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Tricia Harris, right, bought an original painting by Yvonne Crawford in the silent auction at the Great Falls Women's Club annual ChariTea party on Thursday, Sept. 24. The event raised money for a variety of local charities.

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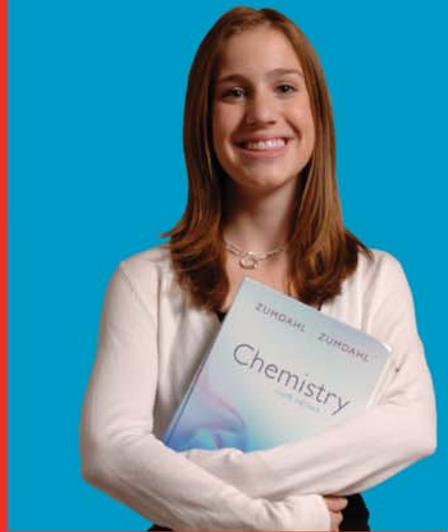
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This event is a benefit for Great Falls School of Art, administered by the non-profit Great Falls Foundation for the Arts. The 6th Annual Great Falls Art Studios Tour is supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Great Falls Foundation for the Arts and the Great Falls Business & Professional Association.



Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) is greeted by supporters after the debate.



Republican candidate Barbara Comstock chats with some of her supporters.

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Transportation, Taxes And Tough Times Debated

**Vanderhye, Comstock
debate ways to navigate
financial straits.**

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

A debate between incumbent Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) and her Republican challenger Barbara Comstock hosted by the Great Falls Citizens Association last Thursday, Sept. 24 was generally congenial as political duels go. The candidates seemed to agree on almost as many of the issues as they sparred over.

The debate heated up toward its end when moderator and Great Falls Citizen Association (GFCA) President Ralph Apton asked a question submitted by the audience and selected by a bipartisan group of GFCA members. The attendee had observed that literature from both campaigns had cited transportation and education as high priorities for investment and wondered how either of them could make headway on those fronts, given the lean economy.

Comstock said the scarcity of funding was why she supported alternate sources of revenue for the state, such as royalties from offshore oil drilling and the sale of the state's liquor stores. She said she didn't believe some naysayers' opinions that it was impossible to effect such change and "rock the boat" in Richmond. "Well, we need to rock the boat," Comstock said.

Vanderhye said oil drilling would not solve the state's lack of transportation funding, as the Navy and Department of Defense had secured a moratorium on such activity and royalties from offshore drilling operations were to go to the federal government anyway. Even if all that were changed, she said, it would take 10 years before the state saw any money from drilling, and the transportation fund would dry up in two years. Meanwhile, she said, sale of the

liquor stores would only net about enough money to cover half a year's transportation budget. Although it was not the time to raise taxes, she said, what was needed was a source of revenue specifically dedicated to transportation infrastructure.

Comstock said Vanderhye's response sounded like it foreshadowed additional taxes, and she noted that the 34th District was among the most heavily taxed areas of the country. She urged long-term planning, saying she had heard for the last 20 years that it would take 10 years to see any state revenues from offshore drilling. And throughout the debate, she advocated a bipartisan commission that would have among its tasks the reprioritization of transportation spending, so that Northern Virginia would stop getting back such a small fraction of the tax dollars it paid to the state.

"We can increase our share of the pie, but the pie's too small," Vanderhye said.

ANOTHER QUESTION selected from the audience that packed the Grange Thursday evening asked how each candidate would propose to bring back more of the money that the region paid in state taxes.

Comstock said a bipartisan transportation commission would be one way to reallocate more state money to the region.

Vanderhye said she had been a part of a bipartisan commission in 2005 that took six months to come up with a bill advocating a variety of options for transportation funding, including tolls and user fees, and the bill was killed in two days. In terms of education, she said the region was definitely getting short-changed. "The House Republican leadership votes time and time and time again against the interests of Northern Virginia because they think we're going to take care of ourselves," she said.

The reason the 2005 bill didn't pass, Comstock said, was that it would have raised taxes in Northern Virginia. But she agreed that Republican delegates from the south of the state were part of the problem and

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Eighty women, including guests, registered for the Great Falls Women's Club's annual tea this year.

Having Fun, Raising Funds

This was the fourth year that the Great Falls Women's Club included a silent auction and raffle in its annual kickoff tea party. About 60 vendors, most of them local, donated items for the event, and all of the day's proceeds went to area charities.

"We had a fantastic turnout today," said club President Judy Smith, noting that 80 women, including guests, had turned out for the event.

After scouting out the items up for grabs, the women dined on cheese and crackers, sandwiches, pastries, fresh fruit, wine, tea and other treats, while learning about the club's various activities, such as a book discussions, bridge, dancing, gardening and stitching.

Smith said Adeler Jewelers

and L'Auberge Chez Francois were the top two donors to the event. Among the high-dollar items up for auction or raffle were an original painting, a Prada bag valued at \$1,250 and a weekend at the beach. The club had White House Christmas ornaments for sale to benefit the Artemis House abused women's shelter and is also selling the decorations at the Great Dogs pet store. Other organizations benefiting from the event were the Office for Women in Vienna, Happy Hugs, Camp Frasier, Lift Me Up Therapeutic Riding Program, Volunteer Emergency Families for Children and scholarships for local women experiencing financial hardships.

— MIKE DICICCO



Nadia LaTeef and Helen Rickels look over the high-end items in the silent auction.

Farmers Markets Still Open

One more way to support local businesses and the economy.

There might be a chill in the air, but local farmers markets will be open well through October, with many open well into November and beyond, with markets in Oakton, Alexandria and Leesburg open year round.

Farmers markets are a wonderful source of locally grown and produced items, including fruits and vegetables of many kinds, greens, apples, pumpkins, chrysanthemums, meat,

dairy products, flowers, eggs, honey, baked goods, and more. The markets are colorful and friendly, and often also offer live music. Many markets include experts on gardening, landscaping and cooking. Recipes and tips for cooking with local produce are available.

