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Redevelopment Plan in Works for Laurel Hill

Redevelopment of historic property now underway.

Fresh air and natural light were key factors when President Theodore Roosevelt commissioned a new prison for the District of Columbia at the beginning of the 20th century.

In line with the Progressive Era thinking of the time, Roosevelt envisioned Lorton Reformatory as a spacious campus where prisoners could be rehabilitated, rather than a traditional inner-city jail. Over the years, as Lorton grew to accommodate more than 8,000 inmates and attitudes and challenges within the field of corrections changed, the appearance of the facility changed as well.

By the mid-1980s, the Lorton complex consisted of four separate prisons and more than a million square feet of space for adult male offenders and young male and women offenders. In addition, Lorton became the location for a Nike missile site during the 1950s and the Resource Recovery Facility for the county in the late 1980s.

The superintendent of the reformatory lived in what's now known as Laurel Hill House, which was also the home of Revolution War patriot William Lindsay.

For the better part of a century, one of the most beautiful parcels of land in Fairfax County was restricted and, to an extent, hidden from public view. Now, the redevelop-



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The exterior of the now dilapidated Laurel Hill House, which Fairfax County plans to redevelop. The interior of the historic home needs to be completely refurbished.

ment of Laurel Hill House is underway. "Laurel Hill House is one of the buildings on the 80-acre site that used to be the Lorton Reformatory, and the county's plans to transform this area into a mixed-used development are underway," said Brian Worthy, a Fairfax County spokesman. "The approved master plan for this historic site calls for housing, retail, office and open and green recreational spaces."

Congressional action returned the land to the county in 2002. After the property was

surveyed and covenants established, 2,324 acres were transferred to Fairfax County for \$4.2 million, the market value determined by GSA's appraiser.

Since 2002, the county has worked with residents and Board of Supervisors-appointed boards and task forces to develop plans for the future use of the area. The Master Plan builds upon recommendations from previous citizen task forces for the redevelopment of the site.

Last May, the Board of Supervisors ap-

Public Input

Fairfax County's Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) contracted with Frazier Associates to provide an assessment of the current condition of the historic Laurel Hill House, and provide recommendations. The report can be viewed at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/laurel_hill_house.htm. Comments on the report may be submitted to DPZ by Nov. 30 via e-mail at laurelhill@fairfaxcounty.gov or via mail to DPZ, attn: Laurel Hill, 1205 Government Center Parkway, Suite 730, Fairfax, VA 22035.

proved the Laurel Hill Master Plan (Phase I of the planning process) and authorized county staff to begin negotiations with The Alexander Company as the next step (Phase II) of the process.

On Sept. 13, the Board of Supervisors approved the interim agreement between Fairfax County and The Alexander Company. The agreement authorizes The Alexander Company to commence with certain design, engineering, and zoning activities and further determine the financial costs and financial gap.

— VICTORIA ROSS

Ethical Questions Heat Up 37th Senate Race

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

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The 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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Road Repairs Ahead of Schedule

Lorton Road Bridge reopens, Hillside Road to reopen Nov. 8.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

A month after remnants of Tropical Storm Lee tore through the area, collapsing Lorton Road Bridge and turning Hillside Road into a 35-foot sinkhole, officials from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) said they are ahead of schedule on reopening both roads.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, Lorton Road Bridge was reopened. Lorton Road, which carries about 6,000 vehicles each day, posted an eight-mile long detour route.

In September, floodwaters washed away the bridge's wing walls, dumping two cars into Giles Run Creek and severely damaging the approaches to the bridge. Crews from VDOT, and its contractor Shirley Contracting Company, LLC, replaced the entire superstructure with steel beams and a timber deck topped with asphalt, according to Mike Salmon, a spokesman for Virginia Megaprojects. The work was completed a month ahead of schedule.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), sent out a notice to his constituents when Lorton Road Bridge reopened. "I have expressed my thanks to all the agencies and personnel who worked to get this



PHOTO BY VDOT

In a matter of weeks after this spot on Lorton Road washed out from Tropical Storm Lee, VDOT crews were able to repair and open for traffic on Saturday, Oct. 8.

project completed in record time. I now thank everyone who was inconvenienced by this road closure for your patience during this trying time," Hyland said.

Hillside Road, which looked like something out of the disaster film "Earthquake" after it collapsed, suffered the most damage of all the roads in Fairfax County, said Joan Morris, a spokesperson for the Northern Virginia VDOT.

Despite the 35-foot gash, downed power lines and damaged pedestrian bridge, the

road is now on target to re-open on Nov. 8, Election Day, Morris said.

"We initially announced that the bridge would re-open by Thanksgiving. Based on the current progress, we're on target to re-open by Nov. 8, weather permitting," Morris said.

She said the pedestrian bridge has been removed and temporarily set out of the way. The washed out pipe and broken asphalt

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Fairfax County School Board

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Joint Diversity Networking Mixer.

5-7 p.m. Hard Times Café, 6362 Springfield Plaza, Springfield. Cosponsored by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. www.springfieldchamber.org or 703-866-3500.

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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

Im migration 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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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.

these priorities. We need a candidate who puts the interests of families, small businessmen and the economy first.

Miller Baker (R) has pledged to serve the interests of all Virginians.

Baker is committed to lowering personal income tax and corporate income tax

while eliminating hidden taxes on mortgage refinancing. Additionally, Baker supports legislation that will greatly alleviate the traffic congestion here in Northern Virginia by allocating spending based on where the traffic congestion is heaviest. Having four children in Fairfax County Public Schools, I know the importance of a strong education. Baker will work to ensure that Virginia's universities will not raise tuition without approval from the state assembly and will work alongside Attorney General Cuccinelli (R) in demanding more slots for Virginia residents.

