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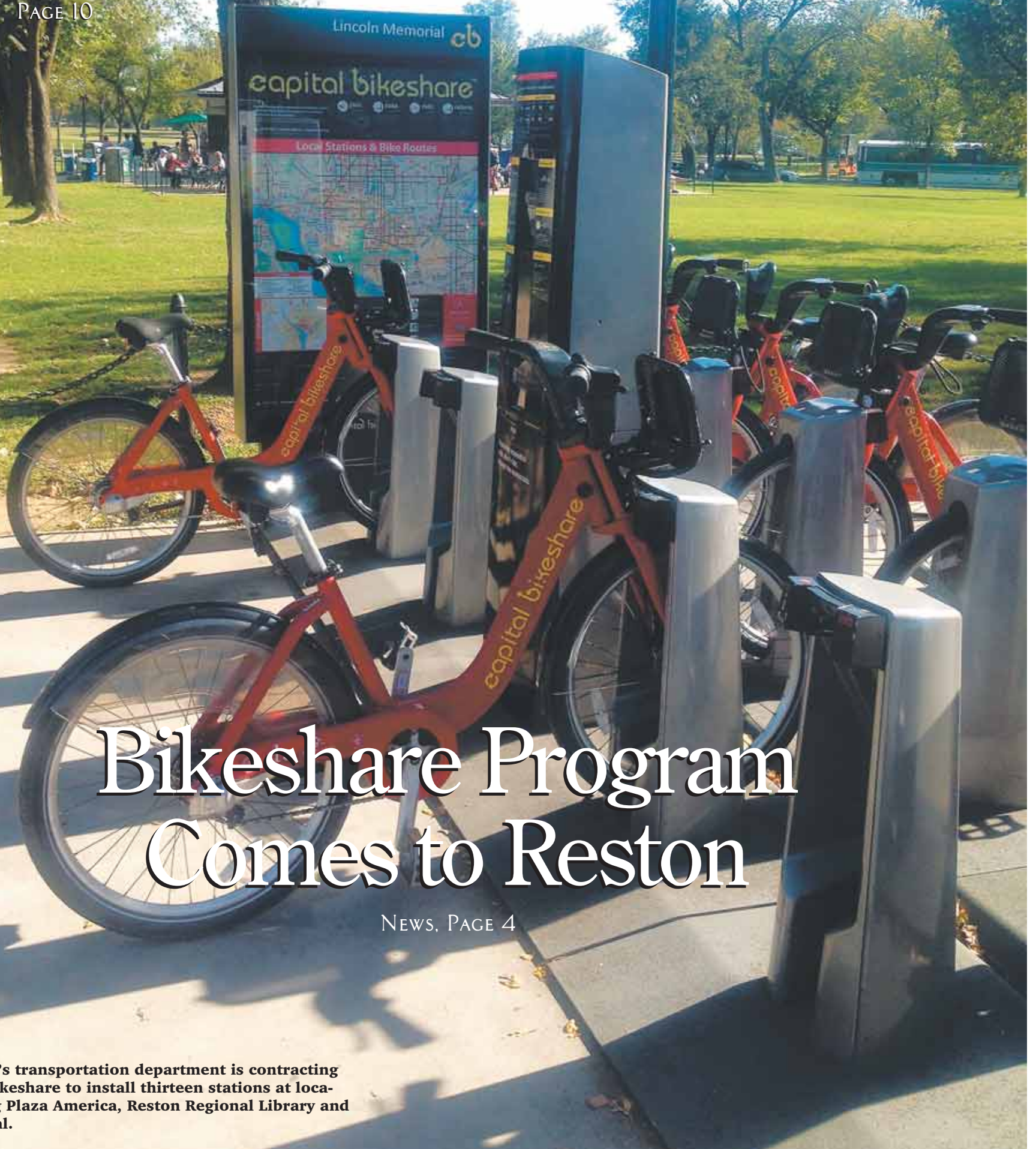
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Judge Rules for Reston Association

Reston National Golf course protected, for now.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Connie Hartke, of Rescue Reston, sat in Fairfax Circuit Court house courtroom 4E for more than two hours Friday, Nov. 6 just as she did at the Board of Zoning Appeals in April.

Again, Hartke listened to an attorney for RN Golf suggest or hope that some judicial or county authority promise some type of assurance that it be allowed to develop Reston National Golf Course or parts of it for residential housing.

"When will they understand that no means no," said Hartke, outside the courtroom.

Minutes before, inside the courtroom, Circuit Court Judge Michael F. Devine made a ruling that protects Reston National Golf Course from being developed, at least until the owners of a golf course navigate the proper channels to seek a land use change, or continue to appeal this case.

Specifically, Judge Devine granted Fairfax County Attorney Laura Gori's motion for summary judgment filed by Fairfax County, meaning the Circuit Court vacated and voided the April 15, 2015 county Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) decision concerning the Reston National Golf Course.

"The circuit court ruling on Friday, Nov. 6, is considered a defeat for the owner of the golf course and is significant because any redevelopment of the course must now be preceded by the filing of specific plans with the county, which will then be compared with the 'Development Plans' approved in 1971," said John McBride, RA's legal counsel.

"These plans are in the county zoning files and clearly limit use of the land to a golf course, open space and driving range. Any change to these approved plans will require amendment approval by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The golf course owner had sought to avoid this requirement for a plan amendment by seeking by-right use status for a number of residential and other uses."

"This is an important step forward in defending Reston's permanent open space," Hartke said.

"The property owner of Reston National Golf Course is back to square one. Their choices are: appeal to Virginia Supreme Court, follow County process to attempt a land use change, accept that no means no," she said.

Hartke said that golf course investors knew that the property was designated as permanent open space before they invested in the golf course in 2005. "They've been



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Circuit Court Judge Michael F. Devine issued a ruling Friday, Nov. 6 that was considered a victory for preserving Reston National Golf Course.

told the same at least three times since then," she said.

THE HEARING lasted two and a half hours, and first included legal debate over which sets of attorneys should be included.

Randall T. Greehan represented Rescue Reston. "We've got landowners relying on the zoning," he said. "This land is intended to be a golf course and open space, that is what the plan says."

McBride represented Reston Association. "Back to square one, which is exactly where we should be."

And Scott D. Helsel represented the owners of RN Golf. "I'm asking, what is the existing zoning's permissible uses?"

Laura Gori represented Fairfax County. In the end, it was her motion for summary judgment that Devine ruled in favor of.

"RN Golf wasn't aggrieved," Gori told Devine.

"RN Golf was only seeking an advisory opinion," she said, when it made its appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals. "RN Golf didn't submit any development plan."

"The issue does come down to whether RN Golf had the right to appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals," said Judge Devine.

"The appeal here by RN Golf requires it has to be aggrieved," he said. "In this case, there is no denial of a right; nothing has been changed."

RN GOLF OWNERS want clarifying information about what is permitted under Reston's Planned Residential Community plan, argued Helsel.

"Is residential use a by-right use? We say it is. Zoning appeals says it is not," Helsel said.

"There is a significant cost to submit a PRC plan that could be dead on arrival,"

"This land is intended to be a golf course and open space."

— Randal T. Greehan, attorney

said Helsel, tallying a \$100,000 application fee and half a million dollars necessary for engineering, environment, sewer and stormwater plans to be able to submit an application,

"That's an expensive way to find out an answer to the question we want an answer to," he said. "Every landowner has a property right under existing zoning."

Devine said the cost doesn't add up to being aggrieved or harmed.

"You're not stopped from doing anything," said Devine. "It doesn't prohibit you from submitting the plan."

RESTON ASSOCIATION'S CEO, Cate Fulkerson, was pleased by the ruling. "Now, if pursued by the owner of the golf course, any proposed redevelopment of the golf course property or any portion thereof will have to go through the proper county and community review process," she said.

The next round is still to be determined.

"We are pleased with the court's ruling which requires that RN Golf must go through a formal plan process before it can redevelop the golf course," said Hartke. "However, while we have won this round, the fight is not over and RN Golf still has other options available to it, including appealing today's ruling or attempting to amend the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. We must remain prepared to continue the fight so long as RN Golf remains committed to its attempts to destroy our community's valuable open space."

Colors of Fall at Lake Audubon

While sailing at Lake Audubon, Dale Lichtblau, of Reston, captures the colors of fall reflected on the still water on Wednesday, Nov. 4.



PHOTO BY DALE LICHTBLAU

Capital Bikeshare To Connect Fairfax, Starting With Reston

Transportation alternatives coming to Reston.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) hosted a community meeting on the Reston Bike Share Project Thursday, Oct. 29, at Dogwood Elementary School, in Reston. It was an opportunity to meet Adam Lind, the county's new Bicycle program manager in the Capital Projects and Traffic Engineering Division. Lind has been with FCDOT since 2012 and replaces Charlie Strunk who retired in January 2015. Lind gives credit to his predecessor. "We are going to continue his work, and make bikeshare a reality," said Lind.

