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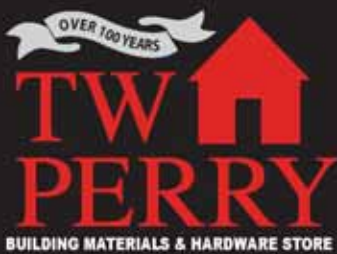
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# First-hand Lesson on Holocaust

**Expressions of the Holocaust: GMU group gathers survivors to share memories.**

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

“On the seventy-seventh anniversary of when supposedly civilized nations lost their collective minds, we are here to learn the lesson – first hand - of what can happen when people just stand by and do nothing.” That was how George Mason University President Dr. Angel Cabrera described the Expressions of the Holocaust event, organized by Mason Hillel, the school’s Jewish life organization, at which he was a guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 25.

As he greeted the assembly of thirty Holocaust survivors, families, friends, Hillel members, students and community guests, Cabrera was referring to the upcoming anniversary of Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass), the night in 1938 when mob violence (later aided by Nazi Storm Troopers, members of the SS and Hitler Youth) broke out across Germany, Austria and other Nazi controlled areas. By morning, untold numbers of Jews were beaten or murdered. Jewish homes and businesses were looted or destroyed. Hundreds of synagogues were vandalized or burnt to the ground, and some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested to be later sent to concentration camps. Many historians view Kristallnacht as the public ignition point of the Nazis’ determination to rid the Jewish presence from anywhere within their sphere of control and influence.

Groups like Mason Hillel are determined that the lessons of the past are not lost. “This is our third program dedicated to Holocaust education and remembrance,” said Taylor Kreinces, chair of the event. “We will hear memories of our honored guests to better understand their lessons of the Holocaust...to share their experiences and wisdom for future generations.” Kreinces asked participants to take a memory from the event and share it, hoping that they, too, will share. “It’s the only way to ‘never forget.’”

**AFTER THE KOSHER LUNCH** plates were cleared away, student ambassadors started the conversations at each of the round tables with group introductions. Then the survivors began to tell their stories.

Anna Grosz, born Anna Seelfreund on April 20, 1926 in Racsa, Romania, was the daughter of Samuel, a vineyard owner and wine merchant, and Ilona, who cared for Anna and her five sisters. When Anna was 14, her town of Racsa suddenly became part of Hungary, separated from Romania by arbitration between the Axis partners Germany and Italy. The vineyard and the business were



**Taking the stage for a group photo with the honored guests Holocaust Survivors up front and the student ambassadors and members of Mason Hillel in the back at the third Expressions of the Holocaust: Memories event at George Mason University.**



**Holocaust survivors Felix Nicinski and Dr. Maria Dworzecka with student ambassador Brian Garrett-Glazer. Garrett-Glazer, a May graduate of George Mason University, was ‘honored to be given the opportunity to facilitate the conversation’ at the table at which Nicinski and Dworzecka shared their stories of the Holocaust. “We are so bombarded with the breaking-news syndrome. This is a chance to hear the personal story and feel its powerful impact.” Nicinski, who lost his family during the Holocaust, described trying to readjust to “normal” life after being liberated. “I hadn’t held a toothbrush in my hand in 5 years. I hadn’t sat down to eat a meal in all the time. It took awhile before things started to feel normal.”**

confiscated under Hungary’s anti-Semitic laws and Samuel was conscripted into the Hungarian Labor Service. The family received a few letters from Samuel at first, then nothing. Samuel Seelfreund never returned home and was never heard from again.

Anna, her mother and her sisters were eventually forced into the Satu-Mare ghetto. From there they were moved to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Anna and her sisters Gisella, Clara and Elizabeth were selected for forced labor after their hair was cut and they were disinfected. Her mother and sisters Margaret and Violet did not survive their first night at Auschwitz. They were sent to the gas chambers almost immediately.

Anna survived life in Auschwitz, then Stutthoff, and then the Praust subcamp. In 1945 the sisters were separated when the SS evacuated most of the prisoners at Praust, leaving Anna behind since she was

“unfit” after breaking her leg. Sister Elizabeth was shot and killed during that evacuation march, but Anna was reunited with Gisella and Clara after Soviet troops liberated the prisoners at Praust.

At another table, Felix Nicinski described his internment at Dora when he was just twelve years old. The camp was mostly underground, safe from Allied air raids, and the prisoners tasked with digging tunnels into the surrounding mountains for subterranean weapons and missile production. “There were 12,000 people held in those tunnels,” recalled Nicinski. “For six months we did not see the light of day. Can you imagine that?” But the worst part for this survivor was having everything taken from him upon his arrival. “They took everything we had. They took the pictures I had of my family. I lost them all and that hurts, that I have no pictures of them.”

Maria Dworzecka was another Holocaust



**Anna Grosz tells her story at the Expressions of the Holocaust event. Grosz volunteers at the United States Holocaust Museum “to help keep the past alive, but from happening again.”**

survivor at the same table. She made light of her experiences, saying she didn’t have it as bad as others like Felix. After hearing how she never knew her father or found out what happened to him when her parents were unable to flee Warsaw, or how she was left in the streets at less than three years old when her mother was suddenly taken away to a camp, her table companions couldn’t bring themselves to agree with her. Three years later Maria’s mother was able to return home, looking for her daughter, but it took months before Maria could re-bond with her mother and they could become a family again. Sadly, only 3 years after their reunion, Maria’s mother was killed in a car accident, and Maria was again adopted by a Jewish family.

“But good can come from bad,” she reminded her listeners. Maria earned her

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**Mason Hillel's mission in organizing the Expressions of the Holocaust event is to ensure that the memories and the lessons are not forgotten, but instead passed to the next generation. Looking at the faces of those listening to the story of Irene Weiss, showing a picture of the moment when her family was separated at Auschwitz and her mother, older brother and three younger siblings were shot and killed, it would appear that the mission is being fulfilled.**

## Memories of Holocaust

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Ph.D. in Physics in 1969, and has been teaching at George Mason University since 1982, holding the post of Senior Associate Dean, College of Science from 2006 until 2011. She is also the adoptive mother of daughter Anna. "That just feels right," she says.

**AROUND THE ROOM** the stories continued, like that of Michel Margosis, born in Belgium to Russian-Jewish parents who had fled there after Michel's father escaped imprisonment in Siberia. Michel's family left Belgium for southern France when he was 14 years old, four days after the Germans invaded Belgium. They escaped from a French internment camp, hid with friends for a year, then walked across the Pyrenees mountains into Spain, where they stayed until Michel was sent to the United States via Portugal, where after 3 years in foster care he was finally reunited with his family.

"How did you handle the shock of all that, moving, hiding, separated from your family and coming to the US all on your own?" asked one of Michel's listeners. "I don't

know," he answered. "I think after a while nothing was shocking at that time, when you were in the middle of it." Echoing GMU President Cabrera's remarks, Michel responded that perhaps the most shocking thing of all was that this could all happen in "civilized countries."

Prompted by the student ambassadors and interesting questions from their tablemates, the memories continued to flow, but eventually talk turned to how these terrible lessons of yesterday could be used to better circumstances and situations of today.

"As painful as it might be, take 'Never Forget' to heart," said Grosz. "Share your stories, like we are doing today," said Michel Margosis. "Listen. Learn. Take action," said student ambassador Brian Garrett-Glaser. "Pass it along and don't let the stories die with this generation," said Leonie Vandersee, newly arrived from Berlin to work with the American Jewish Committee via the Action Reconciliation Service for Peace.

"And don't forget," said Dr. Maria Dworzecka, "the real evil is to just stand by and think this can't happen, or I can't do anything. Remember that Hitler was chosen in a democratic election. Everyone needs to stand up, not stand by."



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**Members of Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter.**

## DAR Celebrates 125th Anniversary

On Oct. 11, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) celebrated its 125th Anniversary with chapters throughout the nation participating in a Day of Service to the community. Anna Maria Fitzhugh Chapter in Springfield worked with the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association and Boy Scout Troop 1835 to clean up historic Clark's Chapel Cemetery located at 7520 Rolling Road. The joint effort included cleaning out underbrush,

litter, fallen branches, as well as cutting down and trimming trees. Only six of the 30 burial locations have markers. Other gravesites are marked with stones or are unmarked. Grave locations and possible grave locations were mapped and marked. Boy Scout Troop 1835 assembled a park bench and installed a beautiful sign identifying the name of the cemetery. DAR members planted flowers and marked unnamed grave sites with pea gravel.

## In-Custody Death of Inmate Investigated

Paul Guida, a 68-year-old man, was arrested on Oct. 1 and brought to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center (ADC) on the charge of violating a protective order three times within 20 years, according to the Sheriff's Office. He did not have a bond. Immediately after he was booked, he was moved to a cell in the ADC's infirmary due to his medical conditions. The infirmary houses inmates with medical conditions that require frequent observation and treatment by medical staff.

On Oct. 17, at 10:58 p.m., the deputy on duty checked on Guida and found him to

be unresponsive. At 11:01 p.m., staff announced a medical emergency and called for Rescue and Police. ADC medical staff and deputies administered life-saving procedures until Rescue arrived at 11:06 p.m. and took over the scene. At 11:28 p.m., Rescue transported Guida to Fairfax Hospital. At 11:48 p.m., Guida was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Sheriff's Office policy dictates that this incident is classified as an in-custody inmate death. The Fairfax County Police Department's investigation is now underway, and the Sheriff's Office is fully cooperating.

### AREA ROUNDUPS

## Hunger Walk to Help in Disaster Relief

The Burke Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22. Area residents of different faiths, cultures, and ages, will be walking together (6K/3.7 miles or shorter Golden Mile) to support local and global efforts to fight world hunger and bring disaster relief to victims of recent disasters. Proceeds benefit international relief and development efforts of Church World Service and local Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) in Springfield and West-

ern Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) in Chantilly. Nonperishable food will be collected for ECHO. Shuttle buses are available and no entry fee is required. Walker envelopes for sponsor donations are available prior to the walk or at the 1:30 p.m. registration. Walk begins 2:00 p.m., Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. [www.burkecropwalk.org](http://www.burkecropwalk.org), 703-455-9025, [ekringer@aol.com](mailto:ekringer@aol.com) or [burkeva.crop@cox.net](mailto:burkeva.crop@cox.net).



**Leonie Vandersee, only a month in America from Germany, talks with Holocaust survivor Michel Margosis and Bahador Nezhad, who introduced himself at the table as "not Jewish, but privileged to be here and be part of this moment. I was pleased to be invited."**



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Yvette's story was one of our winning entries in our "Express Lanes Love Story" promotion.