Baker is not a career politician. He is a common sense leader who has appeared before the United States Supreme Court, worked inside the Reagan White House, and served as a naval reserve officer in the field of anti-terrorism.

I look forward to casting my vote for Baker on Nov. 8.

EDITORIAL

Miller Baker On Nov. 8

To the Editor:

On Nov. 8, we will determine the course of our great Commonwealth for years to come. Our state needs elected officials who will get our economy moving again. President Obama's tax and spend policies have devastated our economy and our only hope to reverse course is to elect statesmen who will cut taxes and spend less.

Our current state senator, George Barker (D-39), has been in lockstep with President Obama when it comes to damaging the economy. Barker has consistently voted to increase taxes while ignoring the plight of Virginians. In 2008, Barker voted to increase the gas tax for the next five years, and in 2010 he actually sponsored yet another gas tax. Barker's "big government" approach was revealed when he voted against a bipartisan bill to stop Virginians from being forced into Obamacare. His government overreach continued when he voted to limit gun rights, as The National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund gave him an 'F' when it came to upholding the Second Amendment. Virginians cannot afford a politician with

Laura Murphy
Fairfax Station

Community Engagement

To the Editor:

I was pleased to attend the Fairfax Education Summit last Saturday at Woodson High School. The subject of the day was Moving the Education Process Forward to Prepare Students for the 21st Century. The summit's format consisted of an interesting kickoff panel session, followed by three concurrent breakout sessions with separate topics and a wrap-up session.

I believe that this event format, or something very similar, would be ideally suited for engaging the community in important topics facing the new School Board. What immediately comes to mind is the establishment of community-based criteria for selection of the new school superintendent. A Saturday Summit, open to all and publicized well in advance, will permit important selection measures to be vetted by the commu-

"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 by searching with one word: deer.

— MARY KIMM,

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nity at large. In short, everyone gets an open opportunity to present what they see as the important criteria for recruiting a chief executive for the FCPS system.

The results of this Saturday Summit should be published and factored into the School Board's overall process of recruiting, interviewing and evaluating potential candidates. While the ultimate employment decision is and should be a school board responsibility, I see no downside to partnering with the community early in this critical Fairfax County decision process.

John Wittman

Candidate for Fairfax County
School Board
Springfield District

Avoiding Drift In the FCPS

To the Editor:

Fairfax County Public Schools' Superintendent Jack Dale's contract ends in June 2013, less than 21 months from today and 18 months after the start of a new

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

Fairfax County School Board. Dale will be a lame duck during most of that time. Fairfax County cannot afford to have a lame duck superintendent for that long of a period. Particularly when in January there will be new School Board with at least six new members. It is unfair for the new board to have to wait a year and a half into its four-year term to begin working with a superintendent who will be responsible for developing and implementing its ideas and realizing its goals. In this time of rapid change in education, the students and citizens of Fairfax cannot afford to have their school leadership be drifting for 18 months.

For the good of Fairfax County schools, Dale should resign effective June 2012. The Fairfax community and the Fairfax County Public Schools should begin immediately to take the following steps:

- ❖ The current School Board should immediately modify its 2011-12 calendar to include a public hearing in late January on the knowledge, skills, abilities (KSAs) and characteristics Fairfax citizens would like their school superintendent to have.

- ❖ FCPS should develop an online survey capability to collect comments and suggestions concerning the new superintendent's desired KSAs and characteristics.

- ❖ The public and Fairfax education stakeholder groups — teacher labor unions, Federation of Civic Associations, the Council of PTA, the Chamber of Commerce — should be asked to begin preparing their thoughts on what the new superintendent should be like.

- ❖ The candidates for School Board should be asked to begin thinking about what kind of superintendent

they would like to work with and to prepare themselves for the public hearing. It is for their potential benefit that they do so.

- ❖ FCPS staff should begin preparations for conducting a superintendent search once the job description resulting from the public hearing has been developed.

Claims will be made that it will be next to impossible for a new superintendent to be hired by June 2012. It may be a challenge to do so, but it can be done if the FCPS acts now, quickly, and effectively and it is willing to think outside of the superintendent selection box. Several of the required selection actions can be accomplished concurrently. In August 2010, Montgomery County's Superintendent Weast announced his resignation. In June, Weast's replacement took office. Fairfax County can do as well.

If it becomes necessary, the new School Board should ask that the FCPS negotiate a buyout of Dale's contract. It will be alleged that FCPS funds should not be used to buy out his contract, that those funds should be used in the classroom. That is limited thinking. In a \$2.2 billion budget the cost of a buy out will be insignificant. What is significant is that by spending a little money the FCPS will allow its new School Board to select a new superintendent with whom it will be able to work with for 3-1/2 years instead of 2-1/2. An ineffective year in the life of a School Board is a terrible thing to waste.

Dale interjected himself into this election. One has to wonder why he did it. He made himself a lame duck. Elections should have consequences. So should early superintendent resignation announcements.