But many farmers markets report a drop in customers after Labor Day.

Buying from local markets promotes local, sustainable and organic agriculture, and the local economy. Buying food grown close to home helps the environment and helps reduce global warming by saving the energy used to transport the produce.

Taking children to the farmers market to help pick out their fruits and vegetables can help expand their horizons on healthy foods.

SAMPLER OF LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

In Fairfax County, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm>
 Vienna/Oakton Farmers Market, Wednesdays, 8 a.m. – noon, through Nov. 18, Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road
 Frying Pan Farmers Market, Herndon, Wednesdays, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., through Oct. 28, Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, in front of Frying Pan Country Store
 Herndon Farmers Market, Thursdays, 8 a.m. – noon, through Oct. 29, Old Town Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, next to the Red Caboose
 McLean Farmers Market, Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., through Nov. 20, Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road in McLean
 Great Falls Farmers Market at Village Centre, Saturdays until Nov. 21
 Reston Farmers Market, Saturdays, 8 a.m. – noon, through Oct. 31, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston
 Farmers Market at reston Town Center Pavillion, Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

EDITORIAL

Education Makes Area Strong

BY MARGI VANDERHYE
STATE DELEGATE (D-34)



The new school year is underway, and a full schedule of back-to-school nights and PTA meetings is in full swing. I have had the opportunity to chat with many parents regarding their concerns about the effect of state budget shortfalls on our schools.

Gov. Tim Kaine (D) recently released his \$1.35 billion Budget Reduction Plan for 2010. Tough times across the country are also being felt here in Virginia. And like many of our citizens who are tightening their belts, the government must do likewise. The Governor's Plan does not include tax increases, nor does it divert any money from the Transportation Trust Fund. In the current round

of cuts, K-12 education funding is protected; savings are achieved by reassigning programs and transferring funds. Although state support for both four year and two year colleges has been reduced in the Plan, it is considerably

offset by federal stimulus finds that mitigate the effects and provide school administrators with some flexibility to deal with cuts.

State budget committees have met to receive a report on the Governor's Plan. Any additional cuts that might be necessary if there is more bad news about state revenues may not spare K-12 funding. I believe that some principles for decisions about education funding in this economy should be clear. Available funds should be prioritized

to classroom teaching and instruction, and cuts should be made on a year-to-year basis rather than permanently "set" in the budget. At the higher education level, the focus should be on protecting our in-state students from tuition increases and maintaining financial support to get through this difficult economy. Even as the economy improves, we should provide more in-state acceptances for our students, and keep our community college system strong through business and workforce training partnerships.

Virginia is one of only seven states with an AAA bond rating. In these tough economic times, Virginia is identified by the Pew Center as one of only four states in the country that is managing to handle the economic crisis and still attract and retain economic development opportunities. Right here in our own McLean community,

Hilton Hotels is opening its international headquarters this week, a testament to our longstanding Virginia tradition of sound fiscal management, business friendly climate, and our commitment to public education.

In Fairfax County, we have a school bond referendum on the ballot this Nov. 3. Some of the funds from the bond will be used to alleviate overcrowding at Spring Hill Elementary School, currently more than 200 students over capacity. This bond referendum deserves our support, whether or not our own children are currently in school. We must provide a safe and excellent learning environment for our students in order to keep our regional economy strong. The bond issue is one important way we reaffirm our continuing commitment to our own students and to public education in Virginia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vanderhye Supported Tax Increases

To the Editor:

At the Great Falls Delegate debate last Thursday, Sept. 24, Margi Vanderhye said the question for the election in the 34th District delegate race is "who do you trust?" She also claimed at the same debate that she would not raise taxes, which is remarkably inconsistent with her long record of supporting tax increases over the years including:

* Support for a 0.5 cent sales tax increase in 2002. Vanderhye was

active in the 2002 Transportation referendum, which would have raised our sales tax by 0.5 percent for a \$5 billion tax increase. In an interview with The Washington Post in 2002 she cited polls saying voters indicated a willingness to pay higher taxes; however, when voters actually went to the polls, they voted overwhelmingly against the tax increase.

* Support for a \$1.4 billion tax increase in 2004. Vanderhye supported the 2004 \$1.4 billion tax increase for education, which disproportionately hit Northern Virginia with tax increases while sending most of the money to other parts of the state.

* In 2006, she served on a trans-

portation committee that also proposed various tax increases.

* Finally, in July 2008, she said (per her own Web site) she supported a "one cent increase in the sales tax raised in our region to stay in our region" and an additional "1/4cent statewide increase in the sales tax." Vanderhye also supported what she described as "a modest increase in rental car and hotel taxes."

When someone with this record says they won't raise your taxes, can you really trust them? One thing you can trust with Vanderhye is a guaranteed vote for higher taxes. In contrast, Barbara Comstock, the Republican nominee for the 34th District, has com-

mitted to not raising taxes, and has a record from working with U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) on tax relief rather than tax increases. That is who I trust.

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Great Falls

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SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Volunteers for Change

Orientation. 2-3 p.m. at Volunteer Fairfax, 10530 Page Ave. Fairfax. 703-246-3460 or VolsRUs@volunteerfairfax.org.

The MHS Orchestra will kick off its 2009-2010 fundraising efforts by holding a car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Giant supermarket car park in downtown McLean. The MHS Orchestra needs and appreciates the support of fellow students and of parents who are encouraged to spread the word to friends and family.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

The Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia LLC Monthly Meeting.