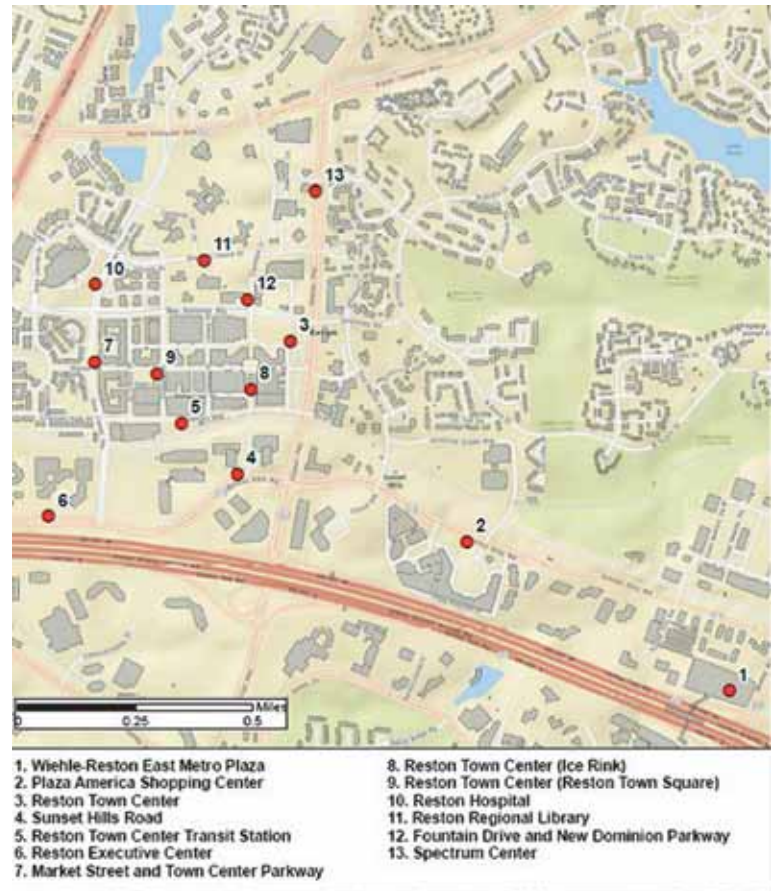
The Reston area has many bicycle enthusiasts, and over 1,000 Fairfax County residents are members of Capital Bikeshare. Capital Bikeshare (also abbreviated CaBi) is a bicycle sharing system that serves Washington D.C., Alexandria, Arlington and Montgomery counties. The Capital Bikeshare system is owned by the participating jurisdictions and is operated by Motivate, a company based in Brooklyn, NY. As the Washington, D.C. area has the worst traffic

gridlock in the United States, transportation alternatives have been welcome.

Fairfax County's transportation department is contracting with Capital Bikeshare to install thirteen stations at locations including Plaza America, Reston Regional Library and Reston Hospital. The initial system will have 130 bikes available to rent. In addition to paths and trails which cross through Reston, there is also the W and OD Trail which runs through Northern Virginia, including parts of Reston and Herndon. Area residents look forward to the opportunities a bikeshare may bring.

"I believe bike share will be part of the mobility solution for Reston as it continues to expand with additional businesses and residents. Reston can serve as a model to all other urban centers in the DMV on how to integrate all modes of transportation to serve its community," said Mark Ingrao, president and CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. When complete, Reston will have Fairfax County's first bikeshare system.

RESIDENTS of the area believe bike sharing in Reston will be a great option for getting around, especially for the Silver Line Wiehle-Reston East station and Reston Town Center. The first phase of the bikeshare will be focused on the greater Town Cen



MAP COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Map of the 13 proposed stations for the Reston bike share. All stops are north of the Dulles Toll Road, and would be able to service the Silver Line Wiehle-Reston East Metro station and Reston Town Center.

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ter area, north of the Dulles Toll Road, which has a high density of residential and commercial development. It will help residents in the Town Center area access the Silver Line Metro station by bike. "I see it as a supplement to transit, personal transit in a way," said Bruce Wright, a resident of Reston and chairman of the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling.

"I'm glad the county is joining other local jurisdictions in using Capital Bikeshare. As a Capital Bikeshare member I'll be able to use the system without having to join another, separate system. I'm looking forward to when the system is more widely distributed in places like South Lakes Village Center, Lake Anne, Hunters Woods, and North Point," said Wright.

Lind said the potential launch date may be in late 2016, and the program will consider expanding to Herndon, Tysons, Merrifield and Falls Church. Herndon neighbors Reston, and the W and OD trail runs right through the Town of Herndon, home to over 23,000 citizens. "I think bikeshare is a great addition and hope to see it expand to Herndon Station when the metro opens," said Town of Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel. Phase 2 of the Metro Silver Line is scheduled to open in 2020, with a stop in Herndon.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides federal funding to transportation alternatives beyond highway construction. Eligible projects include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, complete streets and safe routes to schools. Funding is often split 80 percent federal and 20 percent state or local match from the sponsoring organization. Local jurisdictions also pay for any cost overruns. Regarding to CaBi in Reston, TAP funds would help build concrete station pads and purchase the bicycles.

THE ANNUAL COST to operate all 13 stations is expected to be \$400,000. The bicycles and the stations are projected to cost \$740,000.

If FCDOT uses a combination of local and



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federal funds, the stations might arrive sooner. Splitting funding may let the county begin building the concrete pads with local funds. The concrete pads are the foundation of the stations and can be relocated or moved depending on construction or usage patterns. The TAP funds would be used to purchase the equipment. Some sites such as the proposed bikeshare station at Reston Hospital will require coordination from landowners. The design will not go through Reston Association's Design Review Board as no stations are on RA land.

"Bikeshare is a critical, and strategic, outcome associated with Reston's initiative to be a truly sustainable community. It's an idea that truly fits with how we want to live our lives here in Reston. It brings the obvious benefits of health, reducing traffic congestion, and even lowering emissions. I also believe a Reston bikeshare program will improve the value of our properties, generate more retail business interest, and it will definitely open up areas of our community that do not have access to good transportation solutions," said Reston Association director and board member Ken Knueven.

"For a minimal investment, the community receives tremendous returns that are efficient, scalable, and market-driven," said Knueven. "I welcome its arrival and will be an active user. I hope my fellow Restonians will agree with me...let's get rolling!"

WEEK IN RESTON

Woman's Club to Host Auction, Fundraising Event

The Women's Club of Greater Reston (WCGR) will conduct a Chinese Auction/Silent Auction on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Historic Lake Anne Village Center, Reston Community Center (Jo Ann Rose Gallery), 11426 Washington Plaza West, Reston. Aside from being lots of fun, this is the club's major fundraiser for the year. Guests are welcome.

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Children write to troops overseas during Dr. Stephan Tisseront's 10th Annual Halloween Candy Buy-Back event on Monday, Nov. 2.

Reston Orthodontist Collects 1,110 Pounds of Candy

Dr. Stephan Tisseront, a Reston orthodontist, held his 10th Annual Halloween Candy Buy-Back Event on Monday, Nov. 2, benefiting Children's National in D.C. and our troops overseas.

Families dropped off their leftover Halloween Candy and Dr. Tisseront donated \$2 per pound of candy brought in. One dollar went to Children's and \$1 went back to the child/family donating, with many people choosing to donate their dollar to Children's as well.

Over 1,100 pounds of candy were collected and \$1,750 was raised for Children's. Over \$18,000 dollars has been raised over the years for Children's due to this event.

Participants enjoyed hot apple cider, temporary tattoos, Halloween music and even a spontaneous dance party. They also enjoyed writing letters to troops stationed overseas, and some of the kids helped box up the candy to be shipped to Operation Shoebox.

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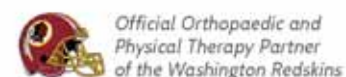
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WEDDINGS



Oak Hill's Meredith Klein marries Centreville's Drew Dudzik in Reston.

Meredith Klein and Drew Dudzik Married

Meredith Klein and Drew Dudzik were married on June 20, 2015 at St. John Neumann in Reston. The bride is a 2007 graduate of Chantilly High School and a 2011 undergraduate of James Madison University. She completed her Master in Education at James Madison University in 2012 and taught for the past three years at Oak Hill Elementary. The groom is a 2006 graduate of Centreville High School and a 2010 graduate of James Madison University. He completed a Master in Sports Leadership in 2011.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Doreen Klein of Oak Hill. The groom is the son of Michael and Sally Dudzik. Cousin of the bride, Kerrin O'Connor, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Kristen Klein (sister-in-law of the bride), Anna Brunswick, Kimberly Resua, Jes-

sica Fuller, Stephanie Passino, Katie Dudzik (sister of the groom), Allison Butler, Chelsea Goff and Shelley Newman. Matt Goff, best friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Jason Klein (brother of the bride), Steven Klein (brother of the bride), Bill Nay (cousin of the groom), Dave Hill, Jason Dosh, DJ Mangus, Cameron Dohse, Aaron Butler and Charlie Newman.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception with dinner and dancing was held at The Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and are now residing in Raleigh, N.C. The bride is employed as a marketing specialist with Lionsbridge Technologies and the groom is employed with the Duke University Football Program as an assistant offensive coordinator.

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OPINION

Veterans Day in Virginia

Fairfax County and other localities embrace effort to end veteran homelessness this year, while veterans contribute much to the economy.

Virginia is home to about 690,000 veterans, more than 60 percent of them from the Gulf Wars. There are more than 12,000 veteran-owned businesses in Fairfax County alone, and more than a third of those businesses are categorized by the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority as professional science and technology.

In 2014, according to the Census Bureau, the median income of veterans in Virginia was more than \$50,000, while for non-veterans, the median income was \$29,909. Only 5.5 percent of veterans in Virginia live in poverty while that number is 11.4 percent for non-veterans in 2014.

Clearly the location of the Pentagon in Arlington, and being adjacent to the nation's capital would mean more veterans, and higher attaining veterans would settle here. Veterans contribute significantly here in Northern Virginia.