# Cook, Kincaid and Silverthorn Host Domestic Violence Awareness Event

Fairfax County reports nearly 160 domestic violence arrests are made each month in the county. To bring more attention to this issue and in light of October being declared Domestic Violence Awareness month in Fairfax County, supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) hosted his third annual Stop Domestic Violence Community Awareness Event on Oct. 15 at Chuy's restaurant in Fairfax.

Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne and Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid were co-hosts of the event, which also featured executive director and chief executive officer of Shelter House Joe Meyer.

"Fairfax County is committed to helping those affected by domestic violence," Cook said in a statement. "As a community, we are all working hard to shed light on the issue of family violence in an effort to reduce its occurrence within our county and to provide those affected with knowledge on where they can get much needed assistance. There are so many people



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN COOK

From left, City of Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne, City of Fairfax Council member Michael DeMarco, Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and executive director and chief executive officer of Shelter House Joe Meyer met at Chuy's restaurant in Fairfax on Oct. 15 to raise awareness for stopping domestic violence and providing support services for domestic violence victims.

who work very hard behind the scenes and I want to especially thank them for all that they do for this cause."

For more information on domestic violence statistics in Fairfax

County, additional awareness events and other resources, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/domesticviolence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/domesticviolence).

—TIM PETERSON

## Keep GMU Blue Rally

On Monday, November 2 from 4-5:30 p.m., the George Mason Democrats will be hosting the #KeepGMUBlue Rally at North Plaza on the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) will join the George Mason Democrats and the candidates running to represent George Mason University to reiterate, for the last time, the stakes of this election and the reasons to vote Democratic on Election Day. George Mason University students and local community members are invited to attend the rally.

### Candidates in attendance will include:

State Sen. Chap Petersen - Candidate for State Senate  
Del. David Bulova - Candidate for House of Delegates  
Sheriff Stacey Kincaid - Candidate for Fairfax Sheriff  
Bettina Lawton Esq. - Candidate for Fairfax Clerk of Court  
Janet Oleszek - Candidate for Braddock District Supervisor  
Megan McLaughlin - Candidate for Braddock District School Board Member  
Ilryong Moon - Candidate for At-Large School Board Member  
George Lamb - Candidate for Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board

The George Mason Democrats are a group of undergraduate students at George Mason University who share a passion for politics and are strong supporters of the Democratic Party. The George Mason Democrats are a Registered Student Organization at George Mason University and a charter member of Virginia Young Democrats.

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**Current and former directors of St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool celebrate its 30th Anniversary.**

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool Celebrates 30th Anniversary

**M**ore than a hundred people turned out for the 30th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool on Oct. 24. Many alumni including some from the class of 1989 came back to visit their former preschool.

The festivities began with some history provided by Scootie Prior who was on the original committee to start a preschool in the Burke-Springfield area. The doors opened in September 1985 with seventy-two children three to five years old. Since that time more than two thousand children have attended the program. Children have learned and laughed and

families have connected to form lifelong bonds.

Former directors — Sharon Winstead, Pat Conrad, Heather Hunt Maupin — and other past staff attended the event and reminisced about all the children who have been enriched by this preschool program. The preschool has grown over the years but the fundamental philosophy remains the same: to provide a loving place for a child to develop socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively and spiritually. Enhancements to the program include special science and music programs, lunch bunch days and Enrichment classes for kindergarten-bound students.

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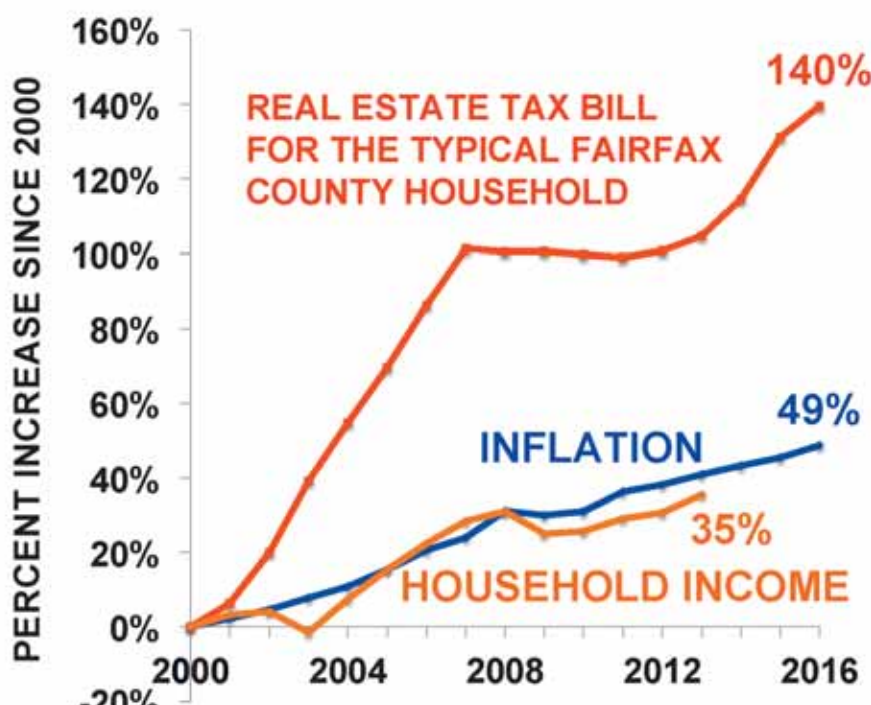
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# SoberRide for Halloween

**T**he Washington Regional Alcohol Program will provide free cab rides to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington Metropolitan area on Halloween evening, this Saturday, Oct. 31.

Offered by the nonprofit WRAP, the Halloween SoberRide program will go into operation at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, and operate until 4 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, as a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday period.

During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home. AT&T wireless customers can dial #WRAP for the same service.

Local taxicab companies throughout the Washing-

ton Metropolitan area provide this no-cost service to local residents age 21 and older who otherwise may attempt to drive home after drinking.

SoberRide is offered in the: District of Columbia; throughout the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and throughout the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, eastern Loudoun and Prince William.

"The scary fact is that nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths occurring during Halloween are caused by drunk drivers," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's President.

Last Halloween's SoberRide program provided nearly 300 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Washington-metropolitan area.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 62,773 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

**Joshua Blaz**, a graduate of J.W. Robinson Secondary School, received the Tyree/Parajon, First Year Merit Scholarship at Denison University. The Tyree/Parajon Scholarship is based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit.

Six students in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named **regional finalists in the 2015 Siemens Competition in Math,**

**Science, and Technology.** The students, who attend South County High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), are part of a group of 97 regional finalists who will compete in one of six regional events in November.

Finalists include five TJHSST students — Daniel Chae, Kelly Cho, Harriet Khang, Christina Oh and Michael You — as well as Edward Oh, South County High School.

**Brendan Richard O'Connor** of Fairfax Station has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. He is a sophomore at the College of William and Mary.

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## Vote Yes for the Fairfax County School Bond Referendum

BY LEN FORKAS  
CHAIRMAN  
FAIRFAX CITIZENS  
FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

On Nov. 3, please vote Yes for the \$300 million in infrastructure improvements for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

Fairfax County residents enjoy the benefits of having one of the best school systems in the nation, but with over 196 schools serving

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over 187,000 students, its aging infrastructure is in dire need of improvements. Voting Yes on the school bond referendum will allow the county to maintain the "world class education system" which FCPS provides. This is a driving force behind our

region's economic success. Nearly 75 percent of high school graduates in Fairfax County schools attend some form of post-secondary education. Many of these students return to Fairfax County to find work after graduating.

FCPS is the largest public school system in the Commonwealth and the 10th largest school system in the nation. Recent significant increases in student enrollment have pushed some schools far beyond capacity.

Since the 2008-2009 school year, enrollment has increased by more than 22,000 students and continued strong growth is anticipated. On top of that, existing classrooms are in dire need of renovations to assure student safety.

FCPS facilities also act as community centers with nearly 2,000

community organizations utilizing FCPS facilities every year.

Bonds are the means by which we provide the funding necessary for our students' facilities. The use of bonds avoids diverting funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction. They also spread the financing of required school construction over the improvement's usable life, diversifying the contribution throughout several years.

In addition, it is important to note that the School Bond will not increase county taxes. The sale of bonds avoids taking funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction.

The use of bonds will not affect the county's coveted bond rating. Not only are interest rates for tax exempt bonds at a near all time low, but Fairfax County is also

among the top 1 percent of counties with the highest credit rating possible for a locality. Of the nation's more than 3,000 counties, Fairfax is among only 40 that have the highest credit rating possible for a local government from all three rating agencies.

Fairfax County is home to 10 Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 300 trade associations and professional societies, and nine of Inc. magazine's 500 fastest-growing privately-owned companies. To continue the excellence in education and business that Fairfax County is known for, our schools need to be modernized.

Together, we can pass the 2015 School Bond to make the necessary investments for a brighter future for our students and our county.

## Domestic Violence Includes Financial Abuse

### The intertwinement of domestic violence and homelessness in Fairfax County.

BY JOE MEYER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO  
SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

What if you wake up one day in fear of your physical safety? What would you do if you had absolutely no access to any of your bank accounts? What if you found yourself completely isolated from your friends and family and had no resources? Unfortunately, these are the very real situations that victims of domestic violence find themselves in before they seek out support and shelter.

Shelter House, Inc. operates Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency domestic violence shel-

ter, Artemis House. This past year, Artemis House increased its bed capacity from 34 to 42 trying to meet the needs of the 60-100 individuals who call the Artemis House hotline on a monthly-basis.

One recent Artemis House resident "had no access to the family account, credit/debit cards. [The abuser] did not even give her, as we often see, an 'allowance.' She could not even ask for feminine hygiene products. He made all the financial decisions and still accused her of stealing money," says Suzanne Pigg, director of Artemis House.

Statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence in their

lifetime. Chances are you either have been or know someone who has been in a situation of domestic violence. And in 2015, 41 percent of adults in families who were homeless reported that it was because of domestic violence. This is an alarming increase from 33 percent in 2014.

Because of the overlapping circumstances of homelessness and domestic violence, Artemis House isn't the only safe-haven for victims of domestic violence. Shelter House operates two other family shelters—Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters—that house an overwhelming amount of homeless families who have also experienced and been

affected by domestic violence. This is an addition to Shelter House's transitional and permanent supportive housing services – programs that also see a large amount of cases where families are affected by domestic violence.

