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Landan Thomas and Carla Alzola, with King Arthur Flour demonstrator Gina, show off to their classmates some of the finished products they created from a simple bread dough recipe.



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The Price of Influence

People who have business before the Board of Supervisors contribute to incumbents.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

Why do people give money to candidates for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors?

"People give money in politics to get what they want," said Stephen Farnsworth, communications professor at George Mason University. "If they weren't getting what they want they wouldn't keep giving money."

From developers to commercial real estate owners and property management companies, the roster of people who have given money to incumbent members of the Board of Supervisors reads like a Planning Commission docket. It's all legal in Virginia, which has no restrictions on who can give or how much money they can contribute — as long as it's disclosed. But following the money isn't always easy.

"I think what voters are really interested in is transparency," said Lincolnia Park Civic Association President Loretta Prencipe. "We really want to understand who is donating. And when campaign contributions are made under entities that aren't transparent. It raises questions for us."

Take an entity known as Tysons West Assemblage LLC. The limited liability company is a group of commercial real-estate developers who own land near the new Tysons West Metro station. Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth said that she did not accept campaign contributions when the plan for Tysons Corner was being crafted. But now that the only pending business before the Board of Supervisors is a series of rezoning decisions, all bets are off.

"What is going on at Tysons," explained Smyth, "is that there are small land owners who consolidate and set up a partnership."

CAMPAIGN FINANCE RECORDS show the limited liability company has given \$5,000 to Supervisor Smyth and \$30,000 to Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. Smyth accepted the money, but says her vote is not for sale.

"They do not get any special favors from me," said Smyth. "Let me put it that way."

Some argue that money does buy influence, or at least access. Sue Tolchin is author of *Pinstripe Patronage: Political Favoritism from the Clubhouse to*



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construction and real estate: \$54,900



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construction and real estate: \$49,517



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Braddock District
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construction and real estate: \$46,300



Penny Gross
Mason District
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construction and real estate: \$42,885



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Mount Vernon District
total money raised: \$219,561
construction and real estate: \$40,743



Michael Frey
Sully District
total money raised: \$147,237
construction and real estate: \$35,473



John Foust
Dranesville District
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construction and real estate: \$34,784



Linda Smyth
Providence District
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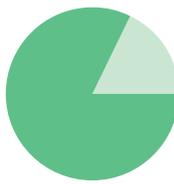
Catherine Hudgins
Hunter Mill
total money raised: \$59,341
construction and real estate: \$3,625

2008 to 2011 campaign finance information from the Virginia Public Access Project

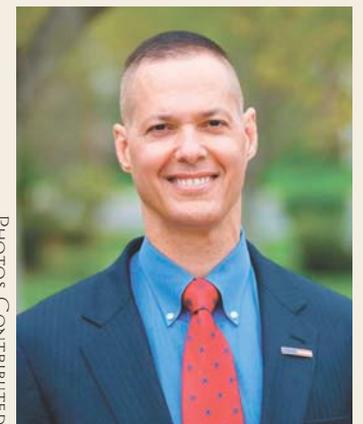
the White House and Beyond. She says it's unethical for members of the Board of Supervisors to take money from people who have pending or future business in the county.

"On the face of it, it's unethical," said Tolchin. "They are paying in effect to get a certain decision."

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Democratic Incumbent
Stan Barry



Republican challenger
Bill Cooper

Barry Faces Cooper for County Sheriff

Four-time incumbent Barry faces challenger Bill Cooper.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Sheriff Stan Barry (D) will face Republican challenger Bill Cooper this November.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining the county's Adult Detention Center, providing courthouse security and serving civil law process. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is the largest in Virginia, with more than 600 employees.

BARRY was elected in 1999, and is completing his third term in office. He has been a member of the sheriff's office for the past 32 years. Barry said over his past three terms, he has enacted a number of programs that save the county money.

"We save the county millions each year with labor programs that we created and are staffed by inmates," Barry said. "We restructured our training and staffing to save the county more than a million dollars a year in overtime costs. We have had our budget reduced as a result of the recession and still returned \$1.5 million this year, and \$2.5 million last year by being very strict with spending."

Barry says one of his goals if elected for another term would be to further save money by electronically serving certain kinds of civil process. "We have the technology to do it, we just need to get the courts to allow

us to do it," he said. "We would still do some services in person, but many of them could be done electronically, with no deputy driving to a location and physically serving."

Barry has been endorsed by the Virginia Coalition of Police, the Fairfax County Government Employees Union, the Fairfax Coalition of Police and the Fairfax County Deputy Sheriff's Coalition, among others.

More information is available at www.fairfaxsheriff.com.

COOPER served with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office since 1988 until his retirement as a lieutenant in March of this year. During his time with the office, he worked in court security, the Adult Detention Center and the Criminal Justice Academy.

He said if elected, one of his first priorities would be to enforce the more than 4,000 outstanding warrants in the county.

"I would work in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department to get these 4,000 criminals off the streets," he said. "Because of budget issues, we'll also work with the FBI, [Immigration and Customs Enforcement], the U.S. Marshals and combine resources to make it budget neutral."

Cooper says he would make it a goal to increase cooperation with the Fairfax County Police Department to make sure re

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NEWS

School Bond Facts, Figures

The \$252 million school bond referendum is on the ballot Nov. 8. Historically, school bonds have a high passage rate in Fairfax County. Each year, the School Board and staff members work with the community to develop an updated five-year capital improvement program (CIP) for schools.

To develop the CIP, the school system looks at changes in expected enrollment, academic programs and facility conditions to determine priorities for new construction, renovations and other capital projects. During the school year, approximately 175,000 students use FCPS facilities daily for academic and extracurricular activities.

Community organizations, such as scouting groups and cultural and civic organizations also use school facilities.

Several factors were considered in determining which schools to include in this year's bond referendum, including:

- ❖ Sustained high enrollment
- ❖ Continued need for temporary classrooms
- ❖ School located in high growth areas
- ❖ Strong growth at kindergarten and primary
- ❖ Demographic characteristics

What is a bond?

The sale of municipal bonds is a form of long-term borrowing that spreads the cost of major capital improvements over the years facilities are used. This method of financing ensures that current and future users help pay for the improvements.

Why are bonds needed?

The building and renovation of schools are not financed through the school system's operating funds, but through bonds. Bonds are similar to someone obtaining a mortgage on a residence to spread the cost of home-buying over a number of years.

Why a referendum?

