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From left, Robinson sophomores Jessica Hathaway and Mary Spangler work an election bake sale on Nov. 8 to support the school's Carousel literary arts magazine.

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Clinton and Kaine Carry Virginia, Trump Seizes Key Battlegrounds

**Comstock, Connolly,
Beyer re-elected;
meals tax voted down;
bonds voted up.**

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

With final numbers still coming in from around the country, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump carried a strong lead early Wednesday morning over Democrat opponent Hillary Clinton.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, however, the former First Lady, U.S. Senator and Secretary of State picked up a victory over Trump. According to Virginia Department of Elections unofficial results, Clinton carried Virginia with 48.2 percent, 1,742,105 votes, to Trump's 46 percent, 1,662,777 votes. Libertarian Gary Johnson received three percent of the vote, just over 109,000.

Fairfax County played a key role in that Clinton win, registering a 63.8 percent vote for Clinton over 30.3 percent for Trump.

Newly re-elected Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) attended a Democratic Party of Virginia event in Falls Church, hosted by Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D).

"In delivering Virginia for Secretary Clinton and Senator Kaine tonight," Connolly said in a statement, "Virginians sent a clear message that we will not tolerate the hateful rhetoric that sought to divide us."

But with Trump grabbing hold of multiple swing-states including electoral college heavyweights Ohio, Florida and North Carolina, he controlled a commanding lead over Clinton nationally going into the early morning. That was much to the surprise of many pollsters who had Clinton leading early in some of those battlegrounds.

"It's pretty clear there's a chunk of the electorate in the U.S. which is significantly alienated," said Virginia state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). "It's mind-boggling you could vote for someone who's an acknowledged sexual assaulter. The rest of world looks to our country to be a beacon of democracy — mature and responsible. Donald Trump would be harmful to how people practice politics in the U.S."

SUPERVISOR Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said: "A lot of people are dissatisfied with government," he said. "In the end, the people have spoken."

In the U.S. House of Representatives 10th District race, incumbent Republican Barbara



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Center, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) announces Hillary Clinton a winner in the Commonwealth over Republican challenger Donald Trump.



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(From left) Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) and supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) attend the Fairfax County Democratic Committee election night party at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.

Comstock defeated Democrat challenger LuAnn Bennett 53.3 percent to 46.3 percent.

Incumbent Gerry Connolly (D) in the 11th District ran unopposed and received 87.39 percent of the popular vote. Incumbent Don Beyer (D-8) was re-elected with more than 68 percent of the vote.

"I thank the voters of Virginia's 11th district for once again giving me their trust and sending me back to Congress," Connolly said in a statement. "I love what I do and I love representing the people of Northern Virginia. It's been the greatest privilege of my life."

Also on the ballot for Virginia voters were two Constitutional amendments, plus in Fairfax County, a referendum on the meals tax and a trio of bonds items.

The first amendment, known as "right to work," essentially ensures a citizen is allowed to work in a job without being required to join a labor union. That measure

was voted down in Virginia 53.5 percent to 46.5 percent. Fairfax County went slightly further, voting it down with 55.8 percent of votes.

"I was very happy it didn't pass," said Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) who represents much of the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County. "It shows Virginians don't like to mess with our Constitution. And unions are still quite respected by our electorate."

Question two, a property tax exemption for spouses of policemen and firefighters killed in the line of duty, passed overwhelmingly with 79.5 percent of the vote, or 2,575,064 votes.

The proposed Fairfax County meals tax was defeated by a margin of 55.8 percent to 44.2 percent.

MEALS TAX referendum would have allowed Fairfax County supervisors to enact up to a four percent tax on prepared foods and beverages. Opponents called the tax

Unofficial Election Results

Source: <http://results.elections.virginia.gov/>

PRESIDENT

Virginia Results

Hillary Clinton (D)	1,904,700	49.46%
Donald J. Trump (R)	1,722,045	44.72%
Gary Johnson (L)	115,330	2.99%
Evan McMullin (I)	52,538	1.36%
Jill Stein (G)	27,138	0.70%

Fairfax County Results

Hillary Clinton (D)	354,486	64.41%
Donald J. Trump (R)	157,547	28.63%
Gary Johnson (L)	15,649	2.84%
Evan McMullin (I)	10,366	1.88%
Jill Stein (G)	4,551	0.83%

U.S. CONGRESS

Member House of Representatives (08)

Donald S. Beyer Jr. (D)	245,775	68.36%
Charles A. Hernick (R)	98,123	27.29%
Julio Gracia (I)	14,617	4.07%

Member House of Representatives (10)

Barbara Jean Comstock (R)	203,411	52.67%
LuAnn L. Bennett (D)	181,314	46.94%

Member House of Representatives (11)

G. E. "Gerry" Connolly (D)	233,552	87.65%
Write-in	32,922	12.35%
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Fairfax County Meals Tax

No	286,543	53.69%
Yes	247,139	46.31%

regressive and said it would negatively impact more families than it would benefit. Supporters pointed to the 70 percent of revenue generated by the tax promised to go directly to Fairfax County Public Schools as the system struggles to find money to pay teachers competitively.

"It was an uphill battle from the start," Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova said from the Fairfax County Democratic Committee election night party at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.

"People have spoken again," said Herrity, who was strongly against the proposal. "They're not ready for another \$100 million tax on top of the \$100 million we put on them earlier this year. ...

"This wasn't a Republican or Democrat issue," Herrity continued. "We need to grow our commercial tax base and spend more wisely. Just like 1992, it sends a message to the Board of Supervisors and school board we need to get the spending under control."

Each of three Fairfax County bond items passed with more than 60 percent of the vote, including transportation, parks and facilities, and human services and development bonds.

"People have always been supportive," of the bonds, Bulova said. "It's a reflection of our careful budgeting of debt service."

For more results, see results.elections.virginia.gov

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Making a More Walkable City

Council gives go-ahead to Rust Curve project.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The Rust Curve proposal is controversial, with residents on both sides of the issue. But, believing in the many benefits it'll bring, the Fairfax City Council has given it a green light.

"It offers walkability now and in the future," said Councilwoman Janice Miller. "The capital projects we undertake today will bring in more young people interested in walkability."

The project entails building a continuous brick sidewalk on the west side of Route 123/Chain Bridge Road between Old Town Fairfax and Rust Hill Place. It also replaces the drainage ditch and deteriorating sidewalk along Chain Bridge Road with a new, at-grade curb, gutter and sidewalk.