Why are so many families who are homeless affected by domestic violence? One big reason is 98 percent of domestic violence cases involve financial abuse. Many families who are homeless have experienced having an abuser control their access to accounts, imposing a strict allowance of funds or coercing them into signing documents for loans or leases. The ways in which financial abuse occurs varies, but is a consistent threat and serves as an effective and damaging way for an abuser to keep a victim under their control.

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# LETTERS

## Experience and Results

To the Editor:

State. Sen. George Barker isn't a party politician. He brings sides together, and looks at each issue individually to see how it affects Virginians in our district and across the Commonwealth. As a result, he has proven himself to be a thoughtful, effective leader for Northern Virginia.

Even before being elected to the Senate, Barker was working hard and delivering results for our community. As a PTA president and chair of the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission, he led numerous efforts to improve our schools and fix our transportation system and was named Fairfax County's Citizen of the Year for his service. I am personally grateful for his significant contribution to the positive outcome of a VDOT project in my neighborhood that brought people together, saved the taxpayers money and saved the natural character of our road.

During his two terms in office, Sen. Barker has continued that work. He has sponsored more bills on education than anyone in the Senate, and was a key player in passing transportation legislation that is helping to improve our roads and reduce congestion.

Sen. Barker is the candidate who has the experience and the ability to get things done for Northern Virginia, and he has the track record to prove it. He is truly committed to serving people and I am proud to know him. This is why I am supporting Sen. George L. Barker for reelection this November.

**Raul Tuset**  
Fairfax Station

## Distasteful Campaign Literature

To the Editor:

As a mother, wife, sister and Navy Veteran, I am sickened that Bryan Wolfe, candidate for Fairfax County Sheriff would exploit the death of an African American woman who died in police custody for political gain. This is downright despicable and goes directly to the heart of his character. Natasha McKenna's death was tragic and unfortunate, which everyone has acknowl-

edged, including current Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, who is actively investigating the matter. But for Wolfe to include the photograph of this young woman on his campaign literature, I feel, is distasteful and disrespectful to her memory.

Reminding voters of McKenna's untimely death in a Fairfax County jail does not automatically translate into Wolfe being a better candidate. The fact that he would insult the electorate by his misuse of her picture on his campaign literature is unfair, at best, and at worst, reprehensible. It also is extremely insensitive, particularly to the African American community, who has historically (and disproportionately) been the victims of police brutality and violence at the hands of police around the country. Given the increasing national dissatisfaction with local police forces, which in some cases has led to riots and other unrest, these "pamphlets" do little to diffuse the situation and promote a positive, constructive dialogue.

I implore you Mr. Wolfe, if you are truly the better candidate, to find a better way to plead your case to the voters of Fairfax County. I served in the military just as you did and there is nothing honorable about the campaign you are currently running.

**Kia Thomas Hamel**  
U.S. Navy Veteran and Fairfax County Voter

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## Domestic Violence

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Domestic violence and the homelessness that it can lead to are not separate or isolated issues. They are intertwined issues that affect individuals and families and communities. It is up to us as a community to speak out against abusers and stand in solidarity with those who have been victims of domestic violence and financial abuse. Part of Shelter House's outreach efforts this year have included participating in the Purple Purse Challenge, a national month-long aware-

ness and fundraising campaign held in October aimed at promoting financial empowerment. But much like homelessness and domestic violence, our outreach does not end in October. Help us raise awareness and make an impact by visiting [www.shelterhouse.org](http://www.shelterhouse.org) and find out ways you can get involved.

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

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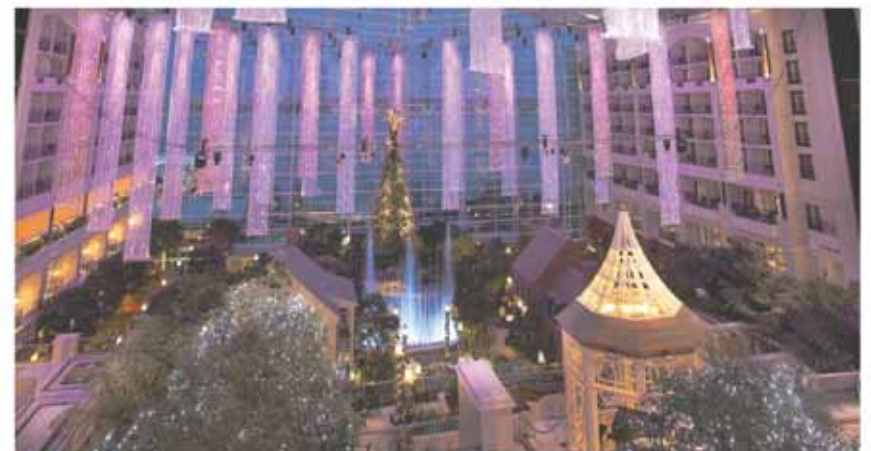
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# Candidates for State Delegate in 43th Distirict

## Paul J. McIlvaine (I)

*Independent Challenger for Delegate in District 43*

**Town of residence:** Franconia

**Age:** 66

**Family:** Married, 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 2 nieces, 1 grand nephew & niece, & 1 grandson - all Virginians!

**Education:** Bachelor of Electrical Engineering; Villanova University, Master of Science in (Business) Administration; George Washington University; Master of Science - National Resource Strategy; National Defense University

**Offices held, dates:** National Board of Directors, Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE); National Board of Governors, American Guild of Musical Artists Current Union member.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Electronics Engineer, Naval Air Systems Command, A-6, P-3, S-3 and E-2 aircraft. Acquisition Project Officer, Headquarters, Marine Corps, ground-based Tactical Command & Control Systems. Management Professor; Department Chairman; Associate Dean; and Director of Corporate Planning – Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir. Professional Opera Singer - Virginia Opera, Washington National Opera, Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia & others. Appeared as Scrooge in A Christmas Carol at McLean's Alden Theatre.

**Community involvement:** SOLE Logistics Education Award; Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal; Army Commander's Award for Distinguished Civilian Service; Defense Superior Civilian Service Medal & Hall of Fame, Defense Acquisition University. Washington National Wagner Society Meistersinger Award for excellence in performance, dedication & community spirit.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Independent Green Party



## Mark Sickles (D)

**Incumbent**

**Town of residence:** Alexandria

**Age:** 58

**Education:** Delegate Sickles has two Masters Degrees from Georgia Tech and a B.S. from Clemson University.

**Offices held, dates:** 43<sup>rd</sup> Virginia House of Delegates District – 2004 – Present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** As a part-time legislator, Delegate Sickles works full-time for a national marine construction company based in Metropolitan New York.

**Community involvement:** Fairfax County Library Board, serving for 11 years and one term as Chairman. Oversaw the opening of a new library in Kingstowne and the development of a 10-year CIP with renovation of the Richard Byrd and Martha Washington libraries. Former President of United Community Ministries. Aerospace Advisory Council and the George Mason University of Conflict Analysis and Resolution's (S-CAR) Advisory Board. Active member of the Bioscience Caucus.

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**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

I was born and raised in Northern Virginia and observed first hand a dynamic region that grew faster than public infrastructure could sustain. The fight to ensure that Northern Virginia gets its fair share in order to catch up has defined my service. It is my hope to keep Virginia the type of place that anyone would want to call home. My family built a life here and I want ensure that it continues to be the best place to work, play, and to educate the next generation.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

My Republican opponent claims that she will represent the views and interests of every citizen of the 43<sup>rd</sup> District, but her personal ideology is fundamentally at odds with most of the core beliefs of my constituents. Her complete lack of respect for the institution of government makes me seriously question her commitment to protect and fight for critical services like Metro Reform, pre-k through 12 and higher education, and public safety.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

My recent appointment to the Appropriations Committee by Speaker Howell, arguably Virginia's most prominent Republican, is a clear vote of confidence in my ability to work across the aisle. Although we may disagree on some fundamental issues, I believe my Republican colleagues and I have respect for each other, which allows us to work together to pass substantive legislation, such as the landmark 2013 transportation bill.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

1. Closing the Medicaid Coverage Gap. 2. Expanding access to pre-k for at-risk children, by reforming the Virginia Preschool Initiative and increasing funding for the program. 3. Diversification of Virginia's economy. 4. Increasing access the ballot. 5. Fighting for transportation priorities and improving Metrorail's performance.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years?**

**What caused those changes?** Ten years ago, we had many more trailers serving as classrooms in our schools. We did not have Jeff Todd Way, turn lanes at Harrison Lane, and a functioning intersection at S. Kings and Telegraph Road. The Commonwealth's 16 four-year institutions of higher learning have built the capacity to handle the numerous students from N. Virginia. We have made a big difference in the lives of many more families with disabled children.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

One thing we can do is pass HB 2011, a bill that would have prohibited "a licensed motor vehicle title lender or third party from making loans under the chapter re-regulating consumer finance loans at any place of business where a licensee conducts the business of making motor vehicle title loans."

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?** I would very likely support a program that improves our essential foster care system.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?** Closing the Coverage Gap is one of my top legislative priorities. Partisan gridlock has prevented the Governor from accepting Virginia's own tax dollars for routine care of her poorest citizens by a Medicaid managed care company, or from using Medicaid funds to purchase insurance on the exchange. In furtherance of our reputation as a well-managed state, we need to accept our own tax dollars back so as not to deny healthcare for up to 400,000 of our fellow working Virginians that live below the poverty line.



## Anna Urman (R)

*Challenger, Delegate District 43*

**Town of residence:** "Groveton" - Alexandria, VA

**Age:** 38

**Family:** Married, 2 daughters

**Education:** Graduate, Hofstra University (BA), Georgetown University (JD), post-graduate work, George Washington University (LLM).

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Director, Virginia Procurement Technical Assistance Program, George Mason University. Small business owner/counselor, government contract law expert, homeowner.