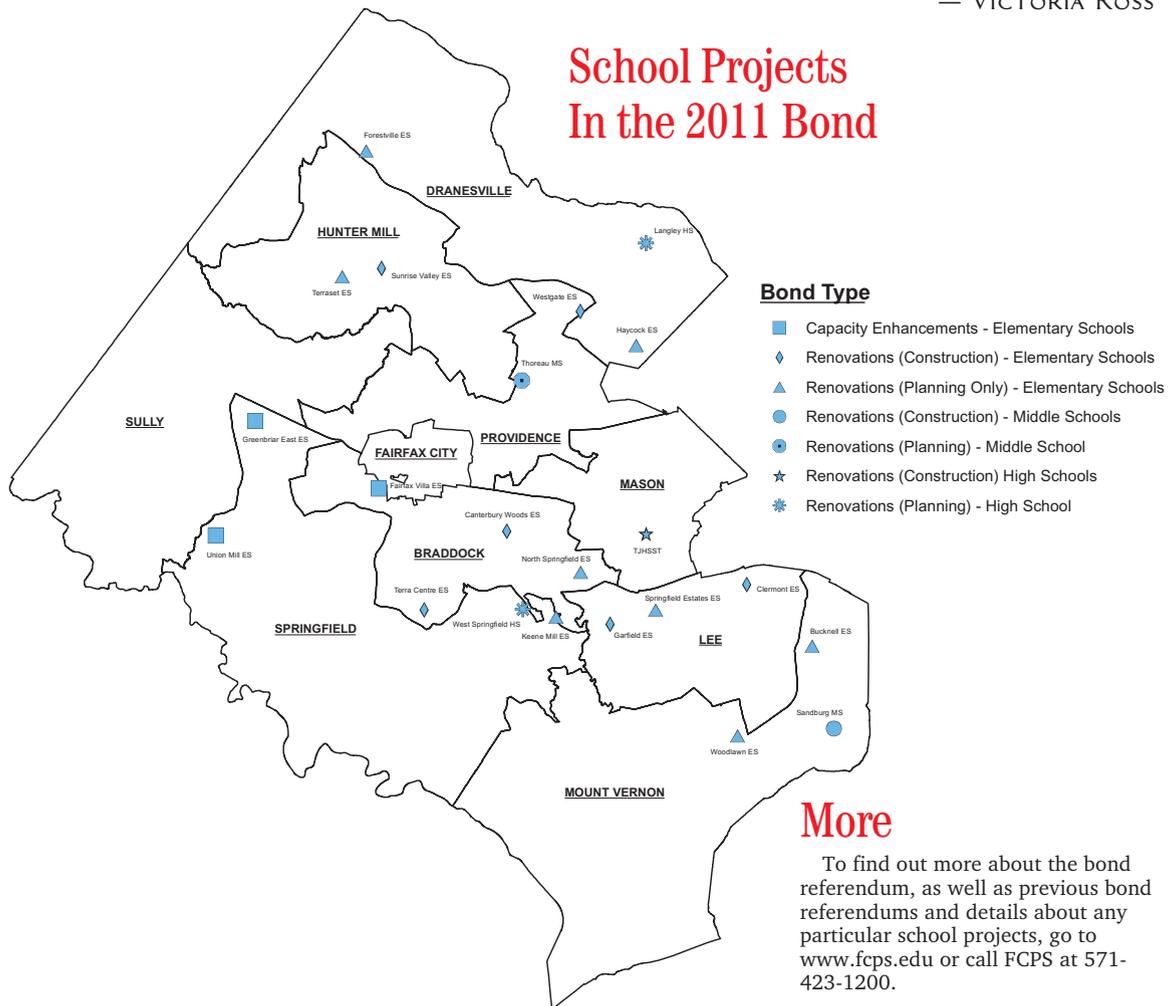
The law requires that voters approve bonds since they are a future obligation for taxpayers.

Why renovate our schools?

School facilities wear out over time, and they also become outdated, both technologically and instructionally. Funding for the renovation at Thomas Jefferson High School is included in the bond as well as planning funds for the renovation of Langley and West Springfield High Schools.

— VICTORIA ROSS

School Projects In the 2011 Bond



More

To find out more about the bond referendum, as well as previous bond referendums and details about any particular school projects, go to www.fcps.edu or call FCPS at 571-423-1200.

Category	Total Amount	Item	Amount
Capacity Enhancements (Additions and other modifications)	\$13,688,696	Fairfax Villa Elementary School, Fairfax	\$3,129,294
		Greenbrier East Elementary School, Fairfax	\$3,889,687
		Union Mill Elementary School, Clifton	\$3,419,725
		Modular Relocations	\$3,250,000
		High School Renovation	\$90,575,065
		West Springfield, Springfield (planning)	\$5,950,000
Middle School Renovation	\$96,225,065	Sandburg, Mount Vernon (construction)	\$44,293,958
		Thoreau, Vienna (planning)	\$2,175,000
Elementary School Renovations	\$97,744,389	Canterbury Woods, Annandale (Construction)	\$14,894,268
		Clermont, Alexandria (Planning/Construction)	\$13,608,872
		Sunrise Valley, Reston (Planning/Construction)	\$16,215,447
		Garfield, Springfield (Planning/Construction)	\$14,158,593
		Terra Centre, Burke (Planning/Construction)	\$16,614,596
		Westgate, McLean (Planning/Construction)	\$14,221,431
		Terraset, Reston (Planning)	\$1,053,799
		Haycock, Fall Church (Planning)	\$960,703
		Woodlawn, Mount Vernon (Planning)	\$1,189,450
		Forestville, Great Falls (Planning)	\$1,165,000
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Vienna Police Hold Unclaimed Bicycles

Often bicycles are stolen and the owners or complainants do not know the serial number of the bicycle or it has not been registered with a local police department so it cannot be entered into a recovery database.

At some point many of these same bikes are recovered but officers have no means of tracking down the owners. In these cases the bike is placed into storage pending retrieval by an owner.

The Vienna Police now have a large number of unclaimed bicycles. If you have proof of ownership and would like to check and see if the Vienna Police have recovered your lost or stolen bicycle, please contact Vienna Police Property Officer John Barker at jfbarker@viennava.gov or 703-255-6377.

Bicycles can only be released once it has been determined that an individual is the rightful owner. Anyone without any confirming documentation or substantial verifying information will not be allowed to take possession of a stored bicycle.

Vienna CROP Hunger Walk Nov. 13

CROP Hunger Walks are ending hunger one step at a time. Bring friends and family Nov. 13 for Vienna's 7th annual CROP Hunger Walk sponsored by Church World Service. The walk is three miles in length and will begin and end at the Vienna Town Green. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. The walk begins

at 2 p.m.

CROP Hunger Walks bring communities together in a common cause: helping hungry people at home and around the world. Over the past six years Vienna CROP Hunger Walks have raised more than \$124,000, which has provided food, shelter, emergency relief, to people in need locally and abroad.

If you can't walk, you can become an online Hunger Walker or donor at <http://www.viennacropwalk.org/>.

Town-Wide Food Drive Nov. 1 to Dec. 31

The Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) is conducting its annual food drive to benefit the Committee for Helping Others (CHO). CHO has helped families in Fairfax County for the past 42 years.

There is a great need for help in this area. CHO is in particular need of canned hams, canned stews, powdered milk, Velveeta cheese, diapers and laundry detergent.

The pantry has empty shelves, donations of unexpired, nonperishable items at the following locations: Town Hall,

Vienna Community Center, Bikes@Vienna, (128A Church Street NW), Caffe Amouri, (107 Church Street NW), Rexall Drug Store (150 Maple Avenue W), The Business Bank (133 Maple Avenue E #100), Evolution Fitness (216 Dominion Road NE), Uniquities, (421 Church Street, NE), and Patrick Henry Library (101 Maple Avenue E).

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OPINION

Research, Think, Vote

General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting is still available.

It's just a local election, why does it matter?

Every member of the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate is up for reelection, with some significant open seats in Northern Virginia.

The Virginia General Assembly decides what to do with the state income tax and other revenue, most of it generated here in Northern Virginia, most of it spent elsewhere. It's fair for wealthier parts of the state to help pay for services in poorer parts of the state, but the Virginia General Assembly denies localities in Northern Virginia the right to make most decisions that affect residents here. In Virginia, local government has only exactly the power given to it by the General Assembly. The right to open schools when it makes sense for each locality? No. The right to regulate safety, like where guns can be carried? No. The right to choose to raise revenue locally through taxes other than real estate and property taxes? Not really.

