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The student delegation from the Pinnacle Academy in Oakton joins with Northern Virginia elected officials, and representatives from local and national organizations and businesses to officially launch the third Annual Blanket/Coat Drive for Syrian Refugees. In Fairfax County, the campaign will run Nov. 9 through Dec. 5, when Paxton Companies will oversee the shipment of donations to the distributors in Turkey.



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Two students from the Pinnacle Academy, from left — Ezo Karaca and Zach Akpinar were the designated speakers for their class delegation at the press conference. The students at the Academy have been part of the blanket collection campaign since it started in 2013.

Helping People Who Lost Everything

Pinnacle Academy students help launch third Annual Blanket and Coat Drive for Syrian refugees.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

On Thursday, Nov. 5, a group of seventh graders from Pinnacle Academy in Oakton, joined local and national officials at Fairfax County Government Center to launch the third annual blanket and winter coat drive for Syrian Refugees, bringing with them an impressive number of blankets and winter wear to start the collection.

The charitable enterprise was founded after several local politicians visited the refugee camp in Adana, Turkey during a 2013 trade and cultural exchange trip to the country as guests of the Fairfax-based American Turkish Friendship Association. “We saw thirty thousand people, half of them children, living in tents,” said Mark Gibb, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), which will coordinate the efforts of the numerous government jurisdictions, non-profits, businesses, faith communities, schools and private citizens who will join forces during the 2015 campaign. When the American visitors asked some of the camp residents what they could do to help, “the answer was such a simple request. These people, who were left with virtually none of their possessions, told us it was getting cold and could we please send them some blankets.”

UPON THEIR RETURN, the group immediately went to work. Sixty thousand blankets were soon on their way to Turkey. “I know it sounds great,” said Gibb, praising how quickly the citizens of Northern Virginia rallied to the humanitarian cause, “but



Mark Gibb, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, opens the press conference to launch the 2015 Blanket and Coat Drive for Syrian Refugees by making the first personal donation. “This was my son’s jacket. We thought we were saving it for a future grandson, but my wife handed it to me this morning and said to bring it here. This is what it’s for.”

there are 1.7 million refugees just in Turkey. We have a long way to go.”

Since its inception, the drive has grown in scope. In addition to collecting new or gently used blankets, the drive now requests donations of jackets and coats, particularly for children – “and money. Money is always good,” acknowledged Scott York, chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and one of the contingent who saw the need first hand during the visit to Turkey and the refugee camp.

The number of organizations participating in the effort has also grown. In addition to the Turkish American Friendship Association as a founding partner, and the fourteen jurisdictions that comprise the NVRC, the United Muslim Relief, Embrace

Relief, the Fairfax Clergy and Leadership Council, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Adams Center and the Paxton Companies are all part of the working charitable coalition. Dr. Abed Ayoub, president and CEO of United Muslim Relief reported that partnerships have now been developed outside the region, as well.

Ayoub, who was born in a refugee camp in Palestine and grew up in others in Jordan until he left for school at the age of eighteen, announced that a school project was also on the agenda going forward. The goal would be to hire teachers from among the refugee population and provide the educational basics. “Some of these children have not been to any kind of school since they arrived four years ago.”

Other speakers at the press conference included Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Scott Silverthorne, mayor of the City of Fairfax, and Martin Nohe, supervisor Coles District, Prince William County. All three officials have visited the Syrian refugee camps in Turkey. Silverthorne and Nohe both personally participated in the distribution of donations to the refugees.

“You meet people who left comfortable homes, jobs, cars, a good life and now they tell you how grateful they are to sleep on the ground in another country and have a daily water ration. It’s incomprehensible to most people in our region. You have to do something to help,” said Nohe.

When all the speakers had taken their turns at the podium, including principal Mustafa Akpinar from the Pinnacle Academy, the students came forward with the donations they had already collected at school. Akpinar, who is on the Advisory Board of the American Turkish Friendship Association, said it did not take much to get the children interested and then motivated to help. “This is our third year, too,” said Ezo Karaca, a Pinnacle student who helped make the official presentation of their collection. “It’s a good thing to do.”