In addition, it will extend the sidewalk

around the curve to the bridge, add a variable-height retaining wall with a brick facade, fix the erosion problem along the curve, and provide a design preserving the character of Rust Curve, while creating a more visually appealing gateway to Old Town.

During the Oct. 25 public hearing, Mark Gunn with Rinker Design Associates explained the project details. "At the south end, the existing sidewalk is in disrepair, and the ditch drop-off makes it a hazard to both drivers and pedestrians," he said. "We propose a 6-foot-wide sidewalk adjacent to the retaining wall and a new, storm-sewer system will take stormwater from the south end to its outfall in the north. We'll also replace the waterline."

THE HIGHEST POINT of the retaining wall will be 10 feet at the curve, with 2-1/2-foot sections at each end. There'll be a 2-foot buffer between the sidewalk and curb, with 25 gas street lights within the buffer.

Also planned is a barrier between the roadway and the sidewalk at the northern end, replacing the existing guardrail. Util-



Artist's rendition showing the sidewalk, curb, buffer and retaining wall.

ity poles will be removed from the west side of the road, and the utilities will be undergrounded. And although replacements will be planted, 91 trees will be cut down.

At a June community-outreach meeting, Public Works Director David Summers said traffic would have to be detoured, six to nine months, during construction. "We'll have to close a lane on Route 123 – and this closure would happen, regardless, be-

cause of the waterline-replacement project," he said. "We've already had five breaks in that area."

Cost of engineering, right-of-way acquisition, utility work and construction is an estimated \$4.6 million; construction, alone, comprises approximately \$3.8 million of that amount. Some \$2.55 million will come mainly from state and federal funds. Some

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NEWS

'We Need Community Connectivity'

Residents weigh in on Rust Curve improvements.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Before the City Council's decision on the Rust Curve project, several residents gave their opinions during the public hearing. "The existing sidewalk needs to be replaced, and the aesthetics would be improved," said Mary Petersen. "But I have significant reservations. The cost has gone up since the start, and there's been no demonstrated need for a sidewalk on the west side."

"It's an impractical design; you'd have to cross the street to continue east," she added. "But what I most regret is the destruction of the tree canopy and the shade. It's part of our heritage, and you shouldn't give it up lightly."

Speaking on behalf of Historic Fairfax City Inc., Sandra Wilbur asked people to "imagine the erosion" after the 91 trees are cut down. And, she said, "We already have a paved sidewalk on the east side that runs

all the way to Route 50."

Gordon Riggle wanted the project diminished at the Rust Curve bank. "This hill is a glorious piece of landscape architecture," he said. "There's no reason foot traffic can't continue on the east side with a crosswalk at the end and a pedestrian push button."

STRESSING that his home backs up to Route 123, David Linthicum, of Rust Hill Place, said the "elimination of all the trees will open us up to traffic, headlights and noise. There's a lovely overhang of trees over the street and, aesthetically, it would be quite a loss to the City – it's our gateway to the historic area."

Furthermore, he said, "A 6-foot sidewalk isn't necessary throughout. This will be dangerous for people walking on it; someone will eventually get hit. And the new landscaping won't be able to replace what we have now."

However, Chain Bridge Road resident Mike Fabio favored the project. "Trees aren't sound barriers, and some of them are dead

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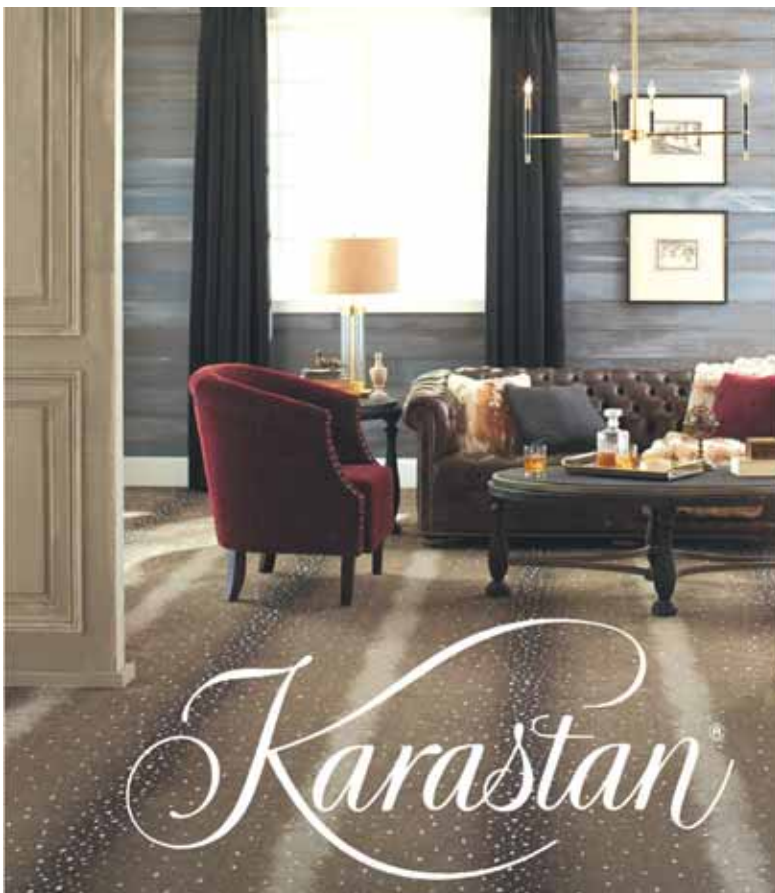
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Rust Curve Project Gets ‘Green Light’

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\$2.05 million more is needed, but the City is applying for FY 2018 funding; options include revenue sharing and/or 30-percent NVTAF funding.

If approved, the money would be available to the City on July 1, 2017. And while Transportation Director Wendy Block Sanford said there’s no guarantee these funds will come, she noted, “We’ve been successful receiving this funding in prior years.”

On Oct. 25, said City Manager Bob Sisson, the City was authorizing continuation and finalizing of the project design and right-of-way acquisition. And, added Gunn, “We could also move the poles out of the way and underground the utilities.”

After hearing several residents weigh in on both sides of the project, the Council members discussed it before taking a vote. “I consider this more of a safety-hazard reduction project,” said Councilman Michael DeMarco. “It’s about preventing future erosion and having better stormwater management. It would be better to fix the problem now, than later, when it’s an emergency.”

However, Councilwoman Ellie Schmidt said she had “real concerns about the steepness of the sidewalk. Walkability is important, but it needs to be safe. The existing sidewalk needs to be replaced. The cost has gone up and we don’t know for certain that we’ll get the rest of [the funding], at this point. I’d support sidewalk repair and erosion fix, but can’t support the project as it stands now.”

