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Terra Centre Sidewalk Ready for Back-to-School

Sidewalk project part of community focus to improve pedestrian safety.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Just in time for the beginning of the new school year, the long-awaited sidewalk in front of Terra Centre Elementary School in Burke is officially open.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, the sidewalk that connects the corner of Pond Spice Lane and Burke Centre Parkway was inaugurated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock).

"Construction began earlier this summer and is finished ahead of schedule, and in time for the opening of the school year," Cook said. Terra Centre Elementary, located at 6000 Burke Center Parkway, is part of the Robinson Secondary School pyramid with an enrollment of 550 students.

"As a Burke Centre resident, I think the new sidewalk is a much-needed infrastructure improvement to enhance pedestrian safety and encourage pedestrian access to



Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), county and VDOT staff, parents and students of Terra Centre Elementary School and members of the Burke Centre Conservancy cut the ribbon for the new sidewalk in front of Terra Centre Elementary on Thursday, Aug. 25.

Terra Centre," said Kevin Morse, a member of the Braddock District Transportation Advisory Council. "I hope Terra Centre students on the south side of Burke Centre Parkway will consider using it and take

some pressure off the kiss and ride line that backs up there. It's also a great opportunity to get out and walk instead of driving, for Burke Centre residents who attend community meetings there."

Cook said the sidewalk improvement, submitted in 2009 as part of the County's Spot Transportation Projects list, is one step among many to improve pedestrian safety and access along the parkway.

"This has been one of my two spot improvement priorities. The new sidewalk will allow parents to walk their children to school safely, which they couldn't do before the sidewalk for a number of reasons," Cook said.

The project began two years ago, when Cook hosted a community meeting prompted by citizens' concerns about pedestrian safety. "More than 75 people showed up, so that emphasized the level of concern. Representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) were there, and we had many community representatives, including PTA members from Terra Centre," Cook said.

"I asked the transportation folks, 'what can we realistically do?' From the beginning, we wanted to concentrate on what's doable. First, we formed a task force that laid out goals and strategies, and they deserve a lot of credit for making this happen," Cook said.

The Burke Centre Parkway (BCP) Pedestrian and Motorist Safety Task Force, formed

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Tim Dingess reviews deployment orders Aug. 26 as his dog Lago sits next to him. Dingess is a professional civilian canine handler with Virginia Task Force 1 and is currently deployed to New England to assist with recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irene.



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Czaro, an 8-year-old German shepherd, waits to deploy Aug. 26 with Virginia Task Force 1, the international urban search and rescue team sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

VATF-1 Continues Hurricane Irene Operations Up North

Search and Rescue team deployed in New England.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue team, known as Virginia Task Force 1, is continuing its rescue operations along the East Coast in the wake of Hurricane Irene. "We have 74 team members standing by in Waterbury, Conn.," said Battalion Chief Chris Schaff Tuesday, Aug. 30. "Flood waters are anticipated as rivers crest later today and they will remain in place as long as they are needed."

VATF-1 deployed on Friday morning, Aug. 26, to

Fort Bragg, N.C. They returned to Fairfax headquarters briefly Sunday afternoon to retrieve additional rescue equipment.

"Our team returned home for a few hours to pick up swift water rescue gear and four additional boats," Schaff said. "They were then immediately deployed to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey and then to Connecticut where they remain activated."

The VATF-1 team includes doctors, structural engineers, hazardous material specialists, heavy riggers and four canine rescue teams.

"We had one injury to a team member in New Jersey," Schaff said. "A hand laceration required surgery but the team member was released this morning and is heading home. Otherwise, everyone is doing well and prepared to continue recovery operations in the wake of Irene."



Firefighter Michael Moore of Station 14 in Burke checks through his bags Aug. 26 before he deploys to North Carolina with VATF-1. The team is in Connecticut assisting in the wake of Hurricane Irene.

Braddock District Candidates Agree to 10 Debates

Local Democrats 'united' in bid to reclaim Braddock District from GOP incumbent.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

If anyone doubted that local Republicans and Democrats are engaged in a fierce battle to capture the Braddock District Board of Supervisors seat, that notion was dispelled soon after the Aug. 23 primary election.

With a 42-vote lead, former Fairfax County School Board member Janet Oleszek declared victory over opponent Chris Wade on election night,

positioning her as the Democratic nominee to challenge incumbent Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). But Wade said he would not concede until the Virginia Board of Elections completed an automatic canvass of votes on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Almost immediately after the canvass confirmed Oleszek's narrow victory over Wade by 47 votes, Anthony Bedell, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, issued this statement:

"In a highly divisive primary, Braddock District Democrats defied [Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman] Sharon

Bulova's (D-At-large) 'leadership' and opted to nominate long-time left-wing activist Janet Oleszek to run for Supervisor. Janet Oleszek's campaign proved the old adage, 'the more things change, the more they remain the same.' In 2009, The Washington Post described Ms. Oleszek's losing campaign for State Senate as 'embarrassingly short on substance.' Voters looking at her supervisor's campaign will note the same."

Bedell's assertion that Oleszek's victory defied Bulova's leadership, referred to the fact that Bulova and several other Democratic supervisors had endorsed Wade in the primary.

On Aug. 24, Bedell's e-mail was soon followed by a statement from Cook, who had called the Democratic primary "the amateur hour."

"Last night, I called Janet Oleszek to congratulate her on her primary victory. I welcome her to the fall campaign. Ms. Oleszek also accepted my invitation to engage in a series of debates. We agreed that the people of the Braddock District are entitled to see

their candidates debate the issues of the day," Cook said in his statement, in which he also prodded Oleszek to commit to a series of 10 "neighborhood-style" debates. "To get started, I am certainly willing to schedule a debate now on the terms Ms. Oleszek proposed to Mr. Wade during their just-concluded campaign. I am available as early as this weekend."