DONATION DROP-OFF SITES will be available throughout Northern Virginia. Collection in Fairfax County runs Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at a number of Board of Supervisors district offices or at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission office at 3040 Williams Drive, 2nd floor, in Fairfax. There will also be a one-day only collection event on the last day of the campaign, Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at specified locations throughout the county. More information and the list and addresses of the drop-off locations are available on the county’s website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/blanketdrive.



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NEWS

Vienna Resident Publishes ‘Two Tales of the Moon’

“Two Tales of the Moon” is Jennifer Sun’s debut novel. It’s 2009, and America’s economic interest in China is increasing at a rapid pace, along with China’s ambition to become a superpower. A high profile, joint venture deal between two U.S. and Chinese cyber companies brings Will Donovan and Lu Li together. Will is a native New Yorker and ex-Navy cyberwarfare specialist who has built a prosperous cyber security business. Lu Li’s life was one of terrible strife as she escaped her home country’s communist regime at the age of thirteen and swam to Hong Kong and to freedom. She made it all the way to the United States and is now a successful Wall Street investment banker.

They meet as the cyber technology companies merge. They meet and realize their orderly worlds of hard work and legality don’t apply in this new high stakes game of corruption and deceit. From Washington, D.C., to New York to Shanghai, Will and Lu Li face moral and ethical dilemmas and make personal choices that could change their lives forever.

But the story is not just about cyber security, Wall Street deal making, international politics, intrigue and espionage in the con-



Jennifer Sun

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text of fierce business competition. It delves into the personal lives of the characters, who are thrust into the vortex of Wall Street greed, cross-border business ventures and historical suspicions between the world’s major economic powers. Each of the main characters, Lu and Will, has a personal story, and their story

moves between their memories and present dilemmas, between family histories and each life’s destination, between the commercial center of Shanghai and rustic Montauk, furthest edge of Long Island. Their past tugs at every turn of their lives, and their present pulls them back into what they would rather forget or leave alone but cannot at times. As their lives converge on the pending high stake deal, they also come to terms with a past that needs closures, between siblings, between mother and daughter, and with themselves.

Jennifer Sun has a M.B.A. from George Washington University and a B.A. in English Literature from Fudan University in Shanghai, China. She has held several executive financial management positions at Fortune 500 companies in telecommunication and web technology industries. She currently writes full time and lives with her husband in Vienna.

Vienna Pianist to Perform at Carnegie

Hyun-Mi Chung, a classically trained concert pianist, owner and instructor of Elite Piano Academy in Vienna, is scheduled to perform a piano recital on Nov. 22 at Carnegie Weill Recital Hall, 154 West 57th Street in New York.

The daughter of a prominent physician in Korea, Chung was only four years old when she started classical music lessons, practicing several hours each day.

The piano prodigy was soon awarded distinguished prizes, among them first prize in the Honam Pullma, Pung Moon Competition for Young Pianists. By the time she was twelve, she started recording classical piano music and her debut recital was broadcast throughout her country.

In 1975, at the age of 15, she left Korea to attend the preparatory division of the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, where she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees of music. At Juilliard, she studied with well-known pianists Jane Carlson and William Masselos. Later, she attended the master classes given by Pierre Sancan and had lessons periodically with him in Paris.

About ten years ago, Chung took a break from teaching students to achieve her personal music dream. “While you’re in school,



Hyun-Mi Chung, owner and instructor of Elite Piano Academy in Vienna.

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you learn all different styles of music, but after nine years of learning at Juilliard, I had an idea that I wanted to record the entire sonatas of Beethoven,” she said, adding: “After Juilliard, I wanted to leave something for others to enjoy, to express myself through music, and leave something that would last longer than a concert.”

She stopped teaching, and started devoting the time she needed to achieve her dream of recording all of Beethoven’s 35 piano sonatas, considered by music critics to represent a “magnificent Mount Everest of Music.”

In 2007, she finally achieved her dream and completed the recording, becoming the first female to have recorded the entire canon of Beethoven’s sonatas.

“In addition to my performance, I invited Beethoven Scholar, Professor Barry Cooper from England to give a pre-concert lecture on 35 Beethoven sonatas. He will focus on rather unknown three early sonatas Wo 047,” said Chung.

The lecture on 35 Beethoven Piano Sonatas, including Wo 047 is scheduled for 7:30 and the concert by Chung at 8 p.m.

Elite Piano Academy is located at 8230 Boone Blvd., Suite 100a, Vienna. For additional information, call 202-674-0499 or visit www.Hyun-MiChung.net.

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From left: Christina Lockett, Shaurya Saran, David Pan, Sasha Pasmanik and Anthony Wang. In front (kneeling): Max Golub.

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Vienna 6 R US Team Captures Robotics Champions Trophy

Team advances to the state tournament.

A Vienna team of five seventh graders and one sixth grader, self-named "6 R US," captured the first-place Robotics Champions Trophy for overall excellence and the first-place Robot Performance Award at the recent First LEGO League Robotics Regional Qualifying Tournament held in Ashburn.

6 R US members are: Shaurya Saran; Christina Lockett; Max Golub; Alexander (Sasha) Pasmanik; David Pan; and Anthony Wang. They won the First-Place Champions Trophy for excelling in all of the

judged categories: Robot Design; Robot Game; Research Project; and Core Values Teamwork.

Also, the 6 R US Team won the First-place Robot Performance Award because they were the top-scoring team in division 2 at the Ashburn Regional Tournament.

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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.



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

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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.

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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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.



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Floral Arrangements for Caregivers

Ayr Hill Garden Club members gathered recently to create floral arrangements that were later donated to the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna for their annual Caregivers Treat luncheon. Pictured is AHGC member Daphne Sloan after loading the twelve table arrangements created by the club. For more information about the Ayr Hill Garden Club visit <https://ayrhillgardenclub.shutterfly.com/>.

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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.

At the same time, some veterans experience significant challenges; consider that half of all veterans under 35 experience a period of un-

employment 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 overloaded 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



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 considered to relieve the massive traffic congestion

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 considered to relieve the massive traffic congestion

tion 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 outcomes. 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 grow-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 programs. 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 ques-

tions 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.

Shailey Pratt

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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



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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

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— 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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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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Homelessness

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



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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.



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THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Debby Boone. 8 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. As a three Grammy Awards winner, Debby Boone, the prolific musical theatre actress, starred as Rizzo in the Broadway revival of Grease, Maria in Lincoln Center's 30th Anniversary production of The Sound of Music, and has had roles in other major productions. Tickets: \$35-\$40. For more information, visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/> or call 703-255-1900.

BV Wine Dinner. 7-9 p.m. Ruth's Chris Steak House, 8521 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. oin Ruth's Chris Steak House

Costumed dancers from BalletNova Center for Dance read the Nutcracker to children at Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m.



in Tyson's Corner as executive Jean Bosch presents a five-course surf and turf dinner paired with elegant wines from BV Tapestry Meritage. \$79+tax and tip. salestysons@ruthschris.com. 703-848-4290.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 12-14

Neil Simon's "Rumors." 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. Madison Drama presents Neil Simon's hilarious farce. \$8, \$10. www.madisondrama.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Harth Farmers Dinner. 7 p.m. Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Harth at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner is teaming up with local farms and purveyors to literally bring the farm to the table for one special night. A cocktail reception and toast to some of the region's finest farmers and purveyors, followed by a five-course dinner and informal conversation about artisan culture and agriculture in the mid-Atlantic, with some of the farmers who are leading the way. \$175. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harth-farmers-dinner-tickets-18631539436>.

Kuok-Wai Lio and Zoltán Fejérvári, Duo Piano. 7:30 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. The young piano duo that made a huge splash at the Marlboro Music Festival in 2014 comes to The Barns days before their Carnegie Hall Debut—hear these award-winning musicians present captivating solo and partner arrangements. Tickets: \$35. For more information, visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/> or call 703-255-1900.

Vale Club Event. 7-8:30 p.m. Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Lt. Col. Robert J. Darling, USMC (Ret.), veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm and handpicked presidential pilot for Marine Helicopter Squadron One, discusses his role as coordinator of the president's evacuation during 9/11 attacks and his book "24 Hours Inside the President's Bunker." Free. www.valeschoolhouse.org. 703-716-4219.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Model Trains and Thomas at Open House. 1-5 p.m. 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel

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Meet Bestselling Author David Baldacci

David Baldacci will be at the Barnes and Noble in Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean, for the release of his newest book "The Guilty" on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. This will be his first signing for the book. He will discuss and and sign copies.

Baldacci has published 30 novels for adults that have become national and international bestsellers. Several have been adapted for film and television. They have been translated into more than 45 languages and sold in more than 80 countries.

Baldacci is a lifelong Virginian. He received his bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth



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University and his law degree from University of Virginia School of Law, after which he practiced law in Washington, D.C.

Contact Marta Steenstra Davis, Community Business Development manager at 703-506-6756 for additional information on this and other Barnes and Noble Tysons events. The event is free and open to the public.

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trains plus Thomas and some of his friends in the Historic Vienna Train Station along the W&OD trail just past the Caboose. 703-938-5157. www.nvmr.org.

Vienna Arts Society Reception. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant St. NW, Vienna. This exhibition will show paintings reflecting VAS members' personal memories. Two exhibits, Memories and Big Show/small works. Free. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Fall Bazaar and Craft Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. Features crafts and home-based businesses. Offered for sale will be crafts, holiday decorations, items for your home and gifts for that special someone. A delicious lunch menu is planned, as well as a bountiful homemade baked goods table. 703-309-3468. Dancers1023@aol.com. Free.

Nutcracker Storytime. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Costumed dancers from BalletNova Center for Dance read the Nutcracker to children followed by a mini-performance, crafts, and the chance to meet the dancers. Free.

TUESDAY/NOV. 17

David Baldacci. 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Baldacci will discuss and sign copies of his new book "The Guilty." Free. Contact 703-506-6756 for additional information.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/NOV 18-19

Suzanne Vega Duncan Sheik. 8 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy Award-winning folk star of "Luka" and "Tom's Diner" (Vega) and Tony Award-winning Spring Awakening composer (Sheik) join forces for a night of their hit songs, as well as music they created for Vega's Off Broadway musical debut, Carson McCullers Talks About Love. Tickets: \$55-\$60. For more information, visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/> or call 703-255-1900.

THURSDAY/NOV. 19

Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 227 Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Vienna. Col. Ben Buckley, USA (Ret.), chapter member, will discuss "General Grant's Overland Campaign in Virginia."

Funny Photo Night. 5:30-9 p.m. Meadowlark, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. You provide your camera and smiles, and we will provide the props and staff to take your photo. <http://winterwalkoflights.com>. 703-255-3631.

FRIDAY/NOV. 20

Rickie Lee Jones. 8 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road Vienna. Experience the critically acclaimed singer/songwriter's "exceptional blend of jazz, soul, [and] rock" (NPR) that defies convention, as Rickie Lee Jones, Double Grammy-



"Funk's Mill by Dick Neff is one of the exhibits in "Memo-ries" by the Vienna Arts Society. The show will run from Nov. 3-28 at the Vienna Art Center.

winning singer, delivers fan favorites and songs off her new, "most absorbing album" (Uncut), The Other Side of Desire. Tickets: \$35-\$45. For more information, visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/> or call 703-255-1900.

Nature Night. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Meadowlark, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Visit with the naturalist and his reptile and amphibian friends. <http://winterwalkoflights.com>. 703-255-3631.

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Filene Center Backstage Tour. 10 a.m. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Stand on a world-class stage, learn how a theater runs, and get a sneak peek at where the stars get ready. Tours are limited to 30 participants. 703-255-1827 to RSVP or for additional information.