**Community involvement:** (1) Training and counseling small businesses in government procurement; (2) Dog rescue volunteer.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Republican Liberty Caucus of Virginia, VA NextGen GOP, Sen. Mark D. Obenshain



### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

We came to the US for the American Dream — economic opportunity, religious liberty, and individual freedom. I want to ensure that this dream remains alive for my daughters' generation. I see more government, less liberty; we are over-taxed and over-regulated. I'll fight for a transparent, accountable, limited government that spends money frugally, and honors our Constitutional principles.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I believe that individuals are in better position to govern their lives than bureaucrats. I believe in parental rights, in reducing bureaucracy, in reducing taxes instead of burdening us and our children with further debts to pay for unnecessary government programs — whether it's expanding a broken Medicaid system or adding unaffordable tolls to roads that we-the-taxpayers already paid for.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?** As much as it may benefit some to exacerbate the appearance of a partisan divide — there isn't enough time to point fingers and cast around blame. As a working mom, a business owner, I focus on solutions. I study problems, operate on facts, and create strategy to get things done.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.** A. Decrease / eliminate taxes and regulation that hurt small businesses. B. Create meaningful contracting parity for veteran-owned business. C. Make Virginia a "No Kill" state that doesn't kill healthy, adoptable animals in our public shelters. D. Ensure that Fairfax County gets an equitable share of state funding for our roads and schools proportionate to our needs, and our contribution to the state. E. Ease regulations for "tech transfer" from public universities, which will ensure that scientific and technological developments are more easily developed into new products and services — creating technology, jobs, and wealth.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The decline in our schools is evident in increased class sizes and falling scores. The increased congestion is indicative of inadequate attention and lack of planning by current elected officials. High commercial vacancy rates and flight of businesses is a testament to our regulatory quagmire and irresponsible tax policies.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

No. I believe that adults should have the right to make their own financial decisions. Our goal should be not to regulate, but to educate, so that consumers can make informed financial choices.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

No. With federal debt careening towards \$20 trillion, "influx of federal money" means a greater debt burden to all Americans. Furthermore, 18-year-olds are legal adults and as such, should be able to participate in society. If they aren't ready to take on adult responsibilities at 18, we should ask what's wrong with the system, not throw more money at the problem.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?** No. I would not advocate investment into an infrastructure for a healthcare system that may be proven unconstitutional. Furthermore, the fundamental premise of forcing citizens to buy health insurance is flawed, and I oppose it categorically. The goal of Medicaid expansion is to provide taxpayer-funded benefits to able-bodied adults who are above federal poverty level; such an expansion is enormously unfair to all taxpayers.



## ELECTION '15

# Candidates for State Delegate in 42nd District

## David Albo (R-42)

**Incumbent**  
**Town of residence:** South County / Fairfax Station  
**Age:** 53  
**Family:** Wife, Rita and 10 yr. old son, Ben  
**Education:** UVA BA Economics. Law Degree U.R.  
**Offices held, dates:** House of Delegates 1994-present  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Attorney. 1988 – present. (Former Prosecutor City of Fairfax, Guardian for Abused Children. Partner at Albo & Oblon, LLP. 1994 – present.)  
**Community involvement:** Past President West Springfield Civic Association, Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Committee.  
**Website:** www.DaveAlbo.org  
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**Twitter handle:** Twitter.com/DaveAlbo  
**Three favorite endorsements:** Humane Dominion (an animal protection association), Northern VA Technology Association, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce



everyone who knows her says she is very nice. As for why should voters choose me? I deliver real results for our neighborhoods. Just take a look at my answer on #1 for some concrete examples.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

I always look for a solution that both sides can live with. A compromise means that you have to take some things you don't like, in order to get things you want. That is why, unlike the Federal government, we deliver balanced budgets every year. Another example would be the 2013 Transportation Bill I co-authored. 37 Republicans and 23 Democrats voted for it. Did I like all of it? No, but I liked delivering the first bill in three decades to fix roads and rail.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Providing more in-state slots for VA colleges, repaving residential streets, keeping flow of money to Fairfax Schools, continuing to keep government spending at 2007 levels so we don't have to raise taxes, and keeping violent criminals in prison.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

Lorton Prison was closed and we built SCHS, SCMS and Laurel Hill Elementary! West Springfield is still the same, just like it was when I grew up here.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?** It is a free country. Government should not tell people what loans they can accept.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?** Yes

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

First of all, anyone who is poor, and either (a) disabled, (b) a child, or (c) elderly, already gets Medicaid. This plan seeks to do is give free medical insurance (Medicaid) to working age people 19-64. While it would be nice to take care of everyone, we cannot afford it. Expanding Medicaid will cost \$230 million/yr., and since Medicaid has gone up 300% over the past 10 years, it could rise to \$720 million. To pay that, the state would have to increase taxes.

## Joana Garcia (D)

No response received.

# House District 39

## Vivian Watts (D-39)

**Incumbent, unopposed**  
**Town of residence:** Annandale  
**Age:** 75  
**Family:** Married 55 years to Dave; 2 children, Cindy and Jeff; 6 grandchildren.  
**Education:** B.A., cum laude, University of Michigan  
**Offices held, dates:** Delegate, 1982-86; 1996 to present. Virginia Secretary of Transportation and Public Safety, 1986-90  
**Occupation and relevant experience:** Executive Director, Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); Researcher employed by Arthur Young; Arthur Anderson; and Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.  
**Community involvement:** Service includes: League of Women Voters, President; Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Transportation Chair; Diversion First Board; School Bond, Co-Chair; Judicial Center Bond, Co-Chair; Salvation Army Board; PTA, President.  
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Nursing home patient protection; and (5) Growing jobs and diversifying Virginia's economy.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

Redistricting changed my district 40% in 2001 and another 42% in 2011. Within my district, a number of neighborhoods are gaining new vitality from young families living alongside those who've aged in place. Re-development that brings in young professionals and provides downsizing options for longtime residents is being spurred by changes to Springfield Mall and BRAC. I also meet many new citizens knocking on voters' doors. Their backgrounds are incredibly diverse. Some lost family to political persecution or perilous journeys. Others came from the intelligentsia of Asia, former Soviet block countries, Africa, the Middle East, or South American countries like El Salvador.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

I voted against bills that, regrettably, opened the door and continue to support restrictions.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

From 7 years with CASA, which is assigned the most challenging court child abuse and neglect cases, I'm well-aware of the support and guidance foster teens need to transition into productive adults.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

I strongly support getting back over \$4 million per day in federal ACA taxes that Virginia citizens and businesses have paid in order to provide basic managed care for 400,000 Virginians whose only recourse is to go without healthcare or use expensive emergency room services. 70% are in working families and 12,300 are veterans. I will continue to address the two arguments I repeatedly hear against expansion: reform Medicaid before we expand it and 90% federal funding will disappear. Reform: I certainly agree we have a duty to improve any program, but Virginia's been first in the nation for two years in Medicaid fraud recovery. Furthermore, there've been 61 audits since 2002. Frankly, being 47th in Medicaid spending, Virginia doesn't have much room for waste. 90% federal funding: By not expanding Medicaid under ACA, we get just 45%. Last year, to cover severely mentally ill adults and to provide dental care for pregnant women, we took \$85.6 million in state tax dollars from other needs – such as K-12 funding – rather than use 90% federal funding under expansion. Economic reasons for expansion are as strong as humanitarian reasons.

**QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Motivation: Understanding the challenges of governing, investing in the future, and achieving liberty and justice for all. Commitment: I will continue to try to foster constructive dialogue that respects and encourages citizen involvement.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?** This year, I don't have an opponent. However, I attend every voter forum, even if I can't speak, to hear citizen concerns. To be accountable and to understand each group's values, I answer almost every questionnaire.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?** Because I conscientiously do my homework and try to be an honest broker, I was called on extensively by members of both parties in developing and passing the 2013 transportation funding bill.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

(1) Mental Health services and reform to deal effectively and humanely with crises, reduce loss of lives, and provide counseling support for victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse and for veterans and their families dealing with PTSD; (2) Adequate school funding that treats Fairfax County equitably; (3) Wise transportation decisions; (4)

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House of Delegates district, Clerk of the Court, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, District member of the Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County School Board at Large (vote for 3); District School Board member; Soil and Water Conservation Board (vote for 3); School Bond for \$310 million, Public Safety Bond for \$151 million. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

It's also worth noting that new, more restrictive voter identification regulations took effect last year. Voters arriving to the polls without required photo ID will be al-

lowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

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## ELECTION '15

# House District 44

## Paul Krizek (D-44)

*Candidate for Delegate in the 44th  
District, unopposed.*

**Town of residence:** Alexandria  
**Age:** 54

**Family:** Paul, wife Tracey Navratil  
and daughter Khloe Krizek, live  
in Paul's childhood home on  
Whiteoaks Drive in the Hollin  
Hills neighborhood of Mount  
Vernon

**Education:** B.A., UVA ('84); J.D.,  
Catholic University ('87)

**Occupation and relevant  
experience:** non-profit  
executive

**Community involvement:** Teaches Sunday  
school to teenagers at St. Luke's Episcopal  
Church, board member of Mount Vernon at  
Home, an organization to support the lifetime  
independence of Mount Vernon seniors allowing  
them to age in place in their homes; member,  
Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Planned  
Parenthood Advocates of Virginia, Northern  
Virginia Assoc. of Realtors, AFL-CIO



pass legislation. Also, as a Housing  
Commissioner I was able to work  
with all of the Commissioners to  
work beyond partisanship on mat-  
ters beneficial to Fairfax County.  
Fundamentally, I believe kindness  
and respect are at the heart of all im-  
portant relationships.

### 4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- 1) Transportation improvements  
along the Rt. 1 corridor
- 2) Raise the minimum wage to at  
least \$10.10
- 3) Affordable Housing
- 4) Expand Medicaid
- 5) Investing in alternative energy

### 5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Ten years ago, the county tore down abandoned,  
unsafe and eyesore properties. Since that time we  
are seeing some upgrading of the Rt. 1 corridor  
with new historical signage, plantings, retail façade  
improvements, as well as new development areas  
like Beacon Hill Mall and Hyla Valley. The commu-  
nity has consistently stepped up to the challenges  
we faced, from keeping Mount Vernon hospital  
open, to pushing for the new Jeff Todd Way con-  
nector road from Route 1 to Telegraph Road.

### 6. Will you support legislation restrict- ing high interest lending including car title loans?

Absolutely. I support capping the interest rate for  
predatory lending and giving localities the ability  
to regulate the number of predatory lenders in a  
locality, similar to their powers for pawn shops.

### 7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an in- flux of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes. We have over 5,000 Virginia children in  
Foster Care. I absolutely support receiving Federal  
funding for Fostering Connections.

### 8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Medicaid expansion is one of my top priorities.  
I am willing to work hand-in-hand with the Gov-  
ernor, the Democratic leadership and the members  
of the Republican caucus that favor Medicaid ex-  
pansion to accomplish this for 400,000  
hard-working Virginians.

### QUESTIONS:

#### 1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I want to go to Richmond to help those strug-  
gling in our community just as I have done as a  
charity executive and before that, as a legislative  
staffer for Congressman Jim Moran, where I  
worked for eight years on legislation and constitu-  
ent service for the people of the 8th Congressional  
District. I find helping people immensely gratifying  
and rewarding. I will always support legislation  
that reflects my values: making available safe af-  
fordable housing, healthcare, education and a  
living wage; building a sustainable community in  
the 44th; and protecting and enhancing the natu-  
ral environment by shifting to renewable energy.