In an interview on Saturday, Aug. 27, Cook elaborated. "Her challenge here is to show whether something has changed or not from 2007, when The Washington Post said she was short on substance," Cook said. "The debates are going to be important to the voters, and I look forward to every one of them."

"If John Cook wants to attack Janet's 39-year record of public service in Fairfax County, he should man up and do it himself and not hide behind his local political party chairman," said Ben Tribbett, Oleszek's chief campaign advisor. Tribbett

"The Braddock District supervisor election will be one of the top priorities of Fairfax Democrats."

— Rex Simmons, chairman of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee

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At-large School Board Race: One To Watch

Activists, candidates, issues converge to create closely watched race.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Debates over discipline, boundaries, budgets, standardized tests and sleep have generated Fairfax County's most closely watched and contested School Board race in the board's 19-year history.

"Is this an outrageously large slate of candidates? Yes," said Susan Jennings, Fairfax County's coordinator for candidate services since 1994. "I haven't seen this much interest since 1995, when we had our first School Board elections. That was very chaotic."

Of the 12 School Board seats, six are up for grabs, including three at-large seats. The only at-large incumbent running for reelection is Ilryong Moon, who served three terms on the board, including a stint as the board's chair in 2006. Incumbents who will not seek reelection include Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill), Tessie Wilson (Braddock), Brad Center (Lee), Tina Hone (At-large), Jim Raney (At-large) and Liz Bradsher (Springfield).

"When you have that many vacancies, you get more people interested in throwing their hat in the ring," Jennings said.

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As of Monday, Aug. 8, 11 candidates are running for the at-large seats, and the top three vote-getters on Nov. 8 will serve a 4-year term, with an annual salary of \$20,000. They are Maria C. Allen, Jeannie H. Armstrong, Sheree Brown-Kaplan, Catherine Clark, Christina M. Guthrie, Lin-Dai Y. Kendall, Lolitta Mancheno-Smoak, Ryan L. McElveen, Irylong Moon, Steven Stuban and Ted Velkoff.

Trying to pin down exactly who is running — or not running — is not that easy, Jennings said. Potential candidates have until Aug. 23 to declare his or her candidacy.

"It's tricky this time of year. Anything can happen in the next few weeks, and it probably will," Jennings said. "The first thing I want to do is help keep them out of trouble (in the filing process)," Jennings said.

But the filing process has not been a major issue this election cycle. In addition to the heated rhetoric over the issues, drama over the candidates themselves has sharpened the focus on this race.

In the past month, several candidates have withdrawn, including Bradsher, who ignited a firestorm of debate over her support for the closing Clifton Elementary School. In June, she said she was considering a bid for an at-large seat, instead of running for her seat in the Springfield District. According to Jennings, as of Monday, Aug. 8, she has not filed the necessary paperwork for the at-large seat.

Although the School Board is officially a nonpartisan office, candidates actively seek endorsement by the county's Republican or Democratic committees. No one has been elected without backing from one

of the major political parties, but many say that could change this year.

On July 1, at-large candidate Charisse Espy Glassman, who was endorsed by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee on May 24, withdrew from race, citing personal reasons. It later came to light that Glassman, the niece of former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, was charged with assault and possession of a prohibited weapon after the Jan. 24 incident in the District of Columbia, according to D.C. Superior Court records.

Currently Moon, Velkoff and McElveen have the Democratic Party's endorsement.

When Glassman withdrew, Armstrong, a newcomer for an at-large seat, announced that she would seek the Democratic endorsement. After McElveen was chosen, Armstrong sent out a news release on Aug. 1 saying that she had filed an appeal to the endorsement vote, citing "multiple problems and irregularities with the endorsement election process."

According to the release, her appeal was filed with the three Democratic Congressional District chairs for the congressional districts in Fairfax County and the Virginia Democratic Party. The Congressional District chairs or their appointees will hear the appeal pursuant to the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, the rules of the Democratic Party in Virginia.

On July 20, the Fairfax County Republican Committee handed down three at-large endorsements. The endorsed candidates are Mancheno-Smoak, Kendall

and Brown-Kaplan.

"It is critical that those serious contenders for the School Board have the drive to assure that the impressive gains that Fairfax has achieved not be devalued or diminished," said Janet Olescek, who served one term on the School Board from 2004-08 as an at-large member. "Strong schools are necessary to continue to attract jobs, and maintain our excellent property values."

Fairfax County Public Schools, the 11th largest school district in the nation with an estimated 177,629 students, operates on a \$2.2 billion budget, which is larger than the education budget of nearly 15 states. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors sets the tax rate for the school system; the School Board allocated funding. The total county transfer to support school operating and debt service is \$1.77 billion or 52.5 percent of total county disbursements

Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), a member of the Board of Supervisors, said that he's hearing a lot of anger from his constituents about the school system and the School Board.

"On the School Board race, I think there is enough anger on these issues that the bottom of the ticket races will drive some of the voter turnout," Herrity said.

Many parents and school advocates blamed FCPS' rigid discipline policies when two students committed suicide. Josh Anderson, of South Lakes High School, took his life in March 2009; and Nick Stuban, called a "model student" at W.T. Woodson High School, committed suicide on Jan. 20.

Since his son's death, Steve Stuban and his wife Sandy, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease, have become advocates for reforming the school system's disciplinary process. With the support of many parents and friends, Stuban said he was also motivated to seek an at-large seat on the School Board.

Meet the Candidates

The Connection asked every at-large School Board candidate the following question:

What are the two most important decisions you anticipate voting on as school board members, and why are they important/relevant?