But Miller worried about people walking on Route

123 now “because of the dangers of crossing it. This [project] gives us a continuous sidewalk on the west side, some lighting and keeps the road from being widened in the future.” She also explained that the work to improve drainage, underground the utilities, deal with the existing erosion on the hill and improve the aesthetics – “which the community wants” – has made this project more expensive than it was initially.

AGREEING, Councilman Jon Stehle said, “We must improve the sidewalks, drainage and erosion here. We must move [this project] forward.”

While also concerned about the erosion on the hill and the “appalling” condition of the current sidewalk, Councilman Jeff Greenfield had his own reservations. “I’d tell [City] staff to go get the funding and come back to us when you have it. I’d love to see us improve pedestrian access at Taba Cove [Court] with a flashing light and repair the sidewalk. Let’s improve the existing conditions. [For those reasons], I can’t approve this project tonight.”

Councilman David Meyer, though, spoke in support of it, “while having immense respect for the homeowners who have concerns about it. The City is changing, people are living in new areas and I believe this project will affirm their connectivity. And while nothing is absolutely certain, staff has said they have a reasonable expectation that the money will be available in succeeding fiscal years.”

The Council then voted 4-2 to move the project forward, with Schmidt and Greenfield voting no.

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Residents Discuss Rust Curve Improvements

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or dying,” he said. “What’s on the other side of the road is a path, not a sidewalk. It can be dangerous and slippery, and one section is only 2-1/2-feet wide. I’d like the new sidewalk to go all the way to Route 50.”

Agreeing, his wife, Trish Fabio, said this project saves the curve and improves things for pedestrians. “Sidewalks connect neighborhoods,” she said. “I [now] have to cross Chain Bridge twice to visit a neighbor who lives on the same side of the road. This would promote walkability and preserve the curve without widening the road.”

Kingsley Brinkley, who lives on the west side of Chain Bridge, supports it, too. “The sidewalk will add more capacity and will make the City more pedestrian-friendly and improve the City economy,” she said. “Now, there are tripping hazards, and something has to be done about the erosion and existing sidewalk. And this project will create a beautiful entrance into historic Fairfax.”

Also in favor is Lamine Reese, who said seven children live on his street, Taba Cove Court, which intersects with Chain Bridge. “We represent the folks who’ll use this sidewalk,” he said. “It’s fiscally responsible; and one of the reasons we moved here is because of the small-town feel and the downtown area. We walk to downtown all

the time for the restaurants, events, music and splash pad, all the time – but at our own peril.”

REPRESENTING Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth, Tom Ross said this project “protects the City’s historic area by keeping that section of Chain Bridge two lanes. And it would slow down traffic seeing people walking.”

Meanwhile, Sandra Chase objected to the cost and said having more pedestrians there would be dangerous and the sidewalk would be slippery in the winter. And, she added, “It will take decades to recover the tree canopy.”

John Burke said the improved sidewalk would attract skateboarders and wondered who’d be liable when they got injured. But, said Christopher Douwes, “We need community connectivity.”

Rustfield resident Virginia Bergen, 83, didn’t like “proceeding with a project that might not be fully funded.” She also said brick sidewalks are difficult for her to navigate with her walker.

However, Taba Cove’s Daryl Witherspoon, who’s a jogger, is looking forward to the improvements. “When I run in the morning, I have to cross the street,” he explained. “If we had the sidewalk, I could stay on the same side. It’s also dangerous for kids to cross the street there. This City has a commitment to progress, and it’s time to get this done.”

AREA ROUNDUPS

Bread Swap Challenge at Great Harvest

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—TIM PETERSON

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Katherine Hough, Fairfax Station, has been awarded the Boeing Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement in the Volgenau School of Engineering at George Mason University.

Vocal musicians from 12 Fairfax County public schools have been named to the Virginia Honors Choir for 2016. This select choir is open only to the top 125 singers from around the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is the highest honor a choir student can attain during his or her high school career. Thirty-one Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students were selected for the choir, and five students were named as alternates. The choir will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention to be held at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Nov. 17-19. FCPS students named to the 2016 Virginia Honors Choir include the following students from our area schools: **Woodson High School:** Megan Humes, Caroline Grass, Jacob Lamb, Lucas Valdes, and Marc Manaloto and **Hayfield Secondary School:** Jessica Pressley.

Jonathan Whittington, Kathryn Herring, Emma Zettlemoyer, of Springfield; **Bridget Ray and Kirsten**

Chase, of Burke; received \$2,000 scholarships from the Scholarship for Military Children Program in July 2016.

Jane Gibbins-Harding, of Springfield, was named to the dean's list at Bethany College for spring 2016.

U.S. Air Force Airman **Brian A. Zamfino** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Zamfino is the son of Joanne and Joseph Zamfino of Springfield. He is a 2015 graduate of West Springfield High School.

Thomas Miskimins, of Fairfax, graduated with a master of arts, in Spring 2016 from the University of New Haven.

Jordan Ecker, of Fairfax, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Caroline Dickson, of Fairfax, is on the spring 2016 dean's list at the University of Maine-Orono.

Allison Righter Moore, and Sarah Ann Hughes Cushing-Spiller, of Springfield, is on the dean's list at Hollins University, for the 2016 spring semester.

James Butler, a Lake Braddock Secondary School graduate, was inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2020 on June 30, 2016.

Kyle Austin Walsh, of Fairfax, and **Abigail Lynn Lackey**, of Springfield, were named to the honors list for the 2016 spring 2016 semester at Averett University in Danville.



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OPINION

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- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents, family or friends any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be?

Editor's Note

Eight of the 15 Connection Newspapers go to press during the day on Tuesdays, including earlier this week on Election Day. Reporters visited polling places and filed photos and short stories during the day on Election Day, election results were not yet available when this paper went to press. See next week's papers for more insight.
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— MARY KIMM

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What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? Describe one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

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

Please send all submissions by Friday, Dec. 2. The Children's Connection will publish the last week of 2016.

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

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After the Elections

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



As I write this column the final votes of this election year will not have been cast and hence not tallied. The winners and losers are not yet known. Whether voters in my district took the recommendations in my *Voter Guide 2016* or made different judgments will only be known as the final votes are counted the day before this column appears in print.

