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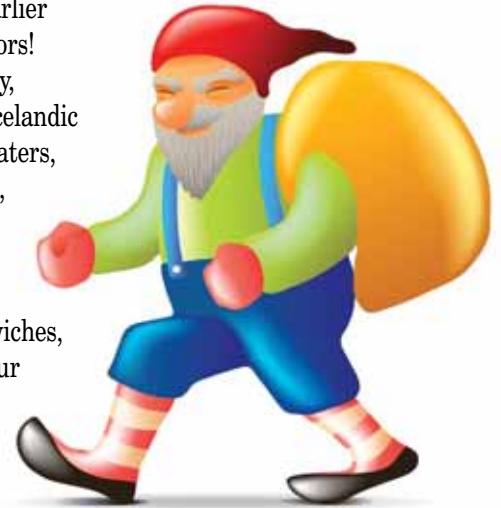


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NEWS

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.



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

vide 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

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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%

Comstock Wins 10th District Race

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

From the outset, the race for Virginia's 10th Congressional seat attracted national attention as a possible "flip" for Democrats in their bid to gain the 30 seats they needed to win back control of the House. Democrats poured money into the race, which many pollsters considered a bellwether race in a battleground state.

But in the end, freshman Republican Barbara Comstock swiftly and handily won her first reelection bid, defeating Democratic challenger LuAnn Bennett by seven percentage points Tuesday night.

Just as Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump defied the predictions of pollsters and pundits to make Virginia a narrow victory for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, Comstock defied the "swing district" predictions and comfortably defeated Democratic challenger LuAnn Bennett to hold the 10th Congressional District seat.

WITH 99 PERCENT of precincts reporting by 11 p.m., Comstock had 203,995 votes (53 percent), while Bennett had 181,999 votes (47 percent).



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Barbara Comstock spoke to hundreds of supporters in Ashburn Tuesday night after her resounding victory over Democratic challenger LuAnn Bennett.

Bolstered by the Presidential election, voter turnout greatly exceeded the roughly 223,000 votes cast when Comstock won the seat in the 2014 midterm elections.

"This win is your win," Comstock declared at a victory party in Ashburn Tuesday night to a crowd of about 200 supporters.

Ed Gillespie, a longtime Comstock supporter favored to win the GOP nomination for Virginia Governor in 2017, said

Comstock won the race because no one could "outwork or outsmart" her. Comstock is known as an unflagging campaigner, who typically attends or hosts a dozen district events and meetings each week.

Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), another longtime Comstock supporter who attended Tuesday's victory party, said Comstock is committed to her constituents in a hands-on way. "They know her, and they know they can count on her," Herrity said. "She shows up. She even attended my town hall forums on heroin abuse because she knows it matters to her constituents."

But Democrats also knew that voters in the 10th Congressional District were, by and large, affluent, well-educated and likely to reject Trump. They were counting on polls that showed educated suburban women voting against Trump and, by association, any down-ballot Republicans. In 2008 the district went blue for President Barack Obama, and – four years later – Republican candidate Mitt Romney narrowly carried the 10th.

Although Clinton defeated Trump by more than eight percentage points on Election Day in Virginia, Bennett was not able

Hotly-contested seat targeted as a 'flip' for Democrats.

to ride her coattails to victory, indicating that many in the district split their votes between the major parties - voting for Clinton for President but for the Republican Comstock for Congress.

"I commend LuAnn Bennett and her team for a truly hard-fought race in Virginia's 10th Congressional District," said Susan Swecker, the chairman of the Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA), in a statement after the race was called for Comstock.

"LuAnn brought everything to the table: a penchant for public service, a strong business record, and pragmatic solutions to the problems that face Northern Virginia. I am confident that her role as a community leader won't stop here, and I know she will continue to fight for working families in whatever she pursues next."

BENNETT told supporters in Falls Church Tuesday night that, although the results of the election were "not what we hoped," she was "so proud of the campaign we've run, and vision we've put forward for... our country."

SEE 'CRAZY' LINES, PAGE 4

(Left) Assistant chief election officer at Silverbrook Krystyna Kolesar and chief election officer Mary Brown (right).



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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.



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At 6 at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, chief 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



Deanne Lienau and daughter Christine Lienau of Fairfax Station.