How about School Board? You say you don't have children in the schools, so why bother to figure out what all the strident posturing and dozens of candidates are talking about? Consider that in Fairfax County, the school system spends about \$2 billion (with a B) a year, more than half of the revenue collected by Fairfax County government overall. Also consider that Fairfax County's reputation for excellent schools is no small factor in its more-vibrant-than-national-average economy.

You can discover more reasons on our website, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

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

day last winter, and it took nearly as long for many people to make it home on Primary Election Day, which was also the day of the earthquake.

Some important dates to remember:

- ❖ Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.
- ❖ Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to

EDITORIALS

Adult Planning for Halloween Parties

Halloween parties for grown-ups often involve alcohol; SoberRide offers safe way home.

Halloween is not just for children any more, apparently. Halloween week end is a time for celebration for adults as well as trick-or-treaters, now a significant holiday, especially for young adults.

So while the adult-sized vampires, zombies and possibly even Mitt Romney look-a-likes will roam our towns this weekend are great fun, "The scary fact is that nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths occurring during Halloween are caused by drunk drivers," said Kurt Erickson, president of the McLean-based Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

So plan your costume, plan your rendezvous with friends, plan the menu, venue and festivities, but also plan your safe way home if you'll be consuming alcohol. Assign a designated driver, take public transportation, plan your party in a place where friends can stay until they're sober enough to drive.

If all that falls through, the SoberRide program can help keep impaired drivers off the road.

vote early, absentee ballot in-person.

❖ Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

For more election information:

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

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

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

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The SoberRide program will offer free cab rides to could-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 10 p.m. 6 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. During this eight-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home. Go to www.soberride.com.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 52,376 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths consistently lower than the national average.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Skills to Govern

To the Editor:

A wise, gentle, skilled, efficient, easy going and at the same time powerful, well organized leader. A strong woman of integrity.

That was my impression of Pat Hynes 20 years ago when I got to know her as a parent, and soon as the president, of F.B. Meekins Co-operative preschool.

During our four years as members of that small community, I got to experience her as a worker, a colleague and a leader. I have since seen her skills in a variety of arenas, from the Vienna babysitting co-op to the presidential campaign, and in each of them, she has exhibited these same traits.

Our paths diverged for a few years but during that time I read about

her activities in the local papers. A group of Vienna parents, unhappy with the lack of a safe social facility for their pre-teenagers, worked to create Club Phoenix at the Vienna Community Center. There was Pat Hynes, taking the lead, and accomplishing what she set out to achieve. Club Phoenix continues to be an oasis for our youth.

Soon I learned that Pat, who was a lawyer, had chosen a second career and had become a teacher. I knew she had been the PTA president at Louise Archer when her children were there and had again been very involved in the school, so it didn't come as much of a surprise to learn she was going into teaching. From the very first part of our acquaintance it was clear to me that she loved children and I knew her future students were all going to be

blessed with this smart, caring, fun, creative woman as their teacher. (I'm not surprised now during her campaign to find so many of her past students working to win her the job of Hunter Mill School Board member.)

A few years ago while volunteering in the presidential campaign at an early stage, I found myself working with Pat again. She told me at that time that she had not been politically active previously but believed she had to step up and get involved in that important election, and did she ever! As the months passed, I witnessed two major things about Pat. First, she is a tremendous worker. She is the sort of person who doesn't stop until the job is done, and who doesn't shy away from the hard work. Second, once again I witnessed how easy she is to work with.

I think this is crucial and I can't emphasize it enough. Pat, who is also studying to be a mediator, will be a wonderful addition to the school board. She would be likely to bridge both sides of a discussion. She will present her points so they can be heard and understood and she will listen to disparate points of view respectfully and with an open mind, genuinely trying to understand. I believe that she not only has the right ideas for this job but the best possible skills to work with a variety of different people to get the job done.

We need people like Pat Hynes with these skills to govern. I can't encourage you more to vote for her for the Hunter Mill School board member.

Harriet Hirsch
Vienna

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NEWS

Town Hosts Annual Halloween Party

For more than 15 years, the Town of Vienna has hosted a halloween party for families at the Community Center. The event, geared primarily to elementary school-aged children, drew more than 115 children. Most were decked out in their bewitching season costumes. Princesses dominated although superheroes also had a strong showing. Many animals, from skunks to Nemo the fish, showed up, too. Dalmatians were well represented although two of them brought along their nemesis Cruella de Ville.

Parents guided their kids through a variety of stations, from pumpkin painting to carnival mid-way games of skill. Student volunteers from Club Phoenix and the

Octagon Club of James Madison High School manned the activity stations. They were assisted by three Parks and Recreation staffers and several Optimist Club volunteers.

Every child was handed a treat bag upon entering, and all who tested their skills at a game won a little prize.

The Optimists Club of Greater Vienna donated funding for the door prizes.

"This provides an alternative program to halloween besides trick or treating," said Parks and Recreation employee Brandy Wyatt. "It's a community service the town provides."

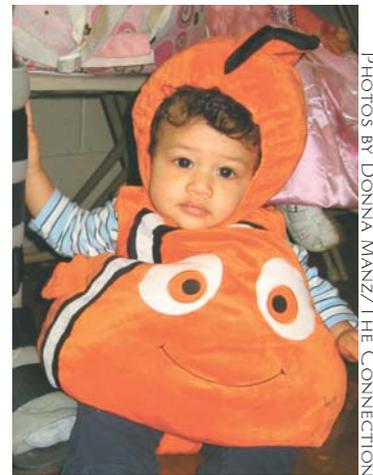
— DONNA MANZ



Three and a half year-old Melindi Ranasinghe of Vienna tries to get a touch-down by tossing a ball into a hole at a yard marker.



Cal Erb, 2, and his sisters Leah, 3, and Jolie, 7, wait their turns at the football toss.



Zoeb Akbari of Vienna, 10 months old, came dressed as Nemo.

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What do you like most about halloween?



Rachel Lynch, aka Cruella de Ville, 7, Vienna
"Getting the candy."



Jack Papandon, pirate, 5, Vienna
"Halloween parties."



Rachel Thompson, 9, Vienna
"Scaring people."



Connor Foote, aka Luke Skywalker, 6-1/2, Vienna
"Trick or treating."

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Smyth Faces Grisafe For Providence Supervisor

Republican Chris Grisafe challenges Democratic incumbent Linda Smyth.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Linda Smyth (D-Providence) will face Republican challenger Chris Grisafe in November for the Providence District Supervisor seat.

Grisafe said he is running due to what he perceives is a lack of accountability in county government.

"I see the role of supervisor as the best mechanism for change, to bring accountability and fiscal responsibility to the county," he said. "Our taxes have doubled over the past decade, and they've been flat since 2007, despite property values falling. County spending has increased five times more than the population growth."

GRISAFE said he would like to see an independent auditor for the Fairfax County School board, and that he would like to see a better breakdown of where tax dollars are spent, and that the Providence District Supervisor should be a driving force in Tysons

Corner development.

"There should not be one dollar of public money spent out of the public's view," he said. "We've reached a point in the technology available to us that we should be able to present information in more intuitive ways."

When it comes to transportation, Grisafe says the county should re-examine its priorities.

"I don't think we should be forcing people out of cars prematurely, but we need to be cognizant of the experiences of the commuter, and maintain the suburban nature of our neighborhoods," he said. "I don't see a focus in the economic impacts of our decisions, and we can't afford not to look at them."

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, the Grisafe campaign has raised \$12,728, with \$3,350 coming in the form of cash contributions of more than \$100; \$2,340 in cash contributions of \$100 or less; and \$5,000 in loans received.

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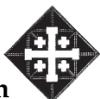
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NEWS

Smyth Vs. Grisafe

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More information on Grisafe is available at www.chrisgrisafe.com.

SMYTH was elected to the board in 2003. She says her experience during the past decade of developments gives her the insight needed to continue her work on these projects.

"Anybody else walking into the job would have an enormous learning curve," she said. With construction on Route 50, Gallows Road, Route 29, I-66, Route 7 and Route 123 ongoing, Smyth says she believes Providence district is the "home of the mega projects."

"There are places where development makes sense, and places where it doesn't. For example, Oakton is low density and should be left alone," she said. "Obviously this area is going to grow, but it needs to be done wisely and logically." Smyth said the recent economic troubles have given the county ideas on how to better spend its money.

"We're still looking at how we're going to streamline the government, make it more cost effective," she said. "If we find processes that don't work or have been superseded, we need to toss them out, because we're doing more with

Meet the Candidates



Linda Smyth

Linda Smyth has lived in Northern Virginia since 1974. She served as Fairfax County Planning Supervisor from 1999 to 2003, and currently serves on the Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and the Virginia Association of Counties board of directors. She received her bachelor's in history from Washington University, and her master's and PhD in history at the University of Virginia.

less."

But through the troubles, she says Fairfax County has remained a home to development and investment and Smyth said her goal would be to make sure it continues.

"When you consider what we've been through, and we're still in the middle of major investment and construction projects, you can see



Chris Grisafe

Chris Grisafe is a native of Southern California, and served in the Coast Guard for four years. He worked as a special assistant for the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service. He also serves as vice president of his condo association. He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Loyola Marymount and his MBA from Virginia Tech.

Fairfax still has a lot going for it," she said.

According to VPAR, the Smyth campaign has raised \$139,765, with \$28,565 coming in the form of cash donations of more than \$100; \$7,965 from cash donation of \$100 or less; and \$100,000 in loans received.

More information on Smyth is available at www.lindasmyth.com.

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VTRCC Halloween Parade Mixer. 5-7 p.m. SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Join VTRCC members, Halloween parade sponsors and community representatives to kick-off festivities before the 65th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade. www.vtrcc.org.

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ELECTION 2011

Partisan Messages Loud and Clear in School Board Race

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In heavily-Democratic Montgomery County, Md., there is a joke that the only way a Republican can get elected is to run for the School Board, since there are no party endorsements and ballots don't identify party affiliation.

Fairfax County also has a non-partisan school board, but party politics and endorsements have been a traditional and powerful part of the election process.

Six of the School Board's current members are not seeking reelection, and all 12 seats are up for reelection (one from each of the eight magisterial districts, three elected at-large and one student member). With at least a 50 percent turnover on the school board and the coming retirement of Superintendent Jack Dale, there is a lot at

into easily-identifiable factions.

"If this were a presidential election, these terms would be a huge information problem for voters," said Jeremy Mayer, associate professor of George Mason University's School of Public Policy. "But the electorate that bothers to come out for a race like this is comparatively highly-politicized and well-informed."

"It has gone beyond partisan messaging to the point where the facts are getting obscured, and frankly it's getting insulting to our parents who say that they don't want to be lumped in with one group or another," said Jane K. Strauss, the Democratic-endorsed 18-year-School Board veteran, who is facing challenger Louise K. Epstein in a heated race for the Dranesville District seat.

"I'm hearing it loud and strong from parents that they want us to move forward in a reasonable way," Strauss said.

Epstein, a Republican-endorsed parent activist who helped launch Fairgrade, said she thinks the race

School board race

CANDIDATES FOR THREE AT-LARGE SEATS



Iryong Moon
the only incumbent running
in the at-large race
(Democrat-endorsed)



Lolita Mancheno-Smoak
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Steve Stuban
(Independent)

said. "We have a situation where administrators say there is no money to reduce class sizes in areas like Springfield, Great Falls, Vienna, McLean and Sully district with 30-plus students to a class even through administrators have just proposed paying some \$3.5 million to put security cameras in all the high schools. ...The reality is that the incumbents have a dismal record to defend."

Sheree Brown-Kaplan, a GOP-endorsed candidate running for one of the three at-large seats, acknowledged the Republicans are emphasizing a message of reform, which she defines as "accounting for decision-making and valuing community input."

"I haven't heard any overarching message from the Democratic-endorsed candidates," Brown-Kaplan said. "It does seem as if they are

"It has gone beyond partisan messaging to the point where the facts are getting obscured, and frankly it's getting insulting to our parents."

- Jane Strauss, Democratic-endorsed incumbent representing the Dranesville District

more supportive of the status quo and will continue a School Board leadership that works against parents and teachers, not with them."

"I find it unfortunate that the vocal critics who claim they want school reform lack an understanding of the many complex and varied needs of all of our diverse student body," said Tamara Kaufax, the Democratic-endorsed candidate for the Lee district.

Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee said the Democrats running for the School Board are not to blame for the polarizing politics, and points to the efforts of Republican strategist Lorenze.

"The concern that I have that Republican strategist Catherine Lorenze is using these Republican candidates like they are her puppets. She prefers single-issue candidates, and that's not what Fairfax County is about," Simmons said.

But Simmons pulls out his own partisan red flags, calling Lorenze divisive and comparing her to Rush Limbaugh. "Lorenze's parochial and partisan approach to school board elections is the antithesis of the highly successful 'Fairfax Way' of investing in a world class public education system," Simmons said.

Iryong Moon, a Democratic-endorsed at-large school board member who is running for his fourth term, said he is proud of his record and not intimidated by partisan rhetoric.

"I have always supported the needs-based staffing formula and will resist any effort to dismantle it," Moon said. "This is about believing every single one of our students should have the opportunity to succeed, even those who have special circumstances that require more educational resources."

IT'S THE DEMOCRATS who are injecting partisan-politics into the race, not Republicans, said Lorenze.

"Long-time incumbents want this election to be partisan so that they can energize their base vote with red-meat, partisan rhetoric," Lorenze said. "They recognize how

close they are to losing their long-time grip on power. ... They are willing to say or do anything to prevent a landslide loss on Election Day."

Lorenze said her politically-savvy messaging has been effective at getting attention because parents want reform.

But Brown-Kaplan said that those who vote straight-party tickets have not done their homework.

"There are important concerns that parents and teachers have been addressing. Look at the endorsements of teacher organizations and parent groups like the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers and FairfaxCAPS. They have studied the issues and endorsed candidates based on their stands on the issues. It's these organizations that should guide voters' decisions," she said.

Ted Velkoff, another Democratic-endorsed at-large candidate, said Democratic candidates best represent the sentiments and core values of Fairfax County voters.

"I think there is a competition in defining the real issues, but it doesn't always fall down the party line. I would say the activists are focused on shortcomings, failings and controversies, and the other candidates are focused on academic achievement and 21st century."

