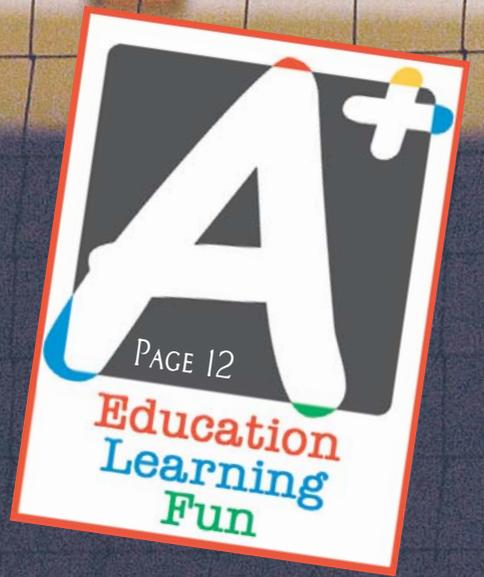


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## PTA Moms on a Mission

**Braddock School Board candidates, McLaughlin and Hurley, stick to the issues.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n a windy Saturday afternoon, Braddock District School Board candidate Megan McLaughlin was running late to a photo shoot at Little Run Elementary School. When she arrived, she explained to Nell Hurley, her Republican-endorsed challenger, that she had been at the Jewish Community Center for an event that morning, and was concerned because a maintenance worker was taking down campaign signs in the median.

"That's not supposed to happen, right?" she asked Hurley, a longtime neighbor and friend.

"No," Hurley said. "There's no reason they should be taking signs down today. I can call about this, and we'll see what's going on."

Hurley and McLaughlin, the Democratic-endorsed candidate, have distinct differences in their political platforms, but the two maintain they are friends and neighbors, as well as involved and active PTA moms, and have pledged to keep their campaigns about the issues, not partisan bickering.

"We like each other," Hurley said. "Our children both went to Little Run. We just have a different take on the issues, and that's what we want voters to look at."

"We both care about the welfare of children in Fairfax County. That's why I'm running," McLaughlin

said.

"It may not be as exciting as some races," Hurley said, "but people I've talked to want to hear about the issues. It's refreshing."

### Megan McLaughlin

McLaughlin and her family moved to the Braddock District in 2000, and have remained active in the community. Her husband Jim is a native Braddock resident and a graduate of W.T. Woodson High School. In the next seven years, their three sons will also attend W.T. Woodson. Along with her leadership in FAIRGRADE, and as chair of the Fairfax Education Coalition, McLaughlin has served the community as a PTA President and executive board member of Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform (FZTR). She has also been a Braddock School Bond representative, member of RENEW (Renovate W.T. Woodson HS.), NVSL Swim Team Representative and board member for Rutherford Pool, BRYC Asst Soccer Coach, and Volunteer Counselor/Instructor for Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court.

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### In less than 25 words, define yourself as a candidate:

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### What are the key qualities you will look for when selecting the next superintendent?

"High-quality teachers, strong parental involvement and community investment are the hallmarks of a successful school system. In order for FCPS to

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**Braddock District School Board Candidates Nell Hurley and Megan McLaughlin pose for a photo outside of Little Run Elementary School.**

## Ethical Questions Heat Up 37th Senate Race

**Marsden, Flanary debate gets tense over issues of plagiarism, 'no-tax' pledge.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he third debate between Republican Jason Flanary and Incumbent Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), which took place Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, began politely. The candidates shook hands, and the audience gave a round of applause when Marsden announced that it was his wife Julia's birthday.

But what started with a whimper ended with a bang when simmering tensions and allusions about ethical breaches spilled over into the candidates' closing comments.

Since September, the Marsden campaign has floated questions about Flanary's ethics. One charge is an allegation of plagiarism when the 32-year-old was a campaign consultant for a number of Virginia House Republicans in the 2003 elections, which Flanary hotly denied during the debate.

The second charge is that Flanary, a pro-

business lobbyist endorsed by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, signed Grover Norquist's American Tax Reform (ATR) Pledge, vowing not to support any tax increases.

In two separate interviews with The Connection, Flanary maintained he did not sign the pledge. He did acknowledge sending a letter to ATR on Aug. 19, promising to hold the line on taxes by opposing any efforts to increase taxes that are not "revenue-neutral."

On Aug. 21, his name appeared on the ATR website in a news item stating that he was a signatory along with his primary opponent Steve Hunt (R).

"I would not sign the pledge because I need the flexibility, the maneuverability to

reform the tax structure as a legislator," he said at the debate Sunday.

"In the primary, Jason Flanary wanted to take the pledge quickly," said Grover Norquist, president of ATR, in a phone interview on Monday afternoon. "The letter he sent is verbatim my pledge, and my chief of staff told him 'OK, we'll put you down as a pledge taker.' I don't understand how he is parsing this."

Norquist said some candidates want to be certain that the pledge does not get in the way of "revenue-neutral" tax reform. "It's my understanding that's what he thought his challenge was, but once that was cleared up in his mind, he signed the pledge."

The ATR pledge, which has become a rallying cry in some conservative circles, asks candidates and incumbents to sign a pledge stating: "I will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes."

On Monday, Flanary provided The Con-

nection with an electronic copy of the letter he sent to ATR on Aug. 19. It reads:

"Throughout my campaign, I have promised the taxpayers of the 37th Senate District, and all the people of Virginia, that I will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes that are not revenue neutral. As your State Senator, I will continue this promise while working to keep our taxes low, reducing wasteful government spending and ensuring our tax dollars are being spent in an effective and efficient way."

Flanary said he felt pressured to send the letter to fend off attacks from the ATR during the primary campaign.

"My response is the same no matter how many times I am asked, no, I did not sign the pledge. Over the summer, ATR asked me sign their tax pledge and I declined. They attacked me with phone calls saying I refused to sign the pledge. After that, I provided them my position on keeping taxes low, spending tax dollars wisely and restructuring the tax code to help businesses and families throughout the Commonwealth."

He said his letter was never intended to

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**"This reminds me of the Clintonian definition on sex."**

— Jeremy Mayer, associate professor in GMU's School of Public Policy

# Disney Magic at West Springfield High?

## Principal Paul Wardinski wants students to dream like Walt Disney.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

As Principal Paul Wardinski walks through the halls of West Springfield High School on a recent Friday afternoon, he chats with several students waiting for buses, congratulating them on projects and reminding them about that night's football game. He laughs when one girl yells out "Where's your tie?"

While Wardinski is known for many things, his collection of Disney ties is legendary.

"He pretty much wears a Disney tie every day. That's just one of his unique qualities," said Sherri Braxton, his administrative assistant for the past three years.

"It shows his serious side in his belief in Walt Disney, and how inspirational he was," Braxton said "But it also shows his fun side, that he doesn't forget laughter, and his heart is in the right place," Braxton said.

Wardinski's office is filled with Disney memorabilia, including stuffed Mickeys in all sizes and Mickey Mouse posters.

"I have about 85 Disney ties that I wear. It reminds me of what a visionary he was,

and what people can accomplish," Wardinski said. "It also keeps me young."

"Paul has a deep and well-known respect for Walt Disney and his approach to business and leadership," said Jennifer Ferrara, director of student services. "I love that he is everything Disney. He has huge inflatable Disney characters in his front yard during the holidays and prides himself on his Disney Christmas Tree. When he is passionate about something, he is truly committed to that passion."

Walt Disney once said, "When you believe in a thing, believe in it all the way, implicitly and unquestionably."

That quote could easily describe Wardinski, as he spent one afternoon reflecting on his time at WSHS.

His voice breaks several times recalling students and teachers who have inspired him.

"It is a tough job, but one secret, I guess, about this school is that, of all the schools I've worked with, this one is the most community-based," Wardinski said. "Our parents are supportive, our students have pride, and their accomplishments are across the board, everything from sports and academ-

**"I hope people see how much I cared. I wanted to be the main cheerleader here."**

— Principal Paul Wardinski



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**Principal Paul Wardinski has filled his office at West Springfield High School with Disneyana.**

ics to these amazing community service projects. That makes me proud."

Wardinski, who is leaving the school after 27 years as an educator in Fairfax County, is not so much concerned about his legacy as a principal, but about how will get his "kid fix."

"I want people to know that I cared about these kids, but I don't need a lot of glory," he said, adding that he and his wife and two sixth grade daughters all consider themselves Spartans. "Once a Spartan, always a Spartan. I've made a priority to be a presence at school events, and I'll continue

that," he said.

"Paul is one of the most accessible principals I have ever worked with," said Assistant Principal Valerie Winter. "He knows that positive relationships are essential in the realm of education today. He has a wonderful sense of humor and is always available to students, staff, and parents alike. He will be missed."

A graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Wardinski joined Fairfax County Public Schools in 1985 as a marketing teacher at Marshall High School. In 2004, he became principal at McLean High School, and served there until becoming the principal of West Springfield in 2007. He has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Virginia Tech, and a master's degree in school leadership from George Mason University.