Sheree Brown-Kaplan: Brown-Kaplan, a Virginia native, is a graduate of Fairfax County Public Schools, with a degree in history from George Mason University. After leaving a position in the Office of Management and Budget, she worked in government affairs for a Fortune 500 company and, later, advocated for the interests of a trade association representing small, family-owned businesses. She has two children in FCPS. For more information, go to www.brownaplan4schoolboard.com

"The two most important decisions I anticipate the new School Board must decide center on the best uses of our public resources. The most important decision the School Board must make is to ensure that it keeps down class sizes and maintains a strong curriculum. We need to focus resources on class sizes that are most appropriate for both student learning and teacher effectiveness. I support keeping teacher-student ratios low and will make reasonable class sizes a top priority. I also support offering a range of curriculum choices for our students, especially those who are not academically ready for college level courses yet insufficiently challenged by general education classes. Every student should have options that will further their opportunities not a one size fits all approach that discounts individual need."

Secondly, the School Board must address ways to maintain highly skilled teachers for our world class school system. An excellent teacher is the single most defining feature of student success. Our teachers make less than their counterparts in other jurisdictions. That does not bode well for teacher retention and morale. I support compensating our teachers in a way that values their contributions and benefits our students."

Ilryong Moon: An attorney with two sons who graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Moon immigrated to the United States from Korea as a teenager. He attended T.C. Williams High School and has a bachelor's degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard University. He received a J.D. from the College of William and Mary. The only incumbent running for an at-large seat, Moon has served three terms on the School Board. A resident of Kings Park West, he served as the School Board's vice chairman in 2005 and chairman in 2006. For more information, go to www.moon4schools.com.

"Superintendent's Contract: The superintendent is the most important employee of the school system. The current contract expires on June 30, 2013 and the contract renewal decision is generally made about a year before it expires. We need to make sure that the school system has a superintendent whose leadership inspires others working in the school system and helps all of our students reach their full potential."

"Budget Decisions: With the economy still lagging, the next School Board will be faced with more difficult budgetary decisions. I recently proposed a motion to increase the ability of the School Board to conduct administrative efficiency reviews and audits because I believe we need to ensure no dollar that could otherwise go into the classroom or to teachers is wasted through bureaucracy. The current school Board has been very successful putting in place budget cuts and adjustments that did not impede our school system's continuing academic improvement. So while our per-pupil cost has fallen, test scores and other indicators of academic achievement have been on the rise."

Ted Velkoff: A Rocky Run resident, Velkoff has lived in Fairfax County for 19 years. A software architect, Velkoff has a master's degree in conducting music and computer science from Indiana University, and a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Cincinnati. He served as an officer in several PTAs, including Poplar Tree Elementary School, Rocky Run Middle School and Chantilly High School, where he served as president for two years. He also served as campaign treasurer for Sully District School Board Member Kathy Smith, former Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67). For more information, go to www.tv4sb.org.

"The most important decision the School Board will make is the hir-



Brown-Kaplan



Moon

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CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 1

Oh Susannah. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
Atlas, Harlan Simple and Go (acoustic). 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 2

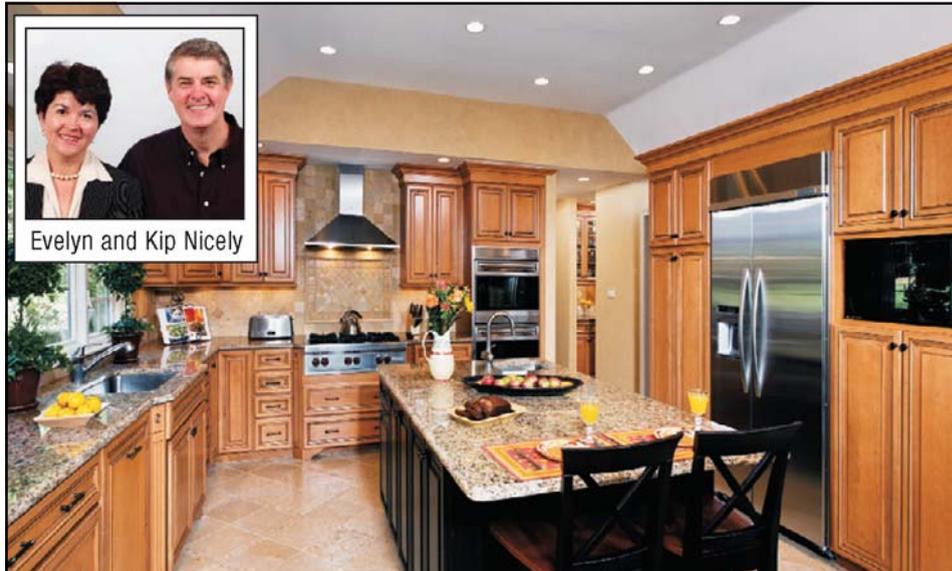
Fireday V: "Fifth Flight Forward." 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
Three Band Show. 9:30 p.m. Old Firestation #3, 3988 University Drive, Fairfax. With original music performed by The Absent Center, Big Green Cherry and Starryville. 703-383-1030.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Line dance lesson 7:30 p.m., couples specialty dance lesson 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha and more. Couples and singles welcome. Admission \$5-\$12. Snacks and drinks available. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.
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OPINION

Surviving One Crazy Week

Contested primaries about as comfortable as earthquakes, but with far greater benefit.

A 5.8 earthquake gave the region a shaking up last Tuesday, and while it was mostly harmless, two landmarks, the Washington Monument and the National Cathedral, are still closed.

The quake came amidst primary election day for both Republicans and Democrats, with at least two somewhat unexpected results. It's a sign of health for both parties that candidates are prepared to compete in primary elections.

While some have cited the negativity in one of the Democratic primary races, the benefits of contested races outweigh the negatives, especially in districts that lean so heavily to one party, the primary is the election.

(It's true that the vitriolic negativity in the primary for the 31st, carried out via hundreds of thousands of dollars in slick mailers, was an unfortunate introduction for the many voters new to the district.)

But voters in the 30th and 31st Senate districts were offered real choices. Too often these races involve the anointing of incumbent or heir-apparent who are then practically guar-

anteed a seat after the general election.

Not this time.

The message was that good candidates can rise up and seek election. And the Republican challengers in these two races cannot be counted out, especially Caren Merrick in the 31st.