Steve Greenburg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, one of two teacher's unions that represent 4,000 teachers, said FCFT members have endorsed candidates on both sides of the aisle.

"Right now, there's a lot of propaganda, but I would hope that the one common thread is that all of the candidates want to get more people out to vote. That is certainly our goal, and we won't really know how effective any partisan (messages) have been until Nov. 9," Greenburg said.

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Win Over Langley Puts Warhawks Into Field Hockey Regionals

Madison was set to play Washington-Lee in Tuesday opener.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Madison High girls' field hockey team clinched a berth in this week's 16-team Northern Region tournament as a result of its first round victory over Langley at last week's Liberty District playoffs.

All first round (quarterfinals) winners at each of the Northern Region's four district tournaments (Liberty, National, Concorde, and Patriot Districts) automatically earned regional playoff seedings. Madison, in its district playoff affair against the Saxons of Langley, earned a 1-0 road victory in the contest played on Oct. 17.

That put the Warhawks into the district semifinals two days later, last Wednesday, Oct. 19, where they lost to Fairfax, 1-0. Fairfax went on to capture the district championship by defeating McLean, 1-0, in Friday's finals. Semifinal games as well as the finals were all played on the Madison campus' turf field in Vienna.

Madison carried a 9-8-1 overall record going into this week's regionals. The Warhawks, earlier this week, were scheduled to play a first round regional playoff game on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Washington-Lee High in Arlington. The Generals are members of the National District.

"I was extremely proud of my team's execution of our game plan in both the Langley and Fairfax district games," said Madison head coach Marsha Ehram, of her team's showing in the district tournament.

In the quarterfinals contest against the Saxons, both Langley and Madison needed a win to keep their seasons alive. The game, played on a Monday afternoon at 4, did not necessarily have the feel of a playoff game atmosphere, but the stakes were high nonetheless.

"We had to adjust to playing on the grass at Langley, but my girls were mentally ready for it and adjusted well," said Ehram. "I thought both teams started off a little sluggish — Monday afternoon games are not the favorite, and it was pretty warm that day."

In the well-played defensive match, it was Madison which came out on top against the hard-working, determined Saxons. Madison goalie Cristina Ceppi (8 saves) played a good game, as did the defense overall. The Langley offense pressed the action and earned 12 corners. However, of those 12, the Saxons were able to get off just two shots.

"It was our overall defense and our corner defense that kept us in the game," said Ehram.

Madison gained the upper advantage right from the start by getting a goal three minutes into the game when Alex Condon sent a ball from the top of the circle towards the goal and forward Dana Beden tapped it in. The 1-0 lead held up the entire game.

"On offense, we started off generating a lot of pressure in their defensive 25," said the coach. "We scored early into the game."

THE SEMIFINALS loss to Fairfax was another defensive game. Madison played a good possession game but just could not find the net despite some good shots.

"We again stepped up our play and our defensive role," said Ehram, of holding down a talented Rebels' squad. "I felt we controlled much of the play in the first half



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Cougars Reach District Finals

The Oakton High girls' field hockey team reached the finals of last week's Concorde District tournament. The Cougars, following a first round tournament bye, defeated Centreville High, 2-1, in a semifinals game played on Oct. 19 at Westfield High. In the finals, last Friday evening at Westfield, the Cougars lost to the Westfield Bulldogs, 7-1. Oakton (14-4), earlier this week on Tuesday, Oct. 25, was scheduled to host West Springfield in a first round game of the 16-team Northern Region playoffs.

of the game. We beat Fairfax to the ball and were able to stop their long hitting attack. We had very few opportunities to score in the game, but when we did, we got the shot off and it was on goal."

Madison played outstanding individual defense against the Rebels as well as shutting down Fairfax's corner scoring chances. And Ceppi was once again terrific in the net.

"We have worked on individual defense and corner defense [in practices] and that paid off big time as [Fairfax] was only able to generate three shots in the 10 corners they had," said coach Ehram. "My goalie was in great position to make those saves. She also played well, making seven other saves during the game and keeping us in it."

Ehram said great defensive efforts in the Fairfax game came from Claire Walraven, Sheila Crespy, and Carly Frederick. Condon helped the Warhawks control Fairfax's talented midfield and forward players.

Fairfax scored the winning goal with seven minutes left in the game on a deflection off a stick in the circle. "My team was extremely disappointed with the loss and I was glad it wasn't the loss that would end our season," said Ehram.

The coach said her Madison team continued to do at districts what it has done all season long — show improvement with each game. "Overall, we are still getting better with each game and that is what you want at this time in the season," she said. "We are excited about regionals."

Week 8 High School Football Wrap-up

Madison on 5-game win streak; Langley reaches .500 mark.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In Northern Region high school football week eight action last Friday night, Madison High was a 17-7 winner at Liberty District opponent Fairfax. Meanwhile, in other Liberty District games, McLean lost to visiting Stone Bridge, 38-6; Langley defeated host team South Lakes, 35-3; and Marshall defeated visiting Jefferson, 17-7. Meanwhile, Oakton fell from the unbeaten ranks with a 35-10 Concorde District home loss to Westfield.

Oakton was 7-0 going into its game versus Westfield, which was also un-

beaten. After falling behind, a first quarter field goal by Cougars' kicker Eric Goins got Oakton within 7-3. But the Bulldogs scored 14 second quarter points to take a 21-3 halftime lead. Oakton quarterback Tuck Masker threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Downer in the third quarter, but the Bulldogs scored touchdowns in both the third and fourth quarters to secure the win.

Oakton will play at Robinson this Friday night. The improved Rams (3-5), who were 1-5 at one time, are coming off a win over Herndon last Saturday. Westfield, meanwhile, will play at unbeaten Centreville. The Concorde title will be on the line in that affair.

Madison High, which was 1-2 earlier this

season, extended its win streak to five games last week with a 17-7 Liberty win at Fairfax. Grant Hoffman ran for a pair of scores in the Warhawks' win and Nick Dorka added a field goal in a game the Warhawks led at halftime 10-0. Madison, 5-0 in the district, will play at Stone Bridge (7-1), also 5-0 in the district, this Friday night with the Liberty District title on the line.

Stone Bridge won at district opponent McLean, 38-6, last week. The Highlanders, who trailed 21-0 after one quarter, scored on a long pass play in the third quarter from Daniel Hecht to Samer Abdelmoty. McLean (4-4) will look to snap a two-game losing streak when it travels to Jefferson for a district game this Friday. A victory there will

put the Highlanders in position to have a winning season if they can also defeat cross-town rival Langley at home in week 10.

Langley High got to the .500 mark last Friday by defeating Liberty opponent South Lakes, 35-3, on the road. Philip Mun rushed for 167 yards and three touchdowns and A.J. Holtberg rushed for 72 yards. Saxon QB Nick Casso tossed a short touchdown pass to Kevin Wood.

South Lakes will be looking for its first win when it plays at district opponent Marshall this Friday night. The Statesmen won their second game of the season last Friday over guest team Jefferson, 17-7.

Langley will be at home this Friday night against Fairfax.



School Facility News from Fairfax County Public Schools

While the teaching and learning processes that take place in a classroom are vitally important, equally critical to the student's success is the learning environment. High performing learning environments are energy efficient, well lit, thermally comfortable, acoustically sound, safe and healthy. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) builds and renovates its schools to ensure that students are learning in high performance environments.