Wardinski is leaving to become director of the Office of Professional and Life Skills (OPLS) in the Instructional Services Department with Fairfax County Public Schools. He begins his new position Nov. 1.

He said his new position allows him to develop programs that provide middle and high school students a wide range of comprehensive courses through career and technical Education programs. It also allows him to continue his "whole child" educational philosophy.

"I've always been a proponent of the whole child philosophy, and it's something I've emphasized here," he said.

The "whole child" approach helps students to think like Walt Disney or Steve

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# Area Candidates Take Stand on Social Justice Issues

## Forum gives legislators chance to talk about issues confronting 'most vulnerable citizens.'

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Immigration reform, affordable housing, predatory lending and poverty topped the list of issues discussed by 15 Virginia General Assembly candidates at the annual social justice forum on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The 18th annual forum, hosted by Social Action Linking Together (SALT), Virginia Organizing and other social advocacy groups, took place at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge.

"The governor has already announced there will be more draconian cuts to make up the \$800 million shortfall, despite bragging about a surplus all year," said Julie Blust with Virginia Organizing, a statewide grassroots organization.

"This is precisely why we are bringing these issues to the forefront. We know the next General Assembly session could be

devastating for our constituencies ... and we want to know where the candidates stand."

Although 50 candidates from 26 House of Delegates and Senate races were invited, only one Republican candidate attended the two-hour conference.

"If there's any set of issues in which we as a people are portrayed as more divided than we really are, it's the social justice issues," said Tim McGhee, a Republican who will face Del. Adam P. Ebbin (D-49) in a race for the State Senate seat being vacated by Patsy Ticer.

John Horejsi, coordinator for SALT, moderated the discussion during which candidates each had a chance to answer audience questions.

"The entire General Assembly is up for election this year. We need to make sure that voters have some criteria on social justice issues that used to be known as the common good," Horejsi said before introducing the candidates to the audience of

about 70 people.

"More than a quarter of our preschoolers grow up poor, there's a growing hostility towards immigrants and the poor, Catholic Charities of Arlington has experienced a 450 percent increase in request for emergency assistance from families asking for help with their rent, utility bills and medication needs," Horejsi said. "With 17 tons of food delivered, Catholic charities say they are still dangerously low on grocery supplies."

While the candidates discussed weighty issues, pledging to be active leaders on issues such as affordable housing, prison reform and mental health services, they also provided some levity. They joked with each other about their recently redrawn districts, as well as the need to keep the Senate a Democratic firewall in the Virginia General Assembly.

Currently, Virginia's Senate tilts blue with 22 Democrats and 18 Republicans. The House of Delegates, with 100 members, has a solid Republican majority with 53 Republicans, 44 Democrats and three Independents.

Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), who was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1976,

quipped that he came to Richmond with Thomas Jefferson.

"After all these years, the main reason I'm still doing this is to restore cuts in education and social service. ... I just don't want to see the lunatics take over the asylum. That's the reason I'm still in it," Saslaw said.

Ralph Craft, a campaign aide who served as Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) stand-in, said it was critical to keep the Senate in the hands of the Democrats. He compared the redistricted 37th Senate district to the shape of Chinese dragon, which drew laughter from the audience and touched off some banter about the shapes of the districts.

Jack Dobbyn, a Democrat who is running against Republican incumbent Dave Albo this fall, said the 42nd House of Delegates District is shaped like a "butterfly," and was redrawn to cut out minority populations.

"On a more serious note," Dobbyn said, "I'm running because we want to have great public schools. I was raised to believe that what you do for the least of your children you do for all of us."

Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) said she ran for

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# NEWS

## Forum

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office 20 years because she had gotten angry. "I was upset with how Virginia was failing our children and their education," she said. "We were dead last among the states in services for our disabled and vulnerable."

Del. Bob Brink (D-48), who represents Arlington and parts of McLean, told the audience that it's critical to ensure that "the essential services of government are maintained through extremely difficult times."

Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who faces Republican challenger Hugh "Mac" Cannon in the Nov. 8 General Election, said some of the issues he started out working on as a legislator in 1978, such as racial integration, poverty and homelessness, are still issues legislators need to tackle.

"It pains me that some of these issues still confront us. ... In rich Fairfax County, there's hunger among students. We just can't allow hunger to be an issue. ... We can't take any more insanity from the House."

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), who has introduced legislation providing more support for families of children with autism, said the point of being a legislator is "to move the ball forward. I want you to know I'm there and I'm working for you."

**WHEN A** question was raised about the need for criminal justice reform, especially for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Del. David Bulova (D-37) noted that he was the chief co-patron of a bill designed to help veterans who have committed crimes. He said the legislation was based on successful programs in New York and Pennsylvania.

"It allows local courts to establish special dockets for veterans and active military service members who suffer from PTSD or traumatic brain injury and get into trouble with the law," Bulova said, adding that a recent RAND study indicated that nearly 20 percent of service men and women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

He said many more suffer from traumatic brain injury, both diagnosed and undiagnosed.

"Unfortunately, while trying to recover, some of these veterans fall into drug and alcohol abuse or commit minor crimes and end up in the criminal justice system. It is

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# OPINION

## More on Deer

Sharing anecdotes from readers;  
No easy answers.

Last month, we noted the beginning of the annual bow hunting season as part of deer management in Fairfax County. We invited readers to share their experiences with deer, and we've had interesting responses.

Among the comments: people shared their experience with Lyme disease, families with experiences with deer-vehicle collisions, nature lovers who were dismayed to run into bow hunters in their local parks, bow hunters who sincerely want to be part of the solution, and one letter outlining one family's negative experiences with bow hunters. We end with a report from the Fairfax County police, which notes the death of an Arlington man when his motorcycle struck a deer in Clifton.

Here are a few excerpts:

### From Springfield

"It's been almost two years since I was diagnosed with Lyme disease. I woke up one morning ... 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 which 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. ... I never got my hearing back."

### From Centreville

"I am one of the archers in the county's bow hunting program. ... Thanks for giving a bal-

anced view and pointing out the inherent dangers of having such a massive concentration of deer and the associated problems."

### From Oakton

"My son has hit (or been hit by) two deer, causing several thousands of dollars of car damage and raising our insurance rates. We are thankful that neither he nor his friend were injured. We saw a van flip rounding a downhill curve on Oakton Road when Bambi leapt out of the brush. The car was totaled, luckily the driver miraculously was not seriously injured. [This writer's daughter also had Lyme disease.]

"Also we have lost several thousands of landscape dollars even though we always bought supposed shrubbery and plantings deer did not eat. ... We now pay \$80 every two weeks to have a noxious deer repellent sprayed in our yard. It does seem to work."

### From Fairfax Station

"We are not happy with the destruction deer bring and we both have had automobile damage because of deer, but our experiences with hunting and its questionable efficacy make it unsupportable.

"Our first experience was ... two unsupervised boys approximately 12-14 years old walking through our yard with hunting bows while our [Golden Retrievers] ran around. It's more than a little disconcerting to come across unsupervised children carrying deadly weapons across your property.

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### LETTERS

Other points would have made for a more fair and balanced article. Here they are.

Over a month ago, the Campbell campaign called for debates in all 27 Braddock District precincts. Just as in the campaign two years ago.

I am a very serious candidate for Braddock supervisor, a U.S. Air Force veteran and accountant. I've served our nation over three decades. I have served our Braddock community over 20 years — North Springfield Civic Association board and PTA member, Braddock District council member, Fairfax Federation of Civic Associations co-chair of budget and transportation committees, Braddock District Comprehensive Transportation Task Force. Education includes a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude from University of Maryland, European Division. Accounting and business studies at the University of Kentucky, and while on active duty in the U.S.

Air Force study at the University of Freiburg in Germany.

In our Independent campaign two years ago, we knocked on about 40,000 doors in Braddock District. We have knocked thousands more Braddock doors this year.

For over two decades I've gathered hundreds of thousands of petition signatures to put Independent candidates on the ballot in Braddock District, Fairfax County and across Virginia. Decades of community work proves the seriousness of the Campbell conservative Independent campaign.

I run as an Independent because we must get beyond the partisan bickering and deadlock. We need a new Independent course. Independent because like the declaration of Independence, we must declare our independence.

We must be independent of old, dead, useless ideology.

We need to be independent to be realistic, pragmatic, and reasonable.

We must be free, and independent for liberty, private enterprise and business opportunity for renewable energy. Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! In solar, wind, rail.

We need smart, intelligent multimodal transportation, bike-

"The last experience occurred when my wife entered our development in her car. A freshly shot deer was dragging itself across the road in front her and ended up collapsing on the side of the road in a neighbor's yard. ... While we stood there, the hunter came down from his stand, walked to the deer and shot it several times with arrows until it finally died." [This writer also relates observing two deer living with arrows protruding from them, had their "no hunting" signs torn down, and had someone butcher a deer on their property, leaving the entrails behind.]

### From Great Falls

A woman called to recount her discomfort at finding a bow hunter up in the tree when she was hiking in River Bend Park.

### From Clifton

Fairfax County police report that Timothy Ray Schleeter, 50, of Arlington, died in August the day after he collided with a deer while riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle on Compton Road near the intersection of Balmoral Forest Road.

We welcome your stories about deer, and invite you to send your photos. You can find more on our website, [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com) by searching with one word: deer.

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share, and pedestrian ways. We must be Independent to build bonds, grow our community into the safest most secure with America's strongest schools for our children and grandkids.

Independent to stop the wanton waste of tax dollars on the fiscal and social madness of subsidies for fat cat campaign contributors. We are Independent to shift resources to community building, job creating, life saving rail.

Finally in your story there was a post debate - next day exchange between the two other candidates about the same issues discussed by all in the debate. Your reporter did not contact the Campbell campaign to include our positive solutions. This is despite the fact that the Campbell campaign was and is in touch with the Connection reporter regularly.

Polls show Independent voters are the largest political group. Voters disapprove of the two smaller parties more than ever. Parties grown smaller by too many empty words, too few deeds.

Please give the Independent conservative Campbell campaign fair and equal coverage.

Carey Campbell (I)  
Candidate, Braddock District

## Independent Candidate

To the Editor:

Thank you for covering the Braddock District supervisor debate. Also appreciate your including our Independent Campbell campaign and participation in your coverage.

Thanks to the many people who contacted the Campbell campaign to say they think we are winning the debate on the issues, and substance with passion, heart and intelligence. Ultimately, our system of government, transparency and voters win by seeing discussion and clear differences.

Ours is an Independent campaign, filed as an Independent, running as Independent, and when elected will serve as an Independent. The article failed to mention I am an Independent conservative or conservative Independent. Your reporter represented me as a candidate of a political party. I am not.

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# LETTERS

## Giving Bulova Credit

To the Editor:

Having heard Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) repeatedly boast about what he calls his "community initiatives," I was pleased when in the Oct. 15 debate at the West Springfield Government Center, Janet Oleszek (D) called Cook out on misleading the voters. By taking credit for "initiatives" like the Neighborhood College program and Braddock Nights, John Cook is being both disingenuous with the voters and disrespectful to long-time Braddock District supervisor, now chairman, Sharon Bulova (D-At-large). These programs were Bulova's initiatives, and she started many of them before Cook even lived in the Braddock District. No wonder the Washington Post recently criticized Cook for "partisan posturing," "manufactured disputes" and "gratuitous antics, which only serve to antagonize his colleagues."

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# A New Sound for One Local Church

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church welcomes new organ with concert.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
THE CONNECTION

**S**t. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke depends on its organ to lead the congregation in worship and its old organ wasn't cutting it.

"The organ we had before was so mushy, it was hard to sing along," said Brian McCurdy, a parishioner.

So they upgraded their musical machinery, from a 15-year-old electronic organ to a refurbished pipe organ donated from another church.

"It has 46 ranks of pipes," said Jay Wilcox, a parishioner and organist. "For each key on the keyboard there has to be one pipe. That's right around 2,700 pipes, each one of which is individually tuned and the sound is adjusted to be optimal for the room that it's in."

Wilcox, who has been playing the organ for 42 years, explained that there is a separate keyboard played with the feet on an organ.

"You have to have both hands and both feet while you're playing," said Wilcox. "It requires a lot of coordination."

Organs are known for the variety of sounds they

can produce and this new organ is capable of creating a wider range of music than the old one.

"This organ possesses a great dynamic range in terms of how loud and how soft it can play," said McCurdy. "It has a lot of different sounds and effects it can make. It's capable of the grandiose organ sound because it's an actual pipe organ not simulated electronic."

"This organ has a lot of different capabilities, sounds that are flutelike, oboelike or clarinetlike and much fuller sounds like typical organ sounds," said Wilcox. "It's a larger than average parish type organ. It's designed to be able to play a broad range of repertoire from different countries."

Wilcox noted that organs developed different sounds as they came from different countries.

"Our organ is primarily German and English but has the ability to play French music idiomatically," said Wilcox.

"Getting a new organ is always an exciting time in the life of the parish," said Interim Rector Gary Goldacker "Particularly so

**"Hopefully, it will bring more people to our church. The most important thing is to impact the worship service."**

— Brian McCurdy

in the case of a parish that depends on the organ for its music. It's the primary musical instrument in the building."

"The organ is just responsible for leading the congregation in all the singing," said McCurdy. "Now we can tell when to start singing when to stop singing. Hopefully, it will bring more people to our church. The most important thing is to impact the worship service."



The 46-rank pipe organ at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

PHOTO BY JAY WILCOX

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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/OCT. 20

**The Alternate Routes: A Benefit for Music 4 More and Delta Rae.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available at 1-800-551-SEAT, www.ticketmaster.com; and www.patriotcenter.com.

**Ollabelle with Kris Delmhorst.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Roots music. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Wear your favorite Halloween costume. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

**Afternoon Reading Group.** 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

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

**Computer Basics Training.** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills and navigating the internet. Adults. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

**Lunchtime at the Movies.** 11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Bring lunch and watch movies based on children's books. Call for titles. Age 1-6 with adult. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 21

**Nordic Thrillers: Scandinavian Crime Writers.** 8 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church social hall, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax City. Panel discussion of authors Stieg Larsson, Jo Nesbo, Karin Fossum and Anne Holt. Sponsored by the Sons of Norway. Public invited. Free admission and parking. lokiviking@yahoo.com.

**The Milk Carton Kids and Gaby Moreno** at 7 p.m., Big O and Dukes Live at 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream.** 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. George

Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available at 1-800-551-SEAT, www.ticketmaster.com; and www.patriotcenter.com.

**Battlefield Band.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Scottish revival music. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 22

**Archaeology Day.** 12-4 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Celebrate Virginia Archaeology Month by participating in activities, tours, and more. No digging will occur but a variety of artifacts will be displayed including Civil War artifacts. Free. 703-591-6728.

**Johnny Reb and Billy Yank.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Storyteller Gary Lloyd shares true tales from both sides of the Civil War. Cosponsored by the Erie and John Hopkins Educational and Charitable Trust through the Fairfax Library Foundation. Age 6 and up. Free. 703-293-6227.

**The Downtown Fiction and Sing Me Insomnia.** 6 p.m. Jammin'

Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream.** 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available at 1-800-551-SEAT, www.ticketmaster.com; and www.patriotcenter.com.

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With the Alturas Duo. Sibelius' Tapiola, Farias' Commissioned Concerto, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, "Eroica." Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

**Burke Lake Park "Ghost Train" Rides.** 11:15 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The Burke Lake Ghost Train rolls into town with family-friendly fun. \$4.50 per person. 703-323-6600.

**All for One Community Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Books, CDs, DVDs, gently used and new clothing, jewelry, tools, non-upholstered furniture, small appliances, sports equipment and more. www.poplc.org/allforone.

**Nordic Feast.** 4-6 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church social hall, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax City. Meatballs, lutefisk, baked ham, rutabagas, lefse and desserts. Sponsored by the Sons of Norway. Adults \$22, ages 7-15

\$10, ages 3-6 \$3. Reserve at norwaydc.org.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 23

**Virginia Chamber Orchestra Season Opener Concert: Sunday in the Woods.** 4 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale.

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**Burke Lake Park "Ghost Train" Rides.** 11:15 a.m.-5:45

# LETTERS

## Backing Up His Words

To the Editor:

We live so close to Washington that it's understandable that so many of us turn our attention out of the politics in our community towards the events across the river. This lack of attention does not mean that politics aren't still proceeding in our local communities.

Just as in Washington, politicians frequently make promises that they cannot or do not keep. I'm proud that here in the Braddock District we have a supervisor who backs up his talk with action. John Cook (R) came into office with a focus on taking care of our neighborhoods and keeping his constituents informed and involved. No one can argue with his success.

His monthly newsletter is well written and exceptionally informative. It's a great source of Braddock District news and provides ample opportunities to get involved in the community. Not only is John a leader in the community he is also a member, having lived here with his family for many years. It makes sense that John's passion is his community engagement initiative, encouraging us all to take a more active role in our neighborhoods and foster a more positive, inclusive attitude through person-to-person interactions.

During the severe snowstorms of 2010, John and his staff were working non-stop taking our phone calls and e-mails on roads that needed plowing. John participated in daily conference calls with VDOT, working with them for greater responsiveness; even calling the secretary of transportation to get snow plows into our neighborhoods.

I cannot imagine a representative who would be more responsive or a better fit for our community. So turn your attention back across the river and into Braddock District and join me in supporting our community and John Cook. Please support him on Nov. 8.

**Leah Kieff**  
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**“Bravo Mozart” All-Mozart Concert.** 4 p.m. Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. With Aaron Goldman and Dotian Levalier in Mozart’s Concerto for Flute and Harp. Reception to follow. Adults \$20, seniors and groups \$18, on-line \$18. Students free. 703-758-0179.

**Organ Dedication Concert featuring Dr. J. Reilly Lewis.** 4 p.m. St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Donations accepted. 703-455-2500 or [www.standrews.net/friends-of-music-and-arts](http://www.standrews.net/friends-of-music-and-arts).

## MONDAY/OCT. 24

**UFOs: The Secret Story.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Student Union Building 2 (HUB) Ballroom, Fairfax. A 90-minute lecture and slide show concerning the U.S. government’s secret response to UFOs, based on thousands of declassified Air Force, FBI and CIA documents that confirm UFOs do exist and that these mysterious objects are of the greatest concern to the U.S. Air Force and the intelligence community. Hasting has also interviewed over 120 former U.S. military personnel. Free. 505-263-3815 or [www.ufostastings.com](http://www.ufostastings.com).

**Tales to Tails.** 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Read aloud to Beamer, a trained therapy dog. Age 6-12. Register at 703-293-6227, TTY:

711.

**Animal Hibernation.** 3:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. See and learn about local animals that do and do not hibernate during the winter. Presented by Hidden Pond Nature Center. Age 6-12. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

**Meet the Candidates.** 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Get to know the candidates on the ballot in this year’s election for your local voting district. Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters. Adults. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 25

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

**Eclectic Readers.** 1:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The Alchemist by Paul Coelho. Adults. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

**Kings Park Library Friends Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Kings Park Library Friends Meeting. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

**Twilight Tales.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Come in pajamas to listen to stories before bedtime. Age 3-6 with adult. 703-978-5600, TTY: 711.

**Tiny Tots.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Very short stories and activities. Age 13-17 months with adult. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

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Age 18-23 months with adult. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

**Teen Book Group.** 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Maze Runner by James Dashner. Book discussion for ages 13-18. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

**Max & Ruby.** 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories and activities about author Rosemary Well’s brother and sister bunnies. Attendance is limited to 20 children, age 3-5 with one adult. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

**Bedtime Stories: We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.** 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, songs, and activities about bears. Age 3-6 with adult. 703-644-7333, TTY: 711.

**Foster & Lloyd.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The country crossover duo. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## THURSDAY/OCT. 27

**Dan Bern.** 8 p.m. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Mother Goose.** 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Age birth to 23 months with adult. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

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

**Sonny Landreth.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Slide guitarist from Louisiana. \$25. For more information, go to [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

# Organ Concert

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The congregation is located in Burke. “Fairfax County is a great place to live,” and McCurdy said “A lot of people who go to this church are people who have lived in the area for 10, 15, 20 years. I think a lot of people enjoy the area. That goes without saying.”

To celebrate their new organ, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is having an organ dedication concert on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. Dr. J. Reilly Lewis, the founder and artistic director of the Washington Bach Consort and the artistic director of the Washington Cathedral Choral Society will play.

“We are incredibly fortunate to have Reilly Lewis, a phenomenal organist,” said Wilcox. “He’s very inspiring to listen to. We’re giving him an opportunity to do something off the beaten path. He’s going to playing French organ music.”

“This gives us a greater opportunity to present music programs to the whole community and we will begin with that on Oct. 23,” said Goldacker.

McCurdy said it is the church’s intention to do three or four concerts a year and to raise money through benefit concerts to bring in other groups. They have set up an organization, Friends of the Music and Arts, to promote their goals. To learn more, go to [standrews.net/friends-of-music-and-arts](http://standrews.net/friends-of-music-and-arts).

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church is located at 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, VA, 22015. The number there is 703-455-2500.

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**Above, Adoniyas Reynolds of Rolling Valley Elementary School competes in the Oct. 16 Pyramid Challenge at Washington Irving Middle School.**

**At left, Students in the West Springfield High School pyramid compete in the Saturday, Oct. 16 Pyramid Challenge at Washington Irving Middle School.**

# Rolling Valley Retains Pyramid Trophy

## Springfield school wins Pyramid Challenge for sixth year in a row.

**M**ore than 800 Springfield-area children tromped through muddy fields at Irving Middle School Saturday at the Pyramid Challenge cross-country event on Saturday, Oct. 16. The sixth annual competition brought together the seven elementary schools that feed into Irving and West Springfield High School and brought in more than 3,000 pounds of canned food for Food for Others, a local food bank.

For the sixth consecutive year, Rolling Valley Elementary School claimed the Pyramid Cup, a traveling trophy presented to the winning school based on a formula rewarding school participation and top finishers. With 52 points, Rolling Valley just about doubled runner-up West Springfield Elementary School.

“Rolling Valley has truly embraced the Pyramid Challenge and could have won the Pyramid Cup on participation points alone,” said race director Bob Briggs. Rolling Valley’s score was also boosted by top placers Dawson Bristow (first grade boy), Joshua Travan (second grade girl), Jenna Hoffman (second grade girl) and Kelsey Simmons (4-6 girls), plus Daniel Gallardo-Bolvaran and Adoniyas Reynolds, who finished third and fourth in the 4-6 boys race.

The Pyramid Challenge, named for the Fairfax County Public Schools “pyramid”

system of feeder schools, is a series of six races: four half-mile races by grade level for kindergarten to third-graders, followed by two 1-mile races for fourth- to sixth-grade girls and fourth- to sixth-grade boys. Saturday’s races started with a dead heat finish to the kindergarten race between the top boy and girl, Max Smydra of Sangster Elementary and Kathryn Allan of West Springfield Elementary School.

The event was started in 2006 by Briggs and fellow runner Peter Steinberg, then president of the Keene Mill Elementary PTA, who organized the PTAs of the other elementary schools to help put on the event. Entry fee is four cans of food for Food for Others, and each runner receives a free Pyramid Challenge T-shirt color-coded by school to wear during the race.

Although their children all attend West Springfield High now, Briggs and Steinberg still put on the race, which they also largely sponsor. “We wanted to put on an event that introduced kids to cross country, brought the community together, and benefited the community,” Briggs said. “We’re pleased that the event has become a Springfield tradition.”

**AKelsey Simmons crosses the finishing line, winning the girls 4-6 race in 6:49. She is a student at Rolling Valley Elementary School**



**Kindergartener Nicholas Brunson waits at the starting line with Chloe Nasr.**



## POLITICS

# Focusing on Social Justice

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during these trying times that our veterans need our assistance the most." He said the premise behind his bill is to provide alternatives to incarceration when possible, and to ensure that judges are trained to recognize PTSD and are aware of the rehabilitative programs.

"I grew up in a household here social justice issues were talked about and important. These are important issues confronting our community," Bulova said.

Transportation funding, which has dominated the headlines this election cycle, was also a key talking point for many of the candidates.

"We need to protect the general fund from transportation being siphoned off it. We're in quicksand here. ... Reliance on debt is not the answer," said Del. Vivian Watts (D-39), who served as a former Secretary for Transportation and Public Safety from 1986 to 1990.

She explained her decision to vote against Gov. Bob McDonnell's (R) transportation bill this session, which authorizes him to sell \$1.8 billion in bonds that help fund 900 projects, including the widening of Interstate 66 and high-occupancy toll lanes on Interstates 395 and 95.

"I'm always concerned about Northern

Virginia getting its fair share, but it's as important to look at where the money comes from as what we get back. Less than a third of transportation revenue comes from Northern Virginia, while almost 45 percent of General Fund revenue comes from our income and sales taxes. Funding transportation from the General Fund is not a good deal for us, even before you consider the cuts to education and other services that result. New revenue must be part of the solution. Please don't hesitate to share your thoughts and guidance with me on this most difficult issue.

"New revenue must be part of the solution," said Bulova, "We need to be honest the need for new revenue for transportation."

Another hot issue was immigration reform, in particular laws that discriminate against legal and undocumented immigrants.

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) said the state needs to address sentencing reform for immigrants, who are subject to immediate deportation if they are convicted of a felony. "The biggest frustration is the threshold for property crimes," Petersen said. "Shoplifting is a felony, so even if you've been here almost all of your life, and don't know anyone from your home country, you can be deported."

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# Marsden, Flanary Debate in 37th District Senate Race

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constitute support of the pledge. “There is a difference between a promise and signing the pledge,” Flanary said. “This reminds me of the Clintonian definition on sex. He’s being too clever by half, and it will remind voters of what they don’t like about politicians,” said Jeremy Mayer, an associate professor at George Mason University’s School of Public Policy, when asked Monday what he thought of Flanary’s letter and the ATR Pledge. “It’s like saying, ‘Hey, I said I wouldn’t raise taxes, not that I wouldn’t raise revenue,’ or ‘I was for the bill before I was against it,’ which is what got John Kerry in so much trouble,” Mayer said.

After the debate Sunday, Marsden said he thinks that Flanary is trying to wriggle out of his pledge because the voters in the 37th District, a swing district with a blend of Republicans and Democrats, would be against it.

“I don’t know how you can say you will pay for all these transportation projects, and then sign the pledge. ... I think Jason lives in a gray world,” Marsden said.

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40), who did sign the pledge, hired Flanary to run his 2003 campaign. He said on Monday he believes Flanary did not sign the pledge.