#### 2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Paul Krizek does not have an opponent.

#### 3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I worked on the Hill for many years and partici-  
pated in numerous bipartisan efforts to draft and

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# Candidates for State Senate in 36th District

## Gerald "Jerry" Foreman (R)

Candidate for Senate in the 36th district

**Town of residence:** Dumfries

**Age:** 54

**Family:** Carmella (spouse), Danya (daughter), John (son-in-law)

**Education:** Graduate degree in Aviation Management

**Offices held, dates:** Councilman (2010-2012), Mayor (2012-Present)

**Occupation and relevant**

**experience:** U.S. Marine (25 years), Aviation Consultant, Mayor Town of Dumfries

**Community involvement:**

American Legion; Historic Dumfries Virginia Inc. (2009-Present); President Historic Dumfries Virginia (2014-Present); Ellis Airport Board Jacksonville, NC (2005-2006); Gun Owners of America; President Hampstead Landing Homeowners Association (2007-2010); Image Church (Dumfries); Kiwanis International; Marine Corps Aviation Association; Marine Corps Association; Marine Corps League; Life Member Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) – Prince William County; National Rifle Association (NRA); Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) (2012-Present); Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) (2013-Present); Prince William Chamber of Commerce (2010-Present); Prince William County Republican Committee; Life Member Southern Illinois University Alumni Association; Life Member U.S. Air Force Association; Life Member Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW); Virginia Municipal League (VML) (2010-Present); 11th District Republican Committee Representative.

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Virginia Society for Human Life, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation AgPac, National Federation of Independent Business

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Fixing the economy (economic development). If we are addressing economic development then infrastructure (roads, etc), schools and homes fall into place. Your Senator must work hand-in-hand with County and Town governments. Tax dollars must be put to work effectively and judiciously.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

Leadership. As a 25-year Marine Corps veteran, a Mayor, a businessman and a consultant my experience is diverse and will bring a fresh perspective to Richmond. My opponent is a career Richmond insider and a politician who's voting record doesn't line up to what he says he supports.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully**



**bridge the intense partisan differences there?**

I was elected as a Councilman and then as Mayor as a Republican in a town that President Obama and Governor MacAuliffe won in a landslide. That cross-over appeal shows that I can work effectively across the aisle and earn the trust of Democrats. I attribute that

success to my straightforward, honest approach. Not one party can fix all problems — we need a Senator who works well with others.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Create jobs and grow our economy; Fix the Route 1 corridor; Address planned development; Strengthen ethics laws; Reach across the aisle to solve problems.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The people who live here haven't changed, but their attitude towards government and politicians have. They are tired of the insiders, and want people who are willing to work together for a common cause.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes – this should have been addressed a long time ago. My opponent was in office when the current laws allowed these predators to set up shop – now he says he has a plan to eradicate them. My opponent has shifted the discussion from a meaningful conversation on economic development to an election year conversation focused on his priority of a one focused area. My opponent wants to solve every concern by raising taxes.**

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? Yes.**

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

The ACA has created more problems that it has solved because it was pork barreled. At the end of the day, we must create a healthcare safety net for our citizens. We cannot put the burden of this program on the business owners and the middle class. This is a great question for a current legislator as to why something hasn't been done already. My goal will be to bring people together to find a compromise that solves the problem.

## Scott A. Surovell (D)

Candidate for State Senate District 36

**Town of residence:** Mount Vernon, Va.

**Age:** 44

**Family:** Erinn Madden (Wife), Eva (15), Leia (13), Mara (10), Colin (9)

**Education:** J.D. University of Virginia School of Law, 1996; B.A., Magna Cum Laude, James Madison University, 1993; Advanced Studies Diploma, West Potomac H.S., 1989

**Offices held, dates:** House of Delegates, 44th District, 2010-Current

**Occupation and relevant experience:**

Attorney/Founding Member, Surovell Isaacs Petersen & Levy PLC

**Community involvement:** Girls Soccer

Coach, Lee-Mt. Vernon Soccer Association, 2007-2013; Secretary, Treasurer & Director, Tauxemont Community Association, 2001-2008; Member, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, 2006-Present, Legislative Committee, 2006-2009; Board Member, Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership, 2007-2008; Member, Fairfax Bar Association, 1996-Present, President, Fairfax Bar Association Young Lawyer's Section, 1998-99; Ex Officio Member, Fairfax Bar Association, 1998-99 Member, Virginia State Bar, 1996-Present; Member, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, 1996-Present; Fairfax County Public Schools Community Advisory Council starting in 2009

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Virginia Education Association, Senator Toddy Puller



execution secrecy legislation. I have developed friendships, relationships, and the experience necessary to maximize our community's opportunities in Richmond.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

1 - The improvement and expansion of first class transit to promote redevelopment of the U.S. 1 Corridor. 2 - Raising K-12/early childhood/higher education funding. We

need lower class sizes, higher teacher salaries and digital devices for all students. 3 - Predatory Lending needs to be severely regulated on U.S. 1. Interest rates capped, locations limited, and bait and switch tactics abolished. 4 - Virginia must expand Medicaid. 5 - Promoting renewable energy, energy efficiency, and a green economy.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

Traffic has exploded on U.S. 1 due to employment growth at Fort Belvoir and Marine Corps Base Quantico. 36th District's school populations have exploded due to population turnover from elderly to young families and housing growth.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Predatory lending is completely out of control on U.S. 1. Short of abolition, I have consistently supported (1) interest rate caps, (2) giving local government the authority to regulate the number of predatory lenders that can locate in an area, and (3) prohibiting multiple predatory lending entities from co-locating in the same storefront.**

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? I have always been supportive of measures to fully fund Virginia's safety net. Expanding Medicaid would free up \$180 million of Virginia taxpayer dollars because the federal government would pick up 100% of the cost of fourteen programs currently 100% funded by Virginia taxpayers. Those monies could be used to fund programs such as this one.**

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

Closing the healthcare coverage gap is probably the #1 thing we can do to improve quality of life in the short term in the U.S. 1 Corridor. The U.S. 1 Corridor has the largest existing Medicaid population and the largest concentration of working adults that would benefit from expansion in Northern Virginia. Expansion will create 30,000 jobs in Virginia, nearly 1,000 jobs in the 36th District, and will free up \$180 million of Virginia taxpayer dollars to spend on other priorities. I have never voted for a budget without Medicaid expansion, and I will continue to advocate for Medicaid expansion as a necessary condition for any biennial budget passed this year.

# Gandee and Storck Vie for Hyland's Seat

## Storck cites experience.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

Christine Morin of Lorton re-members when South County Secondary School opened in 2005. She found out Fairfax County said they had no plans to build a South County middle school, as the system had previously promised, which was a rea-

son Morin and her family moved to Laurel Hill from Burke. Morin created a South County Middle School solutions group, which is when she first with Mount Vernon School Board member Dan Storck.

"He made sure he was committed to helping us get the middle school and he never looked back the rest of the way," Morin said. "He didn't back down from the administration and knew it was in the best interests of the community, the kids, what made the most

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## Gandee touts business background.

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, said Jane Gandee is the reason that organization became involved with helping the homeless along Richmond Highway.

"She brought it to our attention," Dougherty said. "It's something she's very passionate about. Last year for the holiday party, she spearheaded a drive to collect new coats and winter wear that

went to Rising Hope Church."

Dougherty called Gandee a "very dynamic individual" who is "really fun to be around, with a good sense of humor."

Among Gandee's other community leadership positions which include chairman of the Alexandria Salvation Army, Board of Directors of the Chamber's Education Partnership and Legislative Committee, and serving on the Fund Development Committee for Rising Hope Mission Church, Gandee is also vice president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber.

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# ELECTION '15

## Candidates for State Senate in District 35

### Terrence Modglin (I)

*Independent Green for Senate 35*

**Town of residence:** Falls Church (Fairfax County not City)

**Age:** 69

**Family:** Son Matthew and daughter Rachel, and five grandchildren

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, Georgetown University; Masters of Public Administration, American University

**Occupation and relevant**

**experience:** Consultant; legislative experience - eight years U.S. House of Representatives Committee staff, involved in high-profile Panama Canal issue; public safety, health, and community involvement experience - 25 years working with youth, schools, and communities for crime-free and drug-free lives; level of responsibility - four years U.S. Army officer, including 20 months in the Republic of Vietnam.

**Community involvement:** Vice-President, Woodlake Towers Condominium Association, Seven Corners; Past President, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, 173d Airborne Brigade Association; Member, several Board of Directors; Knights of Columbus charity work; 28 consecutive years youth basketball volunteer coach, Falls Church Parks and Recreation Program.

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#### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?** It is difficult not to state that the unborn child's right to life is at the apex of issues, because it sets the parameters for whether a life can literally be taken, but it is also commands

our attention that through policies we decide for our environment, we are setting the conditions today for the quality of life today and tomorrow — in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat. "If we do not change the direction of today's world, future generations will face catastrophic conditions. "We will be most successful by using clean "green" technology for the goods and services we produce. More trains mean less traffic and fewer headaches. We should restrict fracking and be very careful about off-

shore drilling.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?** If there is one distinction between me and my opponents, it is the reference point from which we come. I am unconnected to lobbyists and Political Action Committees, and I am from and of the community, and therefore the decisions I make are more likely to build a better future than is suggested by the inertia of the present power relationships in Richmond that characterize my opponent's incumbency.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?** First and foremost, the nature of an Independent Green candidacy is that we place people over party and we invite the exchange of ideas that lead to new policies rather than continually beating the party drum to stir up the base for more campaign contributions. I have been a bridge builder through my adult life. In college campus student politics, in a committee staff position on

Capitol Hill on a high profile political issue, in my 25 years of work to build safe and drug-free communities, I was able to communicate with the most diverse of elements to find solutions. I take pride to say that I have seen the streets and the suites, and am able to understand diverse perspectives.

**4. In order, list your top 5 legislative priorities.**

My legislative priorities are to help create a clean environment, to protect the lives of the unborn, to promote safer and stronger communities, to innovate in education and employment matters, and to maintain a reasonable state tax and state budget environment.

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The 35th Senate District has become a much more diverse place in the last ten years. "It is an example of how the USA has developed and it provides us an opportunity right here in Northern Virginia to be leaders in a global age.

Consumer protection is very important to me. "My relatively humble origins have shown me how adverse financial situations can be exploited by financial institutions.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

Fostering Connections has been one of the most important and successful of programs for young people that have had a more difficult life. "We should find the funds to support it.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

I support the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, but only under the condition that it can be financially accommodated without future tax increases. Healthy people are more productive people but state overspending can produce disastrous results for everyone.