Regardless of who the new president is and who controls the Congress there is much work to be done. Suddenly the realities of significant issues become clearer than the simplistic slogans of campaigns might suggest. There are no easy answers to ever-increasing tensions in many parts of the world, to the rising cost of health care and its lack of availability to too many people, to major inequities in wealth and opportunity among the people of our country and among the nations of the world, to crumbling infrastruc-

ture—to name just a few! The greatest challenge of all may be the sharp division of opinion apparent during the election season on the role government should play in responding to these needs. Complicating any reasonable discussion of the differences of opinion is the lack of trust of governmental institutions and politicians felt even more strongly after the rough and tumble of this election season.

While the only state level elections this year were special elections to fill vacancies, the tenor and outcomes of federal elections are likely to have an impact on how business is conducted in the 2017 session of the General Assembly beginning in January. If the extreme right is successful in this year's elections, those that are in the General Assembly may feel emboldened to continue to oppose taking federal health care monies, to adopt additional restrictions on abortions, and to pass laws that discriminate against LGBTQ citi-

zens. While Governor McAuliffe will still be around to wield his veto pen, there could be many protracted debates on social issues. On the other hand, if Democrats are successful in capturing the presidency and one or both houses of Congress, moderate Republicans in Virginia may feel less need to insist on hard lines on many issues as we have seen in the past. After all, Virginia will elect a new governor and House of Delegates in 2017, and both parties will want to side with the prevailing political winds.

It is essential that all political leaders learn from this election

cycle and do what we can to help mend divisions in our state and in the nation. One thing we can do is listen. Senator Janet Howell and I will have our annual public meeting to talk with voters on Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Plaza. Come and tell us what is on your mind and offer your suggestions as to what we should do in the upcoming General Assembly session. Also, my constituent survey is on my website, www.kenplum.com, and I encourage you to complete it. After all, the elections are over: time to get back to work.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

30th Annual Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium Caregivers Conference, Friday, Nov. 11, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The conference "Gems: A Treasure Chest of Ideas" will have speakers and resources on topics important to caregivers. The \$30 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, materials, and certificate of attendance. First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St., Alexandria. Find out more at www.-fairfaxcounty.gov/

www.-fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Caregivers Conference.

The **Fairfax Commission on Aging** meets on **Wednesday, Nov. 16, at noon** at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 11

Raising Your Kids by Keeping Your Cool 10 - 12:30 p.m. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services 2334 Gallows Road Entrance 1 – Room 100. Do your children “push your buttons?” Do you “cave in” under pressure? Do you tend to “lose it” when you are stressed or tired? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then don’t miss this first workshop in our series of Raising Your Kids by Keeping Your Cool! Learn strategies to become the cool, calm and connected parent your child really needs. Screaming parenting: Peace begins with pause. Register online NOW!

FAITH NOTES

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children’s church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.LordofLifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by both traditional and contemporary worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Cup of Fellowship at 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Latin mass at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. Additional mass offered Monday-Friday at 6:30 a.m. (except on Federal holidays) and 8:45 a.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 16

Planning Commission Public Hearing: at 8:15 p.m. Additional information is available on our Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments web page: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/>

TUESDAY/DEC. 6

Board of Supervisors’ Public Hearing: at 4:30 p.m. To subscribe to other Fairfax County electronic mailing lists, click the link below and follow instructions given: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/> Thank you for your interest in the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance.

Should you have questions, please contact the Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314.

ONGOING

Volunteers Needed as Drivers & Office Workers Drivers are needed for trips Monday - Friday to medical appointments and Companion Shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke serves those 50+ and who no longer drive. Office Workers are needed to answer phones in the SCFB office (Monday - Friday) of individuals requesting rides and match an available driver for each request. If you can volunteer your time, please contact the SCFB office

at 703-323-4788.

Four Free Private Well Owner Webinars to be Held in October one-hour webinars for household water well owners will be held in October on the subjects of addressing methane, iron and manganese, fluoride, and water treatment system maintenance by the National Ground Water Association (NGWA). To register visit: <http://www.wellowner.org/well-owner-webinars/>

Basic Disaster Response Skills Free Training Monday Nov. 7 at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy. There are two sessions each week on Mondays and Wednesdays

that run until December 7. The class is 28 hours in length, plus the final practical exercise. CERT training is free of charge and basic gear is provided. The minimum requirements to participate in CERT training at any level is that residents be 16 years of age or older, and either be a Fairfax County resident, or work in the county. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm>

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Originally a circa 1935 Great Falls dairy barn, Bill and Brenda Bosch began converting the structure into their personal residence in 2007.



To make room for the larger master suite, Chris Arnold at Foster Remodeling Solutions devised a way to eliminate an obstructive bearing wall by installing an 8" x 17' steel beam attached to concealed vertical supports. To reinforce the rustic design theme, the exposed beam is wrapped in reclaimed barn board. The floors are also old barn wood milled to specification.

A Design Solution as Big as a Barn Door

Master bath renovation explores themes from Great Falls' bucolic past.

BY JOHN BYRD

Talk about rustic charm. In 2007, Bill and Brenda Bosch purchased what boutique remodelers sometimes refer to as a "barn conversion" — specifically, a spacious modern home which, five years earlier, had been constructed inside the exterior of a 1935 dairy barn.

With its metal roof, stucco siding and silo, the 5,800-sq-ft., five-bedroom Great Falls residence exuded nostalgic references to the community's bucolic past.

Getting the house to owner requirements, however, entailed a commitment.

For starters, the second level primary living area (formerly, a hay loft) was too dark and poorly finished, and offered only limited views of the splendid setting through re-purposed skylights. An early renovation effort focused on "gutting" the kitchen, dining room and family room, and introducing a more appropriate glazing solution that included dormer windows in key locations.

More recently, as the children moved on to college, Bill and Brenda Bosch began to see the house from an empty-nester's perspective.

The first level master bathroom was plainly still unacceptable. With its circa 1990s white ceramic tile, tiny vanity and walk-in shower stall, the design was like something out of a builder-grade starter home.

Moreover, at 90 sq. ft., it was cramped and pinched, offering no opportunities for such upscale necessities as built-ins for toiletries and towels, a showering option for every whim, unhurried zones to dry-off and re-acclimate, and (especially) a breathtaking view of classic Virginia countryside.

Views, in particular, ranked high on the couple's wish list.



The interior to the new master bath is a study in textural and tonal contrasts. Porcelain tile flooring. Mirrors framed in polished nickel. Plantation shutters. The door to the commode is reclaimed barn door mounted on antique rollers.

"We wanted to see our beautiful surroundings from the bed, but this wasn't feasible," Bosch said.