“He said he did not sign it, and I respect that. He’s a Marine, and his only pledge is to the United States Constitution,” Hugo said. “What I see is Dave Marsden attacking him on [the pledge issue], and that says to me that Marsden will continue to raise taxes, and Jason will hold the line on taxes,” Hugo said. “I think it’s sad what Dave Marsden will say about a decorated Marine to get elected.”

Marsden and Flanary both prodded each



**Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) and his Republican challenger Jason Flanary debated transportation, education and the economy during a debate on Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. The tense debate turned partisan during the candidates’ closing statements.**

other with elliptical references to ethics throughout the two-hour debate. But the antagonism was held in check until the final comments.

“This is all about qualifications, experience and results, which is something I will continue to bring to Richmond,” Marsden said in his final comments. “You’re not going to solve problems by pie-in-the-sky platitudes, or using someone else’s ideas.”

“This is going to sound like a silly question, but bear with me for a minute,” Flanary said in his closing statements. “How many people here have heard of Bernie Madoff? Does he have any integrity? My opponent is taking the word of someone who threatened to kill his wife over me, a

decorated Marine.”

The cryptic comments seemed to baffle some audience members, who approached the candidates at the end of the debate for clarification.

Flanary said he was responding to Marsden’s references that Flanary plagiarized an ad in the 2003 campaign of Morgan Morris, a Republican candidate for the 6th District seat in the House of Delegates.

At the time, Flanary said he was working as a campaign consultant for 17 Republican candidates in the General Assembly and had nothing to do with the radio ad.

In a Oct. 31 Roanoke Times article, Morris, who was convicted in 1989 in Pulaski County Circuit Court for making a threat-

ening call to his estranged wife, publicly accused Flanary of copying an ad created by the Wisconsin Education Association Council, and said he fired Flanary.

“Look, Morgan Morris needed somebody out of his home base to blame, so he blamed me. And this is a person convicted of threatening to kill his wife, so I don’t understand why Marsden would take his word over mine,” Flanary said to several people who asked him about his closing comments.

“What we are doing is taking the word of a credible news source,” said Kiel Brunner, Marsden’s campaign manager, on Monday.

“I’ve been running my campaign in an ethical way. I’m going to continue to work hard, and I’m not going to try to smear someone,” Flanary said. “I want to make Fairfax County a better place tomorrow than yesterday.”

Marsden said he thinks his on-the-ground legislative experience, 30 years work in the state’s juvenile justice system and bipartisan style would sway voters to vote for him.

“Pledging or promising ones vote to an out-of-state special interest group is a real problem,” said Marsden. “We know that a great deal of the gridlock in politics is caused by these pledges and promises. My 40 years of public service drive my decision making process, Jason needs to take a hard look at himself and determine who makes his decisions.”

While Marsden raised significantly more money than Flanary — with \$264,576 as of the Aug. 31 reporting period, compared to \$85,724 for Flanary — both candidates are low on funds in the homestretch. According to VAP reports filed September 30, Dave Marsden has \$28,613 and Jason Flanary has \$30,611.

To read more about the ATR pledge, go to [www.atr.org](http://www.atr.org)

## Paul Wardinski To Retire in November

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Jobs, Wardinski said.

“It teaches them to think critically and creatively, to solve complex problems and communicate well, and even prepares them for jobs that haven’t been invented yet. Basically, there’s a lot of research and practice that confirm that a whole child approach to education will develop and prepare students for the challenges and opportunities they will face,” he said.

As part of that philosophy, Wardinski said WSHS features a variety of special programs, including an applied history course that allows students to intern at historical sites in the area.

One of his initiatives that he is most proud of, he said, is the senior capstone project. Each senior is required to complete a capstone project, which combines a community service project of their choice with an extensive research paper.

“There are two things I love doing every year. One is shaking the hand of every

graduate, because, honestly, I’m pleasantly surprised when some of the kids I thought might not make walk across that stage,” he said, smiling. “And the second thing is evaluating the senior capstone projects,” he said.

Last year, senior Megan Dumond won a medal for making sure that every fourth-grade student at Lynbrook Elementary, a low-income school, got to go on the class field trip to Jamestown.

“This is what makes me so proud of our students. They are caring and compassionate, and they have a chance to flourish here in safe environment,” he said.

“West Springfield is a place that matters,” said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), a WSHS alumnus and keynote speaker at last year’s graduation ceremony. “Principal Wardinski has done amazing things for WSHS. ... He has earned the respect and the love of the students, faculty and parents alike. He will be sorely missed.”

At last year’s graduation ceremony, Wardinski said he wrote his speech to reflect the wide range of accomplishments of

WSHS students.

“I think it demonstrates what a wonderful school in all aspects WSHS truly is. Nearly 100 percent the Class of 2011 planned to attend college. That is so exciting to me,” he said.

During the ceremony, he noted that 30 percent of the class were offered scholarships totaling more than \$8.7 million dollars. WSHS also had a Cappies nomination for the musical “Seussical.” In the sports arena, the Spartans had numerous student-athletes earn all-district, all-region and all-Met. The dance team won its national competition for the second straight year, and five AP English students were chosen to have their poetry published in *Falling for the Story*, an anthology of exemplary writing by students of Northern Virginia Writing Project.

“These kids never cease to amaze me. You know, if I think about what mark I want to leave it’s just that I hope people see how much I cared. I wanted to be the main cheerleader here,” he said.

### COLLEGE NOTES

**Paola Villegas** of Burke is a freshman at McDaniel College of Westminster, Md.

**Gabrielle Elisabeth Tantillo** of Burke has enrolled at Clemson University. Tantillo is majoring in elementary education. Tantillo is among nearly 3,000 freshmen at Clemson for the fall semester.

**Anastasia Moore** of Burke, a first-year public relations major at York College of Pennsylvania, received an academic scholarship from the college. Moore, a graduate of James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School, received the Dean’s Scholarship.

**Kelly McGuinness** of Fairfax Station earned a bachelor of business administration at Marymount University’s 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

**Cheryl Ogletree** of Fairfax Station earned an M.A. in school counseling at Marymount University’s 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

# McLaughlin, Hurley Run for School Board

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thrive, it needs a culture that promotes accountability and transparency in its operations, as well as substantive community engagement. Therefore, superintendent candidates should have a proven record of improving student achievement effectively narrowing the achievement gap, managing a large suburban school system, and cultivating positive, constructive relationships with employees, parents and the larger community.”

## **In less than 75 words, what is your view of “strategic governance?”**

“In its current form, the School Board’s “Strategic Governance” is an ineffective tool for managing our public schools. Specifically, Strategic Governance measures the superintendent’s performance on student achievement goals and operational expectations. However, the measurements and the assessments are self-evaluated by the Superintendent and his leadership team. This can create an inherent conflict in terms of garnering objective evaluations. The Board of Supervisors has a more effective process in its governance structure that the School Board should consider.”

## **What can Fairfax County parents do right now to enhance the educational experience of their children?**

“Numerous research studies have demonstrated that parent involvement is a critical component for student success. Positive parental engagement includes daily conversations with their child(ren) about their school day, such as what they learned and what homework is due. It also includes positive messages that reinforce the importance of academic effort, along with achievement. Additional suggestions for parental engagement include: attendance at school events, joining the PTA, and volunteering in the schools. Most importantly, communicate openly and quickly with teachers and school administrators about any concerns that may arise. FCPS remains a strong school system because of its engaged parents.”

## **What are three key differences between you and your opponent?**

Through my leadership on important countywide issues, I have brought positive change to our school system. As president and co-founder of FAIRGRADE, I led a data-driven, countywide parent movement to change FCPS high school grading policies. This has enabled students to be more competitive for college admissions and scholarships. As chairman and co-founder of Fairfax Education Coalition, I have led a non-partisan parent/teacher advocacy group to improve FCPS accountability, transparency and community engagement. Other data-driven leadership efforts include reforming FCPS’ harmful discipline policies, stopping the Woodson Bus Depot, restoring high school honors courses, renovating Woodson High School (RENEW), and successful passage of the 2003 School Bond.

I have a proven ability to work with di-

verse perspectives to build consensus and achieve positive results. As an education advocate, I have worked successfully alongside Democrats and Republicans in a bipartisan manner, including individuals on the School Board and the Board of Supervisors, business leaders, educators, and citizens with and without children in the school system. This ability to consider diverse viewpoints and build consensus is essential in serving on the 12-member School Board and representing all Braddock district residents.

As a School Board candidate, I have received important endorsements that demonstrate the community’s support for my leadership. Specifically, I have received the endorsements of FCPS’ two largest teachers’ associations: FEA and FCFT. In addition, I have received endorsements from bipartisan parent advocacy groups such as Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform and Fairfax CAPS.

