

Home Life Style

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After occupying 18 homes around the world, retired pilot Ted Rogers creates his dream home.

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NEWS

She Battles Breast Cancer 'One Jump at a Time'

Professional bull rider serves as inspiration for Burke woman fighting breast cancer.

BY JENNIFER FEDOR
THE CONNECTION

Burke resident Linda Wells discovered she had a lump in her breast in an unexpected way. As she watched Shannon Tweed from television reality show "Gene Simmons' Family Jewels" find a lump that required a biopsy, she decided to do her own self-exam.

About a month away from her scheduled mammogram, Wells said she went ahead and called her doctor. "Mine was an aggressive type of cancer so had I waited for the mammogram to find it a month later or had I been late getting the mammogram, I could have been in a lot worse circumstances than I was," she said.

Wells was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma in April 2010. The cancer was 1.2 centimeters and had spread to one lymph node. She reacted by asking the doctors what the next step would be. "I actually ended up having just a lumpectomy where they just removed the lump and the tissue around it and then they removed the node because I did have one positive node," she said.

Wells underwent six rounds of chemotherapy at three-week intervals and six weeks of radiation following her lumpectomy. "My family was very supportive," she said. "My husband was there for



Breast Cancer survivor Linda Wells wave to the crowd during the second round of the Charlotte Built Ford Tough Series PBR.

me every minute of the way. My daughter took off work and went to every chemo treatment with me."

A retired Tupperware dealer who has resided in Burke for 17 years, Wells used her passion for viewing professional bull riding as a source of strength during her battle with breast cancer. About three years ago, she was channel surfing and discovered a show highlighting celebrity bull riding. She began watching other bull riding shows on TV and soon followed a talented bull rider from North Carolina, J.B. Mauney.

Wells' enthusiasm for the sport increased as she followed the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) on Twitter, checking on scores and socializing with other fans. An article on the PBR website further solidified her admira-

tion of Mauney. He described his philosophy as riding his bulls "one jump at a time."

"When I was diagnosed with cancer, I followed J.B. Mauney's words. I took it one jump at a time," Wells said. "And that's what got me through."

She was partway through chemotherapy when her husband, Jim Wells, drove her to a bull-riding event in North Carolina where Mauney was competing, and she had the chance to meet the young bull riding star.

"That's the thrill of a lifetime to meet your sports idol in person," Linda Wells said. "The bull riders spend a lot of time with their fans; they do a lot of autograph sessions."

She shared her story with Mauney and described how he was helping her get through breast cancer "one jump at a time".

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— Linda Wells

Mauney signed a calendar with the signature catchphrase that motivated her to keep going. She also met his mother, a breast cancer survivor and just as inspirational as her son.

At subsequent bull riding events, Linda Wells met Mauney's sister and father, both of whom treated her with overwhelming kindness. Mauney's father asked her for a Sharpie pen so she could sign his hat, indicating his admiration of her strength and perseverance as well as his appreciation of her as a bull-riding fan.

Linda Wells' battle with breast cancer became the inspiration for the inaugural breast cancer awareness month sponsored by the PBR. They learned how she had used Mauney's mantra to persist through her own experience and wanted to spotlight this in their campaign. Linda Wells was asked to participate in television interviews with J.B. Mauney "down in the dirt" at the Oct. 1 kick-off of the campaign in Charlotte, N.C., at the Troy-Bilt Invitational. She continues to be impressed by how dedicated bull riders are to their fans.

In addition, the PBR joined forces with Wrangler Western Wear in the Wrangler Tough Enough to Wear Pink Campaign,

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McEvoy Helps Google To Help Small Businesses

Lake Braddock grad works on new Google product to help small businesses.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Coming from the Fairfax Station/Burke area, Kiley McEvoy feels a certain kinship for small businesses who try to compete with chain outlets for consumer's dollars.

The Lake Braddock graduate now lives in California and works for Google, where he's helped the Internet powerhouse release its new AdWords Express software, which helps small businesses advertise their services in a way that would otherwise be reserved for operations with bigger bankrolls.

"When you do a search, let's say for an Indian restaurant in Burke, you'll get a bunch of results that are based on their web presence," said McEvoy, a 2001 Lake Braddock graduate now living in Califor-

nia. That might seem fair and equitable, but some businesses don't have the tech know-how or budget to design a flashy website, and those businesses are at a disadvantage compared with larger, possibly chain, establishments.

This presents something of a conundrum: How can a business advertise to bring in more customers, if it doesn't have enough customers to pay for advertising?

AdWords Express is a solution to this problem, McEvoy said.

"The interface allows businesses to put certain keywords they want to hit for" into a short ad, highlighted at the top of a search page, when conducting a Google search in particular categories, he said.

Big companies have several advantages over smaller companies, and AdWords Express helps level the playing field.



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Kiley McEvoy, a 2001 graduate of Lake Braddock secondary, has been instrumental in developing AdWords Express at Google.

Companies fill out a form, complete with a short sentence or two highlighting what it is they do, whether it's a restaurant or

service they provide. The data they provide is then turned into a short ad, which appears in a highlighted box, at the top of a search page when an Internet user starts a Google search for something that fits the business' description.

"A smaller company might not feel comfortable advertising online, and they might not be able to justify the price of having someone create a website for them," McEvoy said. Or, a company might not have a website and still be relying on more traditional forms of advertising, like listings in the phone book or Yellow Pages.

"My product allows small, local businesses a start to get into the kind of advertising that bigger companies take for granted," he said.

What's helpful is simplicity, he said. "All you need to know is your business category, a description of what you want your potential customers to see, and that's it."

So far, things have been working great,

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Learning To Lead Like a General

Lessons from Civil War leaders inspire parks director to write book.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

On a cold, wet day in March 1863, a young, brash Confederate captain picked a fight with 200 Union soldiers, encamped near Chantilly and won.

An hour after the ambush by 50 Confederate soldiers, who were outmanned and outgunned, five Union soldiers were dead, 36 captured and 50 horses and supplies taken. It was a stunning Civil War victory.

"My success had been so uninterrupted that the men thought victory was chained to my standard. Men who go into a fight under the influence of such feelings are next to invincible, and victors before it begins."

When Paul Gilbert, a Civil War buff and a leader in local historic preservation, read those words written by John S. Mosby in 1887, he was struck by Mosby's boldness and confidence.

"I was drawn by his confidence that ultimately led to his success," Gilbert said. "It's a great example of the power of momentum, and the fact that success is like waves that are hard to turn around once they begin."