1:30 p.m. at Physicians Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Rd. Falls Church. Martha Hammond WOCN discusses skin care, Q&A. 703-802-3457 or www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

Boy Scout Troop 1978 is organizing a used bike collection

for Bikes for the World from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the Caboose parking lot on Church Street in downtown Vienna. Donated bikes are shipped to overseas charities. A \$10 donation is suggested to defray the cost of shipping. This is an Eagle Scout community service project. For more information, contact David at donatebikes@gmail.com

Volunteers for Change

Orientation. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Volunteer Fairfax, 10530 Page Ave. Fairfax. 703-246-3460 or VolsRUs@volunteerfairfax.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 5

Sierra Club and the 2009 Election.

7:30-9 p.m. Review Club endorsements in the races for Governor, other statewide officers and the House of Delegates, and discuss the impact of the election on the environment with speakers from the campaigns. Free. Bob_Pearson@cox.net

TUESDAY /OCT. 6

McLean Citizens Association

Candidates Night. 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Barbara Comstock (R) and Margi Vanderhye (D) running in the 34th District and Chris Merola (R) and Jim Scott (D) in the 53rd District of the Virginia House of Delegates. 703-556-9160 or 703-442-6601.

WEDNESDAY /OCT. 7

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Free seminar from a proactive medical and exercise perspective. Presented by Linda Rudd, American College of Sports Medicine Health Fitness Specialist and Pam Stenborg, NP at 7p.m. STS Health and Fitness 6848 Elm St. McLean, VA 22101. RSVP-703-442-0748. www.stsfit.com stsfit@verizon.net.

THURSDAY /OCT. 8

A Southern Spy in Northern Virginia: The Civil War Album

of Laura Ratcliffe, by Charles V. Mauro. McLean Historical Society, 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101. There is no charge and the Public is welcome. For further information, contact Jacquie-Lynne Schulman schulm@erols.com 703-442-9370.



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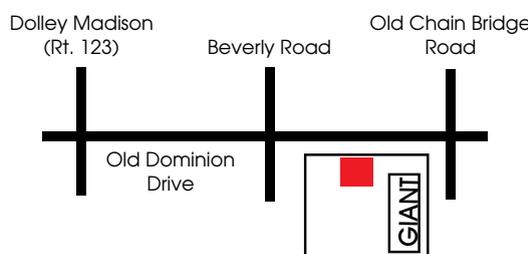
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Great Falls Library notifies patrons of its new closing time.

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Lower Budget, Higher Demand

Libraries' staff works hard to maintain high level of service.

BY SHARON NORTH
THE CONNECTION



Daniela Dixon, branch manager, and Steven Weiler, assistant branch manager 'relax' in the children's section at Great Falls library.

Jason Adler, 3, loves coming to McLean's Dolley Madison Library every week with his babysitter, Sarah Newhall, a George Mason University nursing student. Oblivious to the impact of this year's budget cuts on Fairfax County Public Libraries and other county services, Jason settles into a comfortable chair in the children's section for a story. His favorite books? "Scooby Doo," he said.

Asked whether she has noticed any difference in service at the library since the cuts took effect July 1, Newhall said "No, not really."

Anyone who has gone to the library in Fairfax County since July 1 will have seen the signs advertising the shortened hours and increased fees for such things as overdue books, library card replacement and guest passes for internet use.

The Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) budget for fiscal year 2010 (which runs July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010) has been cut 15 percent giving the libraries \$5,005,411 less to spend than they had in fiscal year 2009, according to Public Relations Officer Mary Mulrenan. "More reductions are being made as we go along this fiscal year too," she said. According to Mulrenan these cuts have hit collections and staffing hardest. Collections includes the materials available for check-out and online use including

books, magazines, videos, DVDs, recorded books and online databases. Staff members work in the information and circulation departments, both out front at the desks and in the back rooms and offices. Information Department staff members have primarily helped patrons in the library and on the phone to find the information and library materials they need and assisted the public with using the Internet and public catalog computers. Circulation employees check books in and out, issue library cards, collect over due and other fees and sort materials for re-shelving among other tasks.

ANOTHER GROUP of circulation employees is the pages. Pages do the work of organizing materials in alphabetical or numerical order on carts for re-shelving and then performing the physical task of putting the books back on the shelves. Beginning July 1, though, more than 100 library employees system-wide lost their jobs. Most

libraries lost about half of their pages.

The overall effects of these cuts on library patrons has been minimized due to the hard work the library staffs have done to keep libraries' level of service up to its usual high standard. "We are service-oriented and are doing what we love to do," said Sheila Janega, branch manager at the Patrick Henry Library in Vienna. "We are an extremely busy branch." Librarians countywide are aware of the importance of public libraries to their customers. "People at home with children want a place to go during the day, therefore the children's section is very important," said Great Falls Public Library Branch Manager Daniela Dixon.

This cross training of circulation and information staff to do each others' jobs as much as possible has been key to maintaining service. Dixon has spent a great deal of time working with the Great

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Education Attracts Businesses

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said she was willing to take them on. "We can't keep raising our taxes and let downstate get away with that," Comstock said.

Vanderhye said voters would be willing to pay for a dedicated source of transportation funding if the money raised in Northern Virginia were to be spent in the area.

One of four questions posed directly by the citizens association asked how the candidates would deal with a slimmer state budget in the coming fiscal year.

Vanderhye said she had just voted for a move that cut \$3 billion from the state's budget while preserving funding for education. "This is not the time to raise taxes," she said, but she added that triggers should be set for increasing funding for certain priorities, such as transportation, as the economy improved.

"What I'd like to see us do is what businesses and families are doing and that's to do more with less," Comstock said. She said she wanted a state budget audit initiated to find out what waste and abuse could be cut from expendi-

tures and suggested that the entire budget be made available for scrutiny online.

Asked how local job growth could be increased, Vanderhye cited the recent relocation of the Hilton headquarters to Tysons Corner and the fact that technology giant Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) had just announced its intent to move to the area as evidence that Virginia remained inviting to businesses. In the last five years, five Fortune 500 companies had moved into the state, she said, asserting that Virginia's biggest attraction to employers was its emphasis on education. She said the state could not call itself business-friendly if it wasn't willing to invest in education and transportation.

