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 1 - SATURDAY/OCT. 3 Annual Fall for the Book Festival. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, 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 Gabaldon. Visit www.fallforthebook.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 1 Jammin' Book Party. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 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 fun of Movie Night by watching Ghostbusters at the Campground at 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 Way, 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, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and even digital artwork.

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 Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway, Springfield. New York-based pianist Martin Soderberg presenting an exciting program of music by Spanish and Latin composers.

Music, Fun and Faith Fest. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist 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? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates.

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 the evening show by presenting a guest, Lucas Bohn, who was awarded received an award for Best of the Fest at the Detroit Comedy Festival. www.workhousearts.org.

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 Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Northern Virginia's largest family fall festival includes more than 100 interactive activities, a full kids' carnival, exhibits and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 4 Railroad Technology Exhibit. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Contributions by local inventors since the early days of railroading and “futuristic”



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

concepts, still being used today, will be highlighted. Artifacts from the Museum's collection will also be on display. \$2-\$4.

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 movement. Adult.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 7 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 towel and wear comfortable clothing.

FRIDAY/OCT. 9 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 contemporary.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 9-18 Point A to Point B. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. It's just another day at the Lab, but today's particular assignment has the two employees scratching their heads: a ball keeps appearing from a spot labeled “Point A” and needs to travel to “Point B.” The catch is that the ball can never travel the same way twice. Tickets are \$9 for children and adults and can be purchased online at www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org or at the door on the day of the performance.

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. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>.

Burke History Day. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Burke Fire and Rescue Department, 9501 Old Burke Road, Burke. Burke's “Famous, Infamous, and Persons of Interest” will be featured at the annual Burke History Day. Join for exhibits, talks and children's events to learn about the rich history of this vibrant community.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11 Clifton Haunted Trail. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair. Informative luncheon, along with door prizes, delicious food, complementary child care and new friendships. Reservations call 703-922 6438 or e-mail: SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14 Springfield Christian Women's Connection Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield.

Harvest Time. 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Songs, stories and fingerplay about harvest. Age 2-3 with adult.

Don Hakenson to Present a Civil War Forum. 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Noted Civil War Historian, Donald Hakenson will

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.

present a Forum titled, “Col. John Singleton Mosby's Most Successful Combat Operations and His Worst Defeat.”

THURSDAY/OCT. 15 Navy Band Concert. 7:30-8:45 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Navy's Premiere Concert Band will be performing a wide variety of musical selections, including wind ensemble standards, soloists, marches and patriotic favorites.

Filmmaker Series: Back on Board: Greg Louganis. 4:30 p.m. GMU Johnson Center Cinema, 4400 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 Furjanic follows the screening.

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.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. 15-minute sessions available.

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 University 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. Students, service hours are available. 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. www.ticketmaster.com

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What Can Love Teach Us?

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" from British-American Aquila Theatre at GMU Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

"That all the world will be in love" wrote Shakespeare. Such a deep wish for the ages from The Bard's 400-year-old tragic tale of two young lovers hoping their feuding families would reconcile.

Soon local audiences will have the opportunity to be smitten once again with Shakespeare's chronicle about "two kids growing up amongst violence, hate and societal pressures that put expectations on them that are impossible to manage," said Desiree Sanchez, artistic director of the British-American Aquila Theatre.

Known for its dynamic physical approach and modern treatments of classical works, Aquila's "Romeo and Juliet" will have plenty of "fun and flashy fight sequences, which will be sure to amaze, the emotional truth behind this tragedy is very pure," noted Sanchez.

Even as society and families put much in their way, Juliet and Romeo find love, "or maybe they are simply desperate to find some-