FCPS maintains 194 schools and centers that serve more than 177,000 students. Just as clothing or equipment wear out over time, so too, do school buildings. Maintaining buildings are a constant challenge. FCPS estimates that it spends nearly 90 percent of its maintenance work order hours making repairs and 10 percent of work order hours on preventative maintenance.

"That's really not the optimum formula, as we should be spending most of our time on preventative maintenance and the

remaining time on repair work. However, that is our reality due to a lack of sufficient resources," said FCPS Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt.

As new schools are built and older schools renovated, FCPS expects its schools will be usable for 20 to 25 years from the date of construction. Renovations extend the useful life of a building another 20 years. Since 2007, FCPS has built three new schools, renovated 10 schools and completed three school building additions and eight modular additions. Currently, ten schools are being renovated and two new schools are under construction: a new elementary school at the former Lacey school site and the site of the new south county middle school.

A school bond referendum will be on the general election ballot Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The building and renovation of schools in Fairfax County are not financed through the school

system's operating funds, but through bonds. For a list of school improvement projects included in the 2011 bond please visit www.fcps.edu and click on Bond Referendum.

FCPS facilities serve as an important community resource benefitting all county residents. FCPS works with the Fairfax County Office of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority and other groups to ensure that school facilities and athletic fields are available to the public during after school hours for educational, recreational, civic, and cultural activities. More than 2,000 organizations used school facilities in 2010 including athletic recreational leagues, homeowners associations, 4-H, scouting groups, county employee organizations, and religious, cultural, and civic groups.



Getting To Know Us

Capacity Architect Susy Lee

FCPS student enrollment increased by more than 2,300 students in 2010. That means more desks, more teachers, and more classroom space to accommodate the additional students.

How does a school system make plans to accommodate more students?

For Susy Lee, capacity architect for FCPS, it is an ongoing challenge for one of the largest school districts in the country.

Lee uses data from an annual survey of schools and then factors in additional data she receives on projected enrollment. From there, she comes up with a ranked list of schools likely to need more space.

"I focus on the schools where interior modifications or additional trailers are the options," said Lee. "Sometimes a minor modification is all that's needed. But an extensive or more costly modification requires me to scrutinize data further to determine an ongoing need, in order to justify the expense. Sometimes trailers can possibly be a more cost- or time-effective option."

Not only does she plan for more students, but she also receives requests from FCPS departments to add programs at schools.

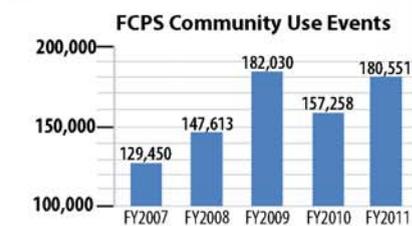
"I try to find schools that have available space and are not projected to have significant enrollment increases. But often those schools aren't in the vicinity of where the programs are needed, so modifications or trailers must be considered."

Lee has a degree in architecture that she says is important for her position. "I have to solve space-related problems and I need to know that an option is feasible to construct and is building code compliant."

"With enrollment and additional program needs increasing, finding capacity solutions will become more of a challenge every year," she said.

This Just In

The Virginia Department of Education says **91.4 percent** of Fairfax County Public Schools students from the class of 2011 graduated on time. This figure **exceeds the state average of 86.6 percent by 4.8 percentage points** and is up slightly from 91.2 percent for the class of 2010.



FCPS Goes Green for Environmental Efficiency and Energy Savings

FCPS has had an active and aggressive energy management program since 1978, focusing on minimizing the use and cost of energy. FCPS has been able to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) each of the last three years, despite a growing student enrollment, heating and cooling more building space,

and adding more buses to the fleet. Reducing GHG emissions was achieved in many different ways including using more energy efficient equipment, computerizing heating and air conditioning systems, and using bus route optimization software.

Computers, office equipment, and information technology

are a growing component of the educational process for teachers and students. However, electronic equipment consumes electricity and contributes to GHG emissions. FCPS is working to reduce GHG even more by reducing vehicle travel when employees work collaboratively via email and participate in meetings and training remotely.



Did You Know ?

Did you know that FCPS school buildings and athletic fields are used **more hours** by community organizations than students use them for instruction?



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ELECTION 2011

Campaign Financing Under Scrutiny

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Supervisors disagree, saying that people contribute to campaigns because they agree with their values. Take developer Theodore Georgelas, who frequently has business before the county. In the last decade, he's contributed more than \$95,000 to a variety of political action committees and candidates. One of those is Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, who received \$1,000 from Georgelas.

"Look, Ted Georgelas as well as other people in the business community want a strong business environment," said Cook. "That's something I ran on."

ACROSS FAIRFAX COUNTY, supervisors have taken more than \$2 million this election cycle. Much of that money has come from the real-estate and construction industry, a group of people and businesses that often has business before the county. Some of them, such as Tysons West Assemblage, will have rezoning applications in the future. Others, such as developer Daniel Clemente have had business in the past. Campaign-finance records show that an entity called 8500 CDC LP, which has ties to Clemente, has given \$12,000 to incumbent Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross.

"I worked with Mr. Clemente and his organization on some developments of new housing in the Skyline area of Bailey's Crossroads," said Gross. "It's a wonderful new revitalization."

Her Republican challenger, David Feld has raised questions about Gross' fundraising. When asked

about fundraising numbers during a debate this month hosted by the League of Women Voters, Feld criticized Gross for taking money from people who have had businesses before the Board of Supervisors or will potentially have business in the future.

"I believe it's unethical to take contributions from anybody that you're doing business with," said Feld, who loaned his campaign \$27,000 to fund his race for the Mason District race.

SOME HAVE CALLED for reform, although nobody is expecting to see change anytime soon. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said he supports imposing limits on how much people could donate, although he's not sure what the limits should be. He also supports some form of public financing for campaigns, although he acknowledged he's not sure how it should work or how much public money should be involved. Until then, he said, he's going to keep working the system.

"Until there's some reform in how you raise money, you would be a fool not to raise significant amounts of money," said McKay.

Not all the money comes from people who have direct businesses before the Board of Supervisors. Sometimes the relationships are indirect.

"The biggest contributor to my campaign was my husband," said Supervisor Smyth.

Was he trying to influence a decision?
"Well," said Smyth. "I'm hoping he'll take me to dinner."

More

Readers can find more on contributions to candidates at VPAP.org.

Barry vs. Cooper for Sheriff

FROM PAGE 3

sources are being maximized.

He also said he would institute a deadbeat parent program to track parents who are behind on child support payments. "I don't believe the burden of taking care of their children should fall on the taxpayer," he said.

Cooper said he also hopes to use increased partnerships to combat gang activity, especially in schools and neighborhoods.

Cooper has been endorsed by Governor Bob McDonnell, Del. Dave Albo (R-42), District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Fairfax County Clerk of the Court John Frey.

More information is available at www.cooperforsheriff.net.

The Fairfax County Republican Committee has launched a website and campaign recently that takes issue with Barry entering the county's Deferred Re-

tirement Option Program, which allows workers at retirement age to defer retiring for three years and continue to earn salary and benefits.

The FCRC claims that since Barry enrolled in the program in 2009, another term would violate the program, resulting in financial gain for Barry.

Barry says the claims that he is abusing the system are factually incorrect. He says DROP is available to anyone in the county's retirement system, which he has been since he was 22 years old.