Walt Carlson
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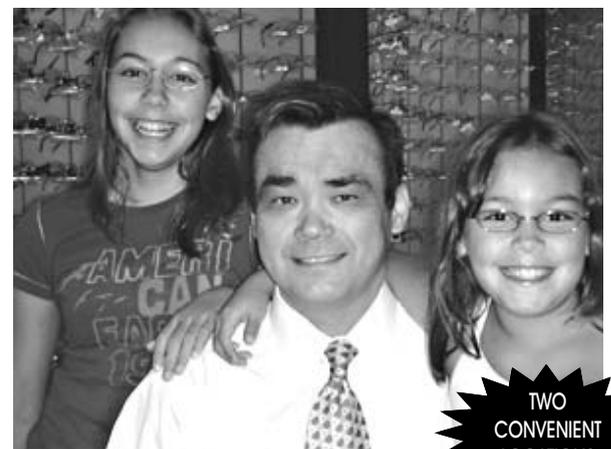
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**The Clifton Haunted Trail:
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BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A pitch-black forest, blood-curdling screams and crazed creatures jumping out from behind trees to scare all who approach – that's just a small sample of the chills and thrills along the Clifton Haunted Trail. Nearly 30 spooky scenarios of blood, gore and mayhem lurk in the darkness – and only the strong will survive.

The annual event is slated for Saturday, Oct. 29, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. Tickets are \$12, adults, online, and \$15 that night; and \$6, children. Sturdy shoes are recommended; snacks and beverages are available. (Not recommended for young children). For more information, see www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com.

More than 100 Clifton-area residents, plus some students from Centreville High, have volunteered to put on the Haunted Trail and act in the scenarios that include everything from ghouls, vampires, witches, ghosts, pirates and zombies to dangerous men wielding chainsaws. Each year, the trail's popularity grows.

"Last year, we had our most successful event ever," said Haunted Trail Chairman John Powell. "More than 3,000 people came."

Parents should accompany children along the trail. It's not recommended for those under 8 since the fright level is intense. However, children not wanting to go on the trail, plus parents waiting for teens to emerge from it, will be able to watch Movies under the Stars on a large screen at the park's entrance.

The Town of Clifton sponsors the Haunted Trail and receives the proceeds.

"We don't have a real-estate or food tax, so this money helps fund the town," said Powell.

Hot cider, baked goods, pizza, soda, candy and popcorn will be sold, with concession proceeds going toward the town's effort to bring the Lewis & Clark Charter School to Clifton. Sturdy shoes are

advised, and flashlights are not allowed. Parking is available at Clifton Elementary and in the flood plain, and hayrides will take trail-goers to and from the park.

To maximize the scary thrills in store for all those brave enough to venture into the woods, Powell is revealing as little as possible about the specific details of each frightening scenario. But he did admit that the trail will be chocked full of town residents doing their best to give everyone nightmares.

Trish Robertson will lead a gang of vampires, and Julie Thompson will be in a scenario based on the horror movie, "Carrie." John Peterman will stir up trouble and Jacquie Lambertson will be in the witches' cove.

Meanwhile, Fred Ansick will hang with the ghouls at the graveyard, and Ester Pline will walk with the zombies. Stephen Goetzinger will portray Moss Man, and Erich Russekrobbins will play eerie, organ music near the entrance to the bridge.

But that's not all. "The Bunnyman is still loose in the woods around Clifton," said Powell. And he's been known to show up at the Haunted Trail around Halloween."

The event is a huge undertaking, and comprising this year's core committee making it all possible are Powell, Pline, Jeff Harper, Steve Bittner and Matthew Brooks. Harper coordinated the skits, organized their locations and cast all the actors, and Pline is in charge of all the volunteers.

Since the forest has no electricity, some 10 generators and thousands of feet of wire are needed for the special effects. So Bittner plus John Neyland are responsible for everything being in place and working properly on the big night. In addition, Boy Scout troops 1104 and 1861 help with the set up and clean up.

"It's a very good, community-building, volunteer effort," said Powell. "It brings people together from in and around Clifton. And especially since the closing of Clifton Elementary, functions like this help keep our sense of community."

Each year, the Haunted Trail's slogan is, "It's only 8 acres – what could possibly happen to you?" And Powell said it definitely lives up to its billing as a frightening, Halloween event.

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

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. www.disneyonice.com.

"Twelve Angry Men." Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Special Dinner Show, dinner at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m. \$11-\$15. www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

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

Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Adults. 703-971-0010, TTY: 711.

Learning English. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610, TTY: 711.

Lorton Library Book Club. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. Adults. 703-339-7385, TTY: 711.

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. 703-451-8055, TTY: 711.

FRIDAY/OCT. 21

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. www.disneyonice.com.

"Twelve Angry Men." 8 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. \$11-\$15. www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

The Soda Chicks: Parallel Paths in Clay. 7-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, Bldg. W-8, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The exhibition will feature the works of ceramic artists Suze Lindsay and Gay Smith. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

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.

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. www.disneyonice.com.

Fourth Annual Autumn Arts and Crafts Show.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Over 50 artisans with apparel, art, floral design, glasswork, jewelry, photography, pottery, ornaments, weaving, woodwork, and more. Free Kids Zone. Admission \$3, age 12 and under free. 703-866-0506.

"Twelve Angry Men."

8 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. \$11-\$15. www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

VASA Storytelling Concert and Open Mic.

7 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Join Virginia Storytelling Alliance (VASA) for workshops for beginning and experienced storytelling artists. \$12, \$10 Workhouse members, VASA & VOICES members. www.workhousearts.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream.

12:30 p.m. and 4:30 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. www.disneyonice.com.

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2 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. \$11-\$15. www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

Scott Davis' "Hope through Hilarity" Comedy Show.

2:30 p.m. Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Advance tickets \$20, \$25 at the door, including a \$10 tax-deductible donation to Rising Hope. www.risinghopeumc.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 24

Preschool Storytime.

10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Storytime for age 3-5 with adult. 703-339-4610, TTY: 711.

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.ufohastings.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 25

Eclectic Readers.

1:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The Alchemist by Paul Coelho. Adults. 703-249-

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NEWS

Bridge Reopens

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has been removed from the property, and a large downed tree removed from the stream.