Sonny Landreth. 7:30 p.m. The Barns, Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Louisiana-based Sonny Landreth has collaborated with a multitude of rock legends, including Jimmy Buffett and Eric Clapton. Landreth has been a regular performer at Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival since its inception in 2004 and released his first all-instrumental album, Elemental Journey, in 2012. Tickets: \$27. For more information, visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/> or call 703-255-1900.

36th Annual Christmas Bazaar. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. St. John's Academy Gym, 6422 Linway Terrace, McLean. Over 30 vendors, Live music all day including McLean High School orchestra and Bach to Rock, Bratwursts, beer, bake sale, and Lobster Maine-ia. Free admission. Womenscouncilofsjb@gmail.com

SUNDAY/NOV. 22

Japanese American Care Fund Annual Bazaar. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Patriot Hall, Vienna American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center St., Vienna. Japanese books including

manga, locally grown Japanese vegetables, and various donated items will be sold. Authentic Japanese foods will be sold as take-away packages and served at the food court. The Embassy of Japan will be on site to accept overseas voter registration from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Medical consultation desk by Dr. Tsunewoka. \$2 admission. Free to children under 12. www.jacarefund.org. 703-256-5223.

TUESDAY/NOV. 24

Holiday Crafts for Children. 5:30-9 p.m. Meadowlark, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Visit the craft table and make a free craft to decorate for the holidays. <http://winterwalkoflights.com>. 703-255-3631.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 25

7th Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Wine Tasting Extravaganza. Noon-6 p.m. The Vineyard, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Pouring 25-30 perfect wines for Thanksgiving dinner and the rest of the holiday season. Special discounts on all the wines being tasted, as well as special prizes throughout the day. Free. www.thevineyardva.com. 703-288-2970.

Nature Night. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Meadowlark, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Visit with the naturalist and his reptile and amphibian friends. <http://winterwalkoflights.com>. 703-255-3631.

THURSDAY/NOV. 26

Wildfire Thanksgiving. 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wildfire, Third floor, Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean. A special family style menu featuring spit roasted turkey and all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes. \$45.95 per person, \$19.95 for children 12 and under. Portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to Food for Others. 703-442-9110. www.wildfirerestaurant.com/mclean.

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ing 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 fund-

ing 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.



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SPORTS

Madison Football Wins Conference 6 Championship

Warhawks to host Chantilly in 6A North playoffs.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Madison football team entered the 2015 season expecting to win the Conference 6 championship. The Warhawks secured an outright title on Nov. 6, beating Hayfield 53-20 in Vienna.

Now that Madison has taken care of its regular-season business, the Warhawks look to maintain success in the playoffs.

Madison (9-1) will host Chantilly (5-5) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 in the opening round of the 6A North region playoffs. After dropping their season opener against Oakton, the Warhawks have won nine straight games and earned the No. 4 seed in the region. Madison will face No. 13 Chantilly, which ended the regular season with a three-game losing streak.

"I'm real proud," Madison head coach Lenny Schultz said about winning the conference title. "We said we were going to win a conference title, we put that in their head and we expected to win one. ... But we don't want to stop there. ... I don't think any of us want to stop winning. This time



The Madison football team allowed 67 points in seven Conference 6 games this season.

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of year you're one and done. I think we have what it takes to continue success [in the postseason]."

Madison last week scored a season-best 53 points in a win over Hayfield. Quarterback Jason Gastrock completed 13 of 27 passes for 276 yards and four touchdowns against the Hawks. He also ran for a score.

Running back Wiley Counts threw a 25-yard touchdown pass, as well.

Landan Thomas, Nick Conforti, Jordan

Ebersole, John DeScisciolo and Counts each caught a touchdown pass.

For the season, Gastrock, a first-team all-conference selection, has passed for 1,726 yards and 17 touchdowns, with four interceptions. Ebersole, a first-team all-conference selection, has 34 receptions for 660 yards and six touchdowns. DeScisciolo has 20 catches for 386 yards and five scores.

Counts, a first-teamer, is the Warhawks' leading rusher with 583 yards and 11 touch-

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—Madison head coach
Lenny Schultz

downs on 100 carries.