Comstock noted that the state's three Democratic candidates for governor had joined in a union picket line outside a Hilton hotel earlier in the year, and she said Democratic efforts on the federal level, such as emissions cap-and-trade legislation and the union "card-check bill" would only kill jobs and cost money. She advocated 10 percent tax cuts for small

businesses in the state.

ASKED for a position on nuclear power, Comstock noted that 80 percent of carbon-free electricity came from nuclear plants. She said she supported nuclear energy, as well as wind power and other renewable sources, adding that advances in those technologies could create jobs and be exported worldwide.

Vanderhye, though, said nuclear energy was one of the most expensive and heavily subsidized sources of energy, and she said she wanted the state to become a leader in energy technology like biofuel, wind and solar power.

In response to other questions, the candidates agreed to work with other area legislators to mitigate traffic on Georgetown Pike and try to get Route 7 widened between Loudoun County and Tysons Corner, and to make efforts to protect the local environment and the Potomac River. Neither was sure what to do about deer overpopulation, but they voiced support for more Lyme disease treatment and awareness. Both vowed to push for Metro funding.

FAITH

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

Faith and Public Policy Discussion. Saturday, Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Free continental breakfast. Presentation by Ali Faruk, an analyst from the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, followed by an open discussion. 703-556-0123 or martinrs@aol.com.

The Antioch Christian Church of Vienna will hold special services at 11 a.m. for World communion Sunday, Oct. 4. The church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, VA. The public is invited to attend.

Oakton United Methodist Church and the Salem Korean Methodist Congregation will worship together on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, 10:55 a.m. at the Oakton UMC Sanctuary.

The service will include music and readings in both Korean and English with Pastors Don Hawks, Jong Kim, and Duk J. Hong leading the service. Oakton UMC is located at 2951 Chain Bridge Road. For additional information, see the church's web site www.oaktonumc.org

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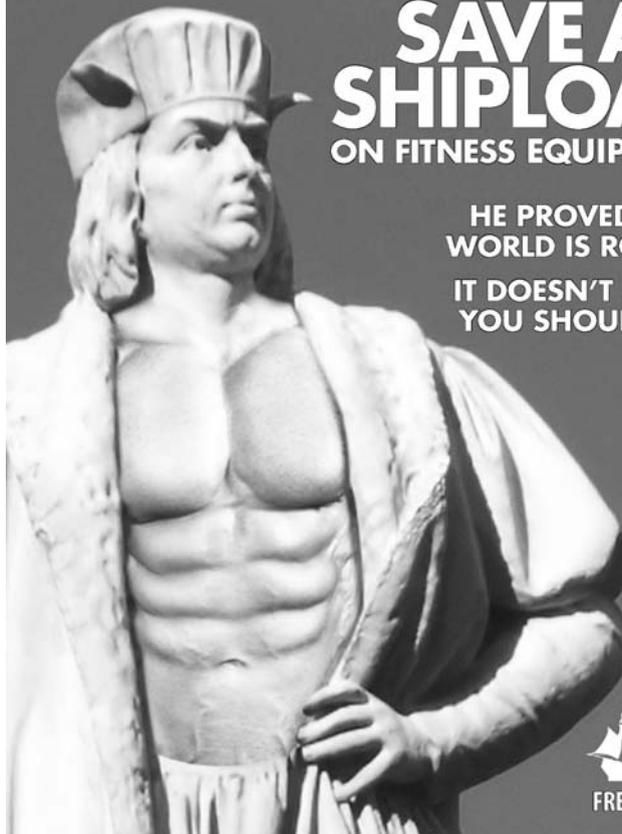
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Prize Giveaway Kicks Off Art Tour

Studios offer \$2,000 in prizes to promote the event.

Great Falls Studios, a service organization made up of 88 Great Falls artists, will give away \$2,000 in prizes to help promote The Sixth Annual Great Falls Art Studios Tour. The event is on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, and a free registration for a drawing to determine prizewinners has already been set up.

Forty certificates, each worth \$50 toward purchase of art during the Tour, will be given away. Participants must register online or at various locations in Great Falls. The prize certificates, called "Art Bucks," can be used toward purchase of art during the Tour or up to five days after. Art prices range from below \$50 to several thousand dollars.

The Tour is an annual celebration of creativity that has put Great Falls on the map as a center for the visual arts. Visitors drive the back roads of the village to meet artists in home studios where they create.



A Great Falls 'Art Buck' is worth \$50 toward the purchase of art on the Great Falls Art Studios Tour, Oct. 17 and 18. Forty of these certificates will be given away as prizes in a free drawing that you can enter online or at registries throughout Great Falls.

Sixth Annual Great Falls Art Studios Tour

What: Free driving tour on scenic back roads of Great Falls, to meet 44 artists in their home art studios. Studios are in historic buildings, barns, large contemporary houses, rustic homes in the woods and other unusual buildings.

When: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine.

Where: Throughout Great Falls. Pick up a free program with map and driving directions at any venue marked by directional signs and blue

balloons, including the Great Falls Library. Or download a copy of the map and directory of artists from www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

Notable aspects: Opportunity to visit with potters, painters, photographers, sculptors, quilters, jewelry designers and other artists where they create. Artists will be demonstrating their work. High-quality local art will be offered for sale. The Tour is a benefit for the Great Falls School of Art administered by the non-profit Great Falls Foundation for the Arts.

Last year, more than 2,400 studio visits took place. The Tour is supported by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts and the Great Falls Business & Professional Association.

To take part in the online drawing, go to the art group's Web site, www.GreatFallsStudios.com. Press the "Tour Button" and follow the prompts. Or fill out an entry in person at Great Falls Community Library (9830 Georgetown Pike), Falls Hardware (776 Walker Road), Katie's Coffee (760 Walker Road), Jennifer's Pastries at the Great Falls Farmer's Market or the Artists' Atelier (1144 Walker Road). There is a limit of one entry per person, and members of Great Falls Studios and their families are not eligible.

