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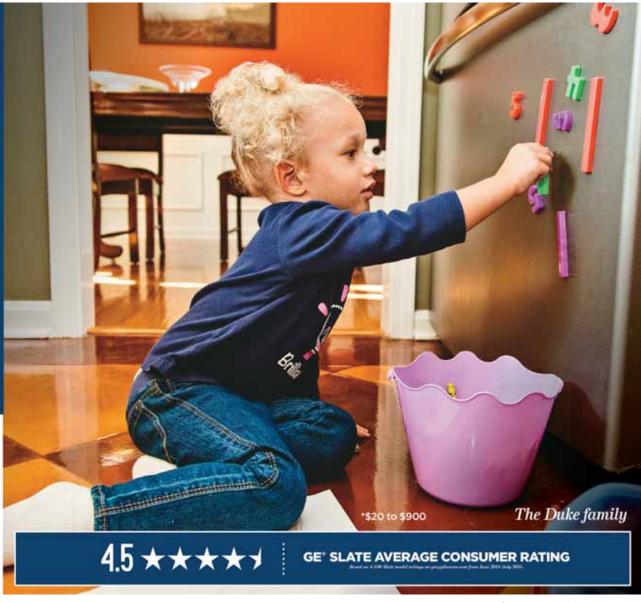
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Outside Herndon Elementary School, voters can be handed information about the candidates for the Nov. 3 election.



Nov. 3 the polls were open for election in Fairfax County. Shirley Elliott offered voting information and literature to residents who came to vote at Reston's 1850 Cameron Glen Drive.

Election Day in Herndon and Reston

By Ryan Dunn The Connection

olls opened in Virginia from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 3 for the election, where voters will choose state and county lawmakers. "The turnout at 10 a.m. from the precincts we have heard from are averaging between 4 to 6 percent this morning," said Lisa Connors, public information officer and CIO for the Fairfax County Office of Elections. New machines were installed for last year's election. Another call in was scheduled for 2 p.m.

Issues captured the attention of campaigns were the matters of gun control and tolls on Interstate 66 in Northern Virginia.

At the Hunter Mill District, Supervisor and incumbent Cathy Hudgins (D) is running unopposed. For Virginia Senate, incumbent Janet Howell (D) is running unopposed. Virginia House of Representatives incum-

bent Ken Plum (D) is also running unopposed. Communities included in the Hunter Mill District include parts of Tysons Corner and Vienna, north Vienna, Reston, Oak Hill, and some areas around Herndon. The voting site at Reston's 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, was tranquil this morning.

"We are slower than we would have liked," said chief election officer Susan Berger. With so many candidates running unopposed at Hunter Mill, election officer Dan Kush said some voters were initially confused. "It has been a light turnout," said Kush.

By 10:45, the Hunter Mill district had a turnout of about 9.3 percent or 370 persons. Some election officers expected the turnout may reach 20 percent. "We pay attention to politics, and we know who we stand for," said Hunter Mill resident Marilyn Leitner who put in her vote with her husband, Dave Leitner.

At Herndon Elementary School, the turn-

out was also described as light. Elections officers arrived at their assigned voting sites between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. to set up for voters. "People are usually here with their minds made up," said Herndon resident and writer Christian Kachel, who was handing out literature with Eric Boll. Glenn Boysko, husband of candidate Jennifer Boysko visited Herndon Elementary to help provide voting literatures.

Danny Vargas is running for election against Jennifer Boysko. Vargas says retiring Delegate Tom Rust asked him to run to succeed him. Republican Tom Rust, former Herndon mayor, has held the seat since 2002.

Fairfax County voters were presented with bond issues, a \$315 million school bond and a \$151 million facilities bond. Part of the facilities bond will go towards replacing the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station at Wiehle Avenue and Sunset Hills Road, as well as a new animal shelter. "I

endorsed both bonds, because they needed service," said Herndon resident Bob Reynolds, who said off-year elections are terribly important. Dranesville District resident Mike Smith decided to vote for the facilities bond. "I go by the old adage, if you don't need it, don't spend it," said Smith.

Jennifer Chronis, a Republican, challenged incumbent Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust in this November's general election. "We got an incredible amount of robo calls and campaign literature. I was able to read up on the candidates views," said Dranesville district resident Craig Griffin. Griffin decided to vote for school bond issue. At Herndon Elementary, the turnout was at about 302 or 6 percent by 10:25 a.m.

"We expect about 30 percent voter turnout, we will have to wait," said voting officer Michael Linck Jr. Linck has served as a voting officer with Fairfax County since 2004.

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Dranesville district resident Craig Griffin with his friend Chester. Griffin was not a dummy, and exercised his right to



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Juanita Davis, Winnie K. Burns, Anita Helm and Embry Rucker Shelter director Vincent Jenkins stand with Resurrection Baptist Church Pastor William D. Helm. The Church hosted the "Stand Up for Our Homeless Community" outreach event at the Reston Community Center.

Eugene E. Pearson and his wife
First Lady Mardy volunteered at
the event offering food, clothing,
toiletries, services and assistance
to area residents in need.
Pearson is the Pastor at Mt.
Pleasant Baptist Church in Aldie
and the current president of
Region 7 of the Northern Virginia
Association of Baptist Churches.