### Richard Saslaw (D-35)

**Incumbent**

**Town of residence:** Springfield

**Age:** 75

**Family:** Eleanor (wife)

**Education:** B S Economics

**Offices held, dates:** HOD 1976-80 Senate of VA 1980 - present

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Semi retired; small business owner

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**Name favorite endorsements:** VA Education Association; NVTC; Benevolent Police

#### Statement from

#### Senator Dick Saslaw

Thank you for this thoughtful community service when developing a voter's guide. As a long serving elected official, Senator Saslaw has a very extensive voting record on key issues. Serving as the Democratic Leader in the Senate (both as majority and minority leader as well), he has demonstrated a unique ability to work with both sides of the aisle as well as both elected bodies in the best interests of Virginians across the Commonwealth. Senator Saslaw is a pro-business, pro-education and pro-choice candidate with key endorsements from many sectors.

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## Gandee and Storck Vie for Hyland's Supervisor Seat

### Gandee

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"She's a natural leader," Dougherty said. "It's been interesting for me to watch other business owners here respond to her, her leadership, the way she motivates people."

Gandee is a business owner herself, running a ServiceMaster Restore franchise. However she said she stepped away from the company entirely in April to devote her full attention to the supervisor role.

"It will get my full attention, I'm anxious to get started," Gandee said at the Oct. 15 meet the candidates event hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at the South County government center.

"I think we have a problem in Mount Vernon: It doesn't look like the rest of the county — the roads, schools, economic development is worse," Gandee said. "We need new leadership, new ideas, to work together to get the problems solved."

Retired physician and Mount Vernon resident since 1970, Dr. Thomas Cleary met Gandee through the Chamber of Commerce 10 years ago. Cleary said he's impressed with Gandee's long-hours work ethic and how successful she's made her business. He also appreciates "her knowledge of the workings of the government and what's necessary for changes in the way projects in the community can be accomplished, both private and public."

As a person, Cleary says Gandee is "out-



**Jane Gandee is the Republican candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor.**

going, just a very friendly, warm person. I've heard her speak to disparate groups where she's always, always received well and is open to hearing other people's opinions."

The Rev. Lorenzo Hill is the pastor at Cranford United Methodist Church, where Gandee is a member, teaches Sunday School and serves on the nurture outreach committee that ministers to members who are sick, shut in or haven't been to church for a period of time.

"She's an above average member, very committed, dedicated and involved," said Hill. "she's honest, fair, and not changed. She's consistent with the person I met 10 and a half years ago."

### Storck

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sense."

Storck, working with then-Lee District School Board representative Liz Bradsher, was able to get support from the board to move forward with the middle school planning and construction, which was completed for the school to open in 2012.

"I don't agree with everything he says, he's very much to my left, but sees the middle ground when he has to," said Bradsher. "Sometimes he would come in late on an issue, but once he did his homework, you'd always get a call from him, he would touch base with you to go over the issues in their entirety with him. I was very grateful for that."

Bradsher also recalled a controversial boundary change the two worked on affecting students at Annandale and Woodson high schools. "That was a tough thing for Dan," she said. "He hated to pull people out of their home community and understandably so. But we all had to work on that issue as a School Board."

Storck referenced his more than a decade representing Mount Vernon on the School Board, as well as his previous roles as president of Good Shepherd Housing, a coach in the Fort Hunt area and West Potomac High School Parent Teacher Association president, at an Oct. 15 meet the candidates event hosted by the Mount Vernon-



**Dan Storck is the Democratic candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor.**

Lee Chamber of Commerce at the South County government center.

Storck highlighted his "willingness to listen" and experience in spending "thousands of hours" attending board meetings, boundary meetings and other community meetings as a member of the Fairfax County School Board.

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, has known Storck since he was elected to the School Board in 2004, and through his businesses he has also been a member of the chamber. "He's given a lot of time, with service on the school board and goes out of his way to try to understand concerns people have. Everything he does on the board has impacted our community directly or indirectly."



# Candidates for State Senate in 39th District

## George Lincoln Barker (D)

Incumbent Senate District 39

**Town of residence:** Clifton

**Age:** 64

**Family:** wife Jane; son Erik and his wife Mahjooba and two grandchildren; daughter Emily and her husband Jeff

**Education:** Harvard College, A.B., Economics and Public Health; Harvard School of Public Health, M.S., Health Policy and Management

**Offices held, dates:** Senator, 2008-present

### Occupation and relevant

**experience:** Executive Director, Greater Prince William Community Health Center, 2015; Consultant, 2000-2015; Associate Director, Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia, 1975-2009

**Community involvement:** Member, Education and Health Committee, General Laws and Technology Committee, Rehabilitation and Social Services Committee, Small Business Commission, Housing Commission, Joint Commission on Health Care, Substance Abuse Services Council, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board, Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority

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**Name three favorite endorsements:** Fairfax Chamber of Commerce; Virginia Education Association; Virginia Police Benevolent Association

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

Mental health care. It matters because many Virginians with mental health problems suffer needlessly and sometimes die because we are not doing enough to help them. I worked on the issue before I was elected and have helped improve our system since I took office, but much more needs to be done. After similar bills had been repeatedly killed, this year I got a bill passed to help get immediate support to college students contemplating suicide. I serve on a legislative study committee taking four years to propose a revamped and adequately funded system that will meet the needs of people with mental health problems rather than putting them on a waiting list.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

I have a detailed knowledge of most issues addressed in the General Assembly; I understand the different issues of people in different parts of the district; I have a record of getting results, getting more bills passed than almost any other Senator; I consistently work with Republicans to find common ground and compromise to get things done rather than simply spouting partisan platitudes; I



still run from house to house throughout the district and ask voters what are their priorities and what do they want me to do; and I show up, such as at a recent debate before Hayfield seniors, where I answered their questions alone for an hour because my opponent reneged on his commitment to participate.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences**

**there?**

My record shows that I frequently work closely with Republicans, often jointly sponsoring bills, and bridge any partisan divide to get things done. Allowing Virginians to keep their health insurance, prohibiting censorship of sermons of chaplains, texting while driving, giving Virginians a tax refund check rather than a debit card, giving protective orders to those threatened by former intimate partners, and putting more money in the Rainy Day fund, and shared work programs are examples.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.**

Transportation, Education, Economy/Jobs, Military and Veterans, Those Who Need Help

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

There is greater racial and ethnic diversity, with housing integration rather than segregation throughout the district. This has happened because we have opportunities here, people want to live here, and we appreciate both differences and our common humanity.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?**

I will support legislation that restricts unfair lending practices and that provides people with limited options the ability to get loans, as we did with payday lending a few years ago.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

My wife and I were foster parents to 13 children over many years. I have already supported this legislation.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

I will support any reasonable proposal to get insurance for those eligible under the ACA, whether its expansion of our highly regarded Medicaid program or an alternative, such as a private insurance plan that we passed in the Senate. I am happy to help negotiate a deal that addresses concerns of some while getting coverage for those who are eligible.

dency VA Hospital Washington DC.

**Occupation and relevant experience:** Dentist: I meet with the general public daily, diagnose their problems, and then solve them. Small Business Owner 1978 to present.

**Community involvement:** Falls Church Little League, Vienna Civic Association, Citizen Advisory Committee for Fairfax County Police Dept.

**Website:** [www.BobForSchoolBoard.com](http://www.BobForSchoolBoard.com)

**Email address:** [docbobdds@aol.com](mailto:docbobdds@aol.com)

**Name three favorite endorsements:** FCRC, Elizabeth Schultz, Carly Fiorina

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?**

We have one of the best school systems in the country. The present School Board has little interest in budget management and is leading us in a way that is unsustainable. Despite an increase in the budget of 107% and enrollment growth of 22% over the past 15 years, we are falling behind in many major categories. Class sizes are up. Teacher

## Joe Murray (R)

Challenger, Senate District 39

**Town of residence:** Alexandria

**Age:** 40

**Family:** Katie (wife), Ella (Daughter, 8 years old), AJ (Son, 22 months old)

### Education:

J.D., Catholic University of America  
Columbus School of Law,  
Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Minor: Economics), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey

**Offices held, dates:** N/A

### Occupation and relevant experience:

Current: Director of Government and Legal Affairs for a national rare disease non-profit called debra, the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association, a disease that afflicts my daughter Ella.

Previous: 10+ years experience on Capitol Hill, including a wide array of legislative policy and leadership roles with an emphasis in health care, entitlement, and educational areas.

**Community involvement:** Active member and former senior officer of our home civic association. Proud participant of my daughter's public school Parent Teacher Association. Deacon and Sunday school teacher at our church. Co-Chair of our neighborhood's snow and debris removal association.

**Website:** [www.murrayforvirginia.com](http://www.murrayforvirginia.com)

**Email address:** [info@murrayforvirginia.com](mailto:info@murrayforvirginia.com)

**Twitter handle:** @MurrayforVA

### Name three favorite endorsements:

Congressman Tom Davis; Delegate Tim Hugo; Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity

### QUESTIONS:

**1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?** As a father of two young children coming up through the public school system, improving our school system is a top priority for me. There are a couple of improvements we can immediately enact. First, I think the local school board, not Richmond, should determine when the school years starts for testing preparation of our students; that's why I would repeal the "King's Dominion" law. I would also work to get more education funding directly into the classroom.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?** My family faces a lot of the same challenges as families throughout the district. I've felt the economic crunch from the high cost of living and a sluggish economy. I have spent too much time commuting to work on public transportation for years in gridlock, and I worry about the education my kids and all of those in Northern Virginia are receiving. There are real solutions to improve our communities but it's going to take the political will and bi-partisan leadership to make them happen.

**3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own**

salaries are flat and so is the achievement gap. Seven schools are in danger of losing their accreditation just in one district. It is past time for an outside, transparent and meaningful audit so programs can be evaluated, fluff eliminated and core educational achievement can be maximized.

**2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?**

The School Board and Administration need to take responsibility for their failure to prioritize programs, eliminate waste and manage the budget.

I would not design an online budget tool whose purpose is to shield the administration and school board from criticism by creating cuts by popular demand. A real budget tool would engage parents by asking them what they would like to save.