Registration for the drawing closes on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. Selection of the winners will be on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. Winners will be notified by phone immediately and can pick up their prize at the Great Falls Library during the Tour. "Art Bucks" are redeemable for art only.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

Charlotte Martin and Matt Duke. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 2

Game of Love and Chance. 8 p.m. at First Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1stStageSpringHill.org/game.

Kim Richey and Will Kimbrough at 7 p.m. and **Betaraz Entertainment Presents: VA Strong** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

McLean Community Players' "The Importance of Being Earnest," 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$15 adults and \$13 for students and seniors, available at the box office, by phone at 703-790-9223 or through Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT, or www.ticketmaster.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Vienna Oktoberfest 2009. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Historic Church St., Vienna. Live music, food, beer garden, free children's activities and entertainment stage, and a festival marketplace. Sponsored by the Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce. 703-

281-1333 or dpoldy@vtccc.org.
The Vienna Optimist Club's 4th Annual "Walk for Growing Hope," to assist local children diagnosed with cancer, will begin prior to the Oktoberfest at 8 a.m. from the parking lot across from the Vienna train station.

Dulles Day Family Festival and 17th Annual Plane Pull. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Washington Dulles International Airport, behind Cargo Building 5. Follow signs on airport grounds to event parking. Admission and parking are free. The Plane Pull pits teams of 25 people in a game of "tug of war" against a FedEx jet. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Virginia. Kids' Bus Pull, games and activities, live music and car show. Aircraft on display include military, civilian and World War II-era aircraft: P-51 Mustang "Quicksilver," F4U-SU Corsair, HU-16 Albatross and A-26 Douglas Invader, KC-135R, C-160, A-10 and more. 703-359-4301 or www.planepull.com.

Masterworks 2 with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. Christopher Zimmerman, Music Director. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Mendelssohn's Overture to The Fair Melusine, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and Beethoven's Symphony No. 4. Pre-concert lecture free to ticketed patrons. 7 p.m. 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com.

Country Western Dance. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., two-step lessons at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. \$10 NVCWA members, \$12 non-members. www.nvcwa.org or 703-860-4941.

Game of Love and Chance. 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at First Stage, 1524 Spring

Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1stStageSpringHill.org/game.

The Ditty Bops at 7 p.m. and **Popa Chubby** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Awareness Walk. 10 a.m. at Meadowlark Park at 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court. www.nami.org/namiwalks09/VIR/ or NVNavigators, 703-624-1044 or 703-867-5671.

McLean Community Players' "The Importance of Being Earnest," 2 p.m. at the Alden Theater in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. There will be a pre-show lecture by George Mason University theater professor Rick Davis at this show only. \$15 adults and \$13 for students and seniors, available at the box office, by phone at 703-790-9223 or through Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.

Ultimate Warrior Challenge Mixed Martial Arts. 7 p.m. at GMU's Patriot Center. With MMA Fighter Iman "Mannie" Aich and Pro wrestler Sumie Sakai in a 115-pound special attraction. Tickets available at Ticketmaster outlets and www.uwcmma.com.

Martinez & Guthrie. Acoustic music. 4 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

MPAartfest. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison

Blvd. Children's ArtWalk and ArtTent. Live performances all day. Food from local restaurants available for purchase. 703-790-1953 or www.mpaart.org.

Saint Luke Concert Series with Pianist Elena Ulyanova. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke's Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Piano solos from Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Chopin and more. \$15 adults, \$10 students. 703-356-0670 or www.elena-ulyanova.com.

The Scenic, The Status, Chasing Daylight and Michael Butler at 2 p.m. **Tom Russell CD Release** at 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Presents Pianist, Singer and Humorist Marty Henne. 3 p.m. at the Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, Vienna. \$15. 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 5

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Short stories with music and finger play. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/OCT. 6

David Knopfer of Dire Straits. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance. 7 p.m. at Colvin

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Lillian Chreky of Great Falls graduated from the 2009 Governor's School of Agriculture held at Virginia Tech on June 28 to July 25. Chreky, a senior from Langley High School, was one of 96 rising junior and senior high school students from across the commonwealth selected to participate in the month-long summer residential program for gifted students interested in agriculture and natural resources.

Eric B. Caine of McLean has been awarded highest honors at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N. H. The eleventh grade student is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Caine of McLean.

Brigid Donovan of McLean has been named to the third trimester honors list at Saint James School in St. James, Md. The tenth grader is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Donovan of McLean.

McLean residents **Lee Betancourt**, a senior, **Catharine Comstock**, a junior, and **Caitlin-Marie Ward**, a sophomore, have been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Villanova University in Villanova, Pa.

Cara Roddy of McLean has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Champlain College in Burlington, Vt. Roddy is the daughter of Diana and Timothy Roddy of McLean.

Erin Ellis of McLean has been named to the spring 2009 dean's list at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Ct. Ellis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn I. Ellis of McLean.

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Conservation Trust Honors Connolly

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) celebrated 15 years of "Saving Nearby Nature" at its Third Annual September Showcase on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the home of Doug and Barbara Cobb in Great Falls. The 15-acre Cobb property has been permanently protected from development through a voluntary land preservation agreement with NVCT.

Through such agreements and other land conservation tools, NVCT has preserved more than 5,000 acres of environmentally important lands in eight different jurisdictions.

At the event, NVCT presented its Crystal Award to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) in recognition of his long and continuing support of NVCT. Also in attendance were State Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), Dels. Vivian Watts (D-39) and Ken Plum (D-36), Arlington County Board Members Barbara Favola and Walter Tejada, Wes Callender from the Supervisor John Foust's (D-Dranesville) office and James Spangler, Alexandria's director of recreation, parks and cultural activities.