Madison allowed just 67 points in seven conference games. Senior linebacker Paul Gerdon earned conference Defensive Player of the Year honors. Defensive linemen Rex Boody and Brad Porter, linebackers Jimmy Goldsmith and defensive back Sam Kidd earned first-team all-conference honors.

"I don't think we've had our perfect game yet," Schultz said. "We've had some great games on defense [and] a few really good games on offense ... but we need to put it all together."

The winner of Friday's Madison/Chantilly game will face the winner of No. 5 Robinson and No. 12 Centreville.

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



Eric Kirlew (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.

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than they were used to and some of them looked at me like I was crazy. ... I'm happy 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 Kirlew, who caught four passes for 58 yards and carried three times for 58 yards and two touchdowns against Fairfax on Nov. 6. Kirlew finished the regular season with 30 receptions for 605 yards and eight touchdowns, and 45 carries for 449 yards and five scores.

"Eric Kirlew 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."

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Vienna Girls Soccer Team Wins Virginia State Cup

The Vienna Youth Soccer U16 Girls Phoenix '99 won the Virginia State Cup on Sunday, Nov. 1, defeating Beach FC Elite '99 Red, 1-0, in the final. Phoenix '99 is the first Vienna girl's team to win the State Cup in 30 years. Phoenix '99 has made it to the semifinals four of the last five years, including a trip to the final in 2012. The final was a rematch against Beach FC. Beach FC came into the final the no. 2 seed in State Cup and the no. 2 ranked team in the state, based on GotSoccer.com.

The win was the sixth State Cup championship for coach Hank Leung and his first with the Vienna Phoenix '99. "I firmly believed this State Cup championship would happen. No doubt that feeling and belief is cemented in the fact that I know what this team is made of," said Leung.

Phoenix '99 will represent Virginia at the U.S. Youth Soccer Region I National Championship Series in late June 30, 2016 in Barboursville, W.Va. In 2012, the team was the finalist in the Region I Championship.



Standing, left to right: Catherine Howard, Rachel McFaul, Lianna Smith, Christina LaRow, Grace Eidson, Caitlyn Carlton, Tri-Captains Simmi Ciluffo, Margaret Covey and Sofia Devin, Rachel Jackson, Tess Mahon-Kuzin; and Hank Leung. **Kneeling, left to right:** Rachael Kim, Anna Davis, Abby Fusca, Grace Fisher, Corinne Polk-Trauman, Whitney Wiley and Macy Freeman. **Not pictured:** Ella Frazier, Natalie Johnson, Sophie Morley and Anna Zelenski.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The **Churches of the Ecumenical Council** are offering a Blue Christmas worship opportunity Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Katie's Coffee House, 760 Walker Rd., Great Falls. This is an opportunity to come together expressing the griefs, losses and challenges of our lives as we connect to hope and faith. Call Carol 703-582-1640 with questions.

Chancel Choir, children and youth of the Great Falls United Methodist Church invite you to join them for worship as they offer "Welcome to Our World," a musical for Christmas written by Claire Cloninger and Robert Sterling on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. The musical includes traditional carols, newer praise songs and original material.

Robert R. "Mitch" Mitchell, Director of Music Ministries at Great Falls UMC, former U.S. Army Bandsman, and local area Piano teacher/freelance Musician will be conducting the choir and narrators. Church keyboardist Thomas Pandolfi will be accompanying the musical. Great Falls United Methodist Church is located at 10100 Georgetown Pike, right next to the Fire Station in the center of the village. All are welcome.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, is holding Sunday evening worship service in a less formal atmosphere and more intimate setting to help you get ready for the week ahead. Sundays, 6 p.m. Communion offered. No childcare. 703-938-2119 or www.elcvienna.org.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

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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."