Neighbors in Need Offered Assistance

Resurrection Baptist Church of Reston hosts community outreach event to help homeless.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

hile others might have been gearing up to take the kids out trick or treating, preparing for the costumed hordes to descend on their homes, or even putting finishing touches on their own disguises, dozens of volunteers were spending their Halloween afternoon at the Reston Community Center (RCC) Hunters Woods, manning the "Stand Up for Our Homeless Community" event, hosted by Resurrection Baptist Church (RBC) of Reston's Missionary Department.

The church has held its services at RCC for years, a place where Anita Helm says that you can sometimes come face to face with those among us who are struggling. "We saw the need and a way to help," she said. Her husband, RBC pastor William D. Helm, put the challenge in front of his congregation, and they answered with overwhelming support.

Members from other congregations within Region 7 of the Northern Virginia Association of Baptist Churches also pitched in to help. The volunteers helped attendees select food items, clothing, hygiene products, blankets and more, while Chick fil A, Papa John's Pizza and La Fay Bakery and Catering generously provided free meals and snacks. Some of the services included free haircuts and a special Wellbeing Room, where a variety of health screenings were available courtesy of Oak Grove Health and Wellness Ministry, Reston Hospital Diabetic Education and Inova Loudoun.

In addition to the tangible items and services on offer, the organizers also had advisers on hand to offer help with legal issues, employment searches, social services, benefits and housing and shelter informa-



No, being a barber is not his day job, but Riqui Smith was doing a pretty professional job for attendees of the Resurrection Baptist Church's outreach program for area residents in need.

tion.

"If you are truly going to help people, you need to offer information and referral assistance, as well as the basics," said RBC Special Events coordinator Winnie K. Burns.

AMONG THE HELPERS were several volunteers who could truly empathize with those they were there to serve. Twenty-three-year old Brandon, of Woodbridge, is looking forward to a rewarding future in IT, but he can recall when his and his family's prospects did not look as promising.



From left, Virgie Simmons-Jones and Sandra Eskridge belong to Second Baptist Church in Falls Church, but were happy to help Resurrection Baptist Church's outreach efforts. Second Baptist will be hosting a "Moneyless Market" at their church later in the month.

At the start of the economic crisis, Brandon's family was evicted from their home. Spending time at first in a hotel, then with other family members before eventually finding new housing back in Woodbridge, Brandon acknowledges that the feeling of uncertainty was upsetting for himself and his three siblings, "but we didn't have it as bad as so many others did and still do."

He credits his parents with doing their best to "keep things as normal as possible for us," driving the kids back and forth to their school "so we could stay with our friends and where we were familiar, even when we were pretty far away." Giving up four hours on a Saturday to help others in difficult circumstances "is no sacrifice," according to Brandon. "I'm glad to be here and help."

Salome, the oldest of 8, also volunteered to work the event, although she admits that her family "is really needy sometimes." Her father cannot always find employment as an electrician. The family has never been homeless, but Salome describes a living condition where the basics of heat and elec-

tricity aren't a guarantee. "The place is in pretty bad shape, but you are afraid to ask for it to be fixed. At least we have a place where all ten of us can be together. I wanted to be here today and help because I know what it's like to struggle."

Anita Helm, Winnie K. Burns and others from Resurrection Baptist Church look to Brandon and Salome as inspiration for what they are doing. Waving in the direction of Brandon and the table of new clothing items where he was working, Helm said, "Look what good comes from lending a helping hand"

THE CONGREGATION of Resurrection Baptist Church is already planning a similar event for sometime in the spring, but will keep looking to "outreach outside the four walls of a church," as Pastor Helm declares.

In the meantime, Region 7 member Second Baptist Church of Falls Church will be next up to answer the outreach call, hosting a "Moneyless Market" on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at their location at 6626 Costner Drive in Falls Church.

OBITUARY



George Burke (right) with U.S. rep. Gerry Connolly at Burke's annual 'Halfway to St. Patrick's Day' event.

George A. Burke, 64, Connolly's Communications Director, Dies

eorge Burke, longtime Communications Director and trusted confidant of U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), passed away Saturday at his home after a long battle with cancer. He was 64.

Mr. Burke was born in the Bronx, N. Y. in 1951. He attended the University of New Hampshire, where he met his wife, Sharon. They were married in 1973.

Full of energy and passion, Burke began his journalism career doing freelance work as both a writer and photographer for the Associated Press, Newsweek, Discover and Yankee Magazine. In 1974 he was hired by Foster's Daily Democrat, where he would work for more than five years and become the State Editor and Exeter Bureau Chief. During this time, Burke won numerous awards including, "Best News and Story of 1978" from the New England Press Association.

In 1979, Burke relocated to Northern Virginia, where he would live the next thirtysix years, after accepting a position with Congressman Norman D'Amours (D-N.H.) as his Communications Director. Burke would go on to serve as Communications Director to Congressman James H. Scheuer (D-N.Y.) for two years from 1985-1987. During this time he served three terms as President of the Association of House Democratic Press Secretaries.

In 1987, Burke left Capitol Hill to become the Director for the Department of Public Relations and Communication for the International Association of Fire Fighters, a union representing more than 300,000 professional firefighters. In 2000, he was promoted to assistant to the general president for communications and media under then President, Alfred K. Whitehead, and held this position until his retirement from the IAFF in 2004. In the days and weeks following the September 11 terrorist attacks, Burke worked with national media on the

A Close Friend

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11):

"For more than 30 years I have been fortunate to call George my close friend. We will all miss his stories, his unwavering optimistic approach to life, and his love for his friends and family. His loss will leave a great void in all our lives and I will miss him dearly. My thoughts are with his wife Sharon, and his three children Ian, Caitlin, and Sean.'

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova:

'George has been the most wonderful friend, supporter and fighter for our party. We have all benefitted from George's good heart, wise advice and stalwart support. The world is a better place thanks to the contributions George has made."

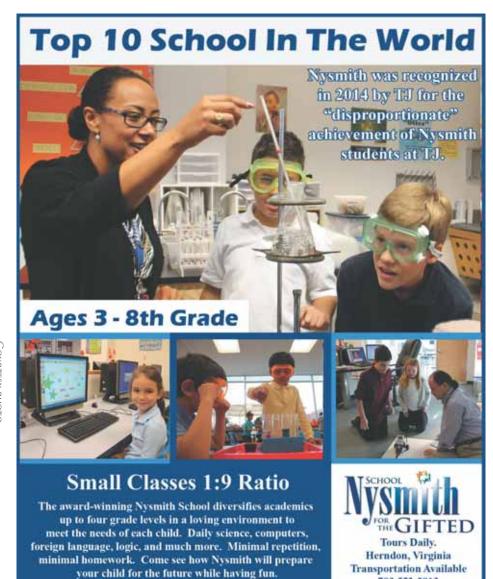
IAFF's response to the 9/11 disaster and continued to be a tireless advocate for our first responders throughout his life.

Burke returned to Capitol Hill in 2009, to serve as Congressman Gerald E. Connolly's (D-11) Communications Director for more than three terms.

In addition to his professional roles, Burke was a leader within the Democratic Party of Virginia whose vision helped grow the state and local party. He was elected Chair of the 11th Congressional District Democratic Committee in 2005 and served in this capacity until his death. He also served as an advisor to numerous campaigns throughout Northern Virginia. In addition, Burke served as a Press Officer for the Democratic National Conventions in 1980 and 1988.

A life-long ski enthusiast, he travelled to Europe, Jackson Hole, and all over New England to pursue his sport. He was a licensed ski instructor and taught at Ski Liberty for many years. Burke also hosted a local political TV program, "Inside Scoop," interviewing local politicians that aired on Fairfax Public Access TV

Burke is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sharon, and their three children, Ian, Caitlin, and Sean. A memorial service will be announced at a later time.





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Coming: Children's Connection 2015

Get ready to send your submissions soon.

uring the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. And even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or

gardens or other creative ef-EDITORIAL

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also wel-

Editor's Note on **Election Coverage**

Eight of the 15 Connection Newspapers go to press during the day on Tuesdays, this paper among them. While reporters visited polling places and filed photos and short stories during the day on Election Day, election results were not yet available when this paper went to press. See www.ConnectionNewspapers.com for results, and next week's papers for more insight.

- Mary Kimm

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❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traf-

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To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD or flash drive to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 4. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 28, 2015.

You can see last year's editions by visiting www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scroll down to Children's Edition.

COMMENTARY

The Chicken and the Egg

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

chicken or egg kind of debate has been going on in Virginia recently as a result of a report from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC). The agency is charged by law with the responsibility of providing an annual report on the growth of state spending over the last ten years while identifying the largest and fastest growing programs and functions in the budget. The most recent report was for the period FY 2006 through FY 2015. Among its other findings was



the fact that the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) has overtaken the Department of Education (DOE) as having the largest appropriation of any state agency. The appropriation for DMAS represents 18

percent of the total state budget with DOE being 15 percent, Virginia Department of Transportation at 10 percent, and all the other

agencies of state government at under 10 per-

The largest program increase in total appropriations from FY 2006 to FY 2015 was in the area of medical program services (Medicaid) from \$4,672.8 million to \$8,148.6 million, an increase of 74 percent. Some opponents of an expansion of Medicaid have focused on this number as being a reason to not expand Medicaid for presumably it would cost too much.

Fortunately the Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis has done some research that puts the increase in context. As the Institute points out, "the growth occurred largely during the worst and most prolonged economic recession since the Great Depression and then a sluggish recovery made worse by federal se SEE CHICKEN AND EGG, PAGE 7

The Farmers Market and More in Reston

By John Lovaas RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

eston is at its peak of fall finery. As we walk along the paths around Lake Anne, we often see artists with their brushes and pencils and photographers trying to capture one fascinating vista after another. I think this is my favorite time of the year, and it is certainly the time I missed most in the years we served in tropical climes around the world.

Fall also signals the winding down of the 18th season of the Reston Farmers Market sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority at the Lake Anne Village Center. We are a producer only, locally grown and produced



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local (within a 125mile radius of here) fresh veggies and fruits are pretty much at the end of their weather window for 2015. Saturday, Nov. 14, will mark the end celebrate with our appreciation day to thank the thousands

of people who make the market the successful and fun place that it is. Complimentary market baked goodies and treats along with cof-

foods market, and the fee, hot chocolate and cider will be the order of the day for all.