While researching another Mosby quote, Gilbert, a Springfield native, stumbled upon Google Books, one of the largest digital databases of books, with 15 million scanned books. The database gave Gilbert unprecedented online access to many out-of-print memoirs and first-person accounts.

Interested in both history, and the qualities of leadership, Gilbert, currently the executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), kept digging through first-person Civil War narratives for stories about leaders.

"It may be surprising to some that so many people wrote memoirs years after the Civil War," Gilbert said. "Everyone had lived through this life-altering event, and wanted to tell their story. Reading these first-person accounts of history was just fascinating. I had an idea for the first couple of chapters, and then I found these great definitive sources. It just kept going from there," Gilbert said.

His research eventually turned into a well-reviewed book, "Lead Like A General," that blends biographical sketches with current research on leadership.

"Writing this book has helped me become even more attuned to the central role that

Next Book Signing

- ❖ Nov. 19 at 2 p.m.
- ❖ Historic Blenheim in the City of Fairfax
- ❖ 3610 Old Lee Highway
- ❖ For more information about the Blenheim event, go to <http://www.vacivilwar.org/>

Northern Virginia played in the Civil War. We think of the big battles like First and Second Manassas, but there was much more going on in this area than just those events," he said.

Published earlier this year, the book has received rave reviews from national historians and leadership gurus. Dr. Michael Useem, director of the Center for Leadership at the Wharton School of Business, gave Gilbert's first book a five-star rating.

"There are few better triggers (when defining leadership qualities,) than recalling what the Union and Confederate generals did on the great battlefields of the Civil War. Paul Gilbert has brought their leadership to life Lead Like A General," Useem said.

"In addition to the academic praise, Gilbert has received kudos from local readers. Lt. Jeff Hunt, with the City of Fairfax Police Department, picked up Gilbert's book at one of his recent book-signings, and



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority combined his love of history with his interest in leadership research to write 'Lead Like A General.'

said he plans to attend the next one at Historic Blenheim." "Lead Like a General" is probably the best book I have ever read. I'd like to read any other books he's written," Hunt said."

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Speaking with an Accent

George Mason University creates speech accent archive.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
FAIRFAX CONNECTION

Prof. Steven Weinberger and his students at George Mason University have created a speech accent archive, a uniform collection of speech samples from a variety of English speakers.

"It's of tremendous value to researchers," said Russ McConnell, a graduate student at GMU. "I think that there's nothing like it. You can gain all sorts of understandings using the data. It has uses that are beyond what I can describe."

It began as a class project in 1999 and has blossomed in the following years.

In the archive, native and non-native English speakers read the same paragraph. The paragraph was selected to include virtually every sound in English and many of the vowel and consonant clusters. Subjects are recorded with digital records in a quiet room under set protocol. They are asked a series of questions about their linguistic background. The results are then

transcribed.

"I think that one of the importances of having a speech accent archive is primarily the catalog of inventories of languages both phonetically and phonology doesn't exist so making generalizations about language, how sounds in language work, really it's hard to make those generalizations without a full inventory or at least an extensive inventory," said Justin Voigt, a Ph.D. student at GMU.

Numerous lessons can be learned from

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— Prof. Steven Weinberger

this archive.

"First of all, it lets everyone realize that every human has an accent no matter what language they speak," said Weinberger. "Everyone thinks they speak a standard dialect. If you look at enough of this data you realize it's quite systematic and there's nothing wrong with having an accent. In that

way it kind of demystified that. One of the other things humans do quite easily is judge people based on their accent. Those kind of biases, those kind of judgments are kind of incorrect."

The archive has also shed light on the critical period hypothesis.

"We seem to have generally confirmed the issue of the critical period," said Weinberger.

"The critical period states that after a certain age that humans cannot acquire a language exactly- speak exactly like a native speaker. The only time they sound native is if they've begun to learn English at age 6 (for phonology). You start learning a second language after age 6 or 7, all things being equal, you're going to have an accent at the end of the day."

The archive itself is in English, but



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Prof. Steven Weinberger, curator of the Speech Accent Archive

Weinberger and his students are careful not to overestimate the value of that language.

"I don't think English is any more important than any other language," said Weinberger. "We study language with a capital 'L'. Linguists believe every language is the same. Every language is basically the same, there's just a few superficial differences. I don't think English is special. It's just that we happen to speak it here where we live."

People from around the world use the speech accent archive.

"It's really quite an asset to have the speech accent archive," said McConnell. "The university gets calls in from all over the place that want to have access to the files. It's just fun to be associated with something that's that exciting and prominent."

Weinberger noted that they get calls from

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K-9 Krawl Is Saturday, Oct. 15

Fairfax County Police is conducting its fifth annual K-9 Krawl, this Saturday, Oct. 15, at the county Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

Check-in is at 8:30 a.m.; K-9 demonstration, 8:45 a.m.; and walk, 9 a.m., in parking lot C. The first 100 people to register get free T-shirts; call 703-814-7009 to register.

The 5K walk was created to raise awareness of issues surrounding domestic violence, and area residents are invited to participate and walk with their dogs.

According to police, 71 percent of pet-owning women entering shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims. And 25-40 percent of battered women are unable to escape abusive situations because they worry what will happen to their pets or livestock if they leave.

So in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the police department's Victim Services Section is sponsoring this event. This tradition remembers those that have been victimized by domestic abuse and celebrates those that have survived, with a public reminder that pets are not immune to domestic violence.

The Krawl is free and all are welcome. People may bring their dogs or borrow one from a friend, although walkers are not required to have a canine companion to participate. There'll be a K-9 demonstration with police officers and K-9 Kodi, plus a deejay, goodie bags and domestic-violence resource tables.

Recycle During Electric Sunday on Oct. 23 in Fairfax

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events.

The next one is slated for Sunday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

BULLETIN BOARD

THURSDAY/OCT. 13

Braddock District Supervisor Candidate Debates. 7:30 p.m. Bonnie Brae Elementary School, 5420 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. John Cook and Janet Oleszek will engage in a 90 minute debate, featuring each candidate for 30 minute blocks of time. Each candidate can use their 30 minutes in any manner of their choosing between opening/closing statements and questions from the audience. Independent candidate Carey Campbell will be invited to participate. 571-502-5292 or 571-312-7426.

Fairfax County School Board Candidate Forum. 7 p.m. American Legion Post 180, 303 Center St., N., Vienna. The Hunter Mill candidates will be featured. 703-242-7651.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Candidate Meet and Greet. 9 a.m. Arlington-Fairfax Elk's Lodge 2188, Arlington Room, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Meet with legislators and candidates for state offices. Sponsored by Social Action Linking Together (SALT), Virginia Organizing, VACOLAO and Virginia CURE.

jhorejsi@cox.net or www.S-A-L-T.org, kevin@virginia-organizing.org or 540-847-9729.