The problem: the southwest corner of the house where the master suite was located was wrapped around 80-year old post-and-beam supports that held up the second floor. Given the critical structural consideration, the original master bedroom had been configured into an L-shape (sleeping quarters with a sitting room addenda). Moreover, under the existing plan, one entered the bathroom through an equally-size sitting room, an arrangement which Bosch saw as wasted space.

"We wanted to reconfigure the rear corner quadrant of the house to improve both the space plan and the view fields," Bosch said, "I just wasn't sure how to do it."

Enter Chris Arnold of Foster Remodeling Solutions, the firm that had successfully renovated several aspects of a friend's home over a 10-year period.

As Arnold recalled: "We were asked for ideas for a sweeping interior makeover, but nothing could

"Brenda and I can occupy the new bathroom at the same time," Bosch said, "which was difficult before."

Meanwhile, at 21 square feet, the "curbless" walk-in shower — fitted out with a bench and personal cubbies — boasts many cutting-edge amenities, including a programmable control that remembers each user's preferred water temperature.

Consistent with the broader design goals, the shower now features a window with an adjustable screen that affords a panoramic view of wooded back acreage.

The interior itself is a study in textural and tonal contrasts that reinforces a softly relaxed ambience.

The porcelain tile flooring — which Arnold found after careful research — is an exact match for natural blue stone. As an added nod to personal comfort, the flooring is heated via electrical coil integrated into the underside of the tile itself.

Other design details, explore themes from the 1930s and earlier. Period cabinetry provides drawers and shelving for towels and personal toiletries. Quartz counter surfaces and mirrors framed in polished nickel help to balance the light and dark contrasts. The scones are early-electric Edison-style replica with an exposed filament.

"The project has allowed us to express our creativity," Bill Bosch said. "That's what really makes a home special."

Foster Remodeling Solutions periodically offers workshops on home remodeling topics. For information call 703/550-1371, or www.fosterremodeling.com.

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PHOTO BY COURTNEY THOMAS

Velvet pumpkins are a favorite holiday accessory of Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke.



PHOTO BY ANNE WALKER

An arrangement of wildflowers, such as this one by interior designer Anne Walker, adds a natural touch to a holiday tablecape.

Setting a Holiday Table

Local tastemakers offer suggestions for creating festive tablecape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

As Thanksgiving draws near, thoughts of table settings and holiday décor abound. In the midst of a flurry of activity — from shopping to chopping and roasting the perfect turkey to creating seating charts — it's easy to let holiday décor and tablescapes become an afterthought. The right accessories, however, can set the tone for a festive gathering.

"Decorating for the holidays in my house is always done with candles, fruit and flowers," said interior designer Gretchen Fuss of Gretchen Fuss Works of Art and Interior Design. It's "festive but simple."

Look to nature, advises Anne Walker of Anne Walker Interior Design, because some of the best holiday decorations are found not at a store, but in your own backyard. "Holly branches in a big white vase make a beautiful centerpiece," said Walker. "Pinecones in a ceramic bowl or galvanized steel bin can add interest to any otherwise empty corner."

"Placing greenery in unexpected locations like a chandelier can also bring another interesting element to the tabletop," agreed Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors and Marika Meyer Textiles.

A local produce stand can also serve as inspiration for autumnal décor. Mini pumpkins, for example, can be used as place cards, suggests Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Simply write each guest's name on a small pumpkin or gourd and place at each seat," she said. "Finish off each place set-

ting with a chocolate turkey tied up with a festive bow. [This] lets the food be the star."

Hollowing out a large pumpkin and using it as a vase to hold flowers for a centerpiece helps keep the autumnal theme consistent, she adds. "Keep things simple," said Thomas. "Scatter gourds or acorns down the middle of the table and add some seasonal candles in your favorite candlesticks."

She also recommends decorative pumpkins, especially velvet pumpkins: "Add some luxe to your Thanksgiving décor with velvet pumpkins. Made with stems from real pumpkins, each one is unique. Group a few on an entry table or sideboard or add some to your table décor."

An easy way to change up your everyday dinnerware and make a statement is to upgrade your salad plates. "An interesting salad plate sitting on top of your dinner plate can add a pop to your tabletop,"



PHOTO BY ANNE WALKER

Fresh-cut holly branches and pumpkins are two items that interior designer Anne Walker uses to create a festive table.

said Meyer. "Custom napkins can also bring color or pattern to the tabletop."

"Magnolia or boxwood wreaths are a perfect option to welcome your guests."

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The Commonwealth Transportation Board invites the public to comment on Atlantic Gateway highway, rail and transit improvements along the Interstate 95 corridor.

Join us at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13 in Fairfax. Commonwealth Transportation Board members will be present to accept written and oral comments.

Information related to the Atlantic Gateway grant will be available for review at the public hearing and online at www.atlanticgateway.net.

If you cannot attend a public hearing, please send your comments meetingcomments@VDOT.Virginia.Gov. Please reference "Atlantic Gateway PH" in the email subject line. Comments may be mailed to VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Comments will be accepted until December 22, 2016.

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NEWS

Thrills, Chills, Love and Laughter

Paul VI presents 'Don't Go Near the Water.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Featuring a cast and crew of 50, Paul VI High presents the rollicking comedy, "Don't Go Near the Water." It takes the stage Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 17-20, in the school theater.

The story takes place in the mid-1960s in an American embassy somewhere behind the Iron Curtain. The ambassador's son, a bumbler, is running the embassy when three American tourists – parents and their 23-year-old daughter – run inside. They're being chased by secret police who accuse them of spying and picture-taking. So they seek asylum and make plans to escape.

"This show is full of thrills and chills, crazy characters and romance," said Director Kathy d'Alelio. "The daughter and the ambassador's son fall in love, and hilarity ensues. It's one of Woody Allen's early comedies, so it's family-friendly."

Many of the roles are double cast, she said, because "We have such good kids; they're doing an amazing job. Most of the leads are in our advanced acting class and are very talented and creative. I love working with them – and I've laughed so hard, I've cried, at some of the things they've done with this play."

THE SCENES take place in the embassy, and the '60s-era props include a rotary phone, hard-sided luggage and briefcases and a camera that uses film. The father will be dressed as a tacky tourist and the daughter will wear contemporary '60s hairstyles and miniskirts.

"It's a hilarious play, and this show will open on the 50th anniversary of its opening on Broadway in 1966," said d'Alelio. "It was later made into a movie. It's a look back into the '60s and the Cold War era. Theater should take the audience out of their everyday life and let them just have fun – and this play definitely does that."

Senior Bobby Kelleher not only plays one of the leads, but designed the set. "We were going for an old, Victorian-age, Russian mansion," he said. "So the embassy will look very grand. It'll have stenciling, and we even made our own crown molding. And there'll be an archway and the U.S. ambassador's insignia."

Kelleher portrays the ambassador's son, Axel McGee. "He'd call himself a failure because he's clumsy and a little socially



PHOTO COURTESY OF EILEEN CURREN

Rehearsing a scene from Paul VI's upcoming comedy, "Don't Go Near the Water," are (from left) Meghan Kelly, Nathaniel Smith, Tommy Kelleher, Ryan Brogley and Kelsey Loesch.

To Go

Show times are Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$5, senior citizens and students; and \$25, two parents and three children. They're available at the door or via paulvi.net/producers.

awkward," said Kelleher. "When his dad leaves the embassy, he's put in charge, but others there are more experienced than he is."

Describing Axel as a "nervous, silly character," Kelleher said that makes him "interesting to play. He's also very relatable because, at times, people feel like they're in a situation out of their control." As for the show, he said the audience will like the slapstick humor and the love story. "They'll also appreciate the setting and the time period," said Kelleher. "People respect that era because of what was taking place then."

His twin brother, senior Tommy Kelleher, plays the tourist father, Walter Hollander. "He's a stereotypical New Yorker with a big personality," said Kelleher. "He's usually angry, but he's compassionate and loving toward his wife. He believes he knows what's best for his daughter and wants her to

marry the person he intends for her, not the ambassador's son. I enjoy playing this character because he has a lot of personality and is in your face. He makes the show even more comedic."

Kelleher said the audience will find lots to like about this show. "The set will be a highlight – it's one of the prettiest we've done," he said. "People will also like the acting; we have two, very strong and believable casts."

Senior Meghan Kelly portrays the daughter, Susan Hollander. "She's kind of a rule-breaker and wants to be out of the box," said Kelly. "She talks about all the guys she almost married, such as a draft dodger and a defrocked priest. She's sweet and nice, but flirtatious."

"I usually play naïve girls, so this is a good change for me," continued Kelly. "I love playing her because she's an out-there fashionista who's full of energy and not afraid to show who she is."

She said people won't expect a play set in Communist Russia to be so funny. "But there are a lot of jokes," said Kelly. "Woody Allen wrote it and put in lots of strange

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Gift of Music to the Community

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra to perform at GMU Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

As the school year has begun, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) will be collaborating with renowned pianist Simone Dinnerstein to bring the beauty of musical learning to ten Title I designated schools in Fairfax County. The project is affectionately called “Bachpacking.”

Why “Bachpacking”? Well, Dinnerstein packs up a digital piano and brings it into the schools where the children are so they can learn in a meaningful way. She uses the artistic beauty of classic Bach compositions as a learning experience.

“Children deserve a chance to

Where and When

“Brahms’ Great Beginnings” performed by Fairfax Symphony Orchestra with featured soloist Simone Dinnerstein at Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance on Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$39, \$53, \$65. Tickets available online at cfa.gmu.edu or by phone at 888-945-2468. Note: Pre-Performance Discussion at 7 p.m. with David Ginder of WETA 90.9-FM and FSO Conductor Christopher Zimmerman with special guests.

listen to this music.” said Dinnerstein. “Music is in itself a wonderful thing to have in your life.”

“Arts education is at the cornerstone of the FSO’s mission, and our education programs help to fill the gap where school arts budgets have been forced to shrink due to challenging financial times,” said Jonathon Kerr, FSO executive director. “Simone Dinnerstein is not only an amazing artist, but also has a passion for arts education and a true gift for being able to connect with students through the music.”

With interactive activities with the students, Dinnerstein will link Bach’s music to jazz, techno, rap, and other contemporary music. She will use improvised keyboard opportunities and shared singing for students to take in the joy of making their own music.

The FSO is inviting participating students and members of their families to hear Dinnerstein as the featured soloist at the FSO’s upcoming “Brahms’ Great Beginnings” concert at the Center for the Arts at no charge.

With funding from the Arts Council of Fairfax County and others, transportation will be available for the students to attend the concert for free.

According to Linda Sullivan, CEO and President Arts Council of Fairfax County, funds were awarded to the FSO since “it was a model in connecting Fairfax County Public School Title I students to support their musical learning and provide an opportunity to attend a live performance.” Title I is a federal grant to local education agencies for assistance for disadvantaged students.

Dinnerstein aims for “a rich ex-



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Simone Dinnerstein, pianist and guest soloist.



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perience so children can learn to interpret the music they listen to, matter the genre. They will learn how instruments ‘talk’ to each other and how voices and instruments interact.”

“They not only will see my hands move to make music, but will make their own expressive music,” added Dinnerstein. “This is to be an experience that we want to stay with them.”

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ONGOING

Senior Line Dancing 1 - 2 p.m. Little River Glen Senior Center 4001 Barker Ct, Fairfax. Line Dancing is a gentle, social form of aerobic activity. Studies have shown it aids in warding off Alzheimer's disease. No previous experience needed. Cost: \$5 per 8 week session. barbriba@hotmail.com 703-524-3739

The Farmer's Market at Springfield Town Center. May 7- Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Through November. Corner of Spring Mall and Loisdale roads, Springfield. Enjoy fresh baked goods, produce, vegetables & fruits, meats & cheeses, and a host of other vendors. springfieldtowncenter.com.

Rudy Guernica Landscapes Exhibit Mon. - Sat 9 - 9 p.m. Sun. 9 - 8 p.m. Reston Community Center 2310 Coltz neck road, Reston. Through Nov. 30.

Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. fairfaxrotary.org.

Carolina Shag. Wednesdays. 6:30-10 p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. nvshag.org.

FUN-Exercise. Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. moorefitt@yahoo.com or 703-499-6133.