EDITORIAL

At the same time, some veterans experience significant challenges; consider that half of all veterans under 35 experience a period of unemployment in the 15 months after leaving service.

At the last Point in Time Count of people who are literally homeless in January 2015, there were 46 homeless veterans in Fairfax County, 12 in Alexandria and 19 in Arlington (with 408 literally homeless veterans in the District of Columbia). Forty-five percent of these homeless veterans were employed.

Coordinated efforts from local, state and federal levels have reduced the number of veterans experiencing homelessness in the region. Between 2011 and 2015, the region counted 138 fewer homeless veterans (19 percent reduction), using access to additional dedicated housing resources, such as HUD-VASH vouchers.

Now there is a nationwide effort, called the Mayor's Challenge, to end homelessness for

veterans this year. Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax have all signed onto this challenge.

Elsewhere in this paper, we report on Fairfax County's coordinated efforts to end homelessness for veterans by the end of next month. This effort will likely be judged successful by the fact that, even though more veterans will experience housing crises, the systems will be in place to get any newly homeless veterans back into housing quickly.

A task force has been meeting every other week in Fairfax County, identifying veterans by name and coordinating efforts to get them the services they need to get them into housing. Sometimes that is help with a security deposit and a few months rent. In other cases, chronically homeless veterans need significant support to to successfully move into permanent housing. But this year, every effort is being made to meet those needs.

"We celebrated a lot this year," said Vincent Jenkins, director of the Embury Rucker Shelter in Reston. "Each time we met, there were another four to five veterans who were housed."

— MARY KIMM

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Bumper Sticker Politics

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

Experts on communications in political campaigns advise that a message needs to be expressed in a matter of seconds—not minutes—if it is to be effective. The best political message should be able to be printed on a bumper sticker. In a world of complexities and over-loaded communications channels, only the simply stated message stands a chance of getting through to voters.

Simple messages about complex issues can be misleading and can lead to bad policies. About a million dollars was spent in the most recent cycle to convince voters that certain candidates were part of a plan to put \$17 tolls on I-66. In this instance, voters saw through the falsehoods and re-elected Delegate Kathleen Murphy and elected Jennifer Boysko to the House of Delegates. Republican incumbents who jumped on "no \$17 tolls" won re-election, but all incumbents in both parties were re-elected. The damage done with this campaign message is that it is likely to take off the table a reasonable alternative that could be consid-

ered to relieve the massive traffic congestion on I-66. The fact of the matter is that there are \$17 tolls on the express lanes on I-95, but they are only imposed as they were proposed for I-66 as part of traffic demand management to keep people off the roads during the worst of the congestion. What the plan would have done was to allow single-occupant vehicles on I-66 during the morning commute time for a lesser toll that would reduce congestion on other streets and generate funds for improvements in the corridor. The proposal was developed by VDOT and had been discussed extensively with the community. To listen to the campaign rhetoric one could be led to believe that Democratic candidates had proposed it and every driver would have to pay it. Interestingly, those who ran on the no tolls issue did not offer any alternatives for relieving traffic congestion.

This, of course, is not the first time that simple messages have been used to confuse and mislead voters in Virginia elections. Unfortunately, some of the messages of the past have won elections but with disastrous policy out-



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comes. The clever "no car tax" slogan won the governorship for Jim Gilmore many years ago, but the policy impact of the state paying part of the local taxes for persons with the biggest cars cost the state nearly a billion dollars every year since that campaign. The car tax got too high in some suburban communities that faced the expenses of growing school populations and other services, but under the Dillon Rule they had no other options for raising revenue. The Gilmore proposal had the policy effect of taking from the poor and giving to the rich. The state's share of school funding went down because of the gimmick to end the car tax. It was a simple message to a complex problem that led to unfortunate results. The campaign to "end parole" that got George Allen elected has led to jails and prisons being overcrowded with persons who should have alternatives to incarceration. Somehow "use tolling to ease traffic," "reform the tax structure," or "reform parole" did not have the same ring to them as the bumper-sticker messages that win elections but can lead to unfortunate consequences.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inaccurate Commentary

To the Editor:

We appreciate the coverage Reston Connection provided the hearing on the South Lakes High School addition, particularly the continuing sub-standard stormwater management by

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). The article accurately reports the dialogue on the matter at the hearing. Unfortunately, some of the commentary presented by County officials was inaccurate and needs correction.

The School Board's attorney, John McGranahan Jr., asserted that Mr. Maynard said "all of the drainage problems in this stream

bed are coming from South Lakes High School." In fact, Maynard commented specifically on the impact of the proposed development at SLHS draining from high school property, not "all of the drainage problems."

McGranahan added, "The building addition that is being proposed does not lie in this stream bed." True, but misleading. About 100

new parking spaces—a major source of runoff—will be added to the east side of the high school that will drain as Mr. Maynard stated.

The most disturbing comments were those made by several officials that "the county couldn't obtain necessary easements from

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Howl-o-Ween Contest at Lake Anne

More than 60 dogs entered the PetMAC costume contest at the Lake Anne Plaza on Saturday, Oct. 31, with others who either did not want to enter or just came for the fun of it (no costume.) There was a DJ with Halloween music, games and activities, and a photo area for donations to Oldies but Goodies Rescue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 8

some of the neighbors" a decade ago, gratuitous comments that were irrelevant to the school addition discussion. Actually, that early effort was by Reston Association (RA) and its remediation contractor. At the time, after extensive neighborhood discussions, property owners on Wakerobin Lane, whose property backs up to the creek, agreed that the financial burdens, liability risks, and property rights restrictions in the draft easement were overwhelming, unnecessary, and unfair. They raised their concerns in a clearly worded letter to RA seeking relief in the easement language. Regrettably, rather than discuss the matter with homeowners, RA deemed the owners as "unwilling to grant access," discontinued action on the ravine, and didn't even inform the neighborhood of their decision.

The good news is that Supervisor Hudgins and County staff are now assessing the lower ravine for a full remediation program in the wake of a County sewer line break in the ravine last summer caused by the stormwater runoff. Unfortunately, that remediation won't fix the upstream problem caused by three decades of FCPS' sub-standard stormwater management at South Lakes High School.

**Anne Drissel
Terry Maynard**
Reston

A Childish Debate

To the Editor:

Even at 11 years old, I read the news. I watch the presidential debates, as well as certain news pro-

grams. Even at 11, I am worried for my future. That is why I write. My wish in writing this letter is to show how steep the hill I fear our country is going down. It doesn't have to be that way.

I believe that I am a fairly polite person. I apologize in advance if I am insulting any person's beliefs, or who people think is honest and trustworthy for the role of president. But, with no sugarcoating, the presidential debate of Wednesday, Oct. 28 was purely childish. It was more like my sixth grade classroom than what I thought a presidential debate would be like. In fact, if we spoke like that in school, speaking over each other, having no respect for others, not to mention the attacking of questions instead of answering them, we would be in great trouble. Do we want the next leader of the United States of America to be rude, impolite and interrupting? We do need a leader that demands action, but also acts with kindness and compassion. If these are our future leaders, my peers and I, the children, the future, could be left in a large mess, maybe even too large to fix.

Often children are forgotten in matters like this. I asked my Dad how a child can speak up about this since kids cannot vote. He said to try a letter to the editor of a newspaper, so that is what I'm doing. I am eternally grateful for our current country, and even good places have problems, but if this is our future, this country's future is looking dark. Although I can't vote, I can stand. I stand for a real leader. A real president.

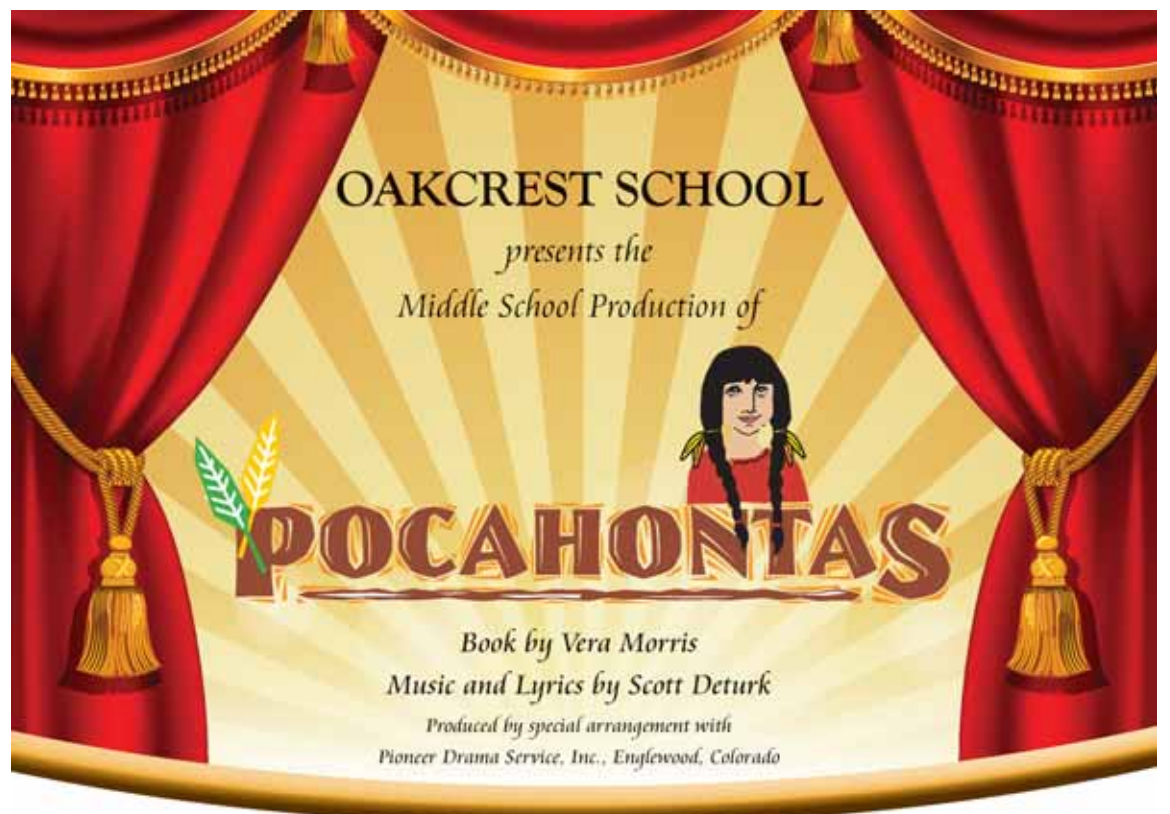
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HomeLifeStyle