## **Nell Hurley**

Hurley lives with her husband, retired Rear Adm. Bill Jenkins, in their home near Little Run Elementary School in Fairfax, where they have raised four daughters who have all attended FCPS schools. Hurley said she has served her family as well as her community as “a soccer mom, softball mom, cheer mom, crew mom and rifle mom.” In 2010, she received the Champion of Character Award for Fairfax County. She has also been active as fields director and uniform director for Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC) Soccer; a Girl Scout service unit Cookie Manager for 36 troops; a 15-Year Neighborhood Watch volunteer with the Rutherford Civic Association; a 15-year member of the Jewish Community Center; a Fairfax Public Library Friend and a volunteer for the Suicide and Crisis Hotline.

## **In less than 25 words, define yourself as a candidate:**

Rather than be guided by special interests, I instead will work with all stakeholders while focusing on students of all abilities, backgrounds, and special needs.

## **What are the key qualities you will look for when selecting the next superintendent?**

The list of key qualities desired in the next superintendent should be created by all the stakeholders, but here is a starting list:

- ❖ Proven managerial expertise, with demonstrated ability to make tough decisions, to monitor for and respond to emerging problems and to keep a level head in a crisis
- ❖ Superior leadership skills as an inspiring and nurturing boss
- ❖ Experience with special populations, including advanced academics, ESOL, high mobility, racial and ethnic diversity and special education
- ❖ Excellent numerical competence, including but not limited to student performance measures, demographics and bud-

gets

- ❖ Experience or at least familiarity with various employee compensation programs
- ❖ Exceptional communications abilities and proficiency at running successful meetings with any sort of audience
- ❖ Familiarity with school renovation and construction.

## **In less than 75 words, what is your view of “strategic governance?”**

The School Board spent a lot of time designing its governing process, setting operational expectations and student achievement goals. However, many parents perceive the superintendent has been too “empowered.” The new board is not bound by processes and goals previously set and should be more “hands on.” Specifically, the superintendent and his staff work for the board, not the other way around. The board works for the residents of Fairfax County and especially for its children.

## **What can Fairfax County parents do right now to enhance the educational experience of their children?**

Parents act as role models and instill moral values. Parents should become active participants in their children’s education such as volunteering in the schools, joining the PTA/PTO, communicating with teachers and exploring the courses of study offered.

Parents should guide children toward a balance of physical, artistic, community, family and other endeavors but emphasize that a student’s primary job is to learn. Families can promote healthy life styles, providing proper nutrition and promoting exercise. Families can adequate sleep for their children, if necessary, by limiting activities and commitments and turning off all bedroom electronics at bedtime.

## **What are three key differences between you and your opponent?**

I have a longer, wider and deeper background of involvement with Fairfax County Public School and the wider community including as a participant in several in several Citizen Advisory groups including: Braddock District Community Dialogue on Transportation and Land Use; Fairfax County Public Schools Business and Community Advisory Committee; Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee; Membership Chair, Fairfax County Association for the Gifted and many others.

As president, W. T. Woodson PTSO, I shepherded, among other issues: I personally had been a long-time member and active supporter of the PTA, first joining over two decades ago and having served as a District Assistant Director and FCCPTA officer. As a former member of nine PTAs in five different school districts, I have seen many other ways to approach issues. However, when the rest of the Woodson PTA Board indicated an interest in disaffiliating from the organization, I facilitated an online survey that indicated support for such a change.

After careful review of legal and parlia-

mentary procedures, I presided at an open and transparent meeting at which the General Membership voted overwhelmingly to disaffiliate from the PTA. I then led the organization through the transition, which included new bylaws, registering with state and federal tax authorities and finding new insurance.

I personally researched a proposed bus lot at the entrance to the school and, digging into the details, discovered the formal submitted plan included parking for 51 buses plus parking for the drivers’ private vehicles, all existing trees to be removed from the corner of 236 and Pickett, and 10 30-foot light poles, all surrounded by a 10-foot-tall chain link fence. Yet the FCPS-submitted plan also stated “No light pollution is anticipated. ... [and] The proposed parking lot addition will not have an adverse visual impact.” I personally contacted and worked closely with the Braddock Supervisor and his staff to stop this plan.

I have a stronger educational background. While my opponent has a master’s degree in social work from the University of Maryland and was a college admissions officer, my background includes: master of urban and environmental planning, University of Virginia. I created a special Planning Concentration of “Public Education Policy Planning.” As the Department Chair, Dr. Lucy, wrote when I proposed this planning concentration, “Your proposal is most welcome. We encourage collaboration with many fields, and, in the planning realm, collaboration with education is essential.”

I have a far stronger record of leadership. While my opponent has, in recent years, helped to guide several parents’ groups, I am a retired Navy captain with 25 years active service, including commanding officer of a successful 200-member Navy Recruiting District which included Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.; executive officer, Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia (British Indian Ocean Territories), with a multinational work force of over 3,300 personnel; project manager facilitating research, development, and acquisition, involvement in and contingency planning for assorted international crises, and director of multi-year, multibillion dollar Planning, Programs, and Budgeting for a Defense Agency.

While my opponent states in her campaign material that she was on the “Leadership Team” of RENEW (Renovate to Educate the Next Era At Woodson), I co-founded RENEW and even personally invented the acronym.

As a close follower of the FCPS CIP process for over 15 years, I was the parent who first noticed Woodson and Glasgow [the next then-unnamed high and middle schools to be renovated] had disappeared entirely from the initial FY2001 CIP. I contacted several community members who quickly coalesced into a core group to get these renovations back on track (albeit with a two-year slip).

## POLITICS

# Sen. Dave Marsden Seeks First Full Term

**Incumbent state senator is a juvenile justice expert.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Friends call Sen. Dave W. Marsden (D-37) a “gentle giant,” and it’s easy to understand why. Standing 6-feet, 4-inches, the lifelong Virginia resident has a genteel manner that is more professorial than political.

A graduate of the private Randolph Macon College, Marsden, 63, is recognized in Richmond for his collegial manner and expertise on juvenile justice issues. He rarely raises his voice when talking about issues; instead, he explains and expounds, citing history, philosophy and statistics.

Marsden’s small campaign office in Fairfax Station, located in a non-descript strip mall on Ox Road, backs up to the historic St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church. Dedicated in 1860, St. Mary’s was the first Catholic Church in the county, and the church where American Red Cross founder Clara Barton got her start. The church sits on a bucolic piece of land that includes an historic churchyard.

Marsden said he walks to the church nearly every day, not for services, but be-

cause it’s a place where his cell phone can get reception. “I guess I like the view, too, and it’s a peaceful place to think,” he said. The juxtaposition between the old Fairfax of St. Mary’s and the new Fairfax of Marsden’s office is reflective of his experiences growing up in Fairfax County.

“I grew up in a small farm house that was the original Woodburn Elementary School,” he said. “I saw the changes that have taken place in the county, and I have a pretty good awareness that things are always in flux. It’s important to adapt to challenges and changes.”

Marsden has lived in Burke since 1977 with his wife of 40 years, Julia, where they raised three sons — Nathan, 41; Stuart, 36; and Connor, 34.

In 1966, Marsden graduated from W.T. Woodson High School. He began a career as a probation officer in Fairfax County after receiving a social work degree from Randolph Macon in 1970.

He went on to establish and operate Fairfax County’s shelter home for youth with severe family problems, and in 1982 became the chief administrator for the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center, a 121-



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**Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) often sits at the historic St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax Station to make campaign calls.**

bed center that served as a model for other centers. He is particularly proud of the fact that during his 17-year tenure, there was never an escape or serious injury.

“We had an orientation unit so that juveniles would be with other new juveniles.

They wouldn’t be exposed to older offenders, or those who were there for more serious crimes,” he said.

He also launched a program with Fairfax County Public Schools to make sure juvenile offenders who were incarcerated for a short time kept up with homework from their base school so they could return to school after incarceration without becoming discouraged for falling behind.

“We wanted to keep them linked to the school system, so they would have less of a reason for dropping out of school. You have to remember, I started this before everything was computerized, so it took a lot of coordination with teachers and staff who had to send us paperwork, and then we would send it back to them. The teachers were great to work with,” Marsden said. Marsden won a National Association of Counties (NACO) award for several of his initiatives during his tenure at the juvenile justice system.

Joseph Fedeli met Marsden in the early 1970s, when they were both working with the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and they’ve been friends and colleagues ever since. Fedeli hired Marsden to run the County’s first shelter. Marsden was hired three years later to

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# Candidate Jason Flanary Focuses on Spending Cuts

**Former U.S. Marine sets sights on State Senate seat in Nov. 8 election.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

As he walked on a treadmill at Camp David, President Bill Clinton (D) gave Jason Flanary a piece of political advice in 1999 that the then 20-year Marine said he would never forget.

“He told me he was going to share the secret of his success,” Flanary said. “He said if you’re ever going to run for office, you have to remember that 40 percent of the voters will automatically vote for you and 40 percent will automatically vote against you, because of party affiliation. It’s the 20 percent of undecided voters you have to connect with. They want to know if you’re a nice person, do you understand the issues that affect them on a daily basis and if you can relate to them.”

Flanary, 32, is running against incumbent Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) for the 37 District Senate Seat as a Republican. He said he never thought he would need that advice.