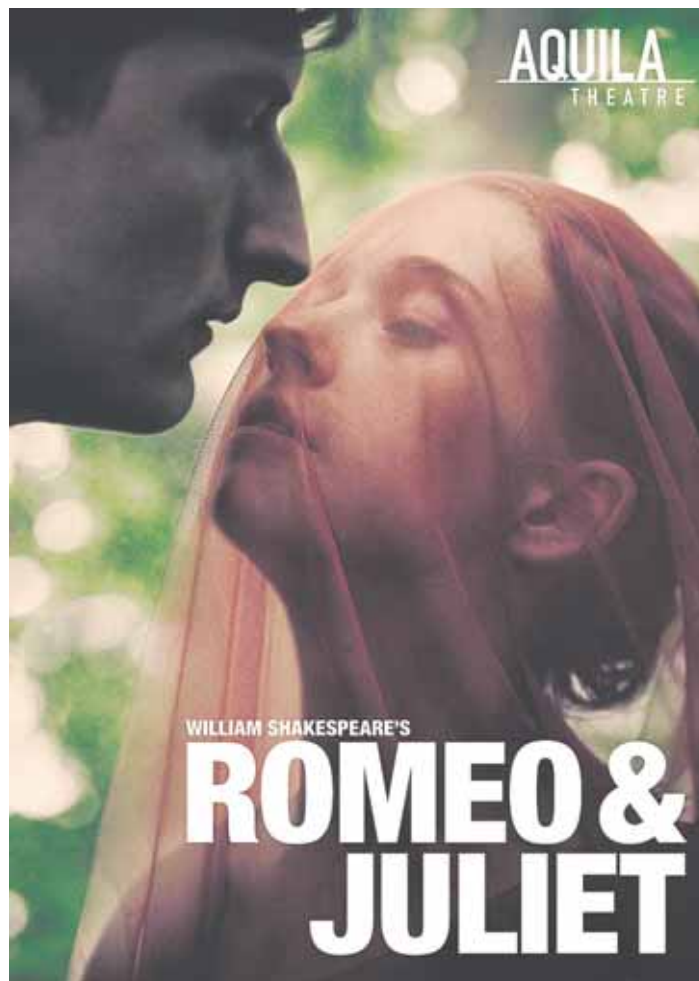
thing that can help them both escape the confines and horrors of the world around them," added Sanchez. "It's a story that warns us of the dangerous paths we carve out for ourselves and for our children.

"This play has a lot of messages but the one which seems to strike a chord for me most is that if love and the freedom to love is not honored and protected, humanity will not flourish, and destruction and loss is all we will have left," said Sanchez.

Asked about audiences seeing a play that they may be very familiar with, Sanchez said, "I think that there is a lot that modern young audiences can identify with. We live in a world where our morals are handed down to us by our parents and grandparents, and many people stop questioning the world

Aquila Theatre's "Romeo and Juliet" comes to George Mason University's Center for the Arts on Oct. 11.

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Where and When

Aquila Theatre presents William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Ave, Fairfax. Performance on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$26-\$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfs.gmu.edu

Note: There will be a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before the performance.

around them—they allow themselves to continue living in the strictures of the world they know. Then, here come two young people who find each other and realize that the world is large, and that change is possible to achieve if you devote yourself to it."

Aquila's "Romeo & Juliet" has multi-cultural casting with five actors playing various roles. Sanchez promises audiences a production with great youthful energy "that it will be hard to look away from the action."

Inviting audiences to the Center for the Arts, Sanchez said "from the hyper physical movement sequences to the deeply moving acting, the show promises to be engaging for audiences of all ways, shapes, and sizes."

Bruin Marching Band Shines at Oakton Classic

Featuring Latin repertoire, the band members gave an energetic performance at the 30th Oakton Classic competition.

BY ARISA ISHITA
THE CONNECTION

The 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 County, Loudoun County and Frederick County participated to compete.

In the competition, Lake Braddock Secondary School's Bruin Marching Band won the first place in the class 5A category and also received the Cougar Gold Award among overall first place in classes of 3A and above.

THE CLASS depends on the number of musicians in the band: school with up to

50 musicians is in the class A category and school with 131 or more musicians is in the class 5A category.

Ava Ingegneri and Laura Sizemore – sophomore and junior, respectively – are both color guard captains for the Bruin Marching Band at Lake Braddock. They said they did well overall and were passionate about their role.

"I like the energy," Ingegneri said.

The Bruin Marching Band was the biggest group among the participating schools – 230 members total in the band. Their repertoire was "La Suerte De Los Tontos," or "Fortune of Fools," and they played Bolero, Salsa and Malaguena.

Standing in the middle of the entire band was one of the two drum majors, Elizabeth Lee, senior. Dressed up in a bright red salsa dress, Lee, with her partner, showed a quick salsa step involving swift turn and body movements. It seemed to be a surprise for the audience that the band started their performance with such vivid salsa steps by the two drum majors. Cheers and a round of applause from the bleachers did not stop for a while.

Then the marching band performance began.

After their performance, they were ready to watch the final program of the day by Oakton High School, the host.

"[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," she said.

LATER IN OCTOBER, Lake Braddock Secondary School will have a few more important band competitions to attend, including the Shenandoah Valley Marching Invitational on Oct. 10 at Harrisonburg High School.

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



PHOTO BY ARISA ISHITA/THE CONNECTION

Elizabeth Lee, one of the drum majors, led the Lake Braddock's Bruin Marching Band at the 30th Oakton Classic competition. The band won first place in the class 5A category and also received the Cougar Gold Award.

the next few weeks, he would like to particularly focus on Bolero and Salsa, and perfecting musical effects as well as marching.

For the results of the 30th Annual Oakton Classic and further information for upcoming band competitions, visit <http://www.oaktonbands.com/oakton-classic> and <http://www.vboda.org>.

FALL FUN



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Springfield resident Marialy Justiniano prepares a pour-over coffee at her Cervantes Coffee Roasters shop in Springfield.



Jonathan Matías of Springfield first visited Cervantes after his 3-year-old son found the coffee shop on Yelp.

Strong Brew

Cervantes Coffee Roasters slows down the pick-me-up experience.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Jonathan Matías' 3-year-old son is using Yelp. The Springfield resident said he first heard about Cervantes Coffee Roasters when the toddler picked up his phone and showed him Cervantes on the local business review app. "You need to go to this coffeehouse," Matías recalled him saying. The two went, and now his son asks to go every week.

Matías' father is from Guatemala, and he helped him develop an appreciation for coffee growers and their beans. He's been brewing his own coffee since age 18 and began involving his son in the process at an early age.

Matías said he comes to Cervantes a few times each week to work independently (he is lead pastor of Grace Church of Alexandria) or meet with old or new friends. "The ambience is warm, there's a good vibe," he said. "I like meeting other people from the neighborhood, hearing their stories. The first time I came in and I was welcomed by two regulars, it made me feel part of something, I learned about their struggles."

Facilitating a friendly, communal atmosphere for enjoying finely crafted coffee was one of the primary goals of Springfield resident and Cervantes owner Marialy Justiniano when she opened the shop in July 2013.

JUSTINIANO was born and raised in Santa Cruz, Bolivia and spent summers on her grandfather's farm where he grew sugar cane, cotton and coffee. She grew up with coffee, served with pastries, that was taken as a more social beverage, meant to spark elongated and engaged conversation.

Her husband Alejandro had a similar experience, hailing from Peru. The couple met in Bolivia and moved to the United States in 1999, bringing their love of coffee and communal coffee culture.

Marialy said Alejandro travels considerably for his job and has always brought back coffee from overseas. At first they began roasting beans and serving



Head barista Jason Davidson, of Fairfax, roasts a batch of Peru Pichanaki beans at Cervantes Coffee Roasters on National Coffee Day, Sept. 29.

to their friends as a hobby. When someone asked "Can I buy coffee from you?" the couple decided, "We can do this," she said.

In 2011, they started Cervantes as an importing business, but grew to include wholesale, selling to supermarkets in Washington, D.C. and Virginia, including Yes! Organic Market and Salud, The Healthy Pantry in Great Falls.

Eventually, someone suggested there should be a coffee shop for people to try the end product of the beans as well. Needing more space for the imported beans than the family garage as well, Cervantes took up residence on Fullerton Road in Springfield.

Rather than bring in an experienced and costly head roaster, Marialy decided to take charge herself and got training in roasting and brewing, receiving a certification from the Specialty Coffee Association of America. She managed this, starting a business, teaching Spanish part time at Orange Hunt Elementary School and raising two children (part of the reason Cervantes closes in the early afternoon).

"It's not rocket science," she said, "but a matter of practice, doing it properly."

For coffee, doing it properly depends on controlling many variables. "Giving more attention to the brew technique, the amount of grounds and proper grinding, water temperature, is very important," Marialy said.