Getting Guest-Ready

Local designers offer solutions for easy, pre-holiday updates.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Getting ready for the holidays means more than simply hanging decorations and ordering a turkey with trimmings. For many, the holidays usher in an abundance of house guests. While there might not be time to complete a remodeling project or build an addition, local designers offer suggestions for minor tweaks that can breathe new life into a living space so that it is guest-ready when the holidays arrive.

Starting with a home's exterior, outdoor lighting that highlights the walkway and facade of the house is a simple update, according to Kai Tong, director of architecture at Hopkins and Porter. "Low voltage lighting can also accentuate the steps leading to the front door, as well as [line voltage] lighting illuminating ... [plants] and trees."

Tong also recommends upgrading a home's interior lighting fixtures, such as sconces and dining room chandeliers. In fact, he said dimmer switches create ambience. "Low voltage lighting, including cable-mounted lighting, can bring new brilliance to spaces."

A coat of paint can also brighten a home in time for the holidays. "You don't need to paint the entire home at once to make a great impression for your guests," said Marty Cornish, CEO of EasyPaint. "Think about rooms you'll be using the most and then devise a plan."

Rooms where most of the holiday decor will be displayed as well as the dining room where meals will be served are good starting points, said Cornish.

"Consider selecting a wall in perhaps a guest room and painting it an exquisite accent color," adds Tong. "The same goes with public spaces such as the kitchen."

Painting a home's main entry door or trim is another simple way to welcome guests in style. "The front door makes an immediate first impression," said Tracy Morris, color consultant and principal of

Tracy Morris Design.

Morris suggests using Benjamin Moore's Soot for the front door. "The rich color is festive and fun and makes the perfect backdrop for holiday decor, as well as provides a lasting first impression."

Replacing the front door or updating the hardware on an existing door, updating lighting fixtures at the door or on a porch enhances a home's curb appeal, says Ken Hurdle, Hopkins and Porter project coordinator.

The kitchen, powder room and guest bathroom are usually hubs of hospitality during the holidays, and a polished appearance can be accomplished with a few minor tweaks.

In a guest bathroom, simple fixes include new vanity or sink hardware, new medicine cabinets and vanity lighting. "Check and see if accessories such as towel bars [and] paper holders could also use an easy recharge," said Tong.

Kohler's Moxi shower head holds a wireless speaker, "so you can enjoy your music while showering," said Nancy Knickerbocker, designer, Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths in Springfield.

In the kitchen, minor touches can yield a



JOHN COLE PHOTO

A kitchen is often a hub of activity during the holidays. Small touches like new cabinet hardware can add polish to the space.

major impact. "Kitchen 'lite' projects are a great way to spruce up your space if you're redesigning on a small budget and have great existing cabinets in your kitchen," said Stephanie Brick, designer at Nicely.

This can include new hardware on kitchen cabinets and new faucets, according to Hurdle.

These projects include upgrading counter tops with quartz or granite and

"You don't need to paint the entire home at once to make a great impression for your guests. Think about rooms you'll be using the most and then devise a plan."

— Marty Cornish, CEO of EasyPaint

adding a coordinating tile back splash or other kitchen accents like crown molding to the ceiling or chair rail molding. "These seemingly small details, when put together in a design package," said Brick, "can have a great impact on the overall look of your kitchen."



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Harrison in Reston wins two awards.

Harrison at Reston Town Center Wins Two Industry Awards

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VETERANS DAY

Fairfax County To End Veteran

BY MARY KIMM
THE CONNECTION

Jameel Mubaarik of Reston is a 63-year-old Army veteran and mechanical engineer, a former Reston homeowner. He served in the Army in Europe during the Cold War, and among many positions since, worked for Bechtel on the Silver Line and for NASA at the Goddard Space Center.

But a layoff, divorce and a short-sale on his home left Mubaarik homeless, for a time living in a hotel.

Then last May he had a stroke.

"I never thought I would be homeless, but you never know," he said.

Vincent Jenkins, director of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston calls Mubaarik "the Historian," for his recall of Northern Virginia events, and professorial narrative.

Mubaarik is ready to move out of the homeless shelter and into housing, and as part of a national effort to end veteran homelessness, he'll be looking at possible apartments next week.

In December 2014, Fairfax County joined the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness, a nationwide effort with a tight deadline — the end of this year. In Fairfax County, it's an effort that will in all likelihood be successful.

"At the end of the calendar year, will we have functionally ended veteran homelessness in Fairfax County?" said Tom Barnett, program manager with the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. While some veterans here will still experience housing crisis, there will be systems in place designed to get them into housing quickly.

Functionally ending veteran homelessness, according to the Mayors Challenge, means that every community has a sustainable, systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience. That's the mantra for ending and preventing homeless for all: Homelessness should be rare, brief and non-recurring.

Veterans made up 46 of the 1,204 people who were homeless on Jan. 28, 2015 in the 2015 Point-in-Time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness. A dozen to 15 veterans become homeless every month, but because of ongoing collaboration, most are "rapidly rehoused." While 96 veterans came



FILE PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

In February 2013, volunteers looking to interview chronically homeless people found encampments like this scattered around the area, usually near major shopping areas, but sometimes in isolated fields. Not all encampments had tents for people to sleep, often found were old couches and sleeping bags, or temporary shelter made of cardboard, plastic and scrap pieces of wood.

into hypothermia shelters last winter season, at the end of October, Barnett reported that there were 17 homeless veterans in the county, and that all 17 were in the process of being housed.

"We owe something to veterans. to the people who have made that sacrifice for us," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, who signed onto the Mayors Challenge. She notes that the sacrifice veterans make is measures in time, and in uncertainty.

"When you look at the issue of veterans, the sacrifice is spending time away from the community and from their families," she said. "With that time away comes the potential for coming back changed; that could be physically changed and harmed, and some of the harm might not be physical. Psychological changes might not be visible. We can't turn our backs on people who have been affected that way."

Of the 46 veterans identified in the Point in Time count in January, 15 were chronically homeless. Housing people who have been chronically homeless is not a quick transition; it requires supportive housing and ongoing services. Someone is identified as chronically homeless if they have been continuously homeless for a year or more and have experienced three or more episodes of homelessness in the last four years, a sequence of events that often comes with untreated illnesses, mental health is-

sues and/or substance abuse.

A task force consisting of representatives from nonprofits like FACETS, New Hope Housing, Northern Virginia Family Service and Cornerstones, plus the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Community Service Board, the health department and other partners has been meeting every other week since the county joined the challenge. At the meetings, the partners discuss the individual veterans they are seeking to house by name, and focus attention and resources on overcoming challenges.

"At the task force meetings, we celebrated a lot this year," said Vincent Jenkins of Cornerstones, director of the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. "Each time we met, there were another four to five veterans who were housed. ... Fairfax plays really well together. We are really trying to make a major dent in homelessness, and we are doing that."

The "tremendously impactful" tool of choice is the VASH voucher, said Barnett. The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program combines rental assistance for homeless veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Once a veteran has been approved for a housing voucher and gets into housing, Veterans Affairs deploys a team to help with transition from the shelter to housing, one of the benefits of the nationwide challenge.

The effort to end homelessness for veterans comes with a different level of community support, too.

"In the community, there is so much en-

ergy and interest to end homelessness for veterans who have served our country," said Dean Kline, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Partners and community groups are engaged "because of their passion for helping veterans who have served our country."

NOT ALL VETERANS who are experiencing homelessness are ready to accept housing, but ongoing outreach by local nonprofits ensures continuing progress. Sometimes it takes years simply to identify that someone is a veteran if that individual is resistant to sharing information.

One man now in line for housing hovered for eight years at the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter on Richmond Highway by Fort Belvoir. While he would seem pleasant, when anyone tried to engage him or ask questions, he became verbally aggressive and expressed anti-government sentiments, said Tonya Golden, director of Programs for Single Adults at New Hope Housing. He was part of the overflow shelter program, operated in a trailer outside the main building, coming for food and shelter.

"He was resistant to service," Golden said.

"We never knew he was a veteran."

But with ongoing efforts, the man, now "up in age," developed a rapport with one outreach person, and agreed to sign up for housing. As they filled out the information

needed, he made reference to his service. New Hope Housing submitted his name to Veterans Affairs, discovering that he served 14 years including in Vietnam, was honorably discharged and entitled to benefits.