EXERCISE PROGRAM Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 am year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe). Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (hello) Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel. Free, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

Smoke Free Bingo (with breaks for smoking friends). 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot. www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

English Conversation Groups weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

First Sunday Jazz Brunch 11 - 2 p.m. Recurring monthly on the 1st Sunday at Bazin's on Church 111 Church St N.W., Vienna. Enjoy brunch accompanied by the soft jazz sounds of Virginia Music Adventure. Visit: <http://www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/>

Stories From Strawberry Park 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesdays in Mosaic - Strawberry Park 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Enjoy a live interactive performance each week taught by a group of unique storytellers. For ages 10 and under. Held outside in Strawberry Park. In inclement weather and October through April, storytime will be held in Angelika Film Center. Recurring weekly on Tuesday. Visit: <http://www.fxva.com/listing/mosaic-district/2326/>

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 9

FCIA Network Meeting "How Fairfax County is Strengthening the Relationship Between Law Enforcement and the Community" 1 - 3:30 p.m. Audrey Moore

Fairfax Students Perform in a Musical

Fairfax High sophomore Noelle Buice plays a ladybug in Alliance Theatre's musical, "James and the Giant Peach Jr.," about courage and self-discovery. Featuring a cast and crew of 35, including Fairfax High students, it's being presented at Mountain View High in Centreville. Remaining show times are: Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20 at 2 p.m., and Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m., at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Lane (off Braddock Road) in Centreville. For ticket prices and other information, go to www.thealliancetheatre.org.



Recreation Center Club Rooms 1 and 2 8100 Braddock Road Annandale. Please join us for our next Faith Communities In Action (FCIA) meeting which will provide a forum for discussion about how Fairfax County's Communities of Trust Committee is addressing relationships between law enforcement, other public safety representatives and the community. Our panel will include Shirley Ginwright of the NAACP and officials from within Fairfax County's law enforcement and public safety staff. This meeting will involve brief presentations from our panel, followed by a Q/A session with clergy and community members. Please note: The FCIA Network Meeting will NOT take place at the Government Center this November. Please register online via www.fairfaxcounty.gov via email at NCSInterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov, or by calling 703-324-3453.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Third Annual Virginia Girls' Summit 9 - 4 p.m. at George Mason University's Johnson Center in Fairfax. After two sold out years, She Rocks The World (SRTW) will be returning to host a day dedicated to fostering the power of girls' voices, the Summit is produced for 7th - 12th grade girls and their parents by the organization's 34 local Ambassadors and Leadership Team. Tickets are now available at www.sherockstheworld.org.

Icelandic Christmas Bazaar 10 - 3 p.m. American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax. Icelandic candy, viking jewelry, books, hand woven rugs, wool sweaters, skin care products and more. Cost: Free. All are welcome. www.icelanddc.com

The Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit <http://www.robinsonptsa.org/marketplace.html>

Holiday Express Boutique Craft Sale, 10 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church Hall, 5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax. Handcrafted, one of a kind, decorator and gift items for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sweet Shop, Chili lunch and Cafe (10-4), Silent Auction, Raffle, Questions? Call Lou: 703-426-8092. St. Mary's 703-978-4141.

American Festival Pops Orchestra at GMU 2 p.m. at GMU's Center for the Arts 4400 University Dr. Fairfax. The Orchestra will perform a Patriotic Salute to US Veterans. Performed by 60 of the D.C. metropolitan area's finest musicians, this program features patriotic favorites. Cost: \$50, \$43, \$30 <http://cfa.gmu.edu/calendar/227>

Jazz 4 Justice: A Tribute to the Greatest Generation. 8-10 p.m. at GMU Center for the Arts. The Mason Jazz Ensemble (dir. Jim Carroll) joins Ed Weiner, the Fairfax Law Foundation, and the Prince William County Bar Foundation to present Jazz 4 Justice^a, an annual benefit concert with a special Veterans Day "Tribute to the Greatest Generation." Open jam session and reception to follow. Ticket available at cfa.gmu.edu \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13

An Afternoon with Ambassador Dennis Ross, 2 p.m. at Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The discussion will be moderated by Ron Halber, Executive Director, JCRC of Greater Washington. Ross, a senior advisor to Presidents

George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama will discuss U.S. Middle East foreign policy challenges. In his newest book, "Doomed to Succeed," Ambassador Ross describes the past and present of America's policies towards Israel, from Truman to Obama's administration. Books will be available for sale and signing. Admission: \$18/ \$15 J member. Contact Carla.Rosenfeld@jccnv.org for information. www.jccnv.org.

The Fencers Club of Virginia Event for Service Members and Veterans noon - 2 p.m. How many pushups can you do in 90 seconds? Join The Fencers Club of Virginia on and Give Back to Veterans and Active Duty Military through the national nonprofit Boot Campaign push up challenge.<https://www.crowdrise.com>

Guest Preacher St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 6 - 7:30 p.m. And Nov. 14 7 - 8:30 p.m. 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Come out for a special event at St. Andrew's with our guest preacher, The Rev. Ed Bacon, and music by the gospel choir group Roderick Giles & Grace. Cost: Free. www.standrews.net

SUNDAY/NOV. 15

Holiday Express Boutique Craft Sale 9 - 2 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Church Hall, 5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax. Handcrafted, one of a kind, decorator and gift items for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sweet Shop, Silent Auction, Raffle. Call Lou: 703-426-8092, St. Mary's 703-978-4141.

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

Historic Pohick Church Christmas Mart 10 - 2 p.m. 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Parish House and the Vestry House will be transformed into a festive Christmas atmosphere with rooms filled with Attic Treasures, a Consignment Shop, fresh baked goods, homemade candy and apple butter, and frozen casseroles made by the women of Pohick Church. Booths will feature the work of artisans showcasing handmade jewelry, stained glass, Christmas decorations and many other crafts. Colonial-attired ladies will serve luncheon at three sittings—11:00 AM, 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM—the cost is \$12.00. The Docent Guild will be leading tours of the historic church and the Golden Dove Gift Shop will be open. Admission: free. www.pohick.org

Lunch N' Life 12 - 2 p.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 9340 Braddock Rd, Burke. Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. The guest speaker will be Paul Herbert, Author of Treason in the Rockies; Nazi Sympathizer, Dale Waple's POW Escape Plot. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by November 11th. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 323-4788. www.scfbva.org

FRIDAY/NOV. 18

Fairfax County Department of Family Services "We Got the Gold" Free Family Event 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Annual National Adoption Awareness Month Celebration Event. There will be music, prizes, games family photos, activity stations all Open to the Public. Formal Adoption Ceremony will be 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. RSVP to Ann Kim or call 703-324-7486.

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SUNDAY/NOV. 20

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Museum members. www.fairfax-station.org www.facebook.com/FFXSRR 703-425-9225

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 19-20

30th Annual Holiday Craft Show 10 - 3 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030. What started out in 1987 as a very small show has grown to become a

premium arts and crafts festival. Artisans from all over the United States, including many local artists, are participating in this year's show and we are delighted to be able to offer you so many wonderful holiday gift choices. There really is something for everyone on your shopping list. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/holiday-craft-show>

The 30th Annual Holiday Craft Show will be held Saturday & Sunday Nov. 19 - 20 from 10 - 3 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030. What started out in 1987 as a very small show has grown to become a premium arts and crafts festival.