"The sides of the pipe excavation have been laid back to make a safe work area and to remove damaged asphalt pavement, and the new 84-inch corrugated metal pipe is in place and covered. We still have several feet of fill to place over it," she said.

The contractor, Lane Construction Corp., has been pumping water from the stream around the work site to avoid getting additional sediment in the stream, and the south abutment of the pedestrian bridge has been demolished to make way for its replacement.

According to Garrett Moore, VDOT's district administrator for Northern Virginia, road repairs could cost up to \$10 million.

"This is the most damage from flooding since Hurricane Agnes in 1972," said John Harrington, a VDOT worker.

BULLETIN BOARD

TUESDAY/OCT. 25

Join the Wakefield Chorale. 7:30 p.m. North Springfield Elementary School, 7602 Heming Court, Springfield. Practice is held every Tuesday evening in the school cafeteria. No audition required. 703-451-7917.

THURSDAY/OCT. 27

Braddock District Supervisor Candidate Debates. 7:30 p.m. Ravensworth Elementary School, 5411 Nutting Drive, Springfield. John Cook and Janet Oleszek will engage in a 60 minute debate, featuring 3 minute opening and closing statements, and questions from the audience through cards passed to moderator. Each candidate will also have up to two rebuttal opportunities. Independent candidate Carey Campbell will be invited to participate. 571-502-5292 or 571-312-7426.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Real Assistive Technology for Everyone (R.A.T.E.) Conference. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Rachel Carson Middle School, 13618 McLearn Road, Herndon. Sessions will address the use of a variety of assistive technology in classrooms as well as the use and integration of software programs and devices. Registration required at www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/ats/rate/.

Life Line Screening. Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hoopes Road, Springfield. Screenings for bone density and osteoporosis, cholesterol and glucose, blocked arteries and more. Packages from \$139. Registration required at 1-800-697-9721 or www.lifelinescreening.com.

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1520, TTY: 711.

Writers Peer Review Group. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Review peers' works and receive feedback on your work. Submit up to 25 double-spaced pages to kingstownelibrarywriters@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month. Adults. 703-339-4610, TTY: 711.

New Trends in Total Hip Replacement Surgery. 2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Dr. Robert Stinger, Orthopedic Surgeon at Inova Fairfax Hospital, will discuss the latest advances in hip replacement surgery. Register at inova.org/AskTheExpert. 703-451-8055, TTY: 711.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055, 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.

Learning English. 10:15 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610, TTY: 711.

Fun with Ones. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Enjoy books, songs and rhymes in a special story time just for ones. Age 1 with adult. 703-451-

8055, TTY: 711.

Travel Club. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Bring lunch and enjoy the discussion. Adults. 703-451-8055, TTY: 711.

THURSDAY/OCT. 27

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

Learning English. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610, TTY: 711.

FRIDAY/OCT. 28

"Twelve Angry Men." 8 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. \$11-\$15. www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

Halloween Fun. 11 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Halloween stories and fun. Costumes encouraged. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-971-0010, TTY: 711.

Ghosts in the Graveyard. 6:30 p.m. Cranford United Methodist Church, 9912 Old Colchester Road, Lorton. Sing songs, roast marshmallows and hot dogs and share ghost stories around a campfire near the Cranford Graveyard. Costumes welcome. The stories start very benign and get scarier as the evening progresses. Free. 703-339-5382 or www.cranfordumc.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Lorton Senior Center Advisory



Local Artist Anabela Ferguson will have an Artist's Studio Open House on Oct. 29-30, 2-6 p.m. at 7304 Grace St., Springfield. This is Ferguson's 13th annual celebration, with live music by Lee High School students, food and more. katrinkteskey@yahoo.com.

Council Craft and Bake Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Crafts, food and more. With harp music by Chris VanDyke from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission. 703-550-7195, TTY 711.

"Howloween" Dog Costume Contest and Boneyard Hunt. 2-4 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Show off your costume creativity and help your furry friend compete for special prizes and treats. The contest is followed by a walk through the

"boneyard" to sniff out treats. All dogs must be leashed and friendly toward other dogs and people of all ages. Advance payment and registration required. \$6 per dog. 703-569-0285.

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7 p.m. Buckley Park, Address: Chapel Street, Clifton. Let Cliftonites take perverse pleasure in scaring you, there's always the chance that this year you won't scream. \$10.

Fall Festival for Children. 5-7 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church,

6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Games, prizes, crafts, food, and Haunted Hallway, all in a wholesome safe environment. Costumes welcome. Free admission. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Halloween Goblin Golf and Bonfire. 6-9 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Venture onto the haunted golf course to play a round of golf with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, ride the spooky carousel, and join in storytelling over a cup of hot chocolate around a beach bonfire. Costumes welcome. Advance payment and registration required. \$7 per person. 703-569-0285.