The Reston Farmers Market has enjoyed another terrific year. There seemed to be more people than ever this year, from our 8 a.m. traditional opening bell to our noon closing time—even on 3 or 4 Saturdays when there was a strange moisture in the air. (We never speak the 4-letter R word during the market). of this season. We will One delightful characteristic of the market is that it is a place where people come to see and traditional customer talk with their friends, neighbors and favorite vendors while they shop. Some spend an hour or more filling modest shopping bags with a sampling of the awesome variety of meats, seafood, cheeses, baked goods, honey, ice cream,

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OPINION

Farmers Market

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pickles, as well as the hundreds of varieties of fruits and vegetables offered by our 30 farmer-vendors. Volunteer musicians, master gardeners, and Cornerstones volunteers gleaning food leftovers and providing supplemental nutrition tokens for low-income neighbors in our community make Reston Farmers Market a special place.

Here's some good news if you didn't already know it. Once we close, there will be another farmers market in the parking lot at Lake Anne Village Center from Saturday, Nov. 21 through Saturday, Dec. 19. It will include eleven farmer/vendors from the Reston Farmers Market plus an additional dozen who will bring an interesting array of quality products not necessarily allowed in the fresh, local foods market. For example, this market, called the Lake Anne

Fall Farmers Market, will also feature prepared foods, such as barbecued meats and empanadas, and exotic offerings such as teas, coffees, spices and olive oils.

The Fall Market is sponsored by the Lake Anne Condo Association and managed by Keith Strange, who also volunteers at the Reston Farmers Market. The Fall Market will operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 21 through Dec. 19. We'll be shopping there and hope to see you, too! And, not to forget that there is one more farmers market in Reston. That is the Smart Market which has 18 vendors and is open Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m., on the plaza at the Wiehle Metro Station. Parking is only \$1 for 60 minutes if you come and leave during market hours, I understand. They have some specialty vendors we certainly like. For more info, Google Smart Markets-Reston.

Chicken and Egg

From Page 6

questration. Most recently, Virginia ranked 48th nationally in economic growth. When you lose your job, you lose your health coverage if you were lucky enough to have it in the first place. At the same time, the number of Virginians 65 years and older grew more than three times as much as the overall population resulting in a 30 percent increase in enrollment."

Beyond these external factors affecting Medicaid costs, state legislators added more than 4,300 waiver slots over the past ten years for long-term care services for people who are intellectually and developmentally disabled. These waivers that are critical to the individuals and families who need them are among the most expensive of medical services. An intellectual disability waiver costs

about \$71,000 per person per year, and a developmental disability waiver costs nearly \$33,000 per person per year. The Institute found that last year alone the waivers added \$285 million to the budget. Waivers are not limited to persons of low incomes as the rest of Medicaid programs are.

Is it then the chicken or the egg that came first? Did the availability of medical services run up the cost of Medicaid or was it the growing population of older persons and the extension of services to the most needy that added to the cost? In either case, does it not make sense to use 100 percent federal dollars to meet the needs of the working poor and save the 350 million state dollars that are currently appropriated for the indigent? People who need health care come first, making an expansion of Medicaid essential.



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Gearing up for Thanksgiving Turkey Trots Local fitness experts suggest a training plan that will get you off the couch in time for Turkey Day.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

hen many of us are still in bed early Thanksgiving morning, Susan Colarco will be lacing up her shoes, joining a group of friends and getting ready to hit the road for the Arlington Turkey Trot as she has done for years

"I've run this race more times than I can count and it's always a great time," said

Colarco,

a Road "Up your Run. training Club of America distance each certified running week, but do coach it in small On day amounts." notori

ous for - Richard L. Steele, assistant dean of a n d physical education, glut-Northern Virginia **Community College** it is for

> and family, hundreds of those who race on July 4th. thousands of runners across



Arlington running coach Susan Colarco will run in the Arlington Turkey Trot on Thanks-

tony as a nonprofit organization for the Wholeness in Arlington. running industry, reports that the number of people entering races on t u d e Thanksgiving Day now surpasses

"[These races] are a great opporthe country pound the pave-tunity to get outside, do something ment to raise money for in the community and stay active charity, burn off calories and to counter the cold weather and spend time with friends in extra helpings of mashed potaturkey trots. Running USA, as a coach for True Health and race that is conveniently located ...

While Colarco and her running mates train year-round, there's still time to get in shape and choose a turkey trot this year. "Many competitive and enthusiast runners ing start with 3 or 5K races," said Richard L. Steele, assistant dean of run between three and five times physical education at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexwhat have become known as toes," said Colarco, who also works andria. "I tell most people to pick the schedule," said Colarco. "The

or has special meaning to them personally, [like] a charity."

Preparing for a turkey trot usually consists of dietary retooling, aerobic exercise and strength train-

"Typically, the folks I work with

a week with some weight training of everyday life.' ... cross-training worked into distance and intensity vary based

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on the experience and fitness level of the runner, the goal they are sugars and other chemicals, your aiming for and any injuries they may be working through."

Colarco tailors her training regiment to the environment of the chosen race. "For example, if it's a hilly race, we'll definitely work some hills into the training plan," she said. "If it's a trail race,

we'll leave the nice paved running routes behind and head off road.' "Up your training distance each week, but do it in small amounts." said Steel. "A new runner should aim for three to five days per week of training," he said.

Creating a realistic training schedule that works in harmony with one's daily schedule is the key to becoming race-ready on Turkey Day, says Colarco. "I really try to take into account the fact that most of the runners in this area are working professionals with a lot on their plates. I work with my clients to determine not just what they should be doing, but realistically, what they can do given the stresses

Diet, both on the day of the race and the days and weeks leading to it, is an often-overlooked component of race training. "Eat a highenergy meal about an hour before the race," said Steel.

"Eating within an hour can lead to upset stomach. ... You may need to increase your calories, but don't go crazy. If you are eating natural foods, free of artificial fats, added body will respond in an amazing

and there's no downside to having

Weight training exercises for the

legs should be done two to three

days per week, advises Steel. "You

can hit the weights at the gym, do

Pilates or use body weight, what-

ever you enjoy. Focus on light to

medium resistance with higher rep-

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strong muscles."

runners who strength train tend to "Get outside, do something in the community and stay active to counter the cold weather and extra helpings of mashed potatoes."

— Susan Colarco, certified running coach

running are ankle and knee sprains, shin splints, stress fractures, runner's knee and plantar fasciitis. "Sprains and blisters are very Protecting against injuries that common during races," said Steel. can be sustained from the unrelenting pounding of the pavement, is another important, but often over-

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Running shoes play an important part of injury prevention, but "by itself can't prevent all injuries," said looked part of running. "You get an Nelson Cortes, Ph.D., an associate average of about 4,500 blows to professor in the Sports Medicine your joins over the course of a 5K," Assessment, Research & Testing said Christian Elliot, a personal Laboratory at George Mason Unitrainer and founder of True Health versity in Fairfax. and Wholeness. "Strength training "Everyone has different foot and helps your body handle the blows,

lower body morphology and it's important that running shoes are appropriate.'

etitions to build muscle endurance;

12 to 15 repetitions, two to three

sets for each exercise works well."

"It has been proven that runners

who do strength training have

fewer knee injuries," added Chance

Heare, of Koko FitClub in Herndon,

Reston and Great Falls. "Strength

training builds the stabilization

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durance.'

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In addition, a daily full-body stretching routine "will help with injury prevention and performance," said Steel. "You'll be surprised how much better you feel in general after doing this for about a week or two.'

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2016-2017 Budget

November 19, 2015 at 6 p.m.

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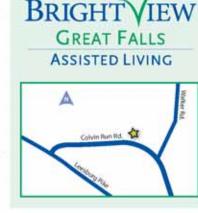
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Volunteer Events & Opportunities -

Fairfax County's free **Family** 711. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ **Caregiver Telephone Support** day, Nov. 10, 7-8 p.m. Register

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Northern Virginia Caregivers Conference — "Prepare to Care: Getting Your Ducks in a Row,' Wednesday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 15451 Lee Highway, Centreville. Speakers share their extensive knowledge on topics important to caregivers of persons with dementia. \$30 includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Register at http://states.aarp.org/ nov11/. For more information call **703-324-5425**, TTY 711.

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olderadultservices/vicap.htm.

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> versations take place on Monday, pike, **Annandale**. Learn how to have home or moving to a safer environment. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/

* AARP's Prepare to Care Work-Fairfax County is offering a free brary, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Dance. presentation on **Medicare 101** on **Alexandria**. Learn how to care for nity Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., click on 2015 Caregiver Seminars.

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Nov. 2, 7-8:30 p.m. at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnconversations with an older family member about driving, accepting help in the olderadults and click on 2015 Caregive

shop takes place on Thursday, Nov.

against Seniors takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3-4:30 p.m. at the 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, **Reston**. Older adults as well as family members,

caregivers, and service providers are www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand

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Register

The Hollin Hall Senior Center in **Alexandria** needs a volunteer to help with fish aquarium upkeep and instructors for the following classes: Basic

For these and other volunteer opportu-Wednesday, Nov. 18, 11:30 yourself and your loved ones. Register at nities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or nities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or a.m.-1:30 p.m. at McLean Commuwww.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices/volunteer- olderadultservices/volunteer-

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The Kingstowne Center for Active Adults in Alexandria needs a Hula Hoop Class Leader and instructors to teach Country Western Line Dance, African Style Dance and **Mosaic Art or Jewelry Making**. For call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices/volunteer-

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The Lewinsville Senior Center n McLean needs instructors for the following classes: Line Dance. **Zumba Gold, Certified Arthritis** Exercise, Square Dance, Basic Guitar, Art and Basic Spanish For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer

The Sully Senior Center in Centreville needs a certified personal trainer, preferably with experience working with older adults. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices/volunteersolutions.htm.

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DECEMBER

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Send announcements reston@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline is the Friday prior to the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

"Ephemeral" Exhibition at GRACE.

Through Nov. 14 at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Explore the nature of nonpermanent, three-dimensional works addressing the concept of ephemerality. Presented in conjunction with the Washington Sculptors Group. restonarts.org

"Images of Fall." Saturday-Sunday through Nov. 5 at Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston. An exhibit of fine art photography by Kathy Kautter. Recognized for her "good eye". Kautter captures colors and textures in her favorite topics of flora, leaves, trees, and water. Also an accomplished painter, Kautter's specialty in photography has grown with her fascination for the colors and light of nature.

All-comers' Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running.

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. For more information, call 703-689-0999 or visit https://

potomacriverrunning.com. **Patrick Dougherty Public Art**

Installation. Through 2017. Reston Town Square Park, 11900 Market Street, Reston. See and explore "A Bird in the Hand," a monumental public art sculpture made from tree saplings. The event is presented by GRACE in collaboration with IPAR.

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For more information, call 703-471-9242 or visit http:// restontowncenter.com/index.php.

Art/Craft Programs. 10 a.m.-noon. Saturdays/Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28. Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston. Nov. 7-Colorful fall leaves. Nov. 14-Marshmallow sculpture. Nov. 21-Paper bag turkeys. Nov. 28-Holiday decorated snack plates. Ages 3-11. www.restonartgallery.com.

Community Performances

December through the holiday season. 11900 Market Street, Reston. Street performances of music and dance performed by a variety of local groups. For more information and schedules, visit http:// www.restontowncenter.com.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/NOV. 4-5

Ice Skating Fundraiser for

Character Counts! Reston. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. 1818 Discovery Street, Reston. The Pavilion floor is transformed into a gleaming ice skating rink. Ice skates and other supplies are available inside the Information Center at the Skate Shop, directly beside the Pavilion (behind Clyde's). Pavilion Character Counts! Reston will receive 50% of ice skating proceeds to support character and citizenship development in schools and the community. Information about skating, rates, and schedules: 703-709-6300

skating@restontowncenter.com; http://restontowncenter.com/ iframe/pop-ups/ice_skating.htm

THROUGH SATURDAY/NOV. 7

"Shrek the Musical." Reston

Community Center Centerstage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. It really is a big, bright beautiful world. And love can surely conquer lots, even if you are a big green ogre named Shrek with some bad habits or a spirited princess named Fiona. Add in tapdancing rats, a 13-foot-tall magenta dragon, a smooth-talking donkey and fairy-tale characters, all to bring enjoyment. Tickets \$21-\$25. 703-476-4500. restonplayers.org.

THROUGH SATURDAY/NOV. 14

One-Man Shows. Reception on Oct.10, 5-8 p.m. Exhibit Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Frame Factory, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. One-Man Shows from David Cochran and Joseph Sheppard

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TUESDAY/NOV. 10

Dave Gunning. 7:15 p.m. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Flavors of Irish, Scottish folk and country musical styles that fill the senses and touch the soul. Presented by The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon. \$9, \$10. restonherndonfolkclub.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12

Senior Tea. 1-2 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Every month seniors are invited to visit the gallery to view the current exhibit and enjoy a cup of tea on the second Friday of the month. Free.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14. **Artist Reception Ethereal and**

Natural Reactions. 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Ethereal is series of abstract, contemporary art paintings by artist Anne Cherubim. In Natural Reaction, sculptor Brian Kirk reshapes and twists steel into new forms using blacksmithing techniques that focus on the beauty of rust as a surface treatment. Exhibit runs from Tuesday, Nov. 3 to Sunday, Dec. 6. http://www.artspaceherndon.com/ ethereal-and-natural-reaction. 703-956-6590.

Community Irish Dance. 6:30-10 p.m. Frying Pan Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Family Friendly CCE community Irish CEILI Dance featuring music by Old Pitch and Friends. Ceili and set dances are called by Marilyn Moore. \$7.50-\$35. Borlinset@yahoo.com. 703-631-9179. ccepotomac.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Reading, Book Signing. 1-5 p.m. Reston Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington, Plaza N, Reston. Reston author Terry Jennings will read from her latest book "Sounds of the Savanna," an engaging story that conveys animals' use of sound by following prey and their predators through a day in the African Savanna. There will be a book signing, as well. http:// www.terrycjennings.com/Terry-s-Books.html. 703-435-9772.

Fall Art and Craft Fair. 10 a.m-4 p.m. United Christian Paris, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Free. Parking at Lake Anne Elementary School next to church. www.ucpreston.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 10

Design and Wine. 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Join for Kumo Shibori Scarf Dyeing with Acoatzin Torres where using the Kumo Shibori technique of folding and wrapping fabrics to create dye resists and pleats. Students will wrap, tie and overdye silk scarves, and each student will leave with a unique finished project. Tickets: \$30. Registration required at http://

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FRIDAY/NOV.13 AND FRIDAY/DEC.11

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SATURDAY/NOV. 14.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stock up on books for the holidays. Fiction, nonfiction, children, adults, romance, history, cookbooks, gift books, etc. Come spend a little, get a lot. Sponsored by Friends of the Herndon Fortnightly Library.

SUNDAY/NOV. 15

Salute to Pavarotti. 4 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, Reston Community Orchestra opens its 28th season with a tribute to the opera legend. Free. Please bring canned goods for Thanksgiving Food Drive. www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.



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Customer Appreciation Day at Reston Farmers Market

Farmers and volunteer market masters get together for 2015 photo. The Reston Farmers Market will end its 2015 season with the annual customer appreciation day on Saturday, Nov. 14. Complimentary apple cider and coffee, plus Farmers Market baked goods to thank all of the wonderful customers.

Reston Police Highlights

Incidents from Oct. 24-30.

Burglary, 11600 block of North Drive, property from residence. Shore Drive, 10/27/15 at about 10:30. A resident reported that an unknown person entered the residence and took property. And officer on another case arrested a suspect with property belonging to the burglary victim. A 29-year-old Sterling man was subsequently charged with Burglary.

Unlawful Entry, 2200 block of Huston Place, 10/25/15. A resident reported an unknown person entered a vacant residence. Nothing was taken.

Larcenies

12900 block of Highland Crossing Drive, liquor from business.

12200 block of Leesburg Pike, merchandise from business.

1800 block of Town Center Parkway, property from vehicle.

2400 block of Fieldcreek Drive, wallet from vehicle.

1800 block of Cameron Glen, property from vehicle.

1100 block of Dranesville Road, property from residence.

12000 block of Greywing Square, jewelry from residence.

300 block of Juniper Court, cash from residence.

11900 block of Bowman Towne Drive, property from residence.

2400 block of Centreville Road,

wallet from business. 11500 block of Hickory Cluster,

sunglasses from vehicle.

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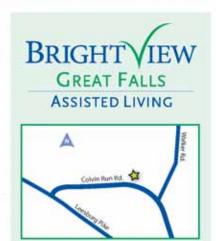
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If you are interested in applying, please contact stadele@reston.org by Friday, Nov. 20, 2015.



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Sports



South Lakes receiver Eric Kirlew celebrates after catching a 28-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Devin Miles in the first quarter of Friday's 35-14 win over Hayfield.



The South Lakes defense limited Hayfield running back Myles Ross to 134 yards and a touchdown on 28 carries.

South Lakes Defense Limits Hayfield RB Ross in Victory

Seahawks would share Conference 6 title with win, help.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

espite losing starting quarter back Brandon Bell to injury after just one series during Friday's matchup with South Lakes, the Hayfield football team put itself in position to enter halftime with a surge in confidence.

Reserve quarterback Jacob Keeney threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Mohammed Mahmoud with one minute remaining in the second quarter, cutting the South Lakes lead to seven points, and the Hawks followed by recovering an onside kick at the South Lakes 46-yard line.

Three plays later, however, Seahawks defensive back Marvin Grunshie slammed the door on the Hawks' hopes of a positive halftime vibe with a tide-turning pick-six.

Grunshie intercepted a Keeney pass and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown, giving South Lakes a two-touchdown halftime advantage. The Seahawks would finish off the Hawks 35-14 at Hayfield Secondary School, keeping alive their hopes of a share of the conference championship.

"It was a zone, cover 2 defense," Grunshie said. "I saw the inside receiver run a seam [route], so that means the outside receiver is coming in so I just broke to the ball."

Grunshie intercepted the pass and returned it for his second touchdown of the first half, helping South Lakes improve to 7-2 overall and 5-1 in the conference.

"That's huge," South Lakes head coach Trey Taylor said about Grunshie's pick-six. "If they would have gotten the onside kick and been able to score before halftime and tied it up, it's a different" game.

While Grunshie made arguably the biggest single play of the night for South Lakes,



South Lakes running back Spencer Alston carries the ball against Hayfield on Oct. 30.

the defense's ability to limit Hayfield standout running back Myles Ross was also pivotal toward knocking off the Hawks, who entered the contest with a 5-0 conference

Ross, who the previous week rushed for a school-record 335 yards against Yorktown and routinely goes over 200 yards, carried 28 times for 134 yards and a touchdown. Ross scored on a 20-yard run less than 4 minutes into the game, but did not have a run of 20 yards or greater for the rest of the contest.

"He's a lot like ... Washington-Lee [quarterback/running back Ceneca Espinoza, Jr.] — a lot of speed, likes to go on the edge," 6-foot-5, 310-pound South Lakes two-way lineman David Kroll said. "All we had to do was just keep contain and that's what we did all game."

Taylor said the injury to Hayfield quarterback Bell didn't affect South Lakes' defensive game plan.

"The run defense for the most part has been solid for the year, so I felt relatively confident coming into the game that if we played like we're capable of playing, that we could at least slow [Ross] down," Taylor said. "I don't think you'll ever contain him, but I thought we did a good job of slowing him down and keeping him from breaking all the big plays."

Taylor has said strength training is a big part of the Seahawks' improvement.

"Our defensive ends are 180 and 190 [pounds], and I'm sure [Hayfield is] 280 or better at the tackle," Taylor said. "I think, initially, you look at their offensive line and we're going to get pushed all over the field, but I do believe our work in the weight room and our strength helps us balance out that lack of body weight and then helps us to hold our own against the bigger guys."

While the South Lakes defense came up big, the Seahawks offense, led by sophomore quarterback Devin Miles, found the end zone four times. Miles completed 15 of 21 passes for 139 yards and three touchdowns, including a 10-yard scoring strike to Seth Ravenstahl with 11:04 remaining

"I hope it lends some more legitimacy to us. I know we're not a typical football powerhouse. People don't say South Lakes and say 'oooo.' But I'm hoping that they realize we're playing some good football right now and that we're a team that can compete with just about anybody."