"[They say] I am getting a \$1 million payout, that is wrong. I am getting nothing if re-elected. No retirement benefits will be collected until I leave county service. The amount received then will be just over \$300,000," he said. "[They say] I am violating county law. That is wrong. I asked the county attorney to review the issue, which they did extensively, and I am in complete compliance with the law."

Cooper declined to comment on the controversy regarding Barry's retirement benefits.

FAITH NOTES

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

The Vine Church, 2501 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, will be holding a Pumpkinfest through October, Monday-Friday 3-6:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Pumpkinfest will benefit The Vine Preschool, coming Fall 2012. There will be pumpkins for sale, children's activities, crafts, games and a moon bounce. 703-573-5836.

Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. in Vienna, will hold its Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. The sermon topic is "Why Me, Lord." office@epiphanyumc.com or 703-938-3494.

Holy Transfiguration Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road in McLean, has announced their Annual Arabic Christmas Sweets Sale. The Holy Transfiguration Church Ladies Guild bakes Arabic pastries including various baklava varieties, date and nut-filled butter ma'amoul, pistachio-filled butter ma'amoul, anise and coconut

ma'kroon, pecan babouleh, and ghrabeh, and packages them in attractive see-through trays. Orders must be received by Oct. 30, to be picked up on Sunday, Dec. 4, 12-1 p.m. at the church. Proceeds contribute to the parish's needs as well as to charitable endeavors supported by the Ladies Guild. www.holytransfiguration.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

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The Corrective Action Plan will be submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ on October 20, 2011. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Kurt Kochan at (703) 583-3821 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan submittal. The DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan until (November 20, 2011) and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC# 2010-3028.

Department of Environmental Quality
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Monday, November 7, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

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

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Ellie Socher rolls up dough spread with cinnamon sugar to make cinnamon rolls.



Landan Thomas catches his flying pizza crust. With him are demonstrator Gina and fellow assistant Carla Alzola.

Vienna Elementary Makes Dough

King Arthur Flour Life Skills Baking Program comes to Vienna.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Before bread machines, before grocery stores, people made bread by hand, mixing together flour and living organisms, such as yeast. And, if you doubt that baking is child's play, you should have seen the upper-level students of Vienna Elementary School (VES) learn the elements of bread-dough making from a King Arthur Flour demonstrator on Oct. 20.

"I think it's possible that many kids have never seen anything made from scratch," said Nancy Socher who, along with Beth Glicker, co-chair the school's cultural arts committee.

A representative instructor, Gina, from King Arthur Flour of Vermont, through its Life Skills Baking Program, came to four Vienna schools with ingredients and equipment to teach the children how to make bread from scratch in two and a half hours.

AT THE ASSEMBLY for fourth through sixth grade students, sixth-graders Landan Thomas and Carla Alzola volunteered to assist during the interactive demonstration, Landan making a loaf and pizza crust from his dough, and Carla making braided bread

and cinnamon rolls.

As they worked, Gina described the process and the chemistry of the ingredients that will make a dough. Landan and Carla measured and kneaded and rolled. Students in the audience offered answers to questions the demonstrator posed. The children in the audience paid close attention to every action performed on the table, applauding in unison when a part of the show awed them.

The Vienna Elementary School PTA contacted King Arthur Flour about the program last year after the then-principal gave the go-ahead. The flour company needed four local schools to participate to make it worthwhile for the program to visit Vienna, Socher said. Louise Archer, Marshall Road, and Flint Hill elementary schools agreed to participate with VES. The Life Skills Baking Program combines technique, family time, and community service, and the entire program, including bread-making ingredients, is provided at no cost by King Arthur Flour. The Vienna visit is the first time King Arthur Flour has presented in Fairfax County. A video cam projected the demonstration to a screen live to the audience. PTA parents packaged the ingredients into take-home bags.

The purpose of King Arthur Flour's baking program is two fold. Students receive a complimentary bag of materials with unbleached flour, whole wheat flour, yeast and instructions. Each package makes two loaves of bread the children are to bake at home. King Arthur Flour suggests that one loaf stays with the baking family and the other is donated to a local food bank or

Tips for Bread-making

- ❖ When using a rolling pin to flatten dough, roll from the middle out.
- ❖ To make a crispy pizza crust, bake dough in hot oven for ten minutes with no toppings on it.
- ❖ Use unwaxed dental floss rather than a knife to neatly slice a roll of dough into pieces.
- ❖ To clean hands, use flour to rub sticky dough off rather than water.

shelter. VES is sending their contribution to the Arlington Food Assistance Center.

"I think the community service aspect is the most important thing," said Socher.

THE PROCESS, while scientifically complex — sugar for the yeast to feed on, salt to control the yeast's activity — is simple to execute. With risen dough, the students learned how to make a loaf, pretzel, braid, pizza crust and cinnamon rolls. Gina showed the students how to use unwaxed dental floss to cut into pieces a long roll of cinnamon bread and to make crispy pizza crust [bake dough in hot oven for 10 minutes with no toppings on it]. She taught Landan how to toss a pizza crust in the air, which drew a loud round of applause from classmates. By the times the kids left the assembly, they were enthusiastic about going home and making bread.

"I expected it to be a lot more complicated but it's really easy to do," said 6th-grader Ellie Socher. "I think everything they made looks really good."

King Arthur Flour visits more than 200 schools a year. To learn more about the King Arthur Flour school program, go to the program: <http://www.kingarthurfour.com/baking/life-skills-baking.html>.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

Annual Town of Vienna Halloween Parade. 7 p.m. On Maple Ave. from Berry St. to Center St. "Celebrating 65 Years of Tradition: The Vienna Halloween Parade Through the Decades, 1946-2011." Guests include the Washington Redskins Marching Band. Children are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes. No registration required, meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Children must be accompanied by an adult. www.viennava.gov or 703-255-6360.

THURSDAY/OCT. 27

Dan Bern. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Book Discussion. "Run" by Ann Patchett. Adults. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Bedtime Storytime. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and songs. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Sonny Landreth. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Slide guitarist from Louisiana. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

Encaustic Art Talk. 7 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Georgia Nassikas will discuss the encaustic process and what inspires her. Free and open to the public. info@mpaart.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 28

Ellis Paul, The Michael Clem Trio and Lizanne Knott. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English conversation group. Adults. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405, TTY: 711.

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"The How and the Why." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. On the eve of a prestigious conference, an up-and-coming evolutionary biologist wrestles for the truth with an established leader in the field. Tickets \$25. www.1ststagetysons.org or 703-854-1856.

Night of the Living Dead Halloween Show. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Featuring Anthony Fiacco, Shane Hines, Todd Wright and Luke Brindley. Costume contest. Tickets \$15. www.jamminjava.com.



Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. East in Vienna, will have a Night of the Living Dead Halloween Show on Friday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m., featuring Anthony Fiacco, Shane Hines, Todd Wright and Luke Brindley. Compete in the costume contest and enjoy songs by these four singer/songwriters. Tickets are \$15. www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Scott Ainslie in Concert. 8 p.m. Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Blues. \$20. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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

Chuck Prophet at 7 p.m. and Atomic Tom at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

GRREAT Golden Retriever Rescue Charity 3K Walk. Register at 9:30 a.m., walk begins at 10 a.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11201 Lee Highway, Fairfax. A portion of the proceeds of every dog's photo taken by Jim Poor Photography will benefit Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training Incorporated, a not-for-profit dedicated to finding homes for unwanted, stray, and abandoned Golden Retrievers. \$20 per human walker. Register online at www.grreat.org/walk. Includes event t-shirt, refreshments, dog treats and door prizes. events@grreat.org.