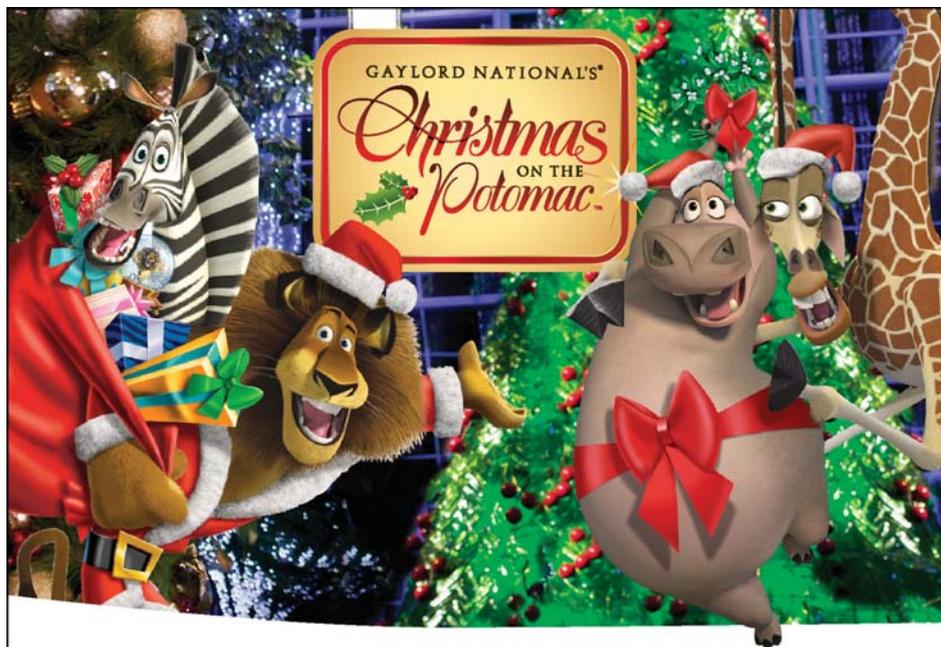
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Artist's Studio Open House. 2-6 p.m. 7304 Grace St., Springfield. Anabela Ferguson's 13th annual celebration, with live music by Lee High School students, food and more. katrinkteskey@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

Woodlawn Halloween Book Signing: "Ghosts of Alexandria." 3 p.m. Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Alexandria resident and author Michael Pope visits Woodlawn for a Halloween book signing and lecture on "Ghosts of Alexandria." 703-780-4000.

Vicente Fernandez. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Ranchera music. Tickets are \$63-\$143, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT.



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POLITICS

Addressing Social Justice

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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 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



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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) talks about her first term as a legislator as, from left, Del. Bob Brink (D-48), Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35) and Tim McGhee, the only Republican candidate to attend the event, listen during Saturday's General Assembly Candidate Forum at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge.

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."

Edgar Aranda, chair of the Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO), said he thought the forum was an important way to get some sensitive issues on the table. "Immigrants' rights are human rights," he said. "We want to help the immigrant community achieve the American dream,"

He said it was critical that candidates support equal treatment, opportunity and representation for Latinos.

"I think one of the most important things to come out of this is for voters to know they have a voice, and that legislators will listen to them," Horejsi said.



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Eight from Clifton Scouts Achieve Eagle Rank

Boy Scout Troop 1104 in Clifton recognized the advancement of eight scouts to Eagle Scout Rank during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, Sept. 10. To become an Eagle Scout, a scout must complete 21 merit badges, 12 of which are Eagle required and nine of which reflect the scout's personal skills/interests. The scout must hold positions of leadership within the troop, demonstrate scout spirit and live by the scout oath and scout law. These eight scouts all attended Goshen Scout Reservation in Goshen, Va., as well as the high adventure Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M. They each designed, managed, and led an Eagle Service Project to benefit a local organization or the Town of Clifton.

Rory Michael Walter led a team of scouts to build three picnic tables and create a mulched picnic area behind the Clifton Presbyterian Church. As part of his project, he also moved the storage shed to a new foundation, extended downspout drains, removed brush and dead trees and re-graded uneven ground.

Daniel Nathan Reese led his team to build 100 feet of split rail fence for the Manassas Battlefield National Park, which replicated

the fence that existed at the time of the 1st Battle of Manassas in 1861.

Nicholas Scott Reese led a group of scouts and members of the community to build two permanent benches at the George Mason University Fitness Center.

Christopher Joel McCarty restored the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) steam engine located at the barn in the Town of Clifton. This project involved several phases of research, cleaning, sandblasting, painting and a lot of teamwork from fellow scouts and leaders.

Jesse Tyler McCarty supervised the building of two three-sided benches to facilitate two challenge course stations at the EDGE, George Mason University, Manassas campus. This project involved planning, design, clearing, site work, woodworking, staining and landscaping.

Dillon Andrew Nold led a team to construct five picnic tables for use at the Kinchloe Pavilion near the VISTA fields and at Clifton Presbyterian Church in Clifton. He also cut and painted new signs for VISTA fields 1, 2, 3 and 10 that will help to direct players, coaches, and others who visit the fields.

Alex Michael Winkowski consulted with



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From left are, back row, Troop Leaders Bo Reese, Bill Walter and Bob Richard; middle, Christopher McCarty, Rory Walter, Nicholas Reese and Jesse McCarty; and, Christopher DiAntonio, Dillon Nold, Daniel Reese and Alex Winkowski.

a local naturalist and biology teacher to identify flora and fauna in Clifton's Randolph Buckley Park. He created a brochure highlighting indigenous trees, unique environmental features and the town's history. Alex then led a team of scouts and adults to secure numbered posts along the half-mile nature walk, construct a brochure holder and complete trail remediation.

Christopher Steven DiAntonio led and managed a team of 21 Scouts and adults to construct six movable benches for the George Mason University Aquatic and Fitness Center. The benches are placed along the Piedmont Trail, a 1.2-mile challenge course serving fifth graders to adults. The benches will be used as a designated place to sit for instruction and rest.

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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.

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Lori Suess of Fairfax Station earned an M.A. in human resource Management at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

Zuhair Turki of Fairfax Station earned an M.S. in information technology at Marymount University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

Thomas Smith of Clifton earned a B.A. from Emory College, GA, at its 166th commencement ceremony on May 9. During the spring semester, he had also been appointed to the dean's list. Known for its rigorous academics, students must be in the top twenty percent or have a 3.86 GPA to be named to the Dean's List. Thomas is the son of Thomas and Anne Smith.