— South Lakes football coach, Trey Taylor

in the fourth quarter, extending South Lakes' lead to 35-14.

Eric Kirlew had five receptions for 72 yards and a touchdown for South Lakes, and running back Spencer Alston carried nine times for 84 yards and a score.

SOUTH LAKES will wrap up the regular season with a home game against Fairfax (1-8) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6. The Seahawks will earn a share of the conference title if they beat the Rebels and Hayfield knocks off first-place Madison.

South Lakes is No. 6 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power rankings. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

"I hope it lends some more legitimacy to us," Taylor said of Friday's win over Hayfield. "I know we're not a typical football powerhouse. People don't say South Lakes and say 'oooo.' But I'm hoping that they realize we're playing some good football right now and that we're a team that can compete with just about anybody."

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Neighbor Robert Folsom, 11, helps Jim Harris put the finishing

No One Leaves Alive

Former beloved Lake Anne Elementary School teacher continues Halloween tradition.

By Ken Moore The Connection

uman skeletal remains were found around dusk Saturday night, Oct. 31, on Stirrup Road in Reston. Further investigation uncovered an "unofficial" cemetery that Jim and Nancy Harris have been operating ever since she was a school teacher at Lake Anne Elementary School.

Sara Folsom, 13, touched the decomposing skin on the nose of a body staked up against a tree.

Her brother Robert Folsom, 11, carried a severed arm, still dripping with blood, that he found on his neighbor's property.

When officials came with cameras, they found a skeletal dog munching on the bones of a lamb in the front yard.

Bats flew around the front porch. Lowflying witches ominously gave warning to anyone who dared to enter the premises.

"No one gets out of here alive," screamed blood-red letters on a blood-stained sheet at the bottom of the driveway.

"Every year there's something new," said

neighbor Marty Gurtz, who investigated the property with his wife Sharon.

TWO DAYS LATER, nothing remained but folklore from the neighborhood.

"It's just a neighborhood thing," said Sara

"The haunted house is our favorite," said Neal and Jason Gross, next-door neighbors.

"The graveyard is a good idea, too," said Jason, 11.

Robert Folsom helps Jim and Nancy Davis with finishing touches in the days before the Halloween extravaganza.

"I had some ideas," he said.

Jim Harris started to gather boxes of Halloween items from downstairs storage in late September. When asked to approximate the number of items in the inventory of his wife's "brainchild," he said probably not a thousand.

He claims he does not need to rent a storage bin.

The Halloween display takes a month to set up, and fills their entire first floor, front yard and garage.

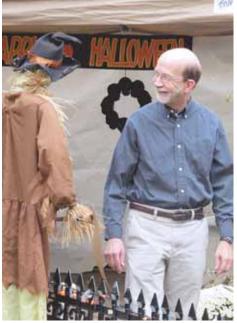
"It kind of grew over the years," said Jim

Chloe Yazdani,

former student of **Nancy Harris at** Lake Anne Elementary, remembers more of first grade than any other year in school. Yazdani, now a secondrade teacher calls the invitation to her teacher's haunted house the "most coveted of invitations."



Jim and Nancy Harris invite their entire neighborhood over for the Halloween event each year.



Marty Gurtz greets one corpse. "It gives the neighborhood a chance to socialize," he said.

Harris.

NANCY HARRIS retired from teaching at Lake Anne Elementary School in 2011. But for more than 25 years, the beloved teacher has hosted a Halloween party in her home for first and second grade students.

Harris always takes photos of all children who come to the Haunted House.

She now invites her grandchildren's classes, and her grandchild Katie, a sixthgrader at Sunrise Valley Elementary School wanted it especially scary this year since she and her friends are now in the sixth grade.

"The party started modestly over 25 years ago, but grew," the couple said as they added a haunted house and graveyard and equipment including flying bats, jumping spiders and fog machines.

The witch's cauldron display was a new feature this year.

The Harris host neighbors one night, too, and the macabre celebration lasts three nights for all the invites and "victims." Former students often attend.

Neighbor Joan Smith walked nonchalantly past the cemetery and witches on her way back home Saturday night as



Robert Folsom, 11, and Jim Harris, at the annual Haunted House on Stirrup Road.

Jason, 11, Neal, 14, and their mother Nadine Gross dared to enter.

"She loves teaching and she loves children and it shows," said Smith.

The Halloween party is one of the events that her former students remember the most, said Nancy. Sometimes former students, now in high school or college, will show up on Halloween night to say hello.

CHLOE YAZDANI was one of Nancy Harris' former students at Lake Anne Elementary. She is now a second grade teacher at Timber Lane Elementary School in Falls Church and Harris has evolved into her mentor and friend.

"We did the best things in her class," said Yazdani. "I remember first grade more than any other year."

Yazdani still has a photo of the year her class braved the haunted house almost two decades ago.

"It's the most coveted of invitations," said Yazdani. "This is quite a memory."

When Harris retired, she donated her library to Yazdani to use for her classes. "I tell my students, 'Maybe one day you'll be a second-grade teacher," said Yazdani.

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