Fairfax Education Summit. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. The summit, hosted by the Fairfax County School Board, will explore how education is moving away from the industrial model and evolving into an era of customization, and what that means for Fairfax County Public Schools. A keynote panel discussion, moderated by FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale, will include perspectives from a parent, student, teacher, principal, higher education leader, and business leader. www.fcps.edu/news/summit.htm.

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903.

NEWS

Sports Fan Turned Writer

Christian Vick of Burke pens book about famed boxer Riddick Bowe.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
FAIRFAX CONNECTION

Boxing journalist and recently published author of "The Triumph and Tragedy of Riddick Bowe," Christian Vick has always been interested in sports.

"There's two major sports in my family, basketball and boxing," said Vick. "I'd play basketball on Fridays and watch boxing on Saturdays. Boxing was the thing to do with my family. Everyone would come over and grill up some chicken. In my house, fights were a big deal. They were no different than a Redskins game."

As a child, Vick described himself as loud, outgoing and athletic.

"I was very into professional sports," said Vick. "Mom was always telling me to go to bed, and I wouldn't because I wanted to see the end of the game. My father immersed me in everything. My childhood was sports and I have my dad to thank for that."

Vick played division I basketball at Quinnipiac University. He was a three-year starter. When he graduated in 2005, he expected to go into the NBA. However, that was not to be. He ended up playing basketball overseas.

"It was amazing," said Vick. "I got to see so many places that I wouldn't have seen such as the Louvre, Stonehenge and the Sistine Chapel. I was playing in these little quaint villages usually. It probably provided inspiration for me to be a journalist. I probably will write about it one day."

In 2009, he began covering HBO and Showtime boxing matches for unifiedchamp.com. He said he never really considered writing a book about boxing until Riddick Bowe approached him and asked him to write about his life. Also influential was Thomas Hauser, a Pulitzer Prize nominee.

"Hauser told me to give it everything I got," said Vick. "Write something people care about. And I think I've done that."

Vick said he always had interest in writing something about Bowe.

"I probably had the idea when I was 10 years old," said Vick. "Riddick Bowe was my favorite boxer. Me and my father would always watch HBO boxing. He had an affable personality and he would make funny faces at the camera."

Vick was drawn to Bowe because of his rags to riches story. He started with humble beginnings in Brownsville, Brooklyn, with 10 plus siblings and a father who abandoned the family.

"He went from nothing to a cultural icon," said Vick. "Riddick Bowe has the fastest ascendancy to the heavyweight title in boxing history."

That ascendancy was around 4 years, from the time he was a silver medalist in the 1988 Olympics to winning the heavyweight title in November 1992.

Vick worked with HBO extensively on the book,

accessing archives and talking to employees.

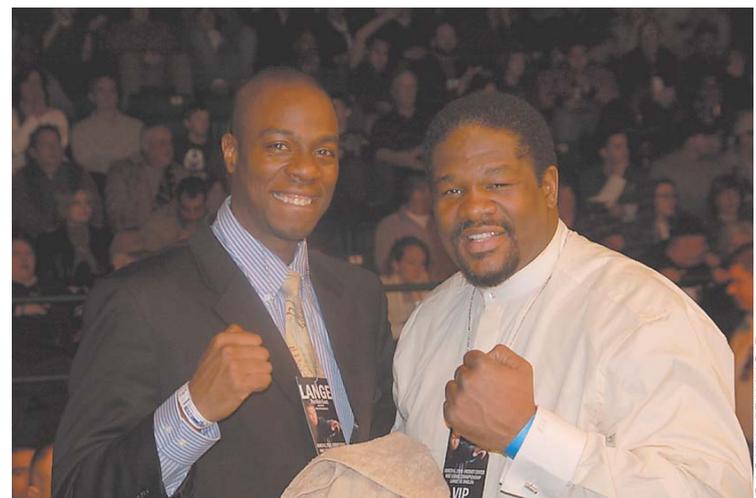
"It was surreal to be working with people I've observed my entire life such as Larry Merchant and Jim Lampley," said Vick. "All of a sudden I'm talking to them on the phone about things I care about."

He also collaborated with Bowe throughout the project.

"Our relationship is very playful," said Vick. "I'm always messing with him. He's almost like my big brother. We attend fights together. I feel like he's just a member of my family."

Vick noted that Bowe has been down on his luck lately and he hopes that his book will "lead him back to the beaten path."

Brian Bishop, vice president of Winter Fried Brotman Communications, said, "It's a testament to the type of person Vick is. It's very difficult to have a book published in today's world. He's taking a chance by having it self-published. He's got to feel very proud. He sort of willed it to make it happen. You



Christian Vick, left, and Riddick Bowe

"It was surreal to be working with people I've observed my entire life such as Larry Merchant and Jim Lampley."

— Christian Vick

can tell by his personality he doesn't really take 'no' for an answer. That's a good trait to have as a writer and reporter."

"I'm happy for him," said Derek Gionta, staff writer for secondsout.com and contributor to the book. "Looks like he did a really good job."

Vick has talked to a few movie theaters about his book.

In addition to writing about boxing, he runs the Fairfax Basketball School. But he says he may not be doing that for long.

"It looks like I will be returning to the game of basketball in November," said Vick. "I'll probably be signing with a European team. Really what I do is I train and I write."

He currently lives in Burke, which he described as beautiful, quiet and peaceful.

"I was convinced I was going to play in the NBA," said Vick. "I guess God had another plan for me and I'm really liking the plan. I'm really excited for where this plan is going to go and I'm really proud to represent the Northern Virginia area while I do it."

Gilbert Pens Book on Leaders

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As the regional parks director, Gilbert oversees the management of a diverse system of public lands and facilities that include numerous historic sites. He also serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University, and has written numerous articles on leadership, history and environmental issues for magazines and newspapers. He received degrees from St. Andrews College, George Mason University and the Wharton School of Business.

His job brings together many of his passions. "I love history, and love figuring out how organizations work and how they can work better. It fascinates me that the only reason people really get together is to achieve a higher goal," he said.

"On the leadership side, writing this book helped

me think about the real world application of current leadership research," Gilbert said. "When you take something from a study or theory to a real world example, it is much easier to understand, and see how best to apply these lessons in your career and life. We all look for ways to be more efficient and effective in what we do. This provides simple tested methods of creating more effective organizations."

"Leadership is a foundation of success in anything, and there's a misconception, I think, leaders are born, not made. The book explains how anyone can be an effective leader with a combination of momentum, self-confidence that Mosby and others displayed."