Now he's qualified for a VASH voucher, is working with housing case managers and will move into an apartment with supportive services soon.

Most veterans who arrive at a shelter do not have the critical documentation they need.

New Hope Housing opened Veterans House, a home with case management services for four veterans, where the veteran doesn't have to sign a lease.

"We take veterans who have challenges leasing up, so it's in our name," Golden said. "These are the clients that we work with, they are ready to move forward. ... There's no judgment."

Clients who have criminal records or other issues that might prevent them from being approved for a lease still need housing.

Golden is a military spouse, her husband is career army, a lieutenant colonel. They lived for a time on Fort Belvoir. "We've been doing this for a long time," she said. "It's personal for me that our soldiers are connected to the services they are entitled to."

THE DAILY ROUTINE for Richard Davis, a veteran and a single dad: Davis sleeps at

"In my heart, I feel like I have a lot to give."

— Richard Davis, single dad, was living at the Kennedy Shelter by Fort Belvoir

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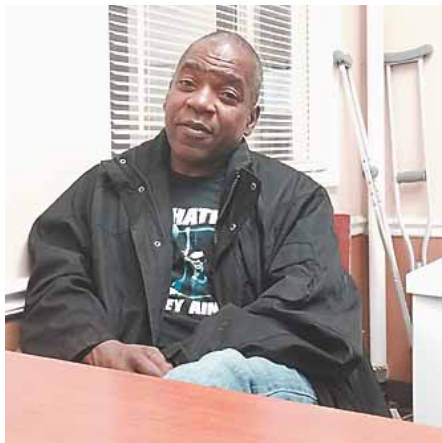
— Vincent Jenkins, director, Embry Rucker Shelter, Reston

Details

Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/opeh.htm

Homelessness

Each homeless veteran has a story, and a path to housing.



PHOTOS BY MARY KIMM/THE CONNECTION

Richard Davis, a single dad and veteran who has been chronically homeless, moved into a three-bedroom home with his children last week with supports from New Hope Housing.

the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter for the Homeless on Richmond Highway by Fort Belvoir, while his two young children sleep at a nearby friend's house. In the morning, Davis gets his children ready for the day, drives his son, 4, to a program that addresses the son's intellectual disabilities and then Davis cares for his daughter, 2, who has health issues. He picks his son up in the afternoon, and later, after he gets his children dinner and puts them to bed, he heads back to the shelter to sleep.

At least that was the routine until last Thursday, when New Hope Housing was able to place him in permanent supportive housing with three bedrooms for him and his two children.

Davis served in the Navy. Then he served 25 years in prison, and was released in 2008.

"With a 25-year gap, no one is going to give you the kind of job you need to take care of yourself," Davis said. He worked three jobs at one time, but still didn't earn enough to support his family. And now the full time care of his children presents other challenges.

Davis trained as a paralegal in prison. "I have five habeas corpus briefs under my belt," he said. But when he applied for jobs at law firms when he was released, his prison record kept him from employment.

Davis speaks in a deep voice that reflects the sense that he expected more of himself. He describes himself as "disheartened" by his lack of accomplishment since being released in 2008. He's educated and well-spoken, it's clear that his children bring him joy, and that now getting this part right means the world to him.

"You know you have aspirations when you're younger. You have goals. And you're not really achieving them. I'm dealing with my mortality now," he said. "I have 10-11

more years. I'm living for my children. It's my responsibility to turn out good human beings. ... I want them to be able to go to Dad and to know they will answer to Dad. They are the love of my life."

"In my heart, I feel like I have a lot to give," Davis said.

NOT ALL VETERANS in need of housing are men.

One woman veteran who had served in the Army for three years, emerged struggling with mental illness. She stopped taking her medication, and got into trouble with law. She was receiving services from Northern Virginia Family Services, and was one of the homeless veterans discussed by name at the task force meetings, said Barbara Schultheiss, program director of Services for Single Adults at FACETS in Fairfax.

"So many people just need help with a security deposit and a few months rent," Schultheiss said. "But some need more support."

FACETS operates permanent supportive housing, and when a vacancy opened up there, Schultheiss coordinated her move into a new apartment.

"She's very independent, and she loves her apartment," Schultheiss said. But she also talks about Vladimir Putin as her husband, and dances around her living room with his photo. In her new home, she'll get case management services to help keep her in housing.

There is evidence of long-term success, too.

One Navy veteran lived 17 years in the woods, and has now lived in FACETS housing for seven years with support after serving in the Navy with awards.

"He comes with his own slew of medical problems," said Schultheiss, who was his case manager in 2008, and helped track down his service record.

He told her, "If it wasn't for the FACETS program I'd be dead."

Schultheiss asked him why he left the Navy. "Being on a ship with a bunch of guys, it just got old," he said.

But after that, he couldn't get a job that would pay the bills.

VETERANS WHO HAVE recently been in service have been in an environment where they have had one important job, protecting the country, and their basic needs like



The Eleanor Kennedy Shelter for the Homeless on Richmond Highway.

housing, food, schedule and health, have been cared for in a very structured way, said Barnett. "They find themselves on the street without any of that. They've had a job to focus on, but now they have to worry about how to take care of themselves," he said, and their frustration in the new circumstances can be extreme.

Veterans can also be among the most vulnerable of people experiencing homelessness, chronically homeless and living in the woods.

"Their basic training has prepared them to be out there, to withstand some things that most people cannot," said Vincent Jenkins of Cornerstones of challenges of even getting some veterans who have lived outdoor for a long time into the shelter. "It's not always a good fit for them here in the shelter."

Reaching out to the most vulnerable homeless is helped in part by work done in 2013 when nonprofit volunteers, county employees and others went out into the woods and other areas, creating an inventory and conducting interviews. Fairfax County participated in the national 100,000 Homes campaign, ranking chronically homeless people on the vulnerability index that indicates who is a greatest risk of death.

Of more 462 people surveyed, 10 percent were veterans.

Veterans who have lived outside for an extended period are also more likely to be resistant to services.

At the Embury Rucker Shelter, staff uses the "BOLO" protocol as part of their outreach efforts. That's "be on the lookout." They know which veterans they need to reach, and when one of them comes in the door for a bagged lunch or anything else, outreach staff is alerted so someone can come to interact.

While Vietnam-era vets who are homeless are more likely to be among those that are extra resistant to coming indoors, their advancing age sometimes makes them more willing. Homeless veterans of any of the Gulf Wars are more likely to be dealing with PTSD, but also are more likely to be able to jump right back into housing after a crisis with some financial help, said several homeless advocates.

"Their symptoms are related to the trauma they experienced in war," said Greg White, chief operating officer at Cornerstones. "Their coping mechanisms include alcohol, substance abuse."

"One guy who had been living out in the woods told me about the adjustment he had to make to living in a house," White said. Sometimes people who have moved into housing still come back to the shelter, or even the woods, to visit. "Those social connections mean a lot to them."

Outreach during the very cold months when chronically homeless are more likely to come to the shelters, and also the Health Care for the Homeless programs offer opportunities for outreach that can eventually lead to enough trust for veterans to give information that will help get them into housing.

While some veterans are chronically homeless, living with physical disabilities or mental health issues that can be barriers to moving into new homes, it's a shortage of affordable housing that is still the biggest barrier to ending homelessness, for veterans and others. Many veterans are severely rent burdened, said White and others. Even when they can find a job, it's rare they can find employment that will pay enough to cover their needs.



The overflow services trailer on the grounds of the Kennedy Shelter.

Democrats Win Local Elections

But General Assembly stays in the red column.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

“We didn’t win the war tonight, but we did come out ahead in some of the important local battles, and that’s a good start.” That was Roger Kline’s take on the results of the elections for Virginia’s General Assembly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and School Board members. Kline was one of hundreds that gathered at The Waterford at Fair Oaks for the Fairfax Democratic Committee’s Election Watch Party on Tuesday night.

Although the doors to the Watch Party opened at 7 p.m. just as the polls were closing, things did not really get underway until closer to 9 p.m. when the faithful and those they supported began to arrive in earnest.

Monitors in the corners of the room were constantly surrounded by attendees checking the latest results.

“It’s enough to give you an ulcer,” said Aida Lee, referring to the see-sawing numbers that were coming in early on for Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) whose district includes part of Loudoun County, and Great Falls, McLean, Wolftrap and Langley in Fairfax County. When 100 percent of the votes were finally reported, Murphy was leading her opponent Craig Parisot, whom she had previously defeated for the seat in a special election.

THE ‘WAR’ that was not won on Tuesday

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PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION



Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) can relax and share a smile with other attendees of the Election Watch Party — she won re-election to her seat with more than 94 percent of the vote and her only competition came from undeclared write-ins.



A pair of re-elected and newly-elected Democrats gets a wild welcome from the gathering at the Democratic election watch party. From left, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86). Boysko’s election brings a Democrat to the district for the first time in many years.

was the Democrats’ fight to gain control of the Virginia Senate. Prior to the election Republicans held the majority, 21-19. Because of the tie-breaking powers of democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, the Democrats only needed one more seat to gain control.

Democratic candidates prevailed in several hotly contested races, but at the end of the day the total numbers remained unchanged. With an overwhelmingly Republican House and a continued GOP “tilt” in the Senate, Gov. Terry McAuliffe and his

Fairfax Republicans Celebrate the Victorious

And honor those who were defeated.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said he much preferred this night to the one when he was elected to his first term. A close race with his opponent meant waiting around until late into the evening. This year, Cook defeated Democrat Janet Oleszek by a more handy margin of about six percent of the vote.

“Local government is about being the level closest to the people,” Cook said, as the first speaker at the Fairfax County Republican Committee election results viewing party. “It’s about getting things done, the right way.” The party was held Nov. 3 at the Fairview Marriott hotel in Falls Church.

Cook attributed his victory to having a full term to “do a lot of work,” including work with Chairman Sharon Bulova and Sheriff Stacey Kincaid on a “Diversion First” program to help prevent people with mental illness from ending up in the Adult Detention Center without prior mental health evaluation, work raising awareness and developing resources for victims of domestic violence, and working with community leaders.

“People have shown appreciation for that, and I’m very thankful,” Cook said.

Incumbent Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) recorded a more lopsided victory in his race against Independent Green candidate Corazon Foley. He spoke about continuing to push “the message of transparency from our government” and working with the School Board during his next term.

Arthur Purves was unsuccessful in challenging incumbent Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. At the podium, he described himself as “marching to a different drummer.”

Jennifer Chronis came closer to knocking off her incumbent opponent John Foust for Dranesville District Supervisor, however still trailed by about eight points at the end of the night.

“I’m not going away,” Chronis said she told Foust when she called to congratulate him on the victory. “I’m proud of the race we ran and the issues we discussed.”

The surprise of the night was Fairfax resident and Republican Jeanette Hough finishing ahead of incumbent Ted Velkoff for the third at-large seat on the Fairfax County School Board.

Craig Parisot was shown to have finished about a point behind Democrat Kathleen Murphy for the 34th District House of Delegates seat, but a representative from the Republican committee reminded members of the audience there would be a final tally taking place first thing in the morning.



Incumbent Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) defeated Democrat challenger Janet Oleszek with over 51 percent of the vote.

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TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION



Incumbent Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) won re-election handily over Independent Green challenger Corazon Foley, who ran a minimalist campaign based on establishing a dedicated center for senior citizens in the Springfield district.



Incumbent Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) defeated Democrat challenger Jerry Foltz with over 63 percent of the votes.

Democrats Win Local Elections

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party face uphill battles at every turn in their attempts to press forward their priorities, including gun safety regulations and the expansion of Medicaid in the Commonwealth.

Senate Minority Leader Richard Saslaw (D-35), who defeated his Independent Green Party opponent Terry W. Modglin 73.45 percent to 25 percent, addressed the crowd when he introduced the winning senators and delegates who were present at the Watch, telling them to not lose hope yet.

VICTORY BY Jennifer Boysko in the 86th district was one of the “important local battles” that attendee Kline cheered. Boysko replaces retiring Republican Del. Tom Rust, defeating Danny Vargas (R). Boysko was greeted by thunderous applause as she joined her Assembly colleagues on stage. “It’s already been an incredible learning experience,” said Boysko, in an interview after the formal election result announcements had been made. “I’ve talked to literally thousands of people in my district, listening to what they need, what are their concerns,” she added. “There’s a lot to do, but education kept coming up as a real priority.” Boysko said she is looking forward to the challenge ahead and hoped to become a part of a “civility caucus.” “I think a lot more can be accomplished when we treat each other with dignity and respect.”

Vargas, Boysko’s opponent received large, late infusions of campaign money from Republicans, and had a total of \$705,323, which he spent mostly on mailers and TV commercials that were unflattering and critical of Boysko.

Democrats also took the upper hand in the results for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. By re-electing all eight incumbents, including Chairman Sharon Bulova, and adding the Democratic candidates for the vacant seats in the Mount Vernon and

Sully districts, the voters gave the board one more Democratic member than they had originally. When the new board takes office in January, incumbents Pat Herrity of the Springfield District and John C. Cook from the Braddock District will be the only Republican members of the governing body of Virginia’s largest jurisdiction. The Sully District seat, formerly held by Supervisor Michael Frey (R), was won by School Board member Kathy Smith (D) over Republican John Guevara. Another School Board member, Dan Storck, took the Mount Vernon Supervisor contest over Jane Gandee (R), replacing the retiring Gerry Hyland (D).

Democratic Fairfax County School Board election winners were also on hand at the event and took to the stage when introduced by Board of Supervisors Chairman Bulova. Ryan McElveen and Ilryong Moon retained their At-Large positions, while Ted Velkoff lost his seat to Republican-backed Jeanette Hough of Fairfax. Pat Hynes remains as the School Board member in the Hunter Mill District. Jane Strauss retains the position she has held for two decades for her Dranesville constituency. In the Sully District contest for School Board, Republican Tom Wilson was ahead of Karen Keys-Gamarra by about 200 votes.

POLITICAL NEWCOMER Dalia Palchik, the Providence District School Board member winner over incumbent Patty Reed, received the evening’s most enthusiastic reception. When asked if it was possible that she knew every single person in the room in order to receive such a welcome, Palchik laughingly replied, “Could be.” The young teacher said she “made a pilgrimage in the streets of Providence District” likening her journey to her experience on the famous pilgrimage route from France to the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Humbled by the response from the crowd, Palchik says she truly loves people and tries to show it when she meets them. “Less test-

ing and more teaching” are battles cries for Palchik, who said she was ready to represent a diverse community “after I get just a

little bit of sleep.”

A full list of all of the races and the results throughout Virginia are available at www.results.elections.virginia.gov.

Fairfax County Election Results

Unofficial results as of Wednesday morning, Nov. 4, 2015.

* indicates incumbent

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Fairfax County Commonwealth’s Attorney		
Raymond F. Morrogh* (D)	141,601	96.78%
Unopposed		

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Fairfax County Sheriff		
Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)*	107,610	57.96%
Bryan A. “B. A.” Wolfe (R)	77,609	41.80%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Fairfax County Clerk of the Court		
John T. Frey (R)*	86,623	48.01%
Bettina Mary Lawton	83,111	46.07%
Marisa R. Wissar (I)	10,252	5.68%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Soil and Water Conservation Director Northern Virginia District		
Top three take office		
George W. Lamb IV*	94,260	30.71%
Gerald O. “Jerry” Peters*	93,140	30.35%
Scott John Cameron	90,714	29.55%
Stephen L. Pushor	26,640	8.68%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Fairfax County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors		
Sharon S. Bulova (D)*	111,124	59.84%
Arthur G. Purves (R)	63,209	34.04%
Glenda Gail Parker (I)	10,890	5.86%

Response	Votes	Percentage
Fairfax County Public School Bond		
\$310 million for new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system.		
Yes	138,296	74.27%
No	47,911	25.73%

Response	Votes	Percentage
Fairfax County Public Safety Facilities Bond		
\$151 million for construction, reconstruction, enlargement, renovation and equipment of civil and criminal justice facilities, police training facilities and stations, fire and rescue training facilities and stations.		
Yes	136,176	73.20%
No	49,850	26.80%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Board of Supervisors, District Members		
Braddock District		
John C. Cook (R)*	12,082	51.60%
Janet S. Oleszek (D)	10,675	45.59%
Carey C. Campbell (I)	610	2.61%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Dranesville District		
John W. Foust (D)*	14,807	53.92%
Jennifer C. Chronis (R)	12,615	45.94%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Hunter Mill District		
Catherine M. Hudgins (D)*	17,235	94.33%
Unopposed		

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Lee District		
Jeffrey C. McKay (D)*	12,792	96.89%
Unopposed		

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Mason District		
Penelope A. “Penny” Gross (D)*	9,196	57.22%
Mollie A. Loeffler (I)	6,785	42.22%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Mount Vernon District		
Daniel G. “Dan” Storck (D)*	11,714	56.85%
Jane R. Gandee (R)	8,841	42.91%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Providence District		
Linda Q. Smyth (D)*	13,134	95.46%
Unopposed		

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Springfield District		
Patrick S. “Pat” Herrity (R)*	18,204	80.56%
Corazon S. Foley (I)	4,226	18.70%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Sully District		
Kathy L. Smith (D)	11,200	51.76%
John P. Guevara (R)	10,382	47.98%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Fairfax County School Board at Large		
Top Three Take Office		
Ilryong Moon*	83,983	17.13%
Ryan L. McElveen*	83,051	16.94%
Jeanette M. Hough	80,006	16.32%
Theodore J. “Ted” Velkoff*	74,803	15.26%
Robert E. “Bob” Copeland	74,509	15.20%
Manar A. Jean-Jacques	57,102	11.65%
Peter M. Marchetti	12,903	2.63%
Omar M. Fateh	11,822	2.41%
Burnette G. Scarboro	10,617	2.17%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
School Board District Candidates Braddock District School Board		
Megan O. McLaughlin*	14,147	75.38%
Katherine A. Pettigrew	4,205	22.41%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Dranesville District School Board		
Jane K. “Janie” Strauss*	14,075	54.29%
Peter Kurzenhauser	11,781	45.44%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Hunter Mill District School Board		
Pat M. Hynes*	12,951	61.30%
Mark S. Wilkinson	8,116	38.41%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Lee District School Board		
Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax*	11,759	96.34%
Unopposed		

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Mason District School Board		
Sandra S. Evans*	11,975	96.60%
Unopposed		

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Mount Vernon District School Board Open Seat		
Karen L. Corbett Sanders	11,915	61.81%
W. Anthony Stacy	7,319	37.97%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Providence District School Board		
Dalia A. Palchik	9,293	58.22%
Patricia S. “Patty” Reed*	6,594	41.31%

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Springfield District School Board		
Elizabeth L. Schultz*	18,933	97.60%
Unopposed		

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Sully District School Board Open Seat		
Thomas A. Wilson	10,242	50.38%
Karen A. Keys-Gamarra	10,041	49.39%

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Del. Ken Plum (D-36) and his wife Jane join the party. The incumbent ran unopposed. On stage for the official results announcements, Plum was serenaded by the crowd with the ‘Happy Birthday’ song in honor of his birth anniversary on Nov. 2. “What a great gift,” he declared. “Could only be better if we win it all!”