**3. How will you address the growing economic divide in county schools?**

FCPS should use merit based instruction, with a focus on providing a quality education for all our students. The schools cannot change the economic conditions of families. All they can do is assure that



**experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences**

**there?** I spent nearly a decade on Capitol Hill working with elected officials and staffers from many different and competing political philosophies. My ability to forge agreements through compromise comes from growing up in a large family of seven siblings. I learned through experience that you can disagree with someone, and still respect their opinion. Through my work experience, legal education training, service to my community, and being a father to a special needs disabled daughter, I have demonstrated the willingness to listen to other people and respect their opinion while solving vexing problems.

**4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.** Reduce government red tape to create more high paying jobs. Repeal the "King's Dominion" law and give local school boards more control. Encourage Public-Private Partnerships to expand the transportation grid and ease congestion. Increase the number of charter school to improve education through competition. Simplify and streamline our tax code

**5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?**

The district has seen an incredible amount of growth in the past 10 years, from the West End of Alexandria all the way down to Prince William County. People were drawn to the area because it's a great place to raise a family. Unfortunately, that growth has side effects from congested roads to overcrowded schools. We need to deal with those side effects now.

**6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?** On a bi-partisan basis, the Virginia General Assembly acted to reform the industry practices. If more work needs to be done to ensure the law is followed where consumers are protected from unlawful or immoral business practices, I will work with my colleagues on both sides of the political aisle to ensure protections are put in place.

**7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?**

I am open to federal support for Fostering Connections. Providing a social safety net for those in need is an important role of government, and our foster care system is critical to the future development of our children's and community's well-being.

**8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?**

I do not support expansion of Medicaid to able-bodied adults. There are better ways to reform our health care system to help increase health insurance access and affordability. As a health care public policy professional for a rare-disease non-profit organization and a father of a special needs daughter, I bring a unique perspective on this important topic.

every student has an educational opportunity that will allow each individual to succeed.

**4. How to address the achievement gap?**

The achievement gap is largely between English and non-English speaking children. I would advocate for summer school for ESOL students to speed mainstreaming. Since the federal government has opened the door to illegal immigration, they should pay for the added costs.

### 5. Budget Question

I am confident that 2.3% of savings could be found in the present \$3 billion budget. One of my frustrations as a concerned citizen is the lack of transparency of the cost and effectiveness of programs. As presently structured, the number one item for elimination is athletics. Athletics is an \$11 million line item in a \$3 billion budget. What is missing in the analysis is athletics bring in an excess of \$100 million in non-taxpayer money to the School System. The take home lesson is: Never Never end athletics.

## SCHOOL BOARD AT LARGE

## Dr. R. E. Copeland

Bob Copeland's responses did not appear last week along with the other candidates for School Board At Large. All responses can be found on our website.

**Town of residence:** Vienna

**Age:** 68

**Family:** Sharol:

Wife of 44 years:

McLean H.S. graduate, two children, Both Marshall H.S and JMU graduates. Seven grandchildren, all living in Fairfax County.

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Pharmacy, Doctor of Dental Surgery, General Practice Resi-





# ENTERTAINMENT

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## 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.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

**How Do Plants Get Ready for Winter?** 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories, songs and finger play. Age 3-5 with adult.

**Blossoming Babies.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Songs, rhymes, stories and activities for infants less than a year old. Birth to eleven months with adult.

**P is for Pumpkin.** 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Autumn stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

**Art Workshop, Acrylic Painting.** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hosted by The Art Guild of Clifton. For beginner and intermediate artists wanting to learn the basics or improve their skills. <http://www.artguildofclifton.org/>.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 29

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Build your child's early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

### THURSDAY-TUESDAY/OCT 29-NOV 10

**Book Fest.** Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Visits from Elyssa Friedland ("Love and Miss Communication"), Jennifer Rosner ("The Mitten String"), Dion Nissenbaum ("A Street Divided: Stories from Jerusalem's Alley of God") and William V. Madison ("Madeline Kahn: Being The Music – A Life"). 703-537-3000. [www.jccnvarts.org](http://www.jccnvarts.org).

### FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**2015 Arts Awards.** Noon-2 p.m. Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Jim Vance of NBC 4 will emcee the event honoring four awardees, Earle C. Williams, Rebecca Kamen, Vienna Jammers, Richard Hausler. Great Falls sculptor Jonathan Fisher designed custom awards, commissioned by the Arts Council. For tickets and information, <http://artsfairfax.org/artsawards>.

### FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 31-30

**The Haunted Lab.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. A fun, not scary, just spooky family event, to enjoy hands-on STEM activities while celebrating Halloween! Children's Storytime at 11 am and 2 p.m. followed by a



Children's Costume Contest for children ages 2-6 and 7-12.

painting, knitting, glasswork, clothing, dolls, pottery, and more. \$3, free for children 12 and under. [www.nvhg.org](http://www.nvhg.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 31

**Creative 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. Age 13-18.

**Hillbilly Horror Halloween Haunt.** 7-9:30 p.m. Creepy Nights on Calamo, 7104 Calamo St., Springfield. For teens, escape rabid rednecks, angry moonshiner ghosts and a giant spider-infested graveyard. For all ages, nightly family friendly spooky tunes light show. Free but bring food donations for ECHO food bank.

**L.A. Theatre Works' "Dracula."** 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. L.A. Theatre Works brings this chilling story to life with live readings and creepy sound effects made "the old fashioned way." 888-945-2468. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Fall Festival.** 4-7:30 p.m. Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Attractions for preschool to sixth grade including games, inflatables, pony rides, puppet show, laser tag and paintball gallery. Join in non-scary costumes and enjoy the fun, candy and prizes. Free. 703-425-0205.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT 31-NOV 1

**8th Annual South Run Art and Craft Show.** Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. More than 50 experienced artisans will tempt shoppers with everything from beautiful jewelry to intricate woodworking. Other crafting categories include photography,

## HALLOWEEN CALENDAR

## Halloween events in the area

### THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 29-31

**Haunted Trail "Carnivoreal."** 7:30 p.m. Rizer Pavilion, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The signature piece of "31 Nights of Frights" Seasonal Campaign, The Haunted Trail will challenge you and your friends to immerse yourselves into an unfolding story of horror and adventure. As you traverse our trail, an interactive story begins to take shape around you-casting you in a leading role. \$10. <https://reservations.workhousearts.org/Info.aspx?EventID=9>

### FRIDAY/OCT. 30

**Halloween Dance with the Sixth Generation.** 8 p.m. W-16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Their crowd pleasing performances bring back fond memories for baby boomers and a surprising appreciation of good music for younger generations. \$10. <https://reservations.workhousearts.org/Info.aspx?EventID=9>

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**Compania flamenca Jose Porcel performs at GMU's Center for the Arts on Friday, Nov. 6, bringing passionate rhythms and enchanting movement.**

### SATURDAY/NOV. 7

**Shopping at Sydenstricker.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road, Springfield. Bazaar featuring handmade crafts and art, baked goods and homemade soups. This annual event is hosted by the United Methodist Women of Sydenstricker Church and supports their mission work. Free. 703-415-8223.

**Rang de Nila.** 8 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Performance piece that combines music and dance with the art of Siona Benjamin. In the performance, the dancers assume the roles of the subjects of Benjamin's paintings. Through movements infused with elements of traditional Indian dance, modern dance, and jazz, the dancers explore themes of identity and what it means to be a Jewish Indian woman. \$14-\$24. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/190347>.

### Munich Symphony Orchestra with The Romeros.

8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. This important orchestra has enriched the cultural life of Bavaria with its unparalleled performances of symphonic concert pieces, opera and operettas, musicals, ballets, oratorios and church music. The orchestra is joined by Spanish classical guitar virtuoso Pepe Romero for solo work. \$42-\$70. 888-945-2468. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Night on Broadway.** 7:30 p.m. Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. Robinson Choral Department performs Broadway favorites. The performance will also feature members of the Robinson Orchestra and Band. \$12. 703-426-2144.

**Charity Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-noon. The Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse,

8511 Hooes Road, Springfield. Huge yard & bake sale to benefit the preservation of the historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse. [info@sydenstrickerschoolhouse.org](mailto:info@sydenstrickerschoolhouse.org).

### 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.

#### Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band.

7 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The group includes Steven Page, founding member of The Barenaked Ladies; Glan Phillips, front man of Toad the Wet Sprocket; Craig Northey, principle singer-songwriter of the band Odds; and Andy Maize, singer-songwriter and co-founded the Canadian roots rock band Skydiggers. 888-945-2468. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

#### Round Robinson 5K.

8:30-10 a.m. Robinson High School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. The proceeds benefit Robinson Crew Booster Club and the Robinson Crew Team. Our goal is 500 runners and \$5,000 in sponsors (\$5K for the 5K). \$30. [5Kinfo@robinsoncrew.org](mailto:5Kinfo@robinsoncrew.org).

#### Soundscapes Healing Meditation.

2 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Come, bring a blanket or yoga mat for lying on the floor, and enjoy the gift of letting go and being connected to deeper peace. Healthy snacks will be provided afterward during Fellowship time. Free to church members, \$15. 703-503-4579.

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

#### Springfield Christian Women's Connection Luncheon.

11:30 a.m. Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Reserve by Monday, Nov. 9. 703-922-6438.



# NEWS



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**Clubs and teams at West Springfield High School set up their tables at the parking lot for a variety of activities at the SpartanFest, including games, face painting, temporary tattoos and chess demonstrations. People gathered at the chess club table at the right.**



**Captain Nicholas Weresnick of the West Springfield Fire Station (far right), Mary Ann Zegeer, PTSA member at West Springfield High School (second to the right) and the West Springfield Fire Station crew who participated in the SpartanFest. They prepared the Fire Truck Demos this year and students also had an opportunity to take a look inside the medical ambulance bus.**

## SpartanFest Held at West Springfield High

**The Oct. 24 event gives opportunity to learn about the community.**

BY ARISA ISHITA  
THE CONNECTION

**I**t was the 30th Annual SpartanFest. The gym and cafeteria were decorated differently Saturday morning. They were filled with 70 crafters and vendors for the Arts and Crafts Fair. Colorful candles, clothes, dolls, glass ornaments, jewelry and knit items were neatly displayed. Visitors stopped by and interacted with the vendors.

The parking lot was crowded with the students and parents—live music was heard, a group of students danced, a variety of activities were hosted by the school's clubs and teams, appetizing food wafted in the air and bright red fire trucks were parked on the side.

SpartanFest is held to benefit the WSHS PTSA Teacher Mini Grant Program. The award is granted to teachers who have great ideas about improving the education at West Springfield. The PTSA sponsors the Arts and

Crafts Fair and Silent Auction to raise money for the grant and to supplement what teachers need for class.

"Businesses have been generous and supportive," said Mary Ann Zegeer, a parent and PTSA member. "They wanted to be active with the West Springfield community."

SpartanFest this year also highlighted learning about community safety. The Virginia State Police Distracted Driver Simulation was held in the morning and the West Springfield Fire Station prepared the Fire

Truck Demos. Students were able to get inside and take a look at a medical ambulance bus.

"I believe in a more community approach and public service. Getting into community is very important," said Capt. Nicholas Weresnick from the West Springfield Fire Station 27/A.

He said the crew walks door to door in the community every Saturday to make sure everyone has a working smoke detector. This is one of the SIOC or "Safety in Our Community" services, and it is a "seasonal safety message" they deliver to the community, according to Weresnick.

### SPECIAL CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

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12/9/2015 ... HomeLifeStyle; Home for the Holidays  
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# SPORTS

## Hayfield to Face Fellow Conference 6 Contenders

**Hawks tied with Madison for first place at 5-0.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

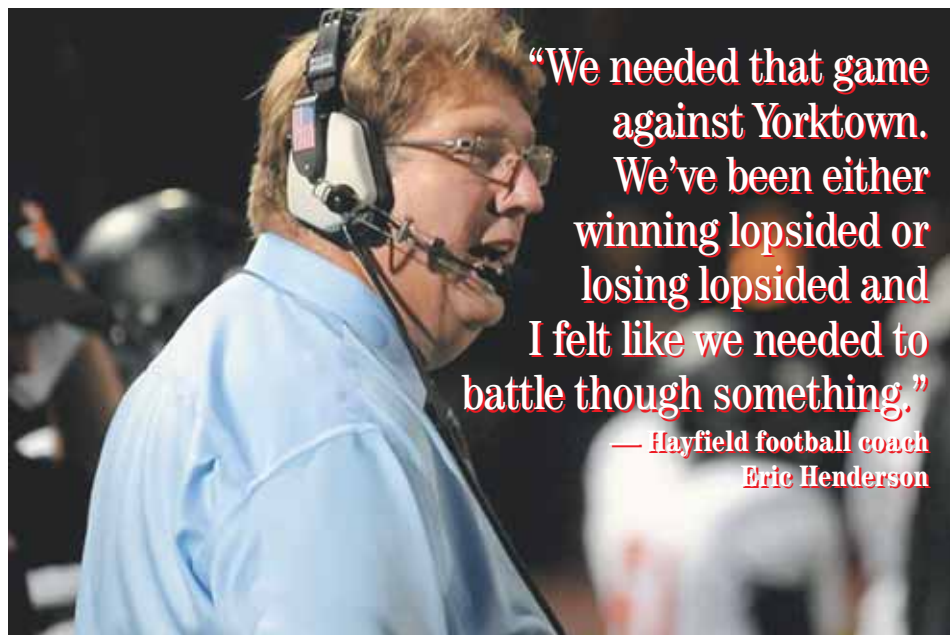
For the first seven weeks of the 2015 season, the Hayfield football team won or lost by a margin of 15 points or greater. While the Hawks won more than they lost, posting a 5-2 record, Hayfield never found itself in a pressure-packed end-of-game situation.

That changed on Oct. 23, when the Hawks traveled to Arlington and needed a fourth-and-goal stop in the final minute to secure a victory against Yorktown and remain tied for first place in Conference 6. The Hayfield defense came through, with senior cornerback Terrell Wheeler intercepting a pass in the end zone to clinch a 21-14 victory.

"We needed that game against Yorktown," Hayfield head coach Eric Henderson said. "We've been either winning lopsided or losing lopsided and I felt like we needed to battle though something."

For the Hawks, the fourth-quarter test of fortitude might have arrived at just the right time.

Hayfield, now 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference, will wrap up the regular season by facing the other two teams in contention for the Conference 6 title. This week, the Hawks will host South Lakes, which sits



Hayfield head football coach Eric Henderson, seen last season, has the Hawks tied for first place in the Conference 6 standings.

at 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. The following week, Hayfield will travel to Vienna to face a Madison team that has won seven in a row and is currently tied with the Hawks atop the conference standings at 5-0.

While Hayfield will be tested, the Hawks, who are on a five-game win streak, will provide their own challenges.

"I think we've kind of found our formula," Henderson said. "It took us a couple of games."

That formula: Give the ball to running back

**"We needed that game against Yorktown. We've been either winning lopsided or losing lopsided and I felt like we needed to battle though something."**  
— Hayfield football coach Eric Henderson

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

Myles Ross and let the senior make plays.

Ross is Hayfield's all-time leading rusher. This season, he has carried 176 times for 1,486 yards and 17 touchdowns. Last week against Yorktown, Ross had 37 carries for 276 yards and two touchdowns.

He also plays defense and has three interceptions.

"I think he's one of the best players I've ever coached," said Henderson, whose Northern Virginia coaching stops include Lake Braddock (assistant), West Potomac and T.C. Williams. "He goes both ways, he doesn't get a lot of breaks. ... If he's not on

the field, we're not as good [as we are] with him on the field. He's what we do offensively."

Clearing the way for Ross is an offensive line composed of junior left tackle Greer Jones (5-10, 285), senior left guard Adam Johnson (6-5, 330), junior center Jack Blevins (5-10, 260), junior right guard KD Diokane (6-3, 300) and senior right tackle Juan Cruz (5-8, 250).

"They're a real physical bunch," Henderson said. "They remind me of some of the crews I had at West Potomac — kids that like to get after it. They work well together. They communicate well."

Hayfield is No. 9 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power rankings. Madison is No. 4 and South Lakes is No. 10. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

Henderson said the Hawks divided the season into three parts. The first part was a tough three-game stretch during which Hayfield battled injuries and struggled against some tough opponents. After a 21-0 season-opening victory against Edison, Hayfield lost to Tuscarora 40-14, and was blown out by South County 70-29.

The second part was a four-game stretch where the Hawks tried to figure out what they do well. Ross was the answer, and Hayfield defeated Washington-Lee, 35-16, McLean, 43-28, Fairfax, 40-20, and Langley, 39-21.

The third part is a playoff push during the final three games of the regular season. The Hawks survived a tough test against Yorktown, winning 21-14. Hayfield's next two games will determine if they are conference champions.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Robinson running back Roman Lowery reaches for the goal line during the Rams' 39-3 victory over Herndon on Oct. 24 at Herndon High School.

## Robinson Football Improves to 5-3

The Robinson football team defeated Herndon 39-3 on Oct. 24, improving its record to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in Conference 5.

Robinson is tied for No. 7 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power

rankings. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

The Rams will host Broad Run at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and will close the regular season with a road game against Centreville on Nov. 6.



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## Runner-up in Conference 7

Emma Vinall (13) and the Woodson field hockey team finished runner-up in Conference 7, losing to T.C. Williams 3-0 in the championship game on Oct. 26. The Cavaliers faced Langley in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.





Residents lined Lake Braddock Drive as the homecoming parade made its way towards the secondary school.



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Members of the Lake Braddock Secondary School rowing team glide by during the 2015 homecoming parade.

# No Place Like Homecoming

If Dorothy's slippers had been purple and gold rather than ruby, she may have clicked her heels and found herself at Lake Braddock's homecoming parade. Indeed, with the theme "There's No Place Like Homecoming," one float in the Oct. 23 homecoming parade featured numerous characters from "The Wizard of Oz" in full costume.

Braddock's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and marching band led the parade from Ashbourn Drive in Burke through Lake Braddock Drive, culminating near the school's football complex. Other participants included members of the homecoming court, cheerleaders, sports teams and supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock).

Following the parade, tailgating and culinary event Bite of Braddock provided sustenance and entertainment leading up to the homecoming game kickoff facing TC Williams.

—TIM PETERSON



Member of the Lake Braddock Secondary School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps lead the school's homecoming parade on Oct. 23.



The Lake Braddock Secondary School Marching Band followed the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, playing the school's fight song during the homecoming parade.



Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) passes out candy during the Lake Braddock Secondary School homecoming parade on Oct. 23.



The 2015 Lake Braddock homecoming parade culminated in tailgating and the Bite of Braddock culinary event prior to the football game versus TC Williams High School.



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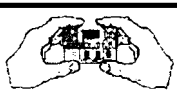
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### DEADLINE SATURDAY/OCT.31

**Poetry Contest** Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts and Letters Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for Fairfax County Public Middle School students. The poetry title is: Silhouette of a Woman: An Influential Female in My Life. The submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. [www.fcacdst.org](http://www.fcacdst.org). Poetry Contest deadline for submission is October 30th. Email entries and inquiries can be sent to: [artsandletters@fcacdst.org](mailto:artsandletters@fcacdst.org). Mailed entries must be postmarked by October 30th and sent to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 221224 Chantilly, VA 20153-1224.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 1

**"Raising Children in the 21st Century - Free Range: Child Neglect or Positive Parenting?"** 2 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Hear from the experts. Opening Remarks by Fairfax County Superintendent Karen Garza. [www.chabadva.org](http://www.chabadva.org). 703-426-1980.

### MONDAY/NOV. 2

**Keep GMU Blue Rally.** 4-5:30 p.m. North Plaza, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Congressman Gerry Connolly will join the George Mason Democrats and the candidates running to represent George Mason University to reiterate, for the last time, the stakes of this election and the reasons to vote Democratic on Election Day. [jrussel18@gmau.edu](mailto:jrussel18@gmau.edu).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 5

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### SATURDAY/NOV. 7

**Scouting for Food.** Burke Centre Shopping Center, 5649 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Cub Scout Troop 1346 will distribute plastic shopping bags to Burke Centre residences. The

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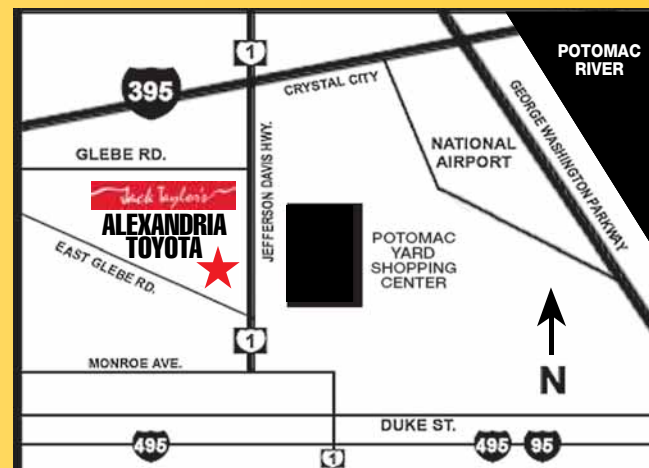


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