Volunteers Needed For Watershed Cleanup

Volunteers participating in the International Coastal Cleanup, the Ocean Conservancy's annual worldwide effort to remove marine debris, recently began a drive to rid Fairfax County waterways of cigarette butts, cans, bottles, straws, plastic bags, cups, diapers, tires, appliances and other human detritus. Individuals, students, families, scouts and other community groups can choose from more than 20 cleanups scheduled through October, including Watershed Cleanup Day events at eight Fairfax County Park Authority sites on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9-11:30 a.m.

Cleanup events will take place rain or shine. Volunteers are advised to wear boots, old clothes and to bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation will be provided. Volunteers in Great Falls area are requested to register directly by contacting the following sites:

- Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, 703-759-2771
- Riverbend Visitor Center, 703-759-9018

For assistance locating or planning a cleanup in Fairfax County, call the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, a local resource conservation agency, at 703-324-1423, TTY 711. Cleanup sites can also be found by visiting the Ocean Conservancy's online database at www.signuptocleanup.org.

'Cuts for the Cure' At Tysons Galleria

Salon Bleu in Tysons Galleria is hosting a fund raiser on behalf of The Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "Cuts for the Cure" will take place on Sunday, Oct. 4. All of the service revenue from this event will be donated to Komen Maryland.

This organization will use the money to fund breast cancer research, education and screening and treatment programs such as the "National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund" to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives.

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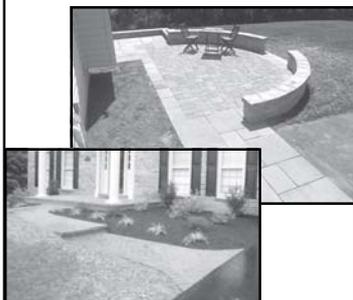
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San Francisco-based singer-songwriter Megan Slankard with fellow San Franciscan Jeff Campbell will perform at Jammin' Java at 7:30 p.m. This is one of several performances on their tour throughout New York, Pennsylvania and the D.C. area.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 7

Yosi and the Superdads. 12:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. www.mcleancenter.org.

We Shot The Moon, Lights Resolve and Destry. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Great Falls Friends Cheese and Wine Tasting and Membership Drive. 7 p.m. at Maison de Vin, 795 Walker Road, Village Green Center, Great Falls. 703-759-0375 or www.greatfallsfriends.org.

Health, Wellness, and Fitness Tips for Women. 7 p.m. at STS Health and Fitness 6848 Elm St., McLean, Free seminar with Linda Rudd and Pam Stenborg. 703-442-0748 or www.stsfit.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8

An Evening with Marshall Crenshaw. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 9

Dan Navarro. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 10

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Bel Cantanti Opera Company and "Giulio Cesare" Opera in II Acts by F. Handel. 7:30 p.m. at 1st State Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. www.belcantanti.com.

Falls Church Farm Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cherry Hill Park, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Horse drawn hayrides, a petting farm, pony rides, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, live music, tours of the 1845 farmhouse and more. 703-248-5171.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

Sixth Annual Warhawk 5K Run and One Mile Fun Run. Race day registration begins at 7:45 a.m., events start at 9 a.m. at the track area behind James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. T-shirts for participants, awards to top places in each category. All race proceeds benefit the Madison Cross Country team. Register on-line at www.active.com/framed/event. www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/News/Anniversary/oct11.



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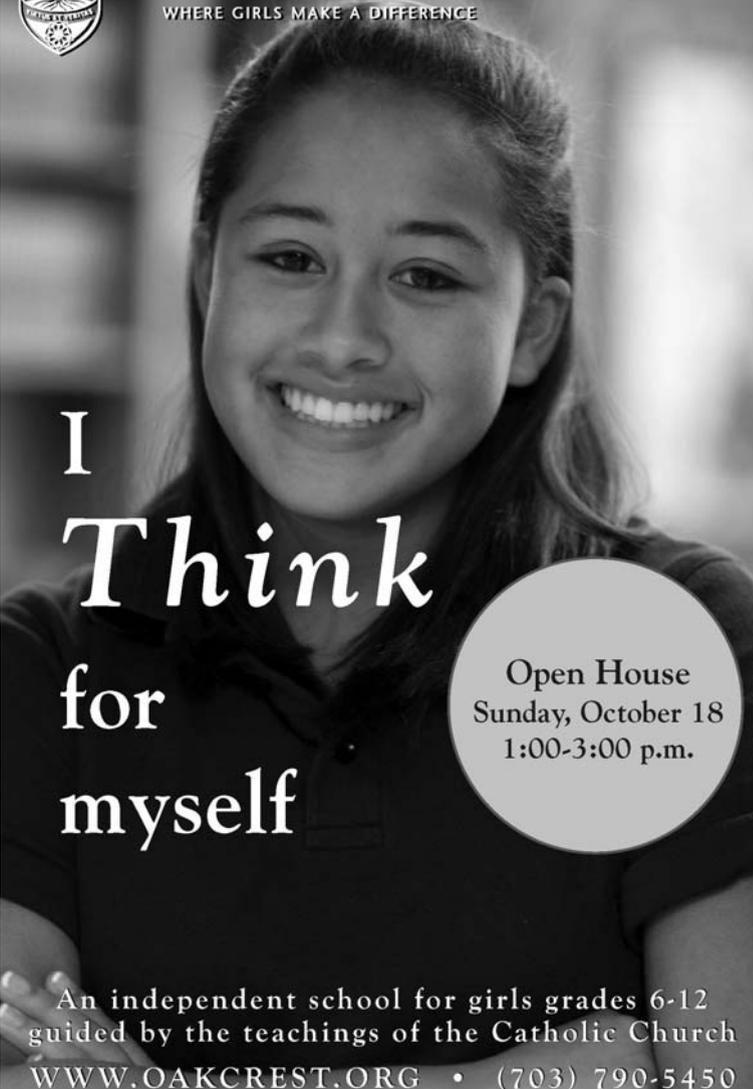
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SPORTS

Pritchett Making Plays for Saxons' Defense

**Langley
linebacker
missed most of
last year with
knee injury.**

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Austin Pritchett is savoring every game he plays this season as a member of the Langley High football team.