Writing the book underscored an important lesson for him: while technology changes, people don't.

"What it boils down to is that leadership is a skill for everyone," he said.

Mason Watches What You Say

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linguists, speech pathologists, computational engineers, Ph.D. students, actors and even people who use the archive for drinking games.

"It came out of a classroom task," said Weinberger. "The worldwide web was brand new. No one was doing this. No one has matched it since. We have more than 1,500 samples."

WEINBERGER SAID he studies linguistics because "it's such a mystery. It's a thing we all use that we don't question. It's so automatic for us. We don't really think about it, we just do it. If you really look at it, it's so amazingly complicated. If you study lan-

guage you're really studying the human mind."

He thinks the average person should take a linguistics course to help them realize all languages are related and similar despite their variety on the outside. "One of the outcomes of good science is to eliminate linguistic discrimination," he said.

Weinberger described the linguistics program at GMU as thriving. "I've seen it grow. I think this whole area is a wonderful community for higher education and diversity."

"It's a very friendly environment," said McConnell. "The students that study linguistics are from all over the world. It's a very unique perspective."

To access the speech accent archive, go to accent.gmu.edu.

Bull Riding Acts as Inspiration

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which aims to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. At bull-riding events in October, all fans, staff and athletes are encouraged to don pink in support of this campaign. The joint effort has raised more than \$9.75 million, partly through the donation of a portion of proceeds from Wrangler TETWP merchandise.

At Linda Wells' one-year check-up, there was no evidence of disease. She's due for her 18-month mammogram and check-up soon and continues to follow professional bull riding avidly. She looks forward to attending the PBR finals in Las Vegas in a couple of weeks.

"It's something I've always wanted to do since I started watching bull riding," she said. Mauney, as one of the top 40 bull riders in the world, will be there and she looks forward to cheering him on.

In addition to following bull riding events on television and in person when she can, Linda Wells and her husband will visit their son in Jacksonville, Fla., when the weather gets colder. Her grandson, her daughter's son, is her "biggest passion" and she enjoys spending time with him weekly and attending his baseball games.

Another significant part of Linda Wells' life is time spent at Life with Cancer in Fairfax. She praised the non-profit organization's free classes and support groups. "They run all of the support groups in the area for all of the different types of cancer as well as breast cancer support groups," she said. She partici-

pates in exercise classes, yoga and meditation regularly and attends breast cancer seminars whenever possible.

She also serves as a sponsor in the breast cancer support groups for women who are still in treatment or have finished treatment.

"Nobody can understand what you're going through unless they've been through it," Linda Wells said. "It's a place you can go when you're going through it, to talk to people who have been there and done that that are willing to give you honest answers. Once you've been through it you can be there for other people who are just starting their journey."

When Linda Wells was going through her own treatment, she would update the others in her group on Mauney's scores. In that way, he helped inspire her entire support group to take their struggles "one jump at a time."

For anyone interested in professional bull riding, she recommends tuning in to the Versus channel on weekend nights. She hopes to attend the PBR events on Feb. 3 and 4, 2012, in Baltimore as well.

More

For more information on Professional Bull Riders: www.pbr.com. For more information on the Wrangler Tough Enough to Wear Pink Campaign: www.toughenoughtowearpink.com. For more information on Life with Cancer in Fairfax: www.lifewithcancer.org



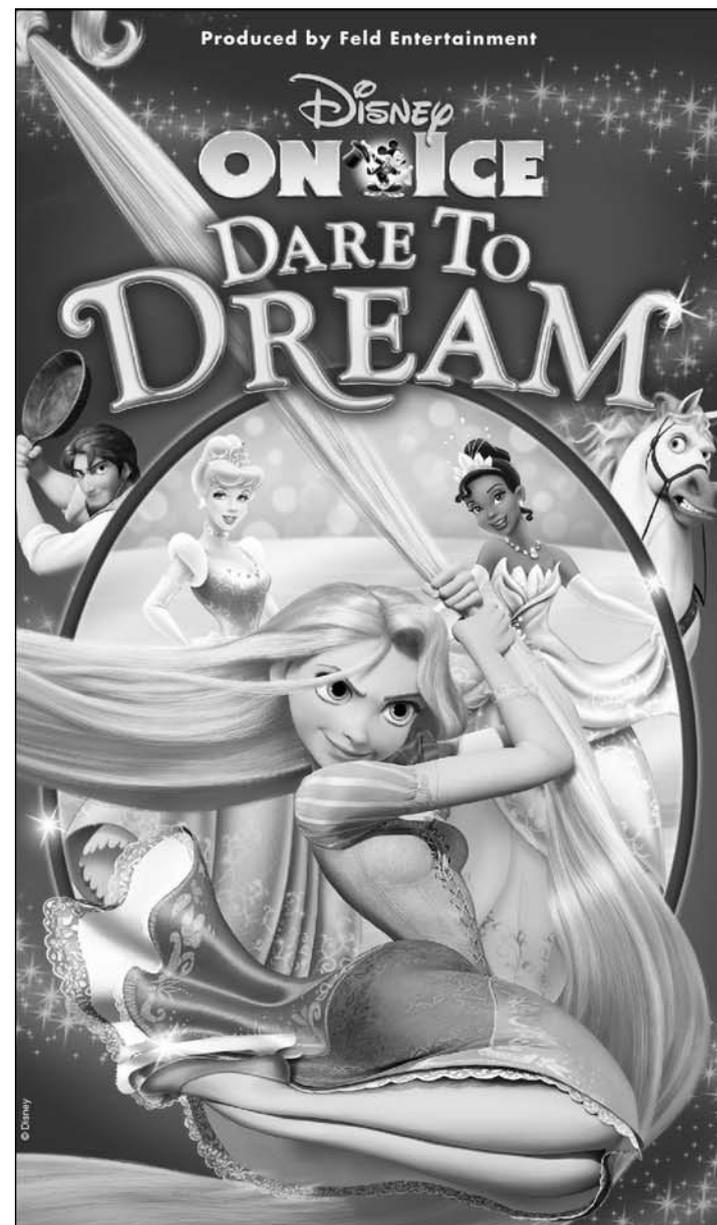
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OPINION

A Few Days Left To Register To Vote

Vote now, who knows what Election Day could bring.

The turnout was so miniscule for Primary Election Day that you might not remember that it was also Earthquake Day, and that if you were planning to vote when you got home from work, you probably wouldn't have had the chance. Traffic came to a halt, and many commutes took many hours.

Imagine what would happen if we had a repeat of a historic early snow: On Nov. 11, 1987, a foot of snow fell at National Airport. On Nov. 6 and 7, 1953, this area had more than seven inches of snow, according to the National

Weather Service. Seven inches fell in November, 1938. In November, 1904, the area had three inches of snow; November 1910, the area had five inches of snow.

So far, 2011 has been a year of extremes, so is it worth preparing for the great Election Day blizzard? Or possibly just the great Election Day traffic jam?

You can vote in person from now until Nov. 5 if you think that there is any chance you could be away from home for 10 hours on Election Day. Remember that some people spent 10 hours on the GW Parkway one day last winter.

There are only a few days left to register to vote to participate in the Nov. 8 general election if you have not already done so.

Some important dates to remember:

Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date to vote in the Nov. 8 General Election.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote early, absentee ballot in-person.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

For more election information:

Alexandria Board of Elections, 703-746-4050, <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>

Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-324-4700, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/

Arlington Board of Elections, 703-228-3456, <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/voterregistrationmain.aspx>

City of Fairfax General Registrar, 703-385-7890, <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp>

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More Like Cook

To the Editor:

Thanks to the leadership of Supervisors John Cook (R-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Fairfax County was spared the possibly onerous mistake of purchasing an incinerator rather than extend the county's contract with Covanta Energy, the private company which owns and operates it now. Not only would such a purchase have cost the county \$800 million with interest over 20 years, but by the time it was all paid for, the technology would be obsolete and we would not have had the flexibility necessary to keep up with rapidly evolving technology in the way a private company which specializes in that industry could.

John Cook and Pat Herrity kept the citizens informed and stood firm against the spendthrift faction of the Board of Supervisors.

Suzanne A. Spikes
Fairfax Station

Significant Election

To the Editor:

The Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, Dr. Jack Dale, announced his retirement, ostensibly for July 2013, which coincides with the end of his contract. While this is worthy of conversation, the immediate focus is and should be on the remaining 46 days until the elections on Nov. 8.

The determination of Dale's length of service to the constituents in Fairfax County should rest with the new School Board and

any efforts by the current School Board members to begin the search process in the waning days of their collective term would disenfranchise the will of taxpayers and voters.

Every voter has the chance to determine one-third of the School Board with their vote for a magisterial district candidate and three at-large candidates. The linear process of voters' voices being

heard and then a search firm being engaged by the new School Board is the only means by which there will be representation of voter's will. The selection process of a new superintendent who comprehends the commitment of Fairfax County citizens to quality education should fully belong to the new School Board.

Every student, teacher, parent and taxpayer has a stake in this election. I have said and continue to believe that the ties that our public education system have to strong economic development, jobs, property values and a general sense of community make this Nov. 8 election the most significant in memory, and that this election will set the direction not only for the public school system, but also for Fairfax County for the next decade or more.

Elizabeth L. Schultz
Fairfax County School Board
Springfield District Candidate

Cute But Destructive

To the Editor:

Not too many people could look at the picture below and not think, "How cute is that?" I even have to



Two deer feed in a Springfield backyard.

PHOTO BY MARRANNE WENDLING

count myself among those who would do so. However, in my next breath, I would also ask myself, how could something so beautiful be so destructive?

It's been almost two years since I was diagnosed with Lyme disease. I woke up one morning while I was on a cruise about to go through the Panama Canal, and I quickly realized that I couldn't hear anything in my right ear. It was almost two months later before I learned it was Lyme disease that caused the hearing loss. While it's still a rare manifestation of the disease, the hearing specialist I saw said he's seeing it more frequently in recent years. Though he tried all the accepted strategies for dealing with sudden sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL), and then when we knew it was Lyme disease, a long course of antibiotics. It was simply too late. I never got my hearing back.

I read with great interest your "Overabundance" article [Connection, Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2011] in the

Connection recently. I was astounded at how many deer had been killed in Fairfax County last year. But yet I asked myself, how could so many still remain? I applaud the efforts Fairfax County is making to control the deer population. But I also believe much more needs to happen — for the sake of the deer as well as unsuspecting people like myself — who used to follow the baby deer around my house and get as close as I could to get the perfect picture. I use my zoom on my camera now and continue to take pictures because my niece enjoys them so much. But I avoid the woods behind our house as much as possible and even worry when I'm just sitting on my deck.

Based on my research, I strongly believe that there are many, many cases of undiagnosed Lyme disease in the county. And as you pointed out in your article, there are many

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OPINION

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other serious consequences to humans, motor vehicles and crops and woodland.

A few years ago, I might have cringed if I heard about sharp shooting and bow hunting as a method of controlling the deer population. Not so today. There's

absolutely no shortage of deer in my backyard, which borders Hidden Pond Nature Center. My husband and I are constantly trying to scare them out of our backyard, only to see them return 10 minutes later. The idea mentioned in your article of somehow curbing reproduction seems to me to be an area that would hold great promise, though it may be a cost-prohibitive idea. I strongly believe that Fairfax County needs to continue its research, and take even more aggressive action to address the overpopulation issues. Lyme disease education programs might also prove beneficial.

Marianne Wendling
Springfield

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Enter the Haggis. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A Canadian indie/Celtic-rock world-fusion band. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

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English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

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HoneyHoney and Joshua James. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Taste of the Vine. 6:30 p.m. Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Wine tastings by Lost Creek Winery, hors d'oeuvres by Villa Mozart and music by Cristian Perez. \$50 per person. 703-282-5818 or BKRutkowski@aol.com.

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The 26th Annual Lake Braddock PTSA Arts & Crafts Showcase. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Approximately 100 exhibitors with handmade jewelry, decorative items, quilts and knits, pottery, woodcrafts, photography, original artwork, and more. Food

available for purchase. Admission \$3, age 65 and over \$2, under 18 free. Proceeds support PTSA activities and teacher mini-grants. www.lbssptsa.org.

Comedian Wanda Sykes. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$35-\$45, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.wandykes.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

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"There's a pizza restaurant in Burke that had never advertised before. They found out about AdWords, and they called up a week later to say they'd need to turn off the promotion because he was getting too many customers," McEvoy laughed.

Mo Jalali, owner of Ace Photo in Ashburn, is among the happy clients.

The photo service company was created in 1992, but the company was without an online presence until recently.

"We started investing in our online business by registering a Good Places page, and then Google called us to introduce us to AdWords Express," he said. As a small business owner, Jalali didn't necessarily have the time or extra help needed to maintain that presence to its full benefit.

"AdWords Express was a really good solution and has helped us evolve our business in the digital age,"

he said.

Anne Mader, owner of The Bike Lane on Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, is equally pleased.