Sarah Overstreet of Fairfax Station, a 2011 graduate, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at Salve Regina University. To qualify, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.6 with no grade below a "B."

Amanda Montelongo of Fairfax Station has been named to the dean's list for the 2011 spring semester at Villanova University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5. Montelongo is a junior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

John McAdams of Fairfax Station has been named to the dean's list for the 2011 spring semester at Villanova University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5. McAdams is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Thomas George Edwards of Fairfax Station graduated from Radford University at the end of the spring semester. Edwards earned a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing.

Matthew McConnell of Fairfax Station was named to the deans list for the spring 2011 quarter at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. To qualify, students must achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. McConnell is seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Interactive Design and Game Development.

David Elliott Klayton of Fairfax Station was named to the dean's list for the spring 2011 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Klayton is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the dean's list in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Alex Yastishock of Fairfax Station, will perform in Elizabethtown College Theatre's production of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," Oct. 27, 28 and 29. Yastishock, a sophomore at Elizabethtown College, will participate as Hamlet.



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Reid, a 12 week-old cocker spaniel from Springfield takes a break in the grass during the first leg of the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section's fifth annual 5K K-9 Krawl, which took place Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Fairfax County Government Center.



Hunter, with his companion Shannon Murillo of Fairfax, is ready to start the fifth annual 5K K-9 crawl sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Dog Walking It

Police department's Victim Services Section hosts 5K K-9 Krawl.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Fairfax County Government Center went to the dogs. The Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section hosted its fifth annual 5K K-9 Krawl, a walk aimed at raising awareness of domestic violence, assistance the county provides and highlighting the vulnerability of animals in domestic abuse situations. More than 200 participants registered for the event.



Brittany Collins, a volunteer at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, brought 7-month-old pitbull mix Toby out for the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section's fifth annual 5K K-9 Krawl at the Fairfax County Government Center on Saturday, Oct. 15. Toby is currently available for adoption at the shelter.



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On Saturday, Oct. 15, the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section conducted its fifth annual 5K K-9 Krawl, 5-kilometer walk aimed raising awareness of domestic violence in Fairfax County and the vulnerability of animals in domestic abuse situations.

Gucci, an 11 year-old Chihuahua-Toy Fox Terrier Mix from Centreville, prepares to make the 5K trek with her companion Frida Kim in the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Section fifth annual 5K K-9 Krawl at the Fairfax County Government Center on Saturday, Oct. 15.



trick —standing up — with companion Rose Silva of Woodbridge, after completing the fifth annual 5K K-9 Krawl.

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



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

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 VPAP 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



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Cardinal White Team Wins Tournament

The SYA U12 Boys Cardinal White team kicked off the season by going 4-0 to win the FPYC Patriot Cup Tournament over the Labor Day weekend. The team is coached by Kieran McCarthy.

Front row, from left, are Pablo Najarro, Sean Tilliard, Jasper Peralta, Jacob Kaminsky, Jake Waddell, Aidan McCarthy and Anthony Saab; and, back row, Hayden Aspesi, Sean Herlihy, Nick Hoffman, Mason Joiner, Max Straub and Jimmy Gangi.

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



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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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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

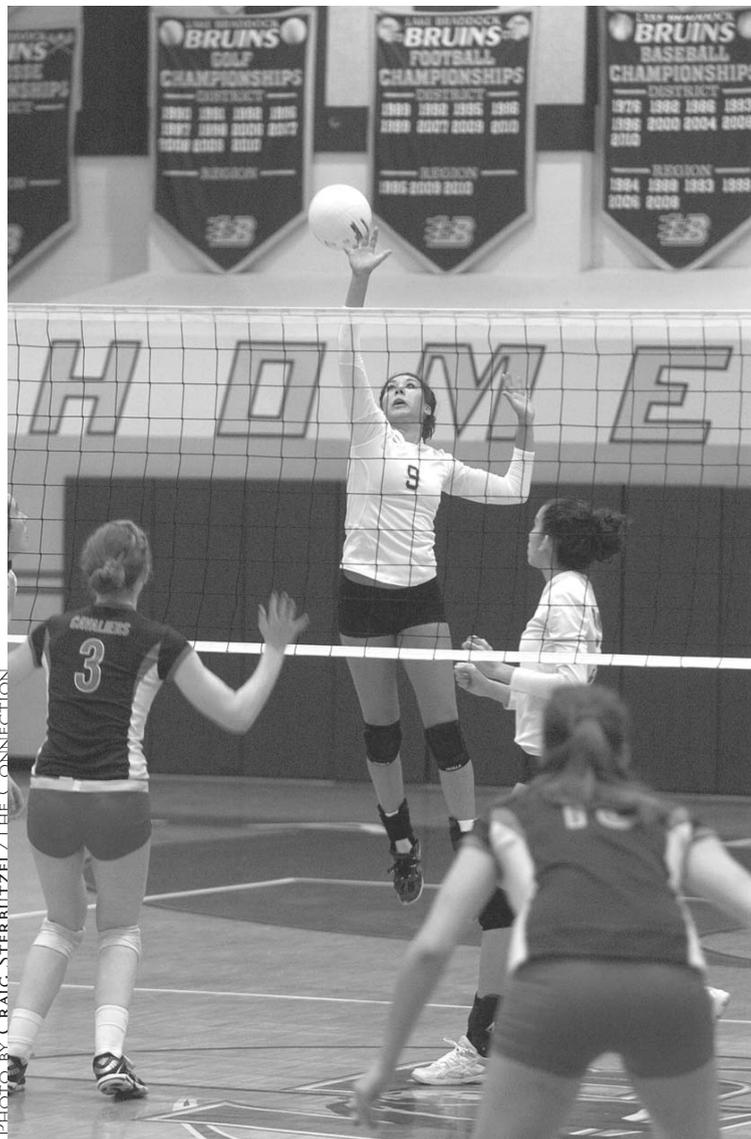


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Lake Braddock's Kyra Rodi tallied 13 kills against Woodson on Oct. 13.