The young U.S. Marine Corps sergeant was chosen to be Clinton’s personal trainer

at presidential retreat Camp David, where the facility is guarded by one of the U.S. Marine Corps’ most elite units, the Marine Corps Security Force Regiment.

Just a few years earlier, Flanary had been crawling through people’s basements and attics as a service technician for his family’s heating and air-conditioning business in Newport News, Va.

“Yeah, it was a surreal experience. I mean, here I am chatting with the President of the United States. As the president’s trainer, I got to teach Chelsea how to skeet shoot, and I also had this amazing opportunity to meet foreign dignitaries,

movie stars, you name it,” he said.

At the time, Flanary didn’t think he would go into politics. “I thought I would make a great Virginia State Trooper” Flanary said.

But Flanary has been on the political fast track ever since.

He has worked with numerous Republican candidates and has served as a legislative assistant to Del. Tim Hugo (R-40), U.S. Rep. J. Randy Forbes (R-4) and former U.S. Rep. Bud Shuster (R-9), who was chairman of the House Committee on Transportation

**“Virginia politics is so much more personal.”**

— Jason Flanary



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

**Candidate Jason Flanary, a Republican newcomer, is challenging Democratic Incumbent Dave Marsden for the 37th District House seat in November.**

and Infrastructure. Flanary has been responsible for handling many key issues, including government reform, transportation and education.

While working as a legislative assistant to Shuster, Flanary earned his bachelor’s degree in government and international

politics from George Mason University. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

“Working for Tim Hugo allowed me to really understand how the Virginia legislature works. Virginia politics is so much more personal. Tim was a great mentor,” Flanary said.

“Jason will make a great legislator,” Hugo said. “He’s a hard worker, and he will take a common-sense business approach to solving problems.”

Flanary said his drive and strong work ethic come from his upbringing. “My dad graduated from high school, got married and by 25 he had four children. He made do with the bare minimum and built a successful business. In my childhood, I learned that the only thing you’re given is opportunity,” he said.

“I don’t worry that I’m going to burn out. I have a lot of energy, and I set realistic goals for myself. Whatever I’m doing, I give 150 percent of myself.

If Flanary unseats Marsden in the Nov. 8 General Election, he said his goal is to get government operating more like a successful business. He lists job growth, education and transportation as priorities.

“We need to really look at our spending. We need to audit state spending annually to identify inefficiencies, and eliminate failing government programs and practices.

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# POLITICS

## Former Marine GOP Candidate

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These are things I've worked on as a businessman," Flanary said. "I think we can use a successful business model to tackle our problems."

Endorsed by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, where he served as vice president of government relations, Flanary is currently chief operating officer of ccAdvertising.

He said Fairfax County's traffic congestion can be reduced by a number of common-sense solutions, such as synchronizing traffic lights quarterly to increase mobility; opening the shoulder lanes on Interstate 66 outside of the Beltway; and ensuring greater state funding for Northern Virginia's transportation infrastructure.

He wants to improve education by changing the state funding formula to give "Fairfax its fair share," and increasing access to access to state colleges and universities for Fairfax families by limiting out-of-state student access. Flanary said he has been relentlessly campaigning, knocking on doors, telling voters about him and listening to their concerns.

"I'm not taking anything for granted in this race.

I've been knocking on doors all summer, and I think we're up to 17,092," he said.

Flanary said he's willing to talk about anything voters want to discuss, but one thing many potential constituents don't know about him is his passion to try new foods. "I'm not as adventurous as Anthony Bourdain, but I've tried some pretty unusual dishes," he said.

The most unusual? "I'd have to say the craziest thing I ever ate was at this sushi place in Centreville with a group of businessmen. They ordered octopus, and it was still moving when they cut into it, and yes, I tried it," he said.

If Flanary doesn't win in November, he said he has other plans. "My life doesn't stop and start at politics. I think I might get my MBA, or learn a new language, you never know," he said.

He does have firm plans for New Year's Eve. Dec. 31 is the date he and his fiancée, Jessica DeLoach, have set for their wedding in Las Vegas.

"We're getting friends and family together to celebrate in Las Vegas. We plan to watch the fireworks from the top of the Mandalay Bay hotel. It's something to look forward to," he said.

### FAITH NOTES

**The Little River United Church of Christ**, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its voting to become an Open and Affirming congregation on Sunday, Nov. 6, welcoming to all persons. The sermon at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services will be given by the

Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess, executive director of Local Church Ministries for the national office of the United Church of Christ. 703 978-3060.

The Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, will host "**Shower of**

**Stoles**," featuring liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people of faith. Each stole contains the story of a GLBT person who is active in the life and leadership of their faith community. The exhibit is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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# Lake Braddock Loses Early Lead Against Woodson

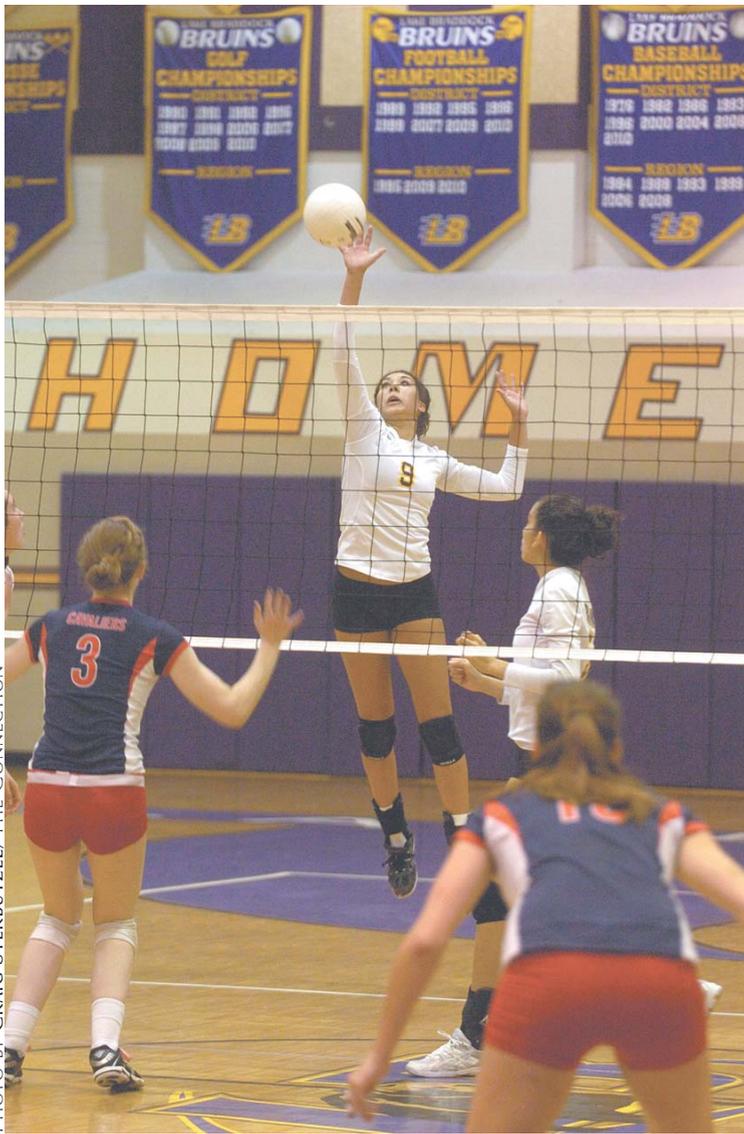


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Lake Braddock's Kyra Rodi tallied 13 kills against Woodson on Oct. 13.

**Bruins fall in battle of two of region's top volleyball teams.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The Lake Braddock volleyball team entered its Thursday, Oct. 13, match against Woodson ranked No. 2 in the Northern Region coaches poll. For a game and a half, the Bruins played the like defending Patriot District champions, winning the opener and building an 18-11 lead in the second set against a Woodson team ranked No. 3.

But while Lake Braddock had a strong start, Woodson had a stronger answer. The Cavaliers responded with an 8-0 run en route to 25-22 victory in game two and rode momentum to a 3-1 (17-25, 25-22, 25-17, 25-22) win in a battle of two of the region's top teams.

"We knew they were going to fire back," Lake Braddock coach Michael Clark said, "but it's hard when you start getting things a little bit easy and all of the sudden they started running things a lot faster and a lot more crisp. They just never let up on that momentum and we just couldn't get it back."

After an 8-1 start in best-of-five matches, the Bruins became losers of two in a row and owners of a 1-2 record in the Patriot District. Lake Braddock lost to West Springfield 3-2 on Oct. 11. The Bruins aren't

panicking, however. Last season, Lake Braddock entered the district tournament as the No. 5 seed and lost the first two games of its opening round match at T.C. Williams. The Bruins battled back and played their way to a district title.

"I think [Woodson] definitely had a lot of energy and they really pushed us and we kind of got into that mindset of, 'Oh my gosh, they're going on a run. What are we going to do?'" Lake Braddock standout setter and opposite hitter Kyra Rodi said. "I think that's something we're definitely working on. Going into the district tournament, going into the rest of our season, we're really wanting to work on pushing the whole way through and finishing it. ...