"My husband and I started our business 10 years ago as a family bike shop," she said. Their online store kicked off two years ago, and Mader and her husband wanted to improve their online presence at the same time.

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More and more customers are looking for places to do business online, or businesses that can meet their needs via the internet, and Google's new service helps when "making sure your business is relevant in today's market. More people search online before deciding where to buy things, and it's important to us that they find our store and have a good experience," she added.

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Farm House, Family Home, Dream House

After occupying 18 homes around the world, retired pilot Ted Rogers creates his dream house, right on top of the family home.

BY JOHN BYRD
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

It's gratifying to find the right change-agent at the exact moment in life when you need one. Such are the reflections of Ted Rogers, 72, commenting on recently completed makeover to his home executed by master builder David Foster.

Rogers, a former Navy pilot, had lived in 18 houses all over the world before settling in circa 1960s ranch with his wife and children the early 1980s. The traditional brick rambler was owned by a farmer whose family had worked the land east of Fairfax for generations.

The house was conventional, but solidly constructed. Still, as Rogers and his wife, Wanda, approached 70, their cumulative sense of the home's limitations increased.

"Wanda wanted an upgraded kitchen," Rogers said. "We both pictured a larger master bedroom suite ... maybe with a walk-in shower and personal vanities. So we decided it was time to move."

But assessing several newly built, high-end homes was an eye-opener, and the meticulous former pilot confesses that he was "put off" at the quality of what he found on the market — even in the million dollar range.

Moreover, since home remodeling stories relayed by several friends were equally discouraging, Rogers opted for the safe course: stay put, change nothing.

That's when he was introduced to David Foster, 30-year veteran builder and president

of Foster Remodeling Solutions.

"David came highly recommended, but it was meeting him that proved decisive," Rogers said. "It was his love of building—every aspect of it—that really impressed me when started walking through the house together. His ideas really opened up the possibilities."

The starting point: a 2,553-square-foot, three-bedroom ranch on two acres, and a conversation regarding the best options for accommodating a luxuriantly-appointed master bedroom suite, a spacious kitchen with dining counter and a two-car garage with second floor studio.

"We usually begin with the floor plan and a budget," Foster said. "When we talked through all the components for the master suite, I proposed a front-to-back addition on the rambler's west elevation."

Ditto, plans for a two-level garage to be linked via breezeway from the lower-level east elevation.

Inside, however, proposed revisions would entail complications.

To create an open floor plan that connects the new kitchen to a front-facing family room, a bearing wall had to be removed, replaced with an unseen interior structural support. Achieving open sightlines, likewise, meant removing the living room ceiling and shelling-in previously concealed roofing rafters.

An ascending vertical accent was established by replacing a traditional brick-facing fireplace with a floor-to-ceiling hearth constructed of stacked ledge stones.

"The effect is exciting," Wanda Rogers



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said. "From the kitchen, the room opens out and up; it feels really warm."

The new vaulted wall expanse also doubles as display space for Wanda's art collection, which is now illuminated by track lights.

Apart from Foster's personal attention, the Rogers were pleased with a process that enabled them to review finish work options as the interior design progressed.

Visits to the Foster Remodeling showroom in Lorton yielded the fixtures, cherry wood cabinets and granite countertops the couple selected for the kitchen. The Foster team also accompanied the couple to appliance outlets and recommended specific brands for both electric and gas cooking.

Foster's architect designed a five-foot crescent window for the wall above the sink. The kitchen's tray ceiling with concealed illumination lends elegance, warmth and generous proportionality.

The multi-zoned 650-square-foot master suite is luxuriant in every respect. The front-facing sleeping quarters look out through a massive three-section window with a triangle-shaped accent.

His-and-hers walk-in closets face-off on opposite walls. A pyramidal alcove is defined by facing floor-to-ceiling custom vanities leading to a generously-sized soaking tub tucked neatly under a second three-section window, this one with a protected view of the woodland setting. A granite-clad walk-in shower with bench provides the finishing touches.

The home is now "a place that's very satisfying at this point in my life," Rogers said.

Foster Remodeling Solutions will be sponsoring a tour of the Rogers home this Saturday Oct. 15, 2-5 p.m.; the firm will also be sponsoring a remodeling seminar at their Lorton showroom on Oct. 29. Call 703/550-1371 or www.fosterremodeling.com



Architect David Peabody and builder Brendan O'Neill Sr. incorporated green design into this home's plans.

The Next Generation of Green Living

Cutting edge green home design emerges in the region.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Imagine a home that is so well insulated that a furnace is obsolete. Picture the elimination of rooms that run hot during the summer and basements and tile floors that are frosty during the winter. Visualize trimming your energy bill by 90 percent.

Meet the passive house, dubbed the next generation of green living, and named one of the top green building trends of 2011 by the Earth Advantage Institute, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable building practices.

The region's first passive house, a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half bathroom home in Bethesda, was designed by Alexandria-based architect David Peabody of Peabody Architects and built by Potomac-area builder Brendan O'Neill Sr. of O'Neill Development. The home, which sold recently, had a price tag of \$1.4 million.

"This home gets all the heat it needs on the same amount of energy it would take to run two hairdryers," said Peabody. "We wanted to demonstrate that an approach that reduces basic energy demand is far more cost-effective than an approach that relies on adding expensive technology."

The project began when Peabody, an award-winning pioneer of green architecture, approached O'Neill. Skeptical at first, O'Neill and his son Brendan O'Neill Jr. flew to Illinois to tour the first passive house ever built in the U.S.

"As luck would have it, my son and I arrived during a snow storm," said O'Neill. "We were blown away by the warmth and temperate conditions inside that house. It was incredible. We said, if this is what a passive house can do under extreme conditions, we're going to try one."

MOUNT VERNON-based architect Christine Kelly of Crafted Architecture and Falls Church-based contractor Tom Chapa of Potts and Chapa Construction, Inc. incorporated passive solar design into the recent renovation of the Mount Vernon home of Enid and Laing Hinson. The Hinsons had lived in their home in their Mount Vernon neighborhood for 20 years when they decided that it was time to remodel. The couple decided to go green.

"This home gets all the heat it needs on the same amount of energy it would take to run two hairdryers."

- David Peabody, Peabody Architects

"We've always been interested in recycling, and we also knew that we would be living in this house for the next 20 years, so the additional cost that we might have incurred

to ensure that it was energy efficient was probably going to be worth it to us in the long run," said Enid Hinson.