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Tech Thursday - Technology to Support

Executive Functioning. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Many students struggle with planning, organizing and managing tasks, which impacts their academic achievement. This workshop will focus on strategies and technology tools that can help support students with executive function deficits. Presented by the Office of Special Education Instruction, Assistive Technology Services. Free. Register at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml>.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Strategies to Support Elementary Students

with Dyslexia. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Specialists from the FCPS Office of Special Education Instruction will present this workshop specifically designed for parents of elementary students with dyslexia. Attend this workshop to learn strategies to support reading, writing and math at home; ways to promote effective study skills; and strategies to promote self-advocacy skills. Free. Register at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Future Quest 2015. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. George Mason University, Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Future Quest features more than 70 workshops and everyone will learn from the amazing keynote speaker - Justin Graves. Attend the Resource Fair with over 40 organizations focused on helping students achieve a successful life after high school. You will also get to spend an entire day on the George Mason University campus in Fairfax. Free. Register at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml>.

Communications Leadership Meeting. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Room A, Vienna. Brinker Toastmasters, is part of Toastmasters International, a leader in communication and leadership development. schultzmt@mac.com. 703-227-0228.

MONDAY/NOV. 16

Health Screening. 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. Learn about the risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions from Life Line Screening. Sponsored by Oakton Methodist Church. Packages start at \$149. www.lifelinescreeing.com. 877-237-1287.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired Resource Group Meeting. 10 a.m.-noon. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. guest speaker this month is Doug Powell, age 65, who considers his claim to fame is being a lifelong athlete. His work ethic and journey is quite inspiring. His presentation is titled "A Lifetime of Sport." 571-275-0292. Skochs@cox.net.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

Introduction to Special Education. 10 a.m.-noon. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. This workshop is appropriate for parents with children in the referral or eligibility phase of the Special Education process; parents who want to know more about how the Special Education process works; and parents with children new to Special Education. Free. Register at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/osp/prc/index.shtml>.

MONDAY/NOV. 23

Ayr Hill Garden Club Meeting. 12:45 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. "Growing Orchids" will be the subject of guest lecturer, Mark Patterson, a member of the American Orchid Society. In his lecture and demonstration, Mr. Patterson will speak on the care, maintenance and repotting of orchids with special emphasis on orchids as wonderful gifts. Guests welcome. <https://ayrhillgardenclub.shutterfly.com/>.

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		
Fairfax County Sheriff		
Stacey Ann Kincaid (D)*	107,610	57.96%
Bryan A. "B. A." Wolfe (R)	77,609	41.80%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
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%
Dranesville District		
John W. Foust (D)*	14,807	53.92%
Jennifer C. Chronis (R)	12,615	45.94%
Hunter Mill District		
Catherine M. Hudgins (D)*	17,235	94.33%
Unopposed		
Lee District		
Jeffrey C. McKay (D)*	12,792	96.89%
Unopposed		
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%
Providence District		
Linda Q. Smyth (D)*	13,134	95.46%
Unopposed		
Springfield District		
Patrick S. "Pat" Herrity (R)*	18,204	80.56%
Corazon S. Foley (I)	4,226	18.70%
Sully District		
Kathy L. Smith (D)	11,200	51.76%
John P. Guevara (R)	10,382	47.98%
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%
School Board District Candidates Braddock District School Board		
Megan O. McLaughlin*	14,147	75.38%
Katherine A. Pettigrew	4,205	22.41%
Dranesville District School Board		
Jane K. "Janie" Strauss*	14,075	54.29%
Peter Kurzenhauser	11,781	45.44%
Hunter Mill District School Board		
Pat M. Hynes*	12,951	61.30%
Mark S. Wilkinson	8,116	38.41%
Lee District School Board		
Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax*	11,759	96.34%
Unopposed		
Mason District School Board		
Sandra S. Evans*	11,975	96.60%
Unopposed		
Mount Vernon District School Board Open Seat		
Karen L. Corbett Sanders	11,915	61.81%
W. Anthony Stacy	7,319	37.97%
Providence District School Board		
Dalia A. Palchik	9,293	58.22%
Patricia S. "Patty" Reed*	6,594	41.31%
Springfield District School Board		
Elizabeth L. Schultz*	18,933	97.60%
Unopposed		
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.