Deanne: Voted for Trump, did not support Meals Tax. “The economy, debt, ISIS, Obamacare were important to me. My health insurance with Obamacare just went up. And I just don’t want the whole tax to go up.”

Christine: Voted for Trump, did not support the Meals Tax. “I work in the medical field and I’ve seen the harsh reality of Obamacare;

it’s not doing anything to help. I don’t want to see the quality of healthcare decline. If Trump becomes president, we would be safe from threats from ISIS.”

Vinny Sidhu of Fairfax Station

Voted for Trump, did not support Meals Tax. “Energy (de-regulation and no ban on fracking), education and replacing the healthcare system with a more market-friendly structure mattered to me. On the tax, it effectively represents a ten percent tax. All the details are not specified and it’s not clear within schools how the funds are specified to be used.”



Jeff Stewart of Fairfax Station

Voted for Trump. “I voted for Obama, I have nothing against Hillary. But Trump is such a solid businessman, and what’s important is I think he has our best interests at heart. This felt like a good time for a change.”



Karen Markey of Fairfax Station

Voted for Clinton, supported Meals Tax. “Women’s issues mattered, and anything against Trump, to me, was the way to go. With the Meals Tax — I show my support for the schools.”

AREA ROUNDUPS

Bread Swap Challenge at Great Harvest

Great Harvest Bread Co locations will be swapping their bread for the public's on Nov. 10, 11 and 12 as part of the "National Bread Swap." The bread company is raising awareness of hunger in local communities and donating bread to food banks and charities.

Any loaf of bread from someone's home can be exchanged at a Great Harvest for any fresh loaf of theirs.

The trade-in bread can be opened or unopened. All unopened outside loaves and all unused Great Harvest bread will be donated.

Great Harvest Bread Co in Burke is located at 6030 Burke Commons Road, Suite, G. In Lorton, Great Harvest is located at 9000 Lorton Station Boulevard. For more information visit www.greatharvestburke.com.

—TIM PETERSON

Help Feed Hungry Families

Fairfax-based nonprofit Britepaths (formerly Our Daily Bread) is seeking community members to sponsor families in need who live throughout the Fairfax

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Veterans Honored with Free Meal at Famous Dave's Locations

In honor of Veteran's Day on Friday, Nov. 11, Famous Dave's Virginia locations would like to thank all former and current military personnel for their dedication and service to the country by offering a free two meat combo at participating locations (see famousdaves.com/veterans for details). The offer includes dine-in customers only and is not valid with any other offer or discount. Applicable to all military personnel with valid photo identification and proof of military service (including U.S. Uniformed Services ID Card, form DD-214 or current leave and earnings statement with photo ID). Valid for participating locations. For complete details, visit famousdaves.com/veterans.



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OPINION

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

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

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

Some suggestions:

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

- ❖ 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?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.
- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.
- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

To be published, we must have the full first and last name of the student artist/writer.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location.

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/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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NEWS

Meals Tax Rejected

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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 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



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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.

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 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."

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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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Setting a Holiday Table

Local tastemakers offer suggestions for creating festive tablescape.

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 setting 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



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

PHOTO BY COURTNEY THOMAS

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

However, before purchasing new holiday décor, Walker advises editing what you already own. "Go through your holiday deco-

rations with a keen eye, and weed out any that no longer bring you joy for whatever reason," she said. "Maybe they've gotten a bit old and worn or maybe they don't match the current style of your furnishings or maybe you've just grown tired of them."

Maybe your wreath has seen better days as well. In fact, one of the keys to holiday decorating, according to Meyer, is layering and it starts at the front door. "We love to dress a front door by flanking it with white poinsettias and a wreath for the door," she said. "Magnolia or boxwood wreaths are a perfect option to welcome your guests."

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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/>

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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 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/>

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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>

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 "Backpacking."

Why "Backpacking"? 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 listen to this music," said Dinnerstein. "Music is in itself a

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.

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 up-

coming "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 experience so children can learn to interpret the music they listen no, matter the genre. They will learn how instruments 'talk' to each other and how voices and instruments interact."



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Simone Dinnerstein, pianist and guest soloist.



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Fairfax Symphony Orchestra in concert.

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added Dinnerstein. "This is to be an experience that we want to stay with them."

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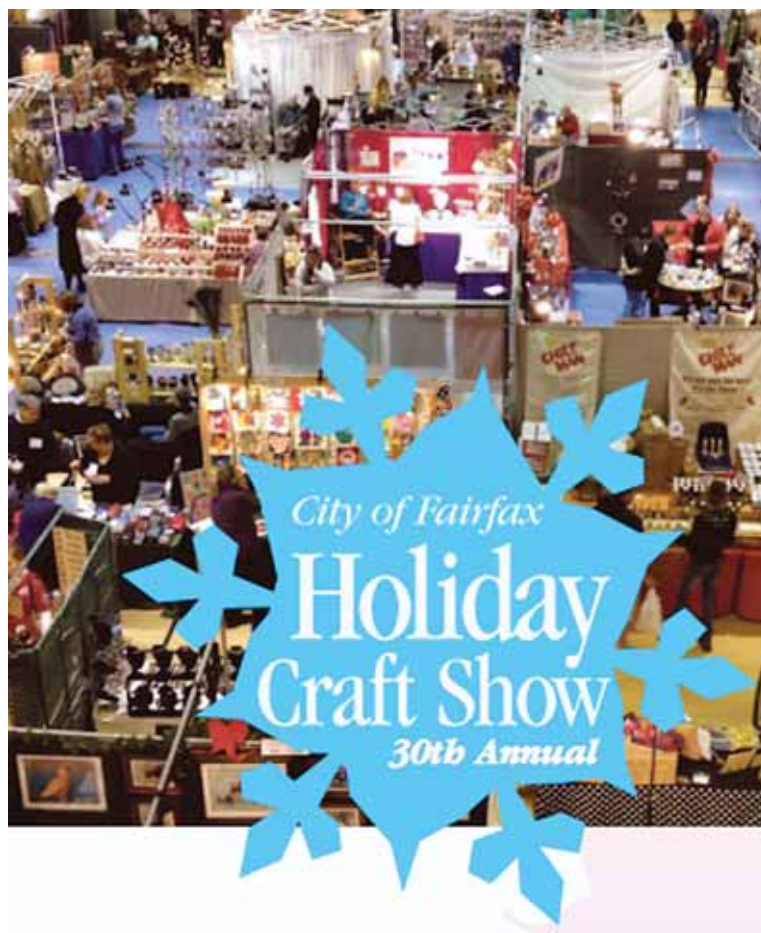
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Creative Writers Group 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Rd, Burke, VA 22015. Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates. 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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Local Barn Sale Raises Funds for National Veterans Cause

BY MARTI MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Love of country and restoring used furniture was the common bond of five Fairfax County women who raised nearly \$600 last weekend for an area veterans hospital cause.

Kathy Jasien of Clifton opened the doors of her barn at 7421 Dunquin Ct. for a sneak preview Nov. 4 of home decor she and her friends created and sold through Nov. 6. The pretty autumn drive alone was worth the trip to see her Glencairn neighborhood burst with colorful fall leaves.

A cover charge of \$10 Friday raised nearly \$600 for the Fisher House Foundation of Rockville, Md. This charity builds homes at military and veterans hospitals in the United States and abroad to provide free, temporary lodging for families of servicemen and women battling medical crises.

The Fisher House at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., helped Clifton resident Sharon West for two years while her father — a former U.S. Army test pilot and master aviator, who served in Korea and Vietnam — fought cancer to his death May 31.

“He was really so sick, he needed a family member there all the time,” West said Sunday. At the previous Clifton Barn Sale, she gathered enough funds for much-needed toothbrushes and other toiletry items for Fisher House guests.

FOUR YEARS AGO, the artist within Jasien discovered a new medium called Annie Sloan decorative paint. She and her friends describe it as a special chalk paint that is self-leveling and can be used on any surface — from floors to fabric.

Instead of painting the town red, they started with furniture people no longer wanted for the pure joy creating lovely home accents.

Jasien started to say, “I would find pieces I’d like at thrift stores” then her friend, Liz Shaw, interjected “or the side of the road.”

“I can find beauty in any piece of trash,” Jasien replied then smiled.