"[Passive solar design entails] designing walls, windows and floors to collect or reflect solar energy and then distribute it as heat during the winter months and shade against the heat in the summer months," said Kelly. "[The Hinsons] had a sun room that had a slate floor, and we took up that slate during the demolition, salvaged it and then designed a new sunroom with large windows that are facing south so that as the sun comes into the room, the floor is heated and retains heat and makes it a very comfortable space in the winter time without the use of mechanical systems. A stone floor can be designed to collect heat during the day and then radiate it into the room at night to help keep the space warm."

The Hinsons noticed a difference. "As the weather got chilly and it was going down into the high-40s at night recently, we didn't have to turn our heater on at all. The house never got below 71 degrees," said Enid Hinson.

The Hinsons' remodel received a National Green Building Certification from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for meeting NAHB green building standards.

"A green certification is not necessarily a certification that comes with a ton of expenses," said Chapa. "The important thing about certifying a project green is building smart, not necessarily building expensive. The green inspection is basically certifying that all of

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A granite shower is functional and elegant in this master suite.



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HomeLifeStyle

Benefits of Green Design

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the applications [e.g., windows, insulation and duct work] are done tight, efficiently and without any air gaps so that everything can perform at its optimal level.”

Kelly says that when it comes to green design, she begins with the basics. “I like taking what was already in the house and repurposing it that so that a lot of materials don’t go into the landfills. And then I like to move to insulating. Not only do I like to insulate the new addition, but I like to go back and examine the existing house and figure out how to make that just as tight as well.”

The Hinsons were pleased that they did not have to compromise aesthetic appeal for energy efficiency. “Our house is not bigger; it is just flows better,” said Enid Hinson. “The windows are really energy efficient. We have the [George Washington Parkway] behind our house, and if the doors and windows are closed we cannot hear the traffic noise at all.”

O’NEILL SAID his one condition was that the design of the passive house be consistent and compatible with the rest of the homes in the neighborhood. “David hit a home run. We would not have proceeded if the style had not fit in with the others architecturally. It is designed as an integrated system, with site, energy, ventilation, air quality, humidity, health and comfort all taken into account. And yes, you can open

the windows.”

Peabody, who is now designing smaller and less expensive passive house models, acknowledges that such homes are more costly to build. “But we’re finding that the marginally higher costs of construction are more than offset by savings in monthly energy bills,” said Peabody. In fact, he says, affordable housing organization Habitat for Humanity is building a passive house in the Washington, D.C., area.

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While there are only 23 passive houses in the U.S., in Europe more than 20,000 homes, apartments, offices and schools have been built to passive house standards.

Although solar orientation is a factor, it is not the same as a passive solar house. Instead, it uses a robust building envelope to achieve as much as 90 percent savings in energy use.

While the passive house concept is still emerging, passive solar design is more prevalent in the region. Solar orientation is a factor in both, but the passive house uses a building envelope to save energy.

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Fairfax Vision Awareness Walk:

National White Cane Safety Day. 10 a.m. Panera Bread, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Hosted by the OUTA Sight Foundation, the walk is designed to educate drivers to exercise care for the visually challenged and reduce pedestrian injuries. The sighted participants will be paired up with the visually challenged for a walk to the Van Dyck park. T-shirts available. Refreshments served. www.outasight.org/upcoming.html or 540-635-1100.

Chaise Lounge.

7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A local jazz collective. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

Play With Words.

1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Explore the power of words through sounds, letters, language and movement. Age 2-6 with adult. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

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7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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MONDAY/OCT. 17

Tyler Ward & Crew. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Book Buddies. 4 p.m. City of Fairfax

Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Beginning readers practice their reading skills with a young adult volunteer. Age 5-9 with adult. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

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TUESDAY/OCT. 18

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Evening Book Discussion.

7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Any book by Graham Greene. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

Book Discussion Group.

1:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Foundation (Book One) by Isaac Asimov. Adults. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

Book Discussion Group.

6:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher. Adults. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

Evening Book Discussion Group.

7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Help by Kathryn Stockett. Adults. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

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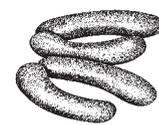
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Bruins' Field Hockey Back on Winning Track

Lake Braddock set to begin play at Patriot District tournament on Monday.

BY RICH SANDERS
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Following a recent, late season three-game losing streak, the Lake Braddock girls' field hockey team has put together several wins in a row and is looking good heading into next week's Patriot District tournament.

The Bruins, who were 11-3 going into this week, were scheduled to wrap up the regular season with district games at Annandale on Wednesday, Oct. 13 and at home versus Robinson on Thursday, Oct. 14. First round play of the district tournament is set to begin next Monday, Oct. 17.

"The girls have been doing a great job over the past few games," said Lake Braddock head coach Amy Worrest. "They have all been working really hard to get better each day. We have some players that are beginning to step up and become more active participants, which is helping out a lot. My hope is that this will continue and we'll do well in the district tournament. We have a tough district so we're going to have to come out to each and every night ready to play."

Last year, under longtime head coach Diane Miller, Lake Braddock went 21-2, won both the district and Northern Region titles, and earned a spot at the state AAA playoffs. There, the Bruins' season ended with a 2-1 first round loss to Western Branch (Chesapeake) in a contest played at West Springfield High School.

With Miller's decision to step down as head coach following the season, Worrest, who had been an assistant on Miller's staff, became the program's new head coach. This fall, under Worrest, the Bruins have put to-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Bruins won their Senior Night game over T.C. Williams, 1-0, on Sept. 26.

gether another strong season. The team won its first eight games before three straight losses put Lake Braddock at 8-3.

THE FIRST SETBACK came on Sept. 16 at district opponent South County, a 2-0 loss to the Stallions. The following day, Lake Braddock played its final game of the Herndon High Tournament versus Tabb High (Bay Rivers District). The Hornets lost that contest to the Tigers, 6-0, at Herndon High School.

Lake Braddock had played its first three games of the Herndon Tournament the week before on Sept. 10, getting wins over

Wakefield High, 6-0; Osbourn Park (Manassas), 2-0; and host Herndon, 3-1. The game with Tabb seven days later officially wrapped up the tournament.

On Sept. 20 in a non-district home game versus McLean, the Bruins, who defeated the Highlanders in last year's region title game, fell by a 4-0 score.

But the Bruins have bounced back well with four straight district wins. The win streak began on Lake Braddock's Senior Night on Sept. 26 when the Bruins defeated T.C. Williams, 1-0. Four days later, in a home game versus West Springfield, Lake Braddock won again by a 1-0 outcome. Last

Monday, Oct. 3, the Bruins won at Woodson, 2-0. Then on Thursday, Oct. 6 they won at Lee, 2-0.