**"Last year, we came in not seeded in the district tournament very well, and we ended up pulling it out, so I think that anything is possible."**

— Lake Braddock junior Kyra Rodi

"Last year, we came in not seeded in the district tournament very well and we ended up pulling it out, so I think that anything is possible. We've just got to keep

pushing and keep working to get better."

Rodi finished with 13 kills and three aces. Senior middle Catherine Jamshidi tallied 16 kills and two aces, and 6-foot-4 junior opposite hitter Natalie Butler finished with eight kills and 4.5 blocks.

Clark said Butler, a basketball player in her first year with the varsity volleyball team, was a disruptive force at the net. "I think Natalie Butler on the right side, really gave them a lot of fits," Clark said. "She's kind of an unsung hero that doesn't get a lot of credit. I thought she really kind of changed the game for us. ... [Woodson] really struggled to get into a rhythm against her, but they found it everywhere else and we didn't really have our offense clicking quite well enough."

# Woodson Girls Stumped by West Potomac Defense

**Cavaliers' season ends in with loss in opening round of districts.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Woodson's field hockey team found itself trailing less than 10 minutes into Tuesday's win-or-go-home game against West Potomac.

The Cavaliers didn't panic, however, and, as the game progressed, Woodson's offensive opportunities increased. But even though the Cavaliers were on the attack for most of the final 6 minutes of the contest, the West Potomac defense, led by first-team all-district goalkeeper Livvy Mickevicius, proved too much.

The Wolverines, seeded No. 5, defeated the No. 4 Cavaliers, 1-0, during the opening round of the Patriot District tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Woodson High School. The victory advanced West Potomac to the district semifinals and earned the



PHOTO BY MARK STOFKO

West Potomac goalkeeper Livvy Mickevicius and four Wolverine defenders wait for Woodson's Shannon Stofko to put a penalty corner in play during the opening round of the Patriot District tournament on Oct. 18.

Wolverines what is believed to be their first regional tournament berth in more than a decade. Meanwhile, Woodson's 2011 season is over.

"I think we reacted well to [West Potomac's goal]," Preston said. "I felt like we had the ball down in our attacking part

of the field a lot, especially in the second half. I felt we came out a little anxious in the start of the game and West Potomac came out really strong ... and I felt that caught us a little off guard. ...

"Their goalie's very good. We discussed before the game that we were going to have

to work to get the ball around her. And I feel like every time we made a shot they were sending it right back out of the circle and we just couldn't get anything going. We get one shot and then we were done."

Woodson defeated West Potomac, 3-0, during the regular season but couldn't muster any offense in the rematch. West Potomac junior Kelsie Whalen scored the game's only goal with 21 minutes, 22 seconds remaining in the opening half.

The Cavaliers finished the season with an 8-8 record.

Junior forward Meghan Smiga scored eight of the team's 16 goals this season and will be a key part of next year's team. Senior midfielder Leah Williamson scored five goals and Preston said senior midfielder Morgan Willard played well.

Smiga and Willard earned first-team all-district honors. Williams, senior midfielder Shannon Stofko and sophomore midfielder Kelly Stegner received second-team honors and junior goalkeeper Jessica Peckins garnered honorable mention.

"We start three sophomores and had one freshman playing at the end of the game," Preston said. "The seniors have set a good example for next year for us to build on."

# Democrat Dave Marsden

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become the founding superintendent of Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center.

Fedeli said Marsden showed a grasp of complex issues, as well as ingenuity and flexibility working in a tough emotional and bureaucratic environment.

Fedeli points to a case Marsden oversaw in the 1980s, that of a 16-year-old girl from Great Falls who was on probation for larceny.

"She was a handful, and the family relationships were very strained," Fedeli said. "She would always lock her bedroom door, and her parents didn't like that. It was a very tense situation. Dave said 'you know what, you can go in your room, but why don't we take the door off the hinges.' It was a creative way of handling the situation, and it allowed the girl and her family to feel as if they both got what they needed."

Fedeli, now vice president for Development Services Group, Inc., a Bethesda-based consulting firm specializing in juvenile justice issues, continues to work with Marsden on various projects and services.

"What always impressed me was how Dave would build the programs and services around the needs of the kids, not the other way around," Fedeli said. "He's tough when he needs to be tough, but he's also the kind of person who can laugh at himself. He's compassionate and civil. Those are dying qualities."

Marsden started his political career in 1999, when he left the detention center in 1999 to become the legislative aide for Virginia House of Delegates member Jim Dillard, a Republican, who served as delegate in the 41st District for 32 years. Dillard calls Marsden a good friend and a politician who "never takes anything for granted." The two have remained friends and have gone on whitewater rafting trips together.

In 2000, Gov. Jim Gilmore (R) appointed Marsden chief deputy and then acting director of the 2,700-person Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. After serving for 6 months in the administration of Gov. Mark Warner (D), Marsden joined Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG), where he now manages a U.S. Department of Justice program that helps localities reduce youth gang activity and violent youth crime.

A two-term delegate representing the 41st District, Marsden won a special election in 2010 to fill now Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's vacant Senate seat. The 37th District, which covers Lake Barcroft to the Prince William County line, includes a diverse mix of people and politics. Burke, Centreville and West Springfield continue to be the population centers for the district, which is solely contained in Fairfax County.

"The different constituencies make the job tougher, but it's good to represent people of various backgrounds, because it forces compromise and understanding," Marsden said. "You can't just hide behind the majority of voters."

Marsden said he has no desire to run for

higher office, but he does believe that serving another term as a state senator will allow him to help build a better future for Northern Virginia.

"Building a better future means protecting our great schools, investing in transportation, and promoting economic growth. Education is the foundation that makes Fairfax County a special place," Marsden said.

As the father of three sons, Marsden has always been focused on issues that affect youth as well as education.

He recently passed a bill to discourage underage drinking and driving, addressing a discrepancy in Virginia code many legislators had tried and failed to fix.

Before the new law, there was a lesser penalty for drinking and driving than there was for possession of alcohol under the age of 21. The new law makes the penalty for having any alcohol in your system if you're under 21 while operating a motor vehicle equal to possession of alcohol, which is a Class I Misdemeanor. Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) signed the bill into law in June.

"It was one of those status offenses that just didn't make sense. Many people thought the feds would reduce our funding, but I did the research and got the job done, and they didn't reduce our funding," he said.

**IN SEPTEMBER**, Marsden received a Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) award for his support in the fight against underage drinking and driving.

"I worked closely with the Department of Justice to craft a solution to reduce underage drinking. As a parent, I know this law will go a long way to make our kids think twice before drinking and driving," Marsden said.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), a family friend and colleague, said she first met him when he was working for Dillard.

"When Dave decided to run for office, I thought he was a Republican, but he was running as a Democrat," Bulova said. "If there was a centrist party, one who understands the views of both parties, that would be Dave Marsden. He can work across the aisle, and he's a very strong advocate for our schools."

"As a legislator, Dave does his homework," Fedeli said. "He's conscientious, and seeks the truth. He will look at all sides of the problem, and he has the courage to support his convictions. If I didn't live in Maryland, I would vote for him," Fedeli said, laughing.

Marsden said what distinguishes him as a candidate is his experience in running a complex state agency, working with Republican and Democratic administrations, and knowing the system in the Virginia General Assembly.

"But experience is only valuable if you use it to make things happen, and I think I've done that. The bottom line is you bring something to the table," Marsden said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY WINKLER

**Katelyn Winkler, 16, of Fairfax Station holds the first place trophy that she won Aug. 13 at the World Fashion Contest.**

## Katelyn Winkler Wins World Fashion Contest

**Robinson Secondary senior wins first place, scores a modeling contract.**

**K**atelyn Winkler, who is a senior at Robinson Secondary School, won first prize in the World Fashion Contest, which took place Aug. 13 at the Trump Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City, N.J.

Fashion designers from around the world had models wearing their designs, and awards were presented to both the top designer and the top model. Katelyn was among 25 finalists for the modeling competition, where the first prize was \$1,000 plus a one-year modeling contract with Colby Model Management in New York City. Katelyn, having just turned 16, was one of

the younger finalists.

Katelyn will be graduating high school a full year early, with an advanced diploma and a current Grade Point Average of 4.1. She is on the Varsity Cross Country Team, lettered as a freshman in swimming, along with being in the Junior Olympics for three years, and earned a Second Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do in 2008.

As for future plans, Katelyn will be applying to Virginia colleges and universities, with intentions of possibly studying engineering, math and science. Even if her modeling career takes off, she plans on pursuing her college degree.

### Students Plan Mars Mission

**L**ake Braddock Secondary student Patrick Clark, Kristin Edwards, Caroline Bates and Randy Dryer spent a week of their summer planning a mission to Mars. They were among the 145 rising high school seniors from across Virginia to participate in the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) academy. The academy, which took place at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., was hosted by NASA Langley in partnership with the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

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