Both ladies turned the noun junk into a verb and formed a partnership called Poppy in a quaint town that once boasted a quirky antique store called Judy’s Junque in a pink house on Main Street.

About once a year, these home decorating enthusiasts in their mid-50s turn Jasien’s barn into a

showroom for the collection they sell to friends, family and neighbors.

Participation has grown with each barn sale, starting with West — who owns A Painted House Vintage, through which she sells custom furniture designs.

Nicki Mulligan of Fairfax Station adds painted furniture and handmade pillows to their assortment.

Tina Buckholz of Burke helps set the stage for the barn sale, which is held either spring or fall to clear out their stockpile and make room for more art projects.

Many pieces throughout the barn displayed a patriotic theme in time for the General Election and Veterans Day.

THE CLIFTON BARN SALE, held Nov. 4-6, was Poppy’s third such event and second consecutive benefit for the Fisher House. Its foundation has built at least 70 houses in the United States, Germany and the United Kingdom since 1990 to help families defray the costs of extended hotel accommodations and restaurant meals while their loved ones receive medical care.

“We did a number of stays on and off for a week at a time,” recalls West. She met lots of families from around the world with whom they shared this common bond: “That we were grateful to be close to our loved ones,” West affirms.

“Especially in the dead of winter when there’s snow on the ground,” she adds. West believes the Fisher House took away the stress and strain of travel for her mother, who lives all the way in Haymarket.

Michael Ybarra — a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer — runs the first Fisher House that opened in 1991 at the former National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda.

Walter Reed, an Army hospital, moved from its former home on Georgia Avenue and merged with Bethesda Naval along Rockville Pike in 2011 to form the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center — where West’s father, retired Army Lt. Col. Thomas Cato West, battled terminal illness.

The campus has five Fisher Houses and a total of 73 rooms. Each house has a common kitchen dining and laundry rooms guests may share.

“Our average occupancy is 98.6 percent and average length of stay is 13 days” Ybarra states.

Visit the Fisher House Foundation online at www.fisherhouse.org for facts about their 70-plus houses in the



From left to right: Liz Shaw of Burke commands the checkout desk at the Clifton Barn Sale while Tina Buckholz of Burke and Nicki Mulligan of Fairfax Station touch base Sunday, Nov. 6 at the end of a fun weekend selling furniture and home accessories they made then sold to friends, relatives and neighbors for the pure joy of exercising their creativity. They also used their talents to help the families of patients receiving medical care at an area military hospital.



Sharon West of Clifton and her 7-year-old niece, Mary, are fascinated by a globe on display Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Jasien family barn, where West sold her vintage home accessories. The Clifton Barn Sale helped raise money for a veterans cause called the Fisher House, where West’s family stayed while her father battled cancer last year at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.



Kathy Jasien of Clifton holds an old ironing board she bought at a flea market then repurposed for the Clifton Barn Sale, where she helped raise money last weekend for an area veterans charity. Jasien and her husband, Bill, raised three servicemen. Their oldest son, Trexler, serves his country as a first lieutenant and Black Hawk helicopter pilot at Fort Bragg, N.C. The 2013 West Point graduate has two younger brothers at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The elder midshipman, Hunter, wants to branch out to the Marines. Baby brother, Chapman, is interested in becoming a Navy Seal.

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Call the Fisher House at 301-295-5334 for a list of items they need for guests at their five houses on the Walter Reed campus in Bethesda.

Check online for the next Clifton Barn Sale event at www.facebook.com/poppysquare.

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Mary West, 7, of Purcellville is granddaughter of the late Thomas Cato West, a retired lieutenant colonel who served the U.S. Army as a test pilot and master aviator in Korea and Vietnam. The mirror and chairs are part of a collection of furniture and home accessories restored by her Aunt Sharon and friends then sold last weekend at the Clifton Barn Sale. Mary’s dad also served his country in the U.S. Air Force. The sale raised nearly \$600 for the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, Md.



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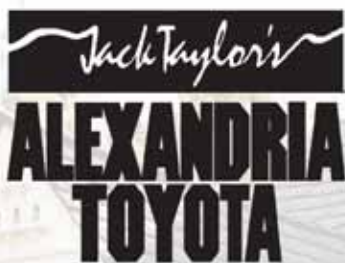
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