"There are a lot of coffee lovers in this area," she continued. "I'm a person who goes into the detail. We pay attention to each cup and can say we have hardly had a disappointed customer. I'm proud of that."

Marialy is also proud that all of the beans are 100 percent arabica species of coffee and grown in the shade. She and her team make it a point to deal directly with each grower — classifying their beans as

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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

Facing 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 quarterback 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 MAPLE

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 Brandon 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.



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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. on Saturday, 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.

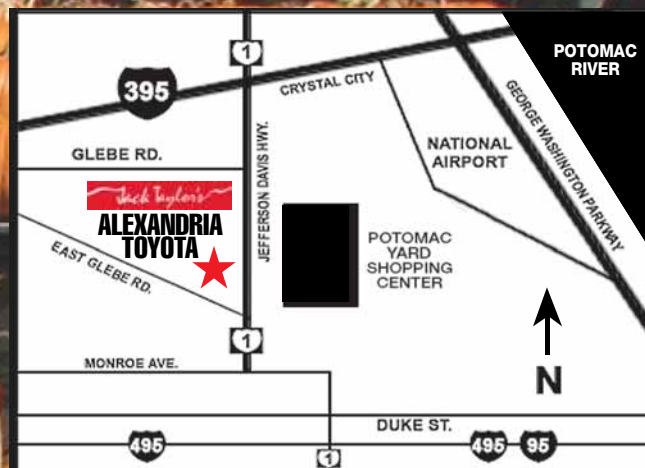
Robinson (2-2, 1-0) will travel to face Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

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—TIM PETERSON

Coffee Shop

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Stunning Colonial in Beautiful Crosspointe. 5 BRs, 3 1/2 Baths, New Hardwood floors on main level, + New Stainless Steel Appliances, Granite, Back Splash, + New Master Bath + New Carpet Upper Level, Freshly Painted thru-out, Lovely Deck w/Pergola, over-looking 14,535 Sq Ft Lot. Nothing to do but move right in.
Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



Fairfax Station \$920,000
Move-in Ready! Solidly built on 5 heavily wooded acres. Private yet not isolated. Quick to Fairfax County Parkway, Burke Centre, Robinson HS pyramid. Upper level has 5 big BRs, 3 full new BAs. Stunning top-of-line total new kitchen. Hardwood floors on main level + upper level. Library or BR w/ full BA. Totally painted in/out. Lots of "new" thru-out. Original owner downsizing.
Carol Nibbelin 703-591-6533



Fairfax Station \$965,000
New England charm and Southern hospitality seamlessly blend together in Glenverdan. A home made for enjoying and entertaining complete with updated kitchen and spacious breakfast area nicely located by a wood burning fireplace. Roam through over 5500 square feet including a sunroom and finished basement that offers a full kitchen. The upper level has four large bedrooms and three full baths plus a family den and attic playroom. The exterior features five acres, an inground pool, as well as a four stall barn for horse lovers.
Ellie Wester 703-503-1880



Alexandria \$525,000
Must see this large three level TH, bright & sunny kitchen with hearth and gas FP, upper and lower decks, vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets, soaking tub & separate shower, large basement with ceramic tile floor. Island Creek Elementary School.
Judy McGuire 703-581-7679



Dumfries/Four Seasons 55+ Community \$427,500
Ramble on in and enjoy the rest of your life in this one-of-a-kind Bonaire Rambler! 3 Beds/3 Full Baths, sun-room add'n, screen porch add'n, patio, trex deck, cultured granite countertops & Italian marble, hdwd floors, stainless appliances, web bar, irrigations system, full security system and over 3,325 SqFt of luxurious living space! Call to see today!
Catie & Steve Morales 703-278-9313