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."

Stallions' Field Hockey Team Ready for Postseason

South County is top seed at this week's Patriot District tournament.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

South County's successful field hockey season continued on Tuesday night, Oct. 18, with a victory over visiting Lee in first round action of the Patriot District tournament.

The Stallions (13-4), the district tournament's No. 1 seed, were set to play a semifinals game on Wednesday, Oct. 19. The district title game is scheduled for 4 p.m. this Friday at Lee High School.

By winning its first round tournament game on Tuesday over Lee, South County, along with advancing in the tournament, also earned a seeding at next week's 16-team Northern Region tournament. First round region playoff games will be played next Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Two of South County's four losses during the regular season came at the early season Bulldog Tournament, hosted by Westfield High School. There, following

wins over Langley, Fairfax and Woodson, the Stallions lost a 1-0 overtime game to the host Westfield team on Aug. 27 to finish a strong 3-1 at the showcase tournament.

South County lost three days later in a non-district home game to McLean, 2-0. The team's only defeats after that came in a 3-0 shutout loss at Westfield on Sept. 23 and a 1-0 overtime loss at Oakton on Oct. 6.

But in Patriot District play during the regular season, South County was a perfect 7-0. The wins came over Woodson, 1-0; Lake Braddock, 2-0; Lee, 4-0; T.C. Williams, 4-0; West Potomac, 2-0; Annandale, 2-0; and West Springfield, 5-0.

The Oct. 5 win over West Potomac was

South County's Senior Night. Seniors honored that evening were: goalie Kendall Clifton, defender Meredith Bradsher, midfielder/forward Rachel Binzer, midfielder Caroline Catino, forward Kelsey Cummings, midfielder/defender Caroline Karwel, midfielder Cari McGregor,

defensive opportunities inside our attacking 25," said South County coach Leah Conte. "Kendall Clifton really stepped up in goal and had a shutout in every district game this season."

South County's top players this season have been Kendall Clifton, Caroline Karwel, Cari McGregor and Jackie Best.

Some of the top players, not including Stallion players, from across the Patriot District this fall have been Lake Braddock players

Maria Pastor and Katie Metress; Woodson players Megan Smiga and Morgan Willard; and West Springfield's Eleanor Lamb.

Conte said the Stallions are optimistic about their chances in both the district and upcoming regional tournaments.

"We take the postseason one day at a time, one game at a time," said Conte. "We all have high expectations for a successful postseason but our focus is on the next game."

"The girls have worked really hard to improve our team defense and on creating offensive opportunities inside our attacking 25."

— South County coach Leah Conte

midfielder Kaylee Taillon, and forward Jackie Best.

In South County's seven regular season district wins, and its first round tournament win over the Lancers earlier this week, the Stallions did not allow a single goal. For the season, South County has earned 12 shutout wins, thanks to a great defense and strong play from goalie Clifton.

"The girls have worked really hard to improve our team defense and on creating of-

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.



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.

Katelyn 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

Lake 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.

At the academy, the students toured NASA facilities, spoke with NASA researchers, scientists and astronaut Dr. Roger Crouch, as well as gained workforce experience and college credit.

Students were broken up into teams and given an area of expertise to concentrate on for the mission. These students' areas included studying the geology on Mars, designing a space suit, calculating fuel needed to power the spacecraft and researching and selecting a robotic rover to carry out mission objectives.

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Absolutely stunning home, beautifully upgraded, meticulously maintained & so many nice personal touches.
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Fairfax City \$799,000
First Floor Master Bedroom. Rarely offered 4 BR/4.5 BA courtyard home (3000+ SF) with 2 master bedrooms, 9' ceilings, gleaming hardwood floors, new carpet, 2 gas fireplaces, rec room, lots of storage, 2 car garage, private fenced patio/yard. Close to Old Town shops and restaurants.
Nancy Basham 703-772-2066



Lake Anna \$325,000
Water Access. New 3BR 2.5BA home under construction in upscale subdivision, to be completed mid May. 2696 finished sqft and 1660 unfinished in basement with plumbind rough in, elect, heat, and a/c provided. Kitchen will have granite and 42" maple cabinets. Next to common area.
Dan Racette 540-894-7777



Fairfax \$699,900
Beautiful home with 3 finished levels. 6 bedrooms & 4.5 baths. 2 story foyer. Gourmet kitchen. Main level den. Family room with fireplace. Walkout LL with huge rec room. Fresh paint throughout. Wood floors.
Judy Semler 703-503-1885



Gainesville \$235,000
Heritage Hunt Golf Country Club 55+. STUNNING BRIGHT CORNER UNIT. Built 2009 like new! 2 Master suites, gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabs, corian cntrs. SS appliances, hdwd flr, living rm, dining rm, den, fireplace, storage unit, gar pkg. Close to clubhouse & entry gate. HOA fee inc. phone, TV, trash, fitness & pool. (age 50+ OK) MOUNTAIN VIEWS FROM THE PORCH! See all active HH listings at www.HeritageHuntHomes.com
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Springfield/Orange Hunt \$509,900
Play in your own park! Enjoy rare .6 acre lot on quiet street close to FX Pkway, Metro & VRE. 4/3/1 Col., refinished hardwoods on 2 levels, W/O part fin. LL. Private deck & patio. See photos at: www.CallMaryNow.com
Mary LaRoche 703-919-0747