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FRIDAY/DEC. 2

My Gym Community Event 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Develop your child's large motor skills with physical exercise and games. Funded by the Friends of Burke Centre Library. Age 1-3 years with adult. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Creative Writers Group 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in

progress. Teen volunteer facilitates. Ages 13-18. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>
Holiday Book Sale 10 - 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Peruse and shop a selection of gently used holiday-themed books collected by the Friends of the Burke Centre Library. Visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>
City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols. Time TBA Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Come enjoy live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting farm, ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols> for times and locations.

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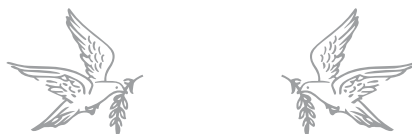
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‘Crazy’ Lines on Election Day Morning

Ipads, communication keep things moving quickly.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

At 5:45 a.m., Colleen Dewing was queued up for a lifetime first: voting. The West Springfield High School senior needed to fulfill her civic duty early in order to take a shift right away at the senior class’ annual bake sale outside the school.

“You hear, ‘My vote doesn’t count,’” around school, Dewing said. “But it’s cool I can have say. Not a lot of people know what’s being discussed, but you can make a difference locally. If you complain, you’ve got to vote.”

Dewing said her teacher Mr Spicer encouraged her to register, and to know what she was voting for. Her dad also “made me research, the Meals Tax, the park bond.”

As a result, she said, she wasn’t anxious about the experience at all. “It was interesting,” she said.

Dewing was one of about 156 people in line at West Springfield High School’s precinct when the poll doors opened at 6 a.m. on Nov. 8.

“It was crazy,” said chief election officer Allyn Hammel. “A lot of excitement, a lot of first-time voters. Everyone has been nice, even on their way to work.”

By 10:17 a.m., Hammel said her team of election officers had already processed 1,280 in-person voters. She said the addition of new Ipads to help officers sign voters in sped up the process dramatically.

Around southern Fairfax County, election officials had similar experiences.

At Silverbrook Elementary School in Fairfax Station, assistant chief election officer Krystyna Kolesar said the opening line stretched from the school’s entrance down around the building to the parking lot.

“It’s been crazy busy,” Kolesar said, “but good energy, very positive.”

Chief election officer at Silverbrook Mary Brown said they kept the line for about an hour before things died down. But things moved smoothly and quickly thanks, she said, to what she saw as good communication from Fairfax County as to what voters needed to bring with them to the polls and what to expect when they arrived.

At 6 at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, chief



Representing Local 2068 Fairfax County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Robert Young (left) and Jeff Loach (right) campaign with Braddock District Fairfax County school board member Megan McLaughlin in support of the Meals Tax at Robinson Secondary School on Nov. 8.

election officer Teri Ayers said there were 168 voters in line.

Ayers, with five years at her post, said the advanced search capabilities and covering for misspellings afforded by the check-in Ipads have “really seen a line cut-down.”

By 11:30 a.m. with 1,656 voters processed, Ayers’ operation still ran somewhat of a line. But she said she was still encouraged by their ability with the Ipads and paper ballots to move people through the process quickly.

Outside the Robinson precinct, supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) mingled with voters on one of several stops over the course of the day.

Cook said his impression of the election day turnout and emotion was “all very positive.”

“The ugliness is not reflected out here,” he said. “It’s festive, like it ought to be. That’s a good sign.”

VIEWPOINTS

**Who did you vote for?
What mattered most to you in
this election? Did you support
the Meals Tax?**

—TIM PETERSON



Dawnell Simmons of Fairfax

Voted for Trump, did not support the Meals Tax. “So much is unknown. It seems more possible for Trump to take us down the road we want to go. Also, I really like Mike Pence. On Meals Tax, I feel like the county and schools have got plenty of money.”

Alex Belmonte of Fairfax

Voted for Clinton. “I didn’t feel like either candidate was pure, transparent or strong enough. Hillary has more political experience, Trump more business, but there were too many personal things aired out. It was unpleasant to go any route. Today, I voted for the Democratic party as a whole.”



Aaida Naser of Fairfax

Voted for Clinton and supported the Meals Tax. “Donald Trump divided people. We came to this country with big dreams, we’re worried about the future. Hillary is caring about the middle class. I like her history, her experience, her passion, her love. The Meals Tax can help take some burden from property owners.”

Amy Tursky of Fairfax

Voted for Trump. “I wanted our country to get back to the original principles of the authors of our Constitution, with people having a say, not executive order after executive order. Jobs, illegal aliens — we need to have secure borders. The Meals Tax is a job-killer. The county needs to take a good look at what they got, they just want more and more and more.”



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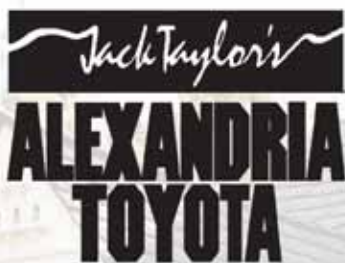
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characters that give the show an unexpected twist – like a magician priest and Axel's assistant who thinks he's both of the Wright brothers."

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Loesch loves her role because she likes speaking with an accent and getting to be "wild, crazy and physical" onstage. "I especially like when we're running around and rolling all over the place," she said. "As soon as I heard about this show, this was the part I wanted to play, so I'm happy to step into Marion's shoes."

She said the audience will appreciate the show's "quick-moving comedy with really colorful and lovable characters that are fun to watch. I'm a Cappies critic, and sometimes plays are slow-moving. But this one is fast-paced; there are always antics happening onstage."

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First arriving units on the scene reported fire showing from the two front basement windows of a three level middle unit townhouse. The incident commander requested a second alarm shortly after arrival which brought a total of 60 firefighters to the scene. Firefighters initiated an aggressive exterior and interior attack to extinguish the fire. Crews were able to bring the fire quickly under control with no extension to the neighboring townhouses.

The fire was reported by a juvenile who discovered the fire prior to the smoke alarm sounding.

There were no reported civilian or firefighter injuries. Fire Investigators determined that the fire originated in a basement bedroom of the townhouse. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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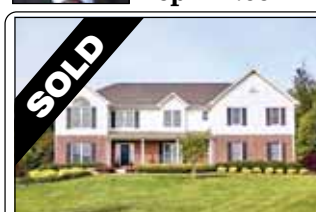
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