There were also Republican races for the right to challenge Virginia Senators George Barker, Toddy Puller and Dave Marsden, and Sheriff Stan Barry (D) of Fairfax.

Two Democrats faced off in a very close race for the right to challenge Supervisor John Cooke in the Braddock District of Fairfax County.

The sad part was the timing and the turnout. The August primary, necessitated by the resolution of redistricting, and other factors lead to a voter turnout of less than 10 percent in most areas.

And then, to complete the week, Hurricane Irene gave the area a power wash.

EDITORIALS

Supporting Schultz

To the Editor:

I recently graduated from West Springfield High School, and I will be attending Randolph Macon College in the fall. I have lived in the Springfield District for my whole life, and during that time, I have always attended Fairfax County Public Schools. Although I am very happy with the education that my school system provided me with, during the past four years of high school, I have realized that there are some flaws in the school system.

Even though Fairfax County has one of the best school systems in the country, the condition that our schools are in does not live up to the quality of the education that we are receiving. During the past four years, I found it difficult to focus on my education and to find pride in being a West Springfield Spartan when the learning environment that I was a part of was not welcoming. Whether it be the radical temperature changes in the classrooms due to archaic heating and cooling systems or the dreadful bathrooms, it is clear that West Springfield is outdated and in need of a serious renovation.

One of the key aspects of [Republican Springfield District School Board candidate] Elizabeth Schultz's platform is to focus on improving the learning environ-

ment at West Springfield High School. If elected she plans to make the necessary renovations to West Springfield High School to make it a school that students can be proud of.

As a parent of four students and an advocate for improving the learning environment in Fairfax County Public Schools, Elizabeth Schultz has the necessary skills and knowledge to enact the change that we need in our schools in the Springfield District. I will be voting for Elizabeth Schultz in the fall, and I encourage members of my community to vote for her as well.

LETTERS

Bobby Bradshaw
Springfield

Energy Tax Rebate

To the Editor:

I am a single homeowner in Burke with no kids. I pay thousands annually for property taxes, over 60 percent of which goes towards K-12 grade education, for which I receive no direct benefit. I would like the county to establish an energy efficiency tax rebate to help homeowners without kids invest in their homes and jobs in the local community.

A tax rebate credit of 50 percent

for a \$1,000-\$2,000 investment into home energy efficiency upgrades would return \$500-\$1,000, which is roughly 12 to 24 percent of the average property tax paid, and far short of the 60 percent we pay towards K-12th grade education. The county would still see a return on that investment because of the economic activity it would generate and increased property values in some cases. It would also aid in lowering the county's electricity consumption and need for new generation capacity. Studies show that improving windows and HVAC systems to new efficiency standards can save as much as 30 percent of electricity demand. Returning taxpayer's money with the requirement that it be used for energy efficiency investments that will promote economic activity, jobs and reduced electricity demand in the county is a win-win.

Emile Derek Boyle
Burke

Understands Constituents

To the Editor:

I have lived in the Springfield District for almost 20 years. Two years ago, after the birth of twins, one of my good friends began to plan a small addition to her house. As a young couple, she and her husband had saved up just enough

Nuclear Caution, Food for Thought

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is sending a team to the North Anna nuclear power plant, which shut down during last week's earthquake. The plant, located just 10 miles from the epicenter of Tuesday's 5.8 quake, was reported designed to withstand that magnitude quake and no more, but shaking at the location of the quake might have exceeded that.

The plant could be shut down for six weeks to six months according to a report in the Freelance Star newspaper. North Anna is about 70 miles from our area.

In April, the Surry nuclear plant, about 140 miles away, automatically shut down after losing power when a tornado hit the electrical switchyard next to the plant, reported the Virginia Gazette newspaper. Diesel generators kicked in to provide emergency power.

- MARY KIMM

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Sidewalk Improvements

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in 2010, included members of the Burke Centre Conservancy, Fairfax County Public Schools, Burke Walks Safe and Green, the Terra Centre Parent Teacher Association and staff from the Virginia and Fairfax County Departments of Transportation.

Bill Harrell, a task force member who works for the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, said a growing concern existed that Burke Centre Parkway was not safe to cross, especially in front of Terra Centre. He said the sidewalk was just part of a "long-term plan" to address concerns about pedestrian safety.

In May, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to endorse a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) grant request for \$400,000, submitted jointly by Task Force representatives from FCPS, the county, parents at Terra Centre Elementary School and the Conservancy.

Cook said he expects to hear about funding by next spring. "We've submitted the application to the Virginia Department of

Transportation for review by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. It's part of our short, medium and long-term strategy to address some of these safety concerns," he said.

If approved, the grant request would improve sidewalks along the north side of the parkway from Burke Commons Road all along the front of the shopping center. It would also improve the crosswalk at Marshall Pond and Schoolhouse Woods roads, which does not have a signal, by widening the concrete median and narrowing the travel lanes to better facilitate pedestrian crossing.

"In the short term, I'm looking forward to the results of a VDOT study to determine the eligibility of an additional signalized crossing at Terra Centre and the Safe Routes To School application for additional improvements on the north side of Burke Centre Parkway," Morse said.

The task force preliminary report is now online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock>. A community meeting to publicly share that report is being scheduled for this fall, Cook said.

"I think the new sidewalk is a much needed infrastructure improvement."

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ing of a superintendent. As the public face of our school system, the superintendent represents FCPS both internally to staff and families and also externally to educational institutions, governmental agencies, and the public at large. At a minimum, the superintendent is responsible for administering the school system in accordance with the goals and objectives set by the School Board. Beyond this role, however, he or she must have the full trust and confidence of the School Board and the Board of Supervisors; teachers and employees; parents and students; and also local citizens and our business community. During the upcoming term, no decision will have greater influence on the vision for the future of our schools.

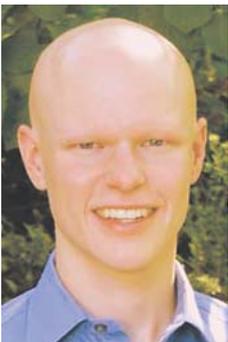
"The School Board must complete a thorough review and revision of its values and goals as one of its first orders of business. Since the superintendent must be held accountable for reflecting the values of the community as represented by the School Board, the newly elected School Board must establish the values and goals that will guide its work during the upcoming term. While such a review has been undertaken periodically, the turnover in School Board membership this fall makes this review essential. In order to guide its own work and that of the superintendent, School Board members must have a shared vision of their goals and the values that drive those goals. It is not adequate that newly elected board members inherit a governance plan that was created before their time. Nor is it acceptable that they operate without such a plan. I look forward to creating a shared vision with the new Board and with input from FCPS' constituents."

Ryan McElveen:

Born and raised in Vienna, McElveen attended Marshall High School, where he served as class president and graduated with an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) employed him from 2005-07 as an assistant testing coordinator. He currently works in the



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McElveen

International Operations and Policy Office of the Boeing Company and is a Mandarin Chinese tutor. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from The University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in anthropology and East Asian studies. He has a master's of international affairs from Columbia University with a concentration in human rights. He is the author of "Challenging Yellow: Decoding Skin Color in Urban China and the Confluence of Tradition and Globalization," which won the 2008 Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award for the best essay in the study of women and gender. For more information, go to www.ryanforschoolboard.com/.

"Voting on the budget is perhaps the greatest responsibility of School Board members, as it outlines priorities for the upcoming year and sets a course for the future. In budget debates, it is imperative that we look for ways to eliminate athletic fees, increase teacher compensation and expand foreign language programs while continuing to

provide the world-class education and extracurricular programs that set Fairfax apart.

"In the coming term, we will also have the opportunity to make the school system more transparent and accountable. By voting to employ an independent auditor, we will find redundancies that will lead to savings for taxpayers. By hiring ombudsmen for teachers and parents, we can ensure that the concerns of both groups are heard, evaluated and relayed to the superintendent and School Board."

Lolita Mancheno-Smoak:

A resident of Fairfax Station, Mancheno-Smoak currently serves as an adjunct professor at Strayer University and the University of Phoenix, where she teaches business. She currently volunteers as board president for Hispanics Against Child Abuse & Neglect. She is also on the Advisory Board of CrisisLink, which assists the Northern Virginia community in suicide prevention. Mancheno-Smoak, who is fluent in Spanish, emigrated from Ecuador as a child. She earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Columbia University; a master's degree in engineering from the University of Miami, and a DBA from Nova Southeastern University. She has four grown stepchildren. For more information, go to www.lolita4schoolboard.com/.



Mancheno-Smoak

"Vote on motion to reformulate the School Board's strategic governance to return greater accountability and fiduciary responsibility to the Board with direct access to all operational data.

"The board is elected by the people and for the people and as such has the responsibility to have direct oversight and control over the entire school system operations, as stewards of the people's tax investments — \$0.53 of every Fairfax County tax dollar goes to the FCPS system's budget of \$2.2 billion. The School Board needs to be more responsive to the community it serves while maintaining fiscal prudence and it can best do this by reinstating its accountability through strategic governance reform.

"Vote on motion to re-establish formal, regular and open communications with FCPS employees so that the true voice of the teachers can be heard and acted upon.

"Today's teachers are being encumbered with excessive administrative activities that detract from their principal vocation — to teach our children. The School Board needs to take a proactive stance in ensuring that the learning environment is at its feasible optimum for all students and teachers. Even if you are part of the 75 percent of Fairfax County residents that don't use the public school system, we all have a vested interest in maintaining its excellence. So, we need to establish regular, open dialogue with community advocates, parents, teachers, and the School Board to engender innovative responses to our educational challenges.

Lin-Dai Kendall:

A resident of Fairfax Station, Kendall is a Fulbright Scholar and small-business owner, with training in business management, architecture and urban planning. She has an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management and obtained her master's degree in urban planning and public administration on a scholarship in Madrid, Spain. After being appointed the youngest chief of urban planning for the metropolitan area of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, she spent more than 15 years in architecture. She has four chil-

dren. She owns a design studio in Fairfax Station. For more information, go to www.lindai.webs.com/.

"A much-needed change in the current strategic governance arrangement which would restore the rightful balance and authority of the School Board to manage FCPS. I've observed throughout the past three years a blatant lack of representation and utter disregard for the voice of the parent and taxpayer. An analysis of the management relations between Fairfax County's Public School System and its superintendent and the School Board reveal an inverse relationship to the one that the School Board was elected to execute, the management of the public school assets and structure on behalf of the taxpayer. Loss of autonomy and an abdication of responsibilities from the part of the School Board bear a negative impact on their relation to the electorate. The School Board needs to listen and consider the voice of the electorate overlaying their needs to the existing framework of resources within the county's education system.

"A much-needed change in the audit functions of FCPS, pursuing the reporting of financial information, budgeting and program evaluations be provided to and monitored by the School Board as ombudsmen elected by the people to manage FCPS. Currently, auditing functions are exercised by FCPS internally. Is the fox watching the hen house? The composition of any current FCPS audit committee should change so that it is independent of FCPS management. FCPS management ideally should not be part of an auditing committee. Audit committees should include School Board members possibly in a rotational manner and should perhaps even include members from the Board of Supervisors.

Steve Stuban:

Stuban received a bachelor's degree in engineering, and a commission as a second lieutenant from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He served more than 24 years on active duty as a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officer. Retiring in 2004 as a lieutenant colonel, Stuban became an acquisition program manager within the Department of Defense. He earned a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Missouri, and a master's and Ph.D. in systems engineering from George Washington University. He is a licensed professional engineer. He has served as a coach, assistant and team volunteer for many youth sports. For more information, go to www.stubanforschoolboard.com/.



Kendall



Stuban

"What are the two most important issues I anticipate voting on? I don't believe there are a 'top two.' All the School Board's decisions are important in that they all have impacts on FCPS' ability to achieve its mission. I am more focused on two areas and concerned about a potential future scenario. My first priority is to restore the entire community's trust in FCPS and the way the School Board conducts itself. This ties back to the values

of transparency, accountability, common sense, and engaging the entire community.

"My second priority is ensuring that everything FCPS does supports its mission of inspiring, enabling, and empowering students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship. The belief that every student matters must be demonstrated in everything FCPS does and every decision the School Board makes.

"The potential future scenario with which I am most concerned is where our country's recent economic downturn persists, the FCPS student population continues to increase, and the 2014 suspense for achieving the No Child Left Behind mandate of 100 percent of students achieving state standards approaches — a veritable 'perfect storm.' Under this scenario, there will be enormous demands on FCPS' staff and resources. While I have confidence that our country's economic fortunes will improve, and similar confidence in the ability of our teachers to meet the challenge, the negative consequences should this scenario prove true are too great to risk. Rather than wait until 2013 to consider this scenario, I intend to immediately engage my fellow board members in assessing all of FCPS' programs and policies with an eye toward ensuring that they directly support FCPS' mission. Resources are limited. Every family knows it cannot be extravagant nor live beyond its means. Similarly, FCPS cannot assume it will always receive whatever increased funding it requests from the Board of Supervisors.

Catherine Clark:

Clark has a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's degree in early childhood education from California State University and another master's degree in special education from George Mason University. She received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from International University in Los Angeles. In California, she founded and directed a preschool for families with special-needs preschool children. She also developed a private practice as a marriage and family counselor. In Virginia, she taught at Phillips programs in Annandale, and interned for a George Mason pilot program for college-age students with learning and/or emotional disabilities.

"Every issue deserves to be addressed with study and open discussion. In particular, I think it very important, after taking care of immediate needs, to be asking how education systems might need to change. What should be taught to whom? What is the intended outcome? Is 'universal design' in curriculum plausible, possible and desirable? Where students should be taught? They don't need grand edifices. Is there a viable possibility of using vacant spaces in office buildings, libraries, parks? ...

"When should classes take place? Some experts talk of starting classes for adolescents in the afternoon, so they can get the hours of sleep they need. Online classes are gaining recognition as viable ways to deliver course material and exercises. What about providing for study of one subject at a time, changing subjects over the course of a year? These options are in use already. Are there studies being done to assess their outcomes?

How should curriculum be delivered. Is available technology being well used? Its utility may be more obvious for administrative purposes than for daily teaching. Computers and software cannot replace teacher-student interactions for setting the context in which learning best takes place. But they do grab and hold attention across a startlingly wide range of abilities and interests. Why? Why are we willing to tax ourselves to educate everyone? Because 'the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.' And it takes education to understand that quote.

Editor's Note: Maria Allen and Jeannie Armstrong did not respond to The Connection's requests for replies. For more information on Armstrong, go to www.jeanniearmstrong.com/.

COLLEGE NOTES

Kathleen Kiebler of Burke received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in English at Denison University on May 15.

Timothy Dunning of Burke received a master of sciences in managing innovation and information technology from Champlain College in May.

Melanie Akwule of Burke was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Christian Bergara of Burke earned an M.B.A. at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall on May 8.

Melissa Beuse of Burke earned a B.S. in nursing at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies on May 8.

CALENDAR

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St. Mary of Sorrows Labor Day Picnic. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. St. Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Mass with Blessing of Tools at 10:30 am. Rock-climbing, moon bounce, rides, games, bingo, crafts, entertainment and food available. Free Admission. 703-978-4141.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Murphy's Kids, Future and Teddy and the Purple Funk. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Movies Under the Stars. 7:30 p.m. Pinn Community Center, 10225 Zion Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly movies shown every Friday. 703-250-9181, tty 711.

Banjo Man. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

We Were Kings CD Release and Dance Party, Big Hurry and Breaking Borders. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Lake Braddock Band and Color Guard Tag Day Fund-Raiser. Groups of band and color guard members will be visiting homes in the Lake Braddock district asking for tax-deductible donations. Rain date Sept. 17. 703-825-1248, TagDay@lbband.org or www.lbband.org/fundraisers.html.

Championship Boxing. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Jimmy Lange to fight Raul Muñoz for WBU title. Tickets \$35-\$500, available at www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT.

Kids Show: The Diggity Dudes. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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Rodi, Jamshidi Lead Bruins' District Title Defense

Bruins return three significant contributors from 2010 district championship team.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock's 2010 volleyball team entered the Patriot District tournament seeded fifth out of eight teams and lost the first two games of its opening round match at T.C. Williams.

On the brink of a season-ending loss, Lake Braddock battled back to win the final three games and beat the Titans. The Bruins maintained momentum, knocking off top-seed West Springfield in the semifinals before defeating South County for the district crown.

Ten months later, Lake Braddock enters the 2011 season with just three returning athletes who saw significant playing time during the team's district title run. Fortunately for the Bruins, two of those athletes are all-district performers capable of leading an inexperienced group.

Junior setter and opposite hitter Kyra Rodi and senior middle blocker Catherine Jamshidi are the Bruins' top returners. Rodi was a first-team all-district selection as a sophomore, setting and hitting in the Lake Braddock offense, and Jamshidi earned second-team honors. Both stand 6 feet tall and have displayed leadership qualities.

"Everybody wants to talk to me about how great of a volleyball player [Rodi] is," Lake Braddock coach Mike Clark said. "I don't care. She's, like, the best person I've ever been around. I've learned so much from just being around her. She always takes the lead in things [and] she wants to learn. Even though she's the best player out here, she wants to learn more than anybody else does."

Rodi started setting during her freshman season and is still learning the position.