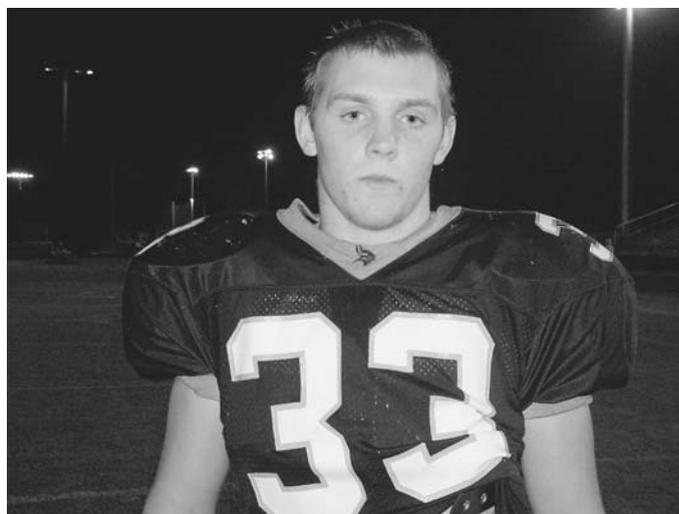
Pritchett, a senior linebacker and backup fullback for the Saxons, is back at full health following a left knee injury that forced him to miss the final seven games of the 2008 season.

"I feel like I'm back 100 percent," said Pritchett, who had a torn ACL and partial MCL tear. "My doctor and [physical] therapist did a good job."

The injury occurred in the first half of a week three game against Herndon last year. Upon coming off the field that night, Pritchett could not walk on his leg. Nevertheless, if it had been up to him, he would have returned to the game.

"I had so much adrenaline going I wanted to go back out there in the second half," said Pritchett.

That, obviously, would have been a mistake and Pritchett is now thankful the team's medical personnel would not allow it. For the next seven months, Pritchett worked on rehabilitating the knee three or four times a week. Running and movement exercises helped build the knee's strength up again. Pritchett said swelling to the knee continued throughout his rehab. Even now he still



Langley High football player Austin Pritchett

experiences swelling at times.

"He worked very hard to recover," said Langley coach John Howerton, who said Pritchett was leading the Saxons in tackles at the time of his injury last year. "He did everything he had to do in rehabilitation."

Pritchett, according to Howerton, is having an outstanding senior season for a Langley team that is struggling at 0-4.

"So far, so good," said Howerton, of Pritchett's good health and strong overall play. "He's having a very good year. That used to be a career-ending injury."

Pritchett, from his inside linebacker position, lets his playing do the talking when he is out on the field.

"He's a no-nonsense kid," said Howerton. "He's a good leader and a team captain, and he's handled adversity well. He's a very hard-nosed kid. In my eyes, he's a team leader. He doesn't go around saying a lot, but he does everything you ask him to. He's tough, smart and extremely coachable."

PRITCHETT grew up playing within the McLean Mustangs' youth football program.

During the fall of his ninth grade year, he was part of a Langley High freshmen team that went 8-0.

"We dominated every game," said Pritchett, of that freshmen team's success. "That was the funnest time of my life."

The following year, he played for the Langley JV squad, but also dressed out for the varsity games.

Then his junior year, he had earned a varsity starting role and was becoming a defensive force before being set back by the knee injury. At about that same time, Pritchett's older brother, senior quarterback Danny, was also out of the line-up with a serious ankle injury.

"It was really frustrating," said Austin Pritchett. "We both had surgery the same week and missed school for a week. It was kind of demoralizing because we'd both been playing football for 10 years. I missed playing with my brother."

Danny Pritchett came back fairly soon following his injury and led the Saxons to a 5-5 record. He currently is playing a tightend position at Randolph Macon College (Ashland, Va.).

Austin Pritchett, an excellent student in the classroom, wants to simply remain healthy and help a younger Saxons' football team earn a few football wins this autumn.

"We've been working hard in practice since August," said Austin Pritchett. "We'll keep working hard. We've been in all our games."

"Austin's the kind of player you love to have in your program," said Howerton. "He's dependable and you can trust him. He's a kid that has had to go through a lot to be where he is. He's the epitome of what you want from a player in a program."

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Doug Stupay (McLean) and William Ruppe (Great Falls) are members of the Trinity College (Conn.) men's soccer team this fall. Stupay, a junior defender, is a returning starter who was part of a 2008 Trinity team that allowed less than one goal per game. Ruppe, a sophomore, also plays on defense. Trinity, coached by Michael Pilger, was 11-5 last year and advanced to the New England Small College Athletic Conference semifinals.

Our Daily Bread, Inc., a Fairfax-based non-profit organization, invites golf enthusiasts of all skill levels to enjoy a great afternoon of golf to help struggling families in Fairfax County. Our Daily Bread's Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 at the South Riding Golf Club. Individual players and teams are welcome to register. The event is sponsored by Ernie Castro of Vienna and the South Riding Golf Club. A \$125 registration fee includes a full round of golf, driving range, golf cart, hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Our Daily Bread's food, financial assistance and financial education programs for working families in the Fairfax county area. In 2008, the non-profit organization provided nearly \$90,000 in emergency financial assistance and more than \$275,000 in food assistance in an effort to help families stay in their homes and regain their financial footing.

Our Daily Bread continues to seek sponsors for the event as well as donations of goods and items to be raffled off at the Tournament dinner. For information on registration, sponsorship and donating goods, visit www.our-daily-bread.org, call 703-273-8829 or e-mail Mike Kledzik at develop@ODBfairfax.org.