Both of Lake Braddock's goals in the win over the Lancers came early in the second half. The first score, off an assist by Katie Metress, came on a short corner shot by junior Maria Jose Pastor. A few minutes after that junior Megan Moody dribbled into the circle and scored a goal to make it 2-0. The defense held from there and Lake Braddock had earned its eighth shutout win of the season. Senior goalie Katie Coulter earned the shutout in the net versus the Lancers.

Fairfax, South County Among Area Football Winners

Woodson earns first win of season.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Two weeks ago, in a Northern Region high school football meeting of unbeaten teams, **Fairfax High** lost one of the most lopsided games in its history, 48-0, in a non-district home game versus powerful Westfield.

But the Rebels, who had won their first five games of the season prior to that defeat, came back this past Thursday night to beat Liberty District opponent and host Marshall, 28-21 in overtime, to improve their record to 6-1.

Fairfax running back Anthony Bowen scored on a 10-yard run in the overtime to lift the Rebels, who trailed 14-7 at halftime,

to the win. He finished with 76 rushing yards and also caught a touchdown pass earlier in the game from quarterback Austin Perryman. Marshall fell to 1-5.

Fairfax will host Jefferson (2-4) Friday Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

In another overtime affair last Thursday, **South County**, on a 34-yard field goal from senior Mike Ferguson, won its Patriot District game at defending Northern Region Division 6 champion **Lake Braddock**, 10-7. The Bruins slipped to 3-3 on the season while South County, which started the season 0-3, reached the .500 mark at 3-3. The Stallions' prior two wins had come over T.C. Williams and Robinson. The win over the Rams was also in overtime.

Lake Braddock will play at Robinson this

Friday and South County will be at district opponent Lee.

W.T. Woodson earned its first win of the season with a 14-13 Patriot District triumph at T.C. Williams last Thursday. The Cavaliers (1-5), who were coming off a 48-0 loss to West Springfield, scored touchdowns in the first and third quarters on runs by Ben Anderson and Jonathan Stokes (74 yards rushing in the game). Woodson junior kicker Sam Heaney converted extra point kicks following both scores. The Cavaliers' leading ball carrier in the win was Nick Peevy (99 yards). Woodson will be at Annandale on Friday.

West Springfield (4-2) won at home, 35-0, over Patriot District opponent Annandale on Thursday. The Spartans' ground game was led by Jonathan Dunn

(160 yards rushing, 2 TDs) and QB Tyler Sutter (93 yards, 2 TDs), who also completed seven passes for 64 yards. West Springfield will be at home versus T.C. Williams on Friday night.

Robinson lost at Concorde District rival Centreville, 41-14, on Thursday. The Rams fell to 1-5. Centreville remained unbeaten at 6-0. Robinson touchdowns came from Joe Meier, who caught a 20-yard pass from Patrick Baker, and Joe Wilson, who scored from four yards out. The Rams host Lake Braddock on Friday night.

Hayfield snapped a two-game losing streak with a 47-23 win at National District opponent Wakefield last Thursday. Hayfield (4-2) had a big game from Steven Lynch, who rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown and also returned a fumble for a score.

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Oak View Students Get To Know Ropes at Hemlock Overlook

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Fun Despite 'Liquid Sunshine'

Civitan Area 3 Clubs host annual Burke Lake picnic for individuals with disabilities.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, Civitan members welcomed more than 175 people for the annual Burke Lake Picnic. Fairfax County Department of Therapeutic Recreation, which provided the pavilion at Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Station, was the co-host of the event.

Twenty members from the Arlington, Fairfax, Greater Loudoun and Tysons Civitan Clubs cooked hotdogs and served up potato chips, carrots, soda, ice cream sandwiches and fun for the attendees. Among the guests were members and staff from the four Fairfax County Therapeutic Recreation adult social clubs, individuals from several day support centers, residents from several group homes from Fairfax, Loudoun and Arlington counties, students and staff from various schools for individuals with special needs, family members, bus drivers and other helpers.

The event included music, dancing and singing as the group enjoyed fellowship and a beautiful day at the park. Even the sprinkling of some "liquid sunshine" did not dampen the fun. Participants and workers had a great time and left with smiles on their faces and promises they would all be back next year for the event.

Civitan was founded in 1917 to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving



A few of the attendees enjoying the picnic

individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. Those who would like more information about helping Civitan fulfill its mission of "Enriching Lives Through Service," should contact Elaine Senft at 703-726-0965.

MILITARY NOTES

Army Pvt. Benjamin Santamaria V has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Benjamin Santamaria of Merridith Circle, Burke. Santamaria graduated in 2010 from Robinson Secondary School.

Marine Corps Cpl. Benjamin J. Kashishian, a graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School, recently participated in Exercise African Lion in Morocco, along with his battalion and over

900 members of the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces and 2,000 US service members. The program's mission is to train military forces side-by-side and strengthen the relationship between the U.S. and Moroccan governments.

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Paul E. Self, brother of Brittany R. Kelly of Burke, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. Self is a 2006 graduate of Keller High School of Keller, Texas.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT
Judicial District of Fairfield at Bridgeport
Docket FBT FA 11 4036780 S
Order of Notice in Family Cases

Plaintiff--Moreno Duron, Ruth

Defendant-Rodolfo, Carlos

Notice to Rodolfo Duron, Carlos

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Order of Notice and the Complaint/Application which asks for:

Divorce

The Court find that the party to be notified lives out of state at 6905 Cabin John Rd, Springfield, VA 22150.

The Court finds that the Current address of the party to be notified is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him/her have failed. The Court also finds that the last known address of the party to be notified was:

6905 Cabin John Road, Springfield, VA 22150

The Court orders that notice be given to the party to be notified by having a State Marshal or other proper officer place a legal notice in the Springfield Connection, a newspaper circulating in Springfield, VA containing a true and attested copy of the Order of Notice, and if accompanying a Complaint for divorce (dissolution of marriage), a complaint for dissolution of civil union, legal separation or annulment, or if accompanying an Application for custody or visitation, a statement that Automatic Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are part of the Complaint/Application on file with the Court. The notice should appear before 10/29/11 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court. Judge Corinne Klatt 9-28-11 A True Copy, Attest: Thomas W. Fraher, State Marshal, Fairfield County

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Nazim Dag and Fidan Dag, dated November 19, 2007, and recorded November 26, 2007, in Deed Book 19671 at page 150 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

Friday, October 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Lot 15, Block 15, Section 9, Lynbrook, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1396 at page 35, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 5803 Channing Road, Springfield, Virginia 22150.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 2.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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.

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NOTICE OF WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,600 to \$3,700†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$8,500 to \$9,000.
3. An increase in the Account Charge from \$32 to \$33.
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.04 to \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.95 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons of water.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

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