Freshly re-elected Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova introduces Dalia Palchik as the next Providence District School Board member. Bulova and others referred to Palchik as a rising star in the Democratic Party.

SPORTS

South Lakes Football to Host Oakton in 6A North Playoffs

Seahawks beat Fairfax, finish regular season with 8-2 record.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After compiling its best regular-season record in more than 15 years, the South Lakes football team will host a playoff game for the first time since 2010.

The Seahawks finished the regular season 8-2, earned the No. 6 seed in the 6A North region and will host No. 11 Oakton (5-5) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 in the opening round of the playoffs.

South Lakes closed the regular season with a 46-7 home victory over Fairfax on Nov. 6. It was the fourth time this year the Seahawks defeated an opponent by at least 37 points. The win secured South Lakes' best regular-season record in more than 15 years, according to vhs1-reference.com, which tracks South Lakes records back to 1999. The Seahawks finished with a 7-3 regular-season record in 2010, 2002 and 1999.

"I think it's great," said Trey Taylor, who is in his second season as South Lakes head coach. "... I'm happy for the kids. When I came in ... I asked them to put in more work than they were used to and some of them looked at me like I was crazy. ... I'm happy



Eric Kirlaw (1) and the South Lakes football team will host Oakton at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

for the kids because they trusted me and now they're seeing [the results]."

SOUTH LAKES will host an Oakton team that it scrimmaged prior to the 2015 season. The Cougars finished with a 5-5 record, including 2-3 in Conference 5, which is annually one of the toughest conferences in the region.

"I think they're extremely well coached, tough up front, disciplined," Taylor said. "... They're going to present a huge challenge

for us."

While Oakton presents a challenge for South Lakes, the Seahawks enter the postseason playing well, Taylor said, including a pair of strong defensive performances to close the regular season. After losing to Madison 38-6 and allowing 42 points in a win over Langley, South Lakes shut out Hayfield in the second half of a 35-14 win and held Fairfax to a single touchdown.

This year, South Lakes is surrendering an average of 16.2 points per game. Last year,

opponents averaged 33.6 points against the Seahawks, who finished 2-8.

"I feel like we're playing pretty well," Taylor said. "[Against] Langley and Madison, our defense didn't play well. ... The past two weeks, the defense has really stepped up and played better. That to me is the key. ... That to me is what has been different about this year is our ability to keep people from scoring a ton of points."

Offensively, South Lakes has been led by senior receiver Eric Kirlaw, who caught four passes for 58 yards and carried three times for 58 yards and two touchdowns against Fairfax on Nov. 6. Kirlaw finished the regular season with 30 receptions for 605 yards and eight touchdowns, and 45 carries for 449 yards and five scores.

"Eric Kirlaw keeps getting better each week," Taylor said. "It seems difficult for people to keep him out of the end zone."

Sophomore quarterback Devin Miles completed 13 of 15 passes for 211 yards and a touchdown against Fairfax. He completed 67 percent of his passes during the regular season for 1,635 yards, with 18 touchdowns and four interceptions. During a 48-42 win over Langley on Oct. 23, Miles completed 29 of 37 attempts for 493 yards, with six touchdowns and one interception.

THE WINNER of Friday's South Lakes/Oakton game will face the winner of No. 3 Westfield and No. 14 Washington-Lee.

"I think they do believe," Taylor said, "that we can go out and compete with anyone."

Herndon Coach Honored for Work Empowering Girls

Doreen Peters will receive the Crystal Coach Award on Saturday, Nov. 21 in a pre-race ceremony that kicks off the Girls on the Run 5K, presented by Innovation Health in Woodbridge.

Peters is one of the organization's longest-serving volunteers, having mentored more than 300 girls over 20 seasons as a Girls on the Run coach — first at Floris Elementary School in Herndon, and this season at Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary in Herndon.

Other Crystal Coach award recipients include: Aliceson Johnson Wirth of Kent Gardens ES in McLean, Carla Maughlin of Lemon Road ES in Falls Church, Carla Prokop of Rolling Valley ES in West Springfield, Rena Rose of Centre Ridge ES in Centreville, Gwendolynn Gall of Navy ES in Fairfax, and Cori Lonnett of Westbriar ES in Vienna. Together, the women have coached a combined 94 seasons and have mentored more than 1,400 girls.

Crystal Coaches are a group of thirteen Northern Virginia women who are committed to making a difference in the lives of girls. Each woman has served as a volunteer coach for 10 or more seasons with Girls on the Run — an after-school



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Doreen Peters, of Great Falls, will receive the Crystal Coach Award from Girls on the Run.

that equips girls with lifelong skills that will help them develop into strong, healthy, confident young women. The 10-week season culminates in a celebratory 5k run with more than 5,000 girls, parents, teachers and community members completing a 3.1 mile run.

Peters said that "Seeing girls conquer their personal anxieties/fears (often associated with speaking up in the group or doing the 5K) and seeing their confidence grow," inspired her. And the Girls on the Run program gives girls the "confidence to go out and do good things that may be outside their current comfort zone."

For more information about Girls on the Run visit <http://gotrnova.org/>.

South Lakes Runners Compete in Regional Championship

PHOTO BY ED LULL

South Lakes High School's sophomore Anna Prater placed 64th among 155 runners in Northern Region 6A Championship Meet girls race on Nov. 4 at Burke Lake Park (2.98 miles). In the boys race, South Lakes' John LeBerre placed 83rd among 116 runners.



Madison Volleyball Wins Conference Championship

The Madison volleyball team swept top-seed Langley on Nov. 5 to repeat as Conference 6 champions.

The Warhawks entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed and lost just one set in three matches.

Madison won its 6A North region tournament opener against T.C. Williams, 3-0, on Monday. The Warhawks faced Osbourn Park on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The winner will face either West Springfield or Patriot in the region semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Langley swept South County in the region tournament on Monday. The Saxons faced Oakton on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Langley Football Beats McLean, Wins Rotary Cup

The Langley football team ended the season with a 27-7 road victory over rival McLean on Nov. 6, winning the Rotary Cup.

After dropping seven of their first eight games, Langley closed the season with back-to-back victories, including a 48-23 win over Yorktown on Oct. 30 during the Saxons' final home game of the season.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to 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 non-permanent, three-dimensional works addressing the concept of ephemerality. Presented in conjunction with the Washington Sculptors Group. restonarts.org

One-Man Shows. Through Nov. 14. 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 Rogers.

Deathtrap. Time varies. Thursday-Sunday, through Nov. 22. NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Keep up with the twists and turns... if you dare. Deathtrap is a hysterical yet terrifying thriller sure to delight. \$35. www.nextstoptheatre.org. 866-811-4111.

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.

Gingerbread Village at Hyatt Regency Reston. Saturday, Dec. 5 through Thursday, Dec. 31. The Hyatt Gingerbread Village is a holiday tradition presented annually since the hotel's opening in 1990. The sweet, whimsical, classic holiday village scene is on display in the main lobby. reston.hyatt.com.

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides. Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19. 4-9 p.m. Departures on Market Street in front of Talbots at Reston Town Center. \$5 per person; children 5 and under ride free. All proceeds benefit local charities. www.restontowncenter.com/holidays.

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

Reston Town Center Ice Skating Pavilion - 2015-2016 Season. November through March. Open daily. 11900 Market Street, Reston. For more information on rates, rentals and schedules, call 703-709-6300 or visit skating@restontowncenter.com.

Portrait and Figure Painting with Jordan Xu. Wednesdays, Nov. 4-Dec. 23. 7-10 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Come and learn how to paint portraits and figures in oil, acrylic or pastel from a live model. In this class you will gain the knowledge of basic painting concepts and techniques such as value, color temperature, composition and transition. Step-by-step instructions will take you through the entire process of a painting. Fee: \$250. Registration required at <http://www.artspaceherndon.com/portrait-and-figure-painting-with-jordan-xu/>.



"Deathtrap" is a hysterical yet terrifying thriller sure to delight playing at NextStop Theatre in Herndon through Nov. 22.

For more information, call 703-956-6590.

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/NOV. 11

Rascal Raccoons. 10-11 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Make a raccoon mask and tail craft, then dress up like a raccoon to go in search of what a raccoon needs. Explore the forest to look for food, water and shelter that is just right for this furry, forest creature. Cost: \$7/resident; \$9/non-resident. Reservations at naturecenter@reston.org or 703-476-9689.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Pilgrims and Indians Thanksgiving Party. 10-11 a.m. Reston Association, Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Join us for a morning of fun with the Reston Association. We will have a variety of activities and Thanksgiving crafts. Great event for a mom's group, play dates and stay-at-home parents. Cost: \$7/resident; \$9/non-resident. Registrations at Ashleigh@reston.org or 703-435-6577.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Soiree-Chamber Series Concert. 7:30 p.m. United Christian Parish, 11508 N. Shore Drive, Reston. The Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Greater Washington presents its first Chamber Music concert highlighting the sections of the orchestra with an eclectic, fun and challenging program. Free-\$25. 571-483-8444. www.PACOdc.org. **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. 703-956-6590.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14.