Patrick Fish, who resides in Great Falls, was recently named Academic-All American by USA Water Polo. Patrick is a goalie for the Gonzaga College High School varsity water polo team. He also plays for the Naval Academy Aquatics Club. This summer he was chosen as one of two goalies to represent the Northeast Zone at an Olympic Development Program, held in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. He also represented the Naval Academy AC in Junior Olympics, as well as at the U.S. Nationals.

The Fairfax County Youth Football League (FCYFL) has enrolled its 2,000 coaches into USA Football's Certified Coaching Education Program (CCEP). The league encompasses more than 7,200 youngsters from 380 teams throughout Fairfax County in northern Virginia.

McLean Real Green Girls' Team Wins Capital Cup

The McLean Premier Soccer (MPS) Real Green girls' U10 team, coached by Marc Cascio, went undefeated in five games to win the Red Division of the OBG Capital Cup title over Labor Day weekend in Olney, Md. During preliminary play in the 'A' Bracket, the Real triumphed over all three of its Maryland-based opponents to earn a place in the semifinals round. There, the Real overcame a determined SAC United club from Columbia, prevailing 4-1 in penalty kicks following a scoreless tie in regulation. In the championship final, the Real faced rival Vienna Youth Soccer Patriot Black. The Real fell behind 1-0 in the first half before rallying for a 2-1 win. Team members are Kaitlyn Arcari, Hannah Alexander, Cayla Davis, Sinead Eksteen, Jill Gollob, Maddie McConnell, Libby Szymczak, Lila Roades, Elena Shklyar, Cassidy Slavik, Linsey Wenk and Tracy McConaughay.



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FROM PAGE 6

LAST SPRING, with budget cuts in the offing, a staff committee comprising people from library branches and the central office met and decided what materials would have to be discontinued from circulation. Casualties included print editions of Morningstar and Valueline investment services. These services are still available online so patrons can access them on the computers at the library or at home. Another cut that will not be seen until January 2010 when subscriptions would normally be renewed is a 50 percent reduction in magazines. "Libraries will look physically different because there will be less magazines on display. Materials overall that we can provide this year will be half of what was available two years ago," said Pringle.

"People at home with children want a place to go during the day, therefore the children's section is very important."

— Daniela Dixon,
Great Falls Library

One way that libraries are coping with budget cuts is by tapping the resources of their Friends organizations. Each library has a Friends organization that raises money through book sales to help fund library efforts. The Friends of Dolley Madison Library also processes donated books to either be put on library shelves or sold at the book sales. The Friends of Great Falls Library plans to pay for the magazines that were going to be cut in 2010. They have also donated furniture for the children's section. The larger Friends organizations at the regional libraries are able to fund efforts to help the entire system. For example, the George Mason Regional Library Friends group raised and donated \$30,000 to fund training for all FCPL staff in the county, according to Mulrenan. Joining the Friends of a public library is an excellent way to help ease the pain of the budget cuts.

Another great way to help a local library is to volunteer. "Volunteers are essential," said Dixon. "We have several who come in regularly." Volunteers help shelve books and assist staff at the circulation desk.

Volunteers, library staff and Friends groups are all working together to maintain a high level of service for library patrons. The most important thing, said Smith, is that "we want the library to be welcoming and pleasant."

Falls staff since July so that they are cross trained to do all library jobs. Previously, the information and circulation staffs tended to have separate duties. Another new policy since the budget cuts has been that every eight weeks one circulation staff member and one information staff member from each community library, goes to help staff a regional library on Sunday when it is open from 1-5 p.m.

AT ALL LIBRARIES Information staff members now help to shelve holds, organize book and video carts and staff the circulation desk. Circulation staff has taken over many of the jobs previously done by pages since those ranks have been decimated. Circulation staff is also being trained to help trouble-shoot patron problems using the Internet on the public computers. "We have reallocated many tasks that pages used to do, such as tidying up the library shelves and tables, taking care of the American flag, picking up the newspapers that are delivered and putting out the signs," said Starr Smith, branch manager at Dolley Madison library in McLean. By doing this the pages can focus on shelving books. Janega of Patrick Henry echoed the need for this focus. "Keeping books on the shelves has been the biggest challenge," she said. "The business level has kept up, even increased, with the recession."

Smith has seen irony in the effect on library service of recent budget cuts in Fairfax County. "The cuts changed a lot that we took for granted. For example, we have fewer staff to do story hours for children at a time when the public wants more programs" due to tighter finances in the current recession.

Two other effects of the cuts have been longer lines for service and shortened hours. "People do not like the shortened hours," said Janega.

Mulrenan said that "fewer evening hours are bad for those who work during the day, those who need to use library computers, kids who need the library to do homework and for users of community rooms that aren't open when the libraries are closed."

Another major effect of the decreased funding has been the decrease in materials for patrons to check out. Julie Pringle, the coordinator of Collection Management and Acquisitions for FCPL, notes that the budget for library materials has gone down dramatically. In the fiscal year 2000 the budget was \$5,514,214. By 2009, it had dropped to \$4,053,488, and for 2010 it is \$3,053,488, a \$1,000,000 decrease. For the corresponding years the per patron materials budget has gone from \$6.33 per patron in 2000 to \$3.56 per patron in 2009 and to \$2.71 per patron for 2010. "Circulation, which is the number of items checked out, has increased 7-9 percent annually over the last three years, while the money to buy new materials has decreased 37 percent," said Pringle.

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Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
 Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
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Improved by the premises known as
 3533 Valeview Drive, Oakton, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Michael Cole and Susan Benikas, dated July 24, 2002, and recorded August 5, 2002, in Deed Book 13181 at page 1017 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Thursday, October 15, 2009

At 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 36, Section 4-C, Valewood Manor Subdivision, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5534 at page 1575, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3533 Valeview Drive, Oakton, Virginia 22124.

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This sale is being made subject to a superior trust.

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