Clifton \$734,500
Historic Farm Property. Beautiful historic property with roots back to the 19th Century! Set on a gorgeous, open 5 acre parcel with barn, fruit trees, and pastures, this home is a little slice of heaven! Charming farm house has a renovated upscale granite and stainless kitchen, and bathrooms have been completely remodeled. Antique pine floors, original moldings and trims, and bead board!
Marsha Wolber 703-618-4397



Gainesville \$349,900
Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club 55+. GORGEOUS LIGHT-FILLED HOME ON SECLUDED LOT! Main lvl living, huge master suite w/walk-in clst, 2 BR, 2 BA, kit w/upgraded appls & cherry cabinets, brkfst bar, brkfst area w/pantry, neutral cpt, dining rm w/chair rail, den, bright unfin LL w/BA rough-in & workshop, landscpd yd w/fence & sprinkler syst, back porch to enjoy the view, 2 car gar. HOA inc. phone TV, trash, fitness & pool (age 50+ OK). GREAT PRICE! See all active HH listings at
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Lake Anna \$925,000
Beautiful waterfront home on Lake Anna. Open floor plan, hardwood floors, 2 fully equipped kitchens, covered boat slip w/dbl wave runner slips & party area on dock.
Paul Wesche 540-847-3848



Clifton \$2,849,000
Stunning 5 Bedrooms, 6 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath, Gorgeous Master Suite, Gourmet Kitchens, Shimmering Pool with Fountains, Magnificently Landscaped on 5 Tree-lined Acres in Historic Clifton.
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Lorton/Laurel Hill \$750,000
Immaculate 5 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial with fantastic open floor plan. Gorgeous hardwood flrs & custom blinds throughout. Great open floor plan with gourmet kitchen, breakfast room & large family room with gas FP Master suite with luxury BA & large WIC & 4 more bedrooms on upper level! Great walk-up LL ready to be finished the way you like. Entertain on your composite deck & fenced rear yard with sprinkler system!
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Manassas/Woodbridge \$699,950
Exceptional Value! Stunning 5776 Fin. Sq. Ft., Brick Front, 3-Car Gar., with finished walkout basement, backing to owner's 4 plus acre lot of breathtaking wooded land. This beautiful home has huge Master BR suite with luxurious MBR bath, 2-Story foyer & Fam. Rm, Dual Staircase, Floor to ceiling stone FP Sunny Morning Room, and Gourmet Kitchen w/ island, SS Appliances, Central Vac. system, 2-Zone HVAC, and so much more. Home is great for a growing or extended family.
Florence Bowie 703-503-1879



Lorton \$565,000
Beautifully 2-year old Colonial with gourmet kitchen, finished basement, and deck.
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Lorton \$592,500
Stunning, new Cape Cod on .40 acres in Mason Neck with main level bedroom.
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Centreville \$265,000
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Lake Anna \$399,900
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Dana Isaac 540-661-2166



Manassas \$285,000
Rare offering! 4BR, 2BA upgraded Cape Cod w/3 fin lvls on 1/2 acre w/fenced yard & w/o bsmt. Ideal for rental, home office, vehicle storage or business. Property is zoned heavy industrial w/access to public sewer & water.
Edie Bierly 703-690-1257



Springfield \$449,000
This rarely available 6 Bedroom home features new roof, siding & windows (5 years), AC (1 year), & HWH. Main level w/ HW floors. Large deck overlooking a fenced 1/4 acre wooded lot.
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Clifton \$1,795,000
Stunning Custom-Built 5 BR, 4.5 BA Equestrian Estate sited on over 9 acres with Morton 6-stall horse barn, mirrored riding arena & 5 fenced paddocks. This well-built home offers exquisite details throughout the three finished levels, a lovely stone patio while professional landscaping surrounds!
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Clifton \$794,500
Impeccable Condition. Main Level Master Suite, Gourmet Remodeled Stainless & Granite Kitchen, Upscale, Remodeled Baths, 3 Car Garage Parking, Semi Circular Drive, Prof Landscaping w/Irrigation, 5+ Private Acres. WOW!! What a Steal!
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Clifton Hunt \$899,000
Gorgeous 5 BR, 3.5 BA home on 5 acres in great community! Expanded floor plan has finished walk-out basement with 2nd kitchen, bedroom, full bath, recreation room, media room. Large master suite with sitting room and double Jacuzzi tub. Updated kitchen and baths. Multi-level deck with gazebo, slate patio with fire pit. Beautifully maintained!
Ann Grainger 703-503-1870



Lake Anna \$499,900
7+ Access Acres. Lots of room in this lovely traditional colonial home. Located in newer community of Maple Springs with covered boat slip. Centrally located by land or water. It is very close to shopping and dining.
Toni McQuair 703-795-2697



Aldie \$339,900
Country Living Close In! Wonderful expanded and remodeled home on one acre lot. New Kitchen with center island, upgraded cabinets, new appliances and ceramic tile floor. Pantry and Laundry Room off Kitchen. Expanded Master Bath features separate tub and shower. Ceramic tile in all baths. Oversized side load two car Garage. Beautiful Lot!! Great location near Rt 50 & Rt 15, minutes to Dulles corridor and I-66.
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Fairfax Station \$777,000
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Fairfax Station \$849,900

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