"I feel way more comfortable [than during my] freshman year," Rodi said. "Freshman year I was so scared. But now I'm getting into the swing of things and I'm really starting to understand what it takes. I'm starting to understand the hitters, I'm looking at the blockers on the other side [and] I'm really pushing myself to be a better setter."

Clark spoke highly of the work Jamshidi put in during the club season with her Virginia Elite team.

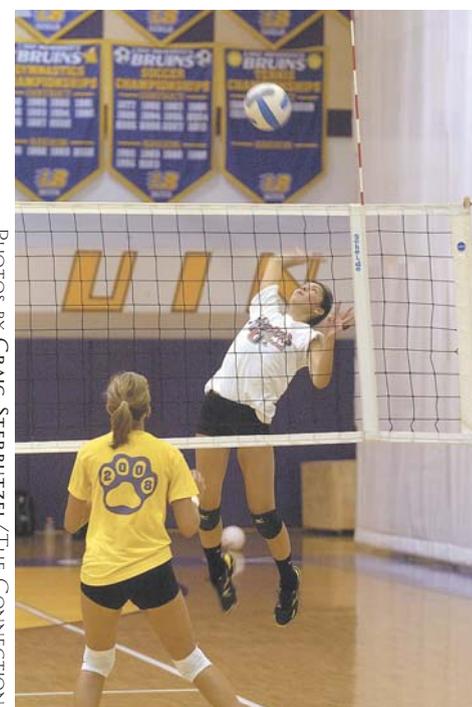
"Catherine is probably our most improved player in the off-season," Clark said. "She's actually going to have to pick it up, and she's going to have to play back row for us this year. She's a middle blocker [but] we're relying on her to play some defense, as well."



Senior middle blocker Catherine Jamshidi is one of three Lake Braddock volleyball players listed at 6 feet or taller.

Jamshidi said she's looking forward to playing in the back row.

"I played back row during club season, so it's not that different for me," she said. "I really like that I get to always be involved. Cheering on the bench is fun, but it's more exciting and you get to be more intense



Senior outside hitter Lauren DeSordi returns to Lake Braddock after playing volleyball in Nebraska last season.

when you're in the game."

Five-foot-7 senior Emily Amburn, who played libero for the Bruins during the second half of last season, is the third returning athlete who saw significant time. See

SEE LAKE BRADDOCK, PAGE 11

WEEK IN SPORTS

The annual Parker Monroe Invitational high school cross country event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Burke Lake Park. There will be both girls' and boys' races throughout the morning/early afternoon. Most of the teams throughout the Northern Region will be on hand for the Invitational, which is the official kickoff meet of the fall season.

Several Northern Virginia area boxers will fight undercard bouts at the upcoming Jimmy Lange main event headliner set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Patriot Center in Fairfax. The undercard score of fights will include Fairfax's Todd "Whiter Lightning" Wilson versus former world champion Eric Aiken (Washington, D.C.); as well as bouts that will include Chantilly's Zain Shah and Reston's Lawrence Jones. Lange, in the scheduled 10-rounder main event, is scheduled to face Raul "El Toro" Muñoz of Topeka, Kan. for the World Boxing Union's (WBU) vacant 154-pound championship.

The 2011 Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Golf and Tennis Classic is scheduled to take place on Monday, Sept. 19, at International Country Club in Fairfax. The annual fund-raiser event will benefit Inova Spine Institute and the Inova Joint Replacement Program at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. The day of golf and tennis, which will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., will be followed by

a silent auction and reception celebration for all attendees. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Kate Sims at 703-391-4810. Also, learn more about the Classic at the events section on www.inova.org.

NoVa West Lacrosse is accepting registrations for the 2011 Indoor Lacrosse League, opens play Oct. 7. The league is accepting both team and individual registrations but space is limited. Register at <http://www.novawestlax.com/register>. The league is plays indoors at the Purcellville Sports Pavilion.

The Herndon High girls' field hockey team will host its 16th Annual Herndon Invitational Field Hockey Tournament Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10. Friday evening's game action will run from 5-10 p.m., while Saturday's games will begin at 9 a.m. and run throughout the day with final games set to start at 3:30 p.m. Eight teams are competing: Marshall; Stonewall Jackson (Manassas); Tabb High (Bay Rivers District); Yorktown; host Herndon, under the direction of head coach Phyllis Rojko Pearce; Lake Braddock; Osbourn Park (Manassas); and Wakefield. The cost to attend the tournament is \$5 for one day and \$9 for a two-day pass. For more information on the tournament, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/herndonfhtournament>.

West Springfield Field Hockey Starts 2011 Season Strong

The West Springfield field hockey team took awhile to get going in its season opener at Mount Vernon on Aug. 24, but three goals in the final 27 minutes were enough to make up for a scoreless first half.

Senior forward Savannah Pinnata scored late in a tied game to lift the Spartans to a 3-2 victory over the Majors. Junior forward Tasy Novopachennaia and senior midfielder Eleanor Lamb also scored for West Springfield. After beating the Majors, the Spartans participated in the Under the Lights tournament, where they beat Hayfield (3-2), Thomas Jefferson (6-2) and West Potomac (3-0), and lost to Chantilly (1-0), as part of a 4-1 start to the season.

"We definitely this year have a lot of players that have been working really hard in the off-season, so I know we're going to be working very well together," head coach Rosie Donaldson said after the Mount Vernon game. "Our hopes are to play closer games than we have in the past few years against the better teams in [the Patriot District] and make it further in the district tournament than we ever have and make it on to regionals."

Lamb is in her third varsity season and is one of West Springfield's top players.

"She's really fast," Donaldson said. "She's able to control the ball and distribute it well to either side. I think that definitely helps. Sometimes other players may not know exactly how to distribute it and they watch Eleanor and they see what she does and how calm she does it, and I think that kind of helps everybody else."

Junior Marissa Trujillo and senior Anna DeMarr are returning defenders for the Spartans. Freshman midfielder Brittany Muir and senior goalkeeper Katelyn Lovan are first-year varsity athletes expected to make an impact. "[Muir] has been playing for a long time and she already has great skills," Donaldson said. "So, I think she's able to pick up everybody else's level."