Technology Fair. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Reston Community Center - Hunters Woods 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston. Want to learn how to Skype or just use the basic commands of your personal technology device? Stop by the 55+ Technology Fair to have questions answered about any device, new or old. Come learn the basics or advanced tips from the experts—Reston's very own teens. Registration at Ashleigh@reston.org or 703-435-6577.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 14-15

Movies and Mimosa—"Goodfellas." 11 a.m. Bow Tie Cinemas, 11940 Market St., Reston. See the classics how they were meant to be seen on the big screen. \$5.50, \$1 for Loyalty members. bowtiecinemas.com. 703-318-1801.

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. 571-449-7095.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

Meet Me at the Movies-Senior Movie Day. 10 a.m. Reston Association presents "Far from the Madding Crowd." Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free to 55+. Ashleigh@reston.org. 703-435-6530. reston.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 20

Thanksgiving Centerpieces. 7-8:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Start your holiday season with this festive workshop. Make a beautiful centerpiece with native materials and some simple napkin rings for your Thanksgiving table. Enjoy mulled cider and seasonal treats as we work. Cost: \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. Reservations at naturecenter@reston.org or 703-476-9689.

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Small Talk in a Big Way



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

No way, actually. In my nearly seven years of cancer-induced doctor's appointments, scan appointments, lab work and miscellaneous other recurring occasions to be sitting/idling in waiting rooms, never before last week's pre-chemotherapy lab work had I been so chatted up by a fellow member waiting for their name to be called.

The circumstances were not particularly unique; it's not as if there was a two-for-one/half-price special that day. It was just another day - not in paradise, at the lab, of which I've had my share. It was crowded this day and because of seat non-availability, I was forced to sit up close and personal between two other patients. We weren't exactly touching one another, but there was some proximity that had the room been less occupied, there likely would have been fewer eyes making contact.

Before I had even completed my half-turn, "bassackwards" descent into my single chair, the self-described grandmother and church-goer to my standing right/sitting left said to me - quite unsolicited I might add, with zero provocation from yours truly: "Look outside!" After landing in my chair, I craned my neck back around to "look," anticipating an incident/accident of some kind. Instead, I saw blue skies and a bright shiny sun, and said as much to my new temporary neighbor and then asked if I was missing something. She said "No." And then elaborated on how it was a beautiful day and how such days make her so happy and yada, yada, yada; yada, yada, yada. (It didn't stop there, if you catch my prose.)

Apparently noticing my rather cool (not hip) demeanor in not responding to her observation/opinion, she started on the man immediately sitting to her left. He was from Ethiopia. Oh. The pastor at her church was from Ethiopia and the congregation used to be old but now thanks to him... and on and on and on; fortunately not directed at me, but obviously within earshot. Soon however, his name was called and his seat remained unoccupied long enough for grandma to return her conversation back to me and begin to recount the information about the man with whom she had just been conversing: Ethiopian, a pastor, his young wife, their young children, the congregation; and on and on and on. Again, my lack of enthusiasm was likely evident in my barely audible responses to her comments and before too long, the vacated seat to her left was taken by a mother and her nine-month-old baby girl. Sure enough, the conversation soon left me and went over to the mother and her "beautiful baby." Within a few short minutes (in time), my neighbor's name was called (mercifully) and off she went into the lab. As she pulled open the door, she turned back to me, waived and smiled. I smiled back and said: "Break a leg." To which she responded something like: "Oh. You never want to..." but I had lost my focus and she was practically through the door into the lab and no more was there time and place to listen. Thankfully, the exchange, such as it was, was over (and she had just started asking about my job, too; what next? What was I in for?) I don't want to sound like Humphrey Bogart from Casablanca here, but: Of all the hospital waiting areas, of all the HMO waiting rooms, of all the labs, of all the clinics, she had to walk into mine. Don't let this play out again, Sam; it was an intrusion of sorts. Well-intended, I presume, and perhaps a little nervous energy at play; but as Kenny Rogers would say/sing: "You got to know when to fold 'em, know when to hold 'em."

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Guest speaker from Houzz, Lindsey Thudin, shared information on how to use the Houzz platform for your next home remodel project.

Houzz Celebrates Fifth Anniversary in D.C. Area

Open Houzz DC at Dulles Electric Supply celebrated the fifth year anniversary of Houzz coming to the D.C. metro area on Thursday, Oct. 22. Houzz is a home renovation platform. Over 250 homeowners, interior designers and other home remodeling professionals came together for a night of food, networking and education on latest home remodeling trends and tips for getting the most out of your Houzz profile. The evening kicked off with free continuing education courses provided by sponsors Legrand and Hubbardton Forge. Guest speaker was Lindsey Thudin, Indus-

try Marketing for Houzz.

Crowd favorite Marko the Magician and Hypnotist was back for the fifth time in a row to perform up close magic throughout the evening. The night concluded with over \$5,000 in door prizes given away from sponsors. "This annual event is all about connecting homeowners and home remodeling professionals under the same roof for education, networking, food and fun," said Sharina Mendoza, director of marketing for Dulles Electric Supply Corp. For more information, go to <http://www.dulleselectric.com/about-dulles/>.



Trip Speight of Legrand and Bruce Hathaway of Hubbardton Forge presented free continuing education courses prior to the event for home remodeling professionals.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for the general public which

use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Morning prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or www.stannes-reston.org.

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Silver Line Metro Area Experiences a Banner Year

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Every homeowner in Reston is asking the same question. Is the Wiehle Avenue metro station creating more demand for home ownership? The analysis for the past two years shows a resounding yes, at least in two of the three Reston zip codes for single family homes.

The zip codes closest to the Wiehle Avenue metro station are 20190 and 20191. Zip code 20190 is north of the Dulles Toll Road to Baron Cameron Avenue and comprises mainly townhouses and condominiums, with a concentration at the Reston Town Center. Reston 20191 is south of Dulles Toll Road to Lawyers Road and has a higher number of single family homes. Zip code 20194 has borders from Baron Cameron to Route 7 and is considered one of the top 20 zip codes in northern Virginia for most expensive sales.

During the first three quarters of 2015, there was a whopping 29 percent increase in the number of sales of single family homes over the first three quarters of 2014, with most of that increase in south Reston 20191. That is good news for Reston homeowners as it shows there was 29 percent more demand in their zip code than the previous year. The chart shows that the biggest increase, not surprisingly, was in the pricing bracket of under \$750,000 with 40 more homes sold in 2015 versus 2014. In the \$750,000 to \$999,999 bracket there were almost equal number homes sold and over \$1M bracket there were a total of 5

homes sold in 2015 versus 3 in 2014.

Can this increase in demand all be attributed all to the Wiehle Avenue station opening? Who knows for certain, but the statistics from NVAR show that overall in the northern Virginia area counties of Fairfax and Arlington, the increase of home sales for the first 3 quarters of 2015 was 6.8 percent more than 2014, far less than Reston's increase.

The Reston zip code that did not show an increase in buyers was golden zip code 20194. As the chart shows, the number of homes sold was flat from year to year. While 20194 has the largest number of sold homes over \$1M in Reston, it also had the biggest decline year over year by 38 percent in that price bracket. The price bracket \$750,000-\$999,999 remained relatively the same and the largest increase for 20194 was again in the under \$750,000 bracket, with a 26 percent increase in sales from 2014 to 2015.

So are we up to "peak" demand in Reston? If we consider 2005 as being the height of the market, zip codes 20191 and 20190 were quite close, with a total of 162 homes sold in 2005 and 150 sold in 2015. Zip 20191 was the big winner as total sales are only down 7 percent from peak sales. In 20194 it is quite another story as the chart

Reston 3rd Quarter Market Analysis of Single Family Home Sales
(based on final closed price)

1 st 3 Quarters of 2015				
	\$1M and over	\$750K-\$999K	Under \$750K	Total
20190	0	6	16	22
20191	5	16	107	128
20194	10	20	19	49
			Combined Total Sales	199
1 st 3 Quarters of 2014				
20190	0	8	12	20
20191	3	13	71	87
20194	16	21	14	51
			Combined Total Sales	158
1 st 3 Quarters of 2005				
20190	2	9	13	24
20191	1	20	117	138
20194	21	58	25	104
			Combined Total Sales	266

Reston real estate market analysis of single family home sales.

shows, and we may still have a ways to go to get back to peak sales of 2005.

The signs for positive market conditions are aplenty in Reston especially in the zip codes closest to the Wiehle Avenue metro

station. Anytime there are more buyers than the previous year is very good news for the market area as it indicates an environment for potential price appreciation, which all would welcome in Reston.



South Lakes Graduate Receives Scholarship

On Oct. 15, Dr. Douthard R. Butler, chairman, Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, officially recognized and presented a scholarship check in the amount of \$2,000 to Gabrielle Lozama, who graduated from South Lakes High School and is now a first-year student at Virginia Tech with a double major in Multimedia Journalism and Fashion Merchandise and Design.



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Franchise Fair Held in Reston

Fair attendee Karlene Sinclair Robinson, FranNet CEO Heather Rosen, and Community Business Partnership's Nicole Eickhoff participate in FranNet's Capital Area Franchise Fair, held recently at the Reston Association to help prospective entrepreneurs explore business ownership.