Lake Anna \$450,000
Rarely Available! 2 bedroom, 2 bath Garage Villa with covered boat slip on the water! Soaring ceilings, huge windows, too much to list. A must see.
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Gainesville \$279,900
Heritage Hunt 55+. Updated 1 level patio home - backs to trees! 1 large BR with WIC, 1.5 BA, Kitchen with oak cabs, recess lights, HVAC 2013, solar tube, ceramic tile, Laundry, Living, Dining, Family, Sunroom, new paint, 1 car gar with new door, patio. Close to Clubhouse & entry gate.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Lorton \$534,900
Large end unit 4 level townhouse with 4 bedrooms, 2.55 baths. 3 level back extension. Open main level floor plan with hardwoods. Large kitchen/family room combo. Large deck. Lower level rec/family room w/gas frpl. 2 car garage. Close to shopping, VRE train station.
Buzz Jordan 703-850-4501



Fairfax \$440,000
Beautifully updated 3BR/2.55 BA Colonial Townhome in sought after Kings Park West close to GMU. New kitchen features granite, abundance of kitchen cabinetry, slate flooring, and walkout to gorgeous deck. Gleaming hardwoods and new carpet. Move right in and make this lovely home your own!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Fairfax \$799,900
Fabulous Contemporary. Open, bright floor plan. Huge 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths. Hdwd flrs main level. Elevator from garage to main level. Deck. 2 fireplaces. Gourmet kitchen with all the bells & whistles. Lower level apartment w/own entrance.
Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



Fairfax \$614,900
Shows Like a Model Home! Gorgeous home! 5 bd, 3.5 ba, 3 finished lvls with walkout to an Amazing Yard! Huge covered deck and lower paver patio w/hot tub! New kit and appliances, hardwood flrs, new windows...too much to mention! **Open Sunday 1-4**
Diana Khoury 703-401-7549



Fairfax Station \$950,000
This spectacular 5BR, 3-car garage home on 5.26 acres has been beautifully updated & meticulously cared for. Features a stunning new gourmet kitchen, a huge MBR w/sitting rm, all new bathrooms, enormous office, and a finished basement w/bar, frpl, den & expansive deck.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899



Burke \$609,900
Stunning Home! Amazing home with Fantastic curb appeal! 5 BR, 3.5 BA. 3 finished lvls with walk out basement. New roof, siding, HVAC, hardwood flrs, windows. Quiet cul-de sac. Home is priced to sell! Call with questions.
Diana Khoury 703-401-7549



Lake Anna \$299,000
Fantastic water access lot in Morgan 1 with assigned boat slip #34. Huge yard to accommodate large gatherings. 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, large rec room, 2 car garage, partially fenced yard.
Dana Isaac 540-661-2166



Alexandria \$379,900
Updated single family home at a townhouse price! Large custom sunroom. New hardwood floors. Fresh paint and custom moldings. Move-in ready. A Must See Home!
John & Jennifer Boyce 703-425-5646



Fairfax \$615,000
Vacation at home! Beautifully renovated 4-level split in Kings Park West is close to Royal Lake, tennis courts, trails & pool. Top-of-the-line kitchen, 3 fully updated baths, hardwoods, replaced windows, and more. Lovely screen porch overlooking lush, fully-fenced backyard. Convenient to Metrobus/VRE & top rated schools!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Dumfries \$349,900
Beautifully upgraded 4BR home in Montclair. Luxury master and guest baths. New hardwoods on main level and new carpet on upper level. Fresh paint and lighting throughout. Roof, siding, and HVAC have been upgraded.
John & Jennifer Boyce 703-425-5646



Gainesville \$485,000
Heritage Hunt 55+. Gorgeous 2 level "Lakemont" on cul de sac. 3BR (2 on main level), 3BA, gourmet Kitchen with SS Appls, Breakfast room, Family room off Kitchen with gas fireplace, Den, Living, Dining, hardwoods, fans, molding, Sunroom, Loft, screened porch, landscaped yard with irrigation system, 2 car garage.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Fairfax \$198,000
Excellent Condition/ Top Floor. Move into a beautifully updated 2 BR, 1 BA condo close to Metro transportation. Owned by a contractor. Renovated kitchen and bath. Brazilian HW floor in LR/DR.
Barbara Nowak 703-473-1803
Gerry Staudte 703-309-8948



Lake Ridge \$239,999
Gorgeous 2 bedroom plus loft! Over \$30,000 in renovations. Hardwood floors throughout. Updated bathrooms. Granite countertops in kitchen. Open floor plan. Many community amenities.
Diane Sundt 703-615-4626

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