West Springfield will host McLean on Sept. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Lake Braddock

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nior outside hitter Lauren DeSordi (5-foot-8) played JV for Lake Braddock as a sophomore and spent last season playing JV for a nationally ranked program in Nebraska. Clark said DeSordi is a strong defender with the ability to be a dangerous hitter.

"Every now and then you see her hit the ball and you say, 'Watch out,'" Clark said. "It's just not quite consistent enough yet."

Junior opposite hitter Natalie Butler is a 6-foot-4 basketball player who is still learning volleyball, but has the size to be a difference-maker at the net.

When Rodi is hitting for the Bruins, senior Hannah Aboulhosn (5-foot-9) will be the setter.

"We do a pretty complex offense with Kyra hitting, so it's really hard to be the setter for her," Clark said. "It's going to be a little bit of a learning curve at first."

Sophomores Courtney Farmer (5-foot-7) and Jenny Hammersley (5-foot-7) will compete for playing time at outside hitter. Senior LeeAnne Neighbors (5-foot-6) and freshman Rachel Tuck (5-foot-4) are defensive specialists, with Tuck also listed as a setter. Junior Anna Zhou (5-foot-9) is an opposite hitter and middle blocker and junior Paola Zubieta (5-foot-9) is a middle blocker.

Lake Braddock will participate in a tournament on Sept. 2-3 and will host Madison on Sept. 6, at 7:15 p.m. The Bruins open district play on Oct. 5 against T.C. Williams.

"I think [winning the 2010 district title] brings a



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Lake Braddock junior setter/opposite hitter Kyra Rodi was a first-team all-Patriot District selection last season.

different level of expectation to the girls," Clark said. "I think it kind of adds a little bit of emphasis to the program as far as, 'Hey, we can be really good and this is what it takes.'"

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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, seeks female actors for production of "Mother Wove the Morning", a play by Carol Lynn Pearson. All ages and types needed. Play will be performed Oct. 21-22 and proceeds benefit The Fistula Foundation. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Sept 13. Schedule an audition appointment at www.uucf.org or scbennett@cox.net 703-281-4230.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, is having a "Friends & Family Day" on Sunday, Sept. 18, 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., with a reception following the morning service. For K-6th grade, there will be a Back to School Bash during the 11 a.m. service with door prizes. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

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Braddock District Race

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is the writer behind the political blog Not Larry Sabato, which specializes in analysis of Northern Virginia politics. His blog is widely read among politicians, insiders, campaign staff and party officials.

Oleszek said she is undeterred by the criticism leveled by her opponent. "As a former School Board member, I have the experience to bridge the gap that exists between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors," Oleszek said. "Voters know me and know I am someone who they can trust, someone who can unite various groups. I am going to make sure Braddock has the kind of representation it needs to move this county forward."

"The last county supervisor who had School Board experience is former board Chairman Kate Hanley (D). Someone with Janet's perspective has been missed on the Board of Supervisors in recent years," said Ilyong Moon, the only incumbent running for an at-large seat on the School Board. He said he considers Oleszek a good friend as well as a colleague.

While the School Board race is officially non-partisan. Both parties endorse candidates. The Democrats have endorsed Moon in his race.

Democrats have been united in their goal of reclaiming the Braddock District seat, but the party hasn't always been united on deciding which Democrat should challenge Cook.

Bulova held the Braddock District seat for two decades before Cook picked up the seat in a 2009 special election.

In a turbulent primary, Wade emerged as the frontrunner soon after he declared his candidacy in April. At the time, his opponent was civil rights attorney Marc Greidinger, who questioned Wade's votes in Republican primaries. In June, Greidinger pulled out of the race. Within days, Oleszek stepped into the race, backed by Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34). The political chess game sparked tension among local Democrats.

That changed with Oleszek's primary victory, according to Rex Simmons, chairman of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.



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A supporter pins a star on Janet Oleszek, the Democratic winner in the Braddock District primary, as Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, left, and Del. Kay Kory (D-38) look on.

"Fairfax Democrats stand united behind Janet," Simmons said on Sunday. "Immediately after her primary win last Tuesday, primary opponent Chris Wade threw his full support behind Oleszek. In addition, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova has announced her support for Oleszek in the general election. The Braddock District supervisor election will be one of the top priorities of Fairfax Democrats."

In a joint press release distributed by both the Cook and Oleszek campaigns on Monday, Aug. 29, Independent Green candidate Carey Campbell was invited to participate in the the two September debates.

Campbell confirmed in an e-mail that he would be taking part in the two debates and looked forward to participating in future debates. Campbell wrote that he has called for a series of candidate debates, one for each precinct in the Braddock District, which would total more than 20 debates.

Cook, Oleszek, Campbell To Debate

In a joint news release Sunday night, Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and his General Election challenger Janet Oleszek announced a series of 10 debates between the major party candidates for the Braddock District supervisor seat. Independent Green Candidate Carey Campbell will join them for the debates. The number of debates is believed to be a record in any Fairfax County magisterial district.

SEPTEMBER DEBATE SCHEDULE

Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., at Braddock District Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Drive, Burke. Hosted by Braddock District Council, 90-minute debate, featuring 3-minute opening and closing statements and questions from the audience, through

cards passed to moderator, where each candidate will have 90 seconds to answer.

Sept. 24, 3:30 p.m., at the front yard of Denny and Suzie D'Alelio, 4811 Woodland Way, Annandale. Moderator: Ellen Oppenheim. This is a 60 minute debate, featuring 2 minute opening and closing statements, and questions from the audience, through cards passed to moderator, where each candidate will have 90 seconds to answer. Residents attending are encouraged to bring beach blankets to sit on. The Cook and Oleszek campaigns also jointly announced that Independent candidate Carey C. Campbell will be invited to participate at the September debates.

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