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School Band Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Our Lady of Good Counsel School upper parking lot, 8601 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna. Baked goods and coffee available. olgycardsale@gmail.com.

Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association (VBODA) State Marching Band Assessment. 10 a.m.-4:15 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Performances by 20 high school bands from Fairfax and surrounding counties. \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. The concession stand will be open all day. VBODA.WSHS@wshsband.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

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. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. www.patriotcenter.com.

Julie Fowles: Music of the Scottish Isles. 4 p.m. Alden Theater, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Celtic music. \$25. sabrina.anwah@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Friends of the Virginia Room Annual Meeting. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Jim Presgraves, owner of the Wytheville bookstore Book Worms & Silverfish, will do a presentation on old books and an "Antiques' Road Show" type evaluation of books for members of the audience. Adults. 703-293-6227, TTY: 711.

"The How and the Why." 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. On the eve of a prestigious conference, an up-and-coming evolutionary biologist wrestles for the truth with an established leader in the field. Tickets \$25. www.1ststagetysons.org or 703-854-1856.

Amadeus Concerts. 4 p.m. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With the Reston Chorale, Saint Francis Choir, Saint Luke Choir and Amadeus Community Singers. Amadeus Orchestra, A. Scott Wood, conductor. Maurice Durufle's Requiem, op. 9 and Bach's Suite No. 3. Reception to follow. \$25, age 17 and under free. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Vienna Arts Society Fundraiser. 6:30-9 p.m. Vienna Inn, 120 Maple Ave. East in Vienna. Join artists for supper, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Vienna Arts Society. Costumes encouraged. A face painter will be on site. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org or 703-319-3971.

Virginia Wind Energy: Plentiful, Renewable, Affordable. 11:45 a.m. Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. Lecture and discussion with Ivy Main of the Sierra Club and the Virginia4Wind Coalition. Admission free. geriandjackmaskell@gmail.com.

MONDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Party for Teens. 3:30 p.m. Club Phoenix Teen Center, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Attendees are invited to dress in costume. Games, food and a costume contest. Free admission. 703-255-5721.

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.



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Elise Hagenberger, Meadow Gardens Recreation Program Specialist, on the leaf-strewn path that winds through Meadowlark's "haunted" woods.

Meadowlark Gardens hosts two nights of fright-fest fun on Oct. 28 and 29. From battling seafaring pirates to witches and monsters, there's much eeriness in the haunted woods.

Meadowlark Gardens Hosts Halloween Spook-tacular

Park features family-centric fright nights in the woods.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The only thing spookier than a walk in the woods at night is a walk in the woods on a halloween-ish night. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens on Beulah Road takes visitors for a trick-or-treat hike through very haunted woodland over two evenings, Oct. 28 and 29.

"You don't see a whole lot of family-type halloween events any more," said Elise Hagenberger, Recreation Program Specialist at Meadowlark. "I think a lot of the places advertising for a fright-night are terrifying. This is really something a family can enjoy."

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, a property of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, sits on 95 acres of woodland, plantings, and displays.

ON THE PARK'S HAUNTED EVENINGS, ten stations stage scenes, from wicked witches with their boiling cauldron to pirates terrorizing the high seas (also known the Meadowlark's lake).

There's a zombie wedding, notable monsters such as Frankenstein, and even spider ladies. At each station, participants get a "treat." Although there is no blood and gore or skeletal hands jumping out from behind bushes, the eeriness of the dark woods and scary scenes might frighten younger children. Hagenberger said the haunted woods are geared to the 6-14 year-old set. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The first station the guide takes a group to is that

of the spider ladies, up an incline. While most of the pathway is paved, some of it is mulched, not suitable for strollers. Volunteers, bravely armed with nothing but a flashlight, guide groups of 15 guests, stopping at each interactive station.

"For a lot of people, just being out in the woods at night might be scary enough," Hagenberger said.

The one-night 2010 haunted woods, its first year, sold out. Demand indicated the need for two nights of fright-festing. Volunteer Bob Rogers is the mastermind behind many of the set designs.

"It's an opportunity to walk through the park after dark," said Meadowlark staffer and Grim Reaper Debbie Humphreys of Vienna. "At night, the park has a whole different look and feel." As Grim Reaper last

year, Humphreys held reign over a cemetery, wearing all black, carrying a scythe and wearing a mask. She didn't speak other than to verbalize eerie noises, but, she said, she did a lot of pointing. If you've ever seen Dickens' Christmas Carol, you get the visual.

"There's a big variety of different energies," said Humphreys. "A lot of effort went into this."

"What kid doesn't want to walk around the woods in the dark?"

"Trick or Treat Through the Haunted Woods" runs Friday, Oct. 28, and Saturday, Oct. 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. each evening, and groups leave from the reception area every ten minutes.

THE WALKS last approximately 50 minutes each and the final hike leaves the reception room at 9:30 p.m. The tours will operate regardless of weather conditions. Tickets are \$10 per person for the general public. Members' cost is \$7 per person. Reservations are required by calling 703-255-3631, ext. 0. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is off Beulah Road at 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court.



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The Vienna Choral Society kicks off its 2011-2012 season with Music from the Big Screen

Music from the Big Screen Live in Oakton

Vienna Choral Society kicks off concert season on Oct. 29

By DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

“Music from the Big Screen” is coming to Oakton on Saturday, Oct. 29, when the Vienna Choral Society launches its new season in a new production directed by Jennifer Rodgers Beach. Mark Vogel orchestrated the music for the 75-member chorus based in Vienna.

“It’s a great way to start the season, almost a VCS ‘Pops’ concert, good musicians doing fun music well,” said Beach. The idea, Beach said, was inspired by the popular trend of live versions of film and TV music. “The National Symphony does that at Wolf Trap, for instance.

“It’s also an opportunity to be very diverse within a theme. I’ve chosen close harmony classics like ‘Moon River’ and challenging vocal orchestras like the ‘Mission Impossible Theme’ and ‘Pink Panther.’ “Something a little out there, like the ‘Mission Impossible’ theme or ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ is a way for them [the chorus] to prove to themselves what they are capable of.”

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE series, that are entertaining and different from other choruses in the area,” said Beach.

“For specific repertoire within a concert, I’m looking for the right balance between a program that will captivate an audience and one that will challenge, excite and

grow the chorus.”

The chorus practices in Vienna every Tuesday from 7:15-9:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Comforter on Beulah Road, and it holds open rehearsals four times a year. Singers interested in joining the Vienna Choral Society can stop by a Tuesday evening practice.

Sohini Baliga, a Vienna mother of two young children, is a choral society member who started out as a media consultant with the chorus and ending up singing with it.

“I fell in love with it,” said Baliga. “We are here to serve the community through quality music and we typically want to have both grown-ups and children at our concerts.”

“I work from home with two little kids and I needed something that is creative and joyful. Singing makes you feel better. It makes you happy.”

“MUSIC FROM THE BIG SCREEN,” a production of the Vienna Choral Society, plays on Saturday, Oct. 29, 7:30p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton. Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$15 for a family. Tickets available for purchase through website or at door. For more information, see www.viennachoralsociety.org or phone 703-255-5508. Follow the Vienna Choral Society on Facebook at www.facebook.com/viennachoral