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Burke Nursery and Garden Centre will host its 18th annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 at its nursery on 9401 Burke Road.

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Thousands of people filled Main Street for last year's Clifton Day.



Customers peruse blown-glass items at a vendor's booth.



Tall, whimsical giraffes made of packed straw and raffia were among the craft items on sale last year.

Get Ready for Clifton Day

The 45th annual fest is Sunday, Oct. 7.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Live bands, moonbounces, handmade crafts, Civil War re-enactors, food galore, pony rides and a unicyclist—all these things and more will be part of the 45th annual Clifton Day. The festival is slated for Sunday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rain date is Oct. 14.)

"I have a lot of fun on Clifton Day," said event Chairman Fred Ansick. "I really enjoy seeing the smiling faces on the kids, and folks laughing and having a good day. They love the atmosphere of the town. The residents welcome everyone to see Clifton as a community—a small town in the shadows of the big city. So we want everyone to come on out and have a good time."

The Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) puts on Clifton Day and proceeds go to the town's nonprofit groups, including the Clifton Lions Club, Girl and Boy Scouts, Clifton Presbyterian Church, Clifton Gentleman's Club, Clifton Woman's Club, the CBA and Acacia Lodge.

Admission is free; parking is \$5/car (\$10 on the floodplain), with proceeds going to charity. "It's the largest fund-raiser for all our local nonprofits," said Ansick.

Sonia Dyer, 88, moved to Clifton with her family in 1964, and her daughter Bonny and oldest son Tuck went to the first Clifton Day. "It was in the old firehouse on the second floor," she said. "There were tables with crafts and things, but that's all there was to it. My children bought me a little, ceramic jewelry chest that I still use."

"At the time, we didn't think Clifton Day

would amount to anything; but through the years, it just kept growing," continued Dyer. "It's that small-town feel Clifton has that makes it special. And I think the citizens are more involved in town activities now than they were then, so there's more of a community feeling."

For her family, she said, Clifton Day's a holiday. Said Dyer: "My children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all come home for Clifton Day." And this year, they'll have lots of things to keep them busy.

The town park off Chapel Street will host a slew of children's activities. JumpWorks will have inflatables and moonbounces there, Kerry the Face-Painter will decorate children's faces and Sharon the Balloon Artist will twist colorful balloons into fanciful shapes. Local Girl and Boy Scout troops will also have booths there with games such as safe darts and beanbag toss.

The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Academy will give pony rides near the barn behind Acacia Lodge. It will also provide a pony for petting in the park. The Unicycle Lady will perform mainly in the park, but will also do some stunts on Main Street. There'll also be some roaming entertainment. Performing while strolling through town will be the Banjo Man and bagpiper Michael Ahnell.

The stage on Chapel Road will feature a variety of singers, dancers and musicians. At 10:30 a.m. is the Boyle School of Irish Dance; 11:30 a.m., They Call Me Piano, a local girl who sings; 12:15 p.m., Steve Hudson and his Fabulous Exaggerations, a stand-up comedian and musician who plays piano and guitar.

At 1:15 p.m. will be The Wayward Street Players music group; 2:15 p.m., The Acoustic Burgoo, a bluegrass group from Purcellville; and 3:15 p.m., The Randy Th-

ompson Band playing modern country-rock music. Clifton resident Thompson recently returned from a music tour in Switzerland.

Artisans on Main Street's Ayre Square will demonstrate crafts such as wood-carving, wool spinning, weaving and pottery- and basket-making. And more than 200 arts-and-crafts vendors will sell their wares throughout the town.

Items include jewelry, candles, plant hangers, glasswork, children's clothing, baskets, ceramics, woodworking products, furniture, mixed media, needlework, quilts, sculpture, metalwork, seasonal decorations and holiday items, sports memorabilia, toys, stained glass, and watercolor and oil paintings.

Food will be available in several places. The Clifton Lions Club will offer hamburgers, hot dogs and barbecue; Clifton Presbyterian Church, crab-cake meals, brisket meals and corndogs; Clifton Gentleman's Club, red beans and rice, chili and chili dogs; Cub Scout Packs 1861 and 1104, cotton candy, popcorn, lemonade, cookies, candy and apple cider; Acacia Lodge, pulled pork and Italian sausage.

As for commercial food vendors, Baja Fresh will sell burritos, quesadillas and chicken, fish and shrimp tacos. Rachele Slotnick is catering an Oktoberfest booth by the stage in front of the Clifton Town Meeting Hall on Chapel Road. It'll offer a-la-carte, German-style food such as bratwurst, kielbasa and sauerkraut. The CBA will sell beer there, too.

Trummer's on Main will have outside tables where people may purchase food and cocktails. Food samples will be available in front of the former Heart in Hand restaurant, which is becoming a new restaurant called Buckley's. And Paradise Springs Winery will offer wine samples in front of the post office on Chapel Road.

Altogether, there'll be 10 food vendors throughout the town, selling treats including kettle corn, funnel cakes and Sno-Cones. The Clifton Store and Peterson's Ice Cream and Dog Pound will also be open for business, as will the town shops.

Antiques vendors will be behind Buckley's, and the Acacia Lodge will have some Clifton artifacts and memorabilia on display upstairs. Also for history buffs, Civil War re-enactors Tony Meadows and the 49th Virginia Infantry will be encamped in the yard across from the stage on Chapel Road.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be stationed next to the lodge, and people donating a pint of blood will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate for door prizes.

The VRE train will run to and from Clifton, or festival attendees may park at Clifton Elementary, the floodplain, Kincheloe Road, Newman Road, and Chapel Road at Frosty Meadows. CBA-sponsored shuttles will ferry people to and from Frosty Meadows. For more information, see www.cliftonday.com.

This year's sponsors are The Peterson Cos., Ourisman Toyota, VRE, Blackbarn Media and the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Ansick, in his sixth year as chairman, says his 10-person committee begins working on Clifton Day in January, reserving the stage and the town properties.

"Things start ramping up in April, when I get the volunteer list," he said. "In May, June and July, we do the planning; and in September, we start praying for good weather."

Cordial Debate Turns Into Controversy

Allen, Kaine battle for Northern Virginia votes.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Mohammed Ashiq, a longtime employee at Luciano's restaurant in Oakton, was working at the restaurant Sunday when former Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine met with supporters at the Oakton shopping center.

"I'm still pretty much undecided," Ashiq said, "but I have a 9-year-old daughter and education is an important issue for me."

Ashiq said he liked what Kaine had to say about increasing access to affordable higher education, but he wanted to hear more from both candidates before making up his mind.

Scott Tanner, who was dropping his daughter off at the center for a birthday party, said he is "leaning slightly in favor of Kaine" over former Republican Senator George Allen, who is vying to win back his seat from retiring Democratic Senator Jim Webb.

In a tight race that could decide which party controls the Senate, Northern Virginia has become the battleground region within the battleground state, and both candidates have spent an increasing amount of time and money courting voters in the region.

In the past few weeks, Kaine and Allen have crisscrossed Fairfax County almost daily, meeting with voters at business roundtable candidate forums. Last week, campaign momentum was beginning to favor Kaine when two independent polls showed Kaine opening up a significant lead for the first time after 17 months of campaigning. A Quinnipiac University-CBS News-New York Times poll released Wednesday, Sept. 19, showed Kaine had a 7 percentage point lead over Allen, 51 percent to 44 percent.

THE NEXT DAY, the former governors faced off in a highly-anticipated debate at the Capitol One Center in McLean that demonstrated clear differences in their approach to policy and fiscal issues. It was the third of five scheduled debates.

Hosted by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and



U.S. Senate candidates Tim Kaine and George Allen face off during the Fairfax Chamber debate in McLean on Thursday, Sept. 20.

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"If you want a job, you ought to join the Allen team."

—George Allen



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—Tim Kaine

moderated by David Gregory, host of NBC's "Meet the Press," the candidates were more cordial than confrontational. Kaine positioned himself as a bipartisan problem-solver, while Allen portrayed himself

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Police Chief Tapped For New Position

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday appointed Police Chief Dave Rohrer as deputy county executive for public safety. He'll begin his new job Oct. 20.

This action, explained County Executive Ed Long in a Sept. 25 memo to all County personnel, will dedicate this newly created position exclusively to public safety. It will also free up Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer—who currently oversees public safety, in addition to his other duties—"to focus on planning, development and transportation functions." Some of the major issues in these areas impacting the county include Dulles Rail; transportation funding; Tysons redevelopment; BRAC; regional water systems; and the redevelopments of Springfield Mall, Bailey's Crossroads and Merrifield Town Center.

Rohrer will be responsible for the County's public-safety programs and will oversee the police and fire departments, Office of Emergency Management and Department of Public Safety Communications. He'll also have a liaison relationship with the Sheriff's Office and the courts.

Long said this new position will also "prioritize public safety resources for the county's 1.1 million residents, while serving the County's long-term growth and development needs. A dedicated deputy county executive for public safety is better able to quickly respond to events as they occur and to coordinate regional preparedness in advance."

This appointment completes Long's leadership team, which includes the deputy county executives, CFO, assistant county executives and directors of human resources and public affairs. "We will work together in the months and



Dave Rohrer

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— County Executive Ed Long

years ahead to address our continuing challenges and continue the culture of excellence for which Fairfax County Government is so well known," said Long.

Rohrer is a longtime County employee who's served nearly 32 years as a sworn police officer. His career here includes 13 years as a senior commander and eight years as the county's police chief; he's held that post since 2004.

He's also served as deputy chief for investigations and operations support; Patrol Bureau commander; Special Operations Division and district commander; SWAT first-line supervisor and first-line patrol supervisor.

Rohrer holds a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from GMU. His annual salary will be \$191,168.

— BONNIE HOBBS

FALL FUN

Virginia Is for Lovers, and Apple-Lovers

Apple season in full swing; Grab a basket and pick your own.

Ida Red, Nittany, Gala, Pink Lady or Honey crisp: whether you like your apples tart or sweet, there are plenty of apple-picking orchards and farms to pick from within an hour's drive of Northern Virginia. For many

families, apple-picking has become a fall tradition, providing a fun outdoor activity and healthy food. Grab a basket and pick your own. Many of the orchards and farms listed below also host special events, fall festivals, hayrides and other

activities. Before you head out, call ahead to make sure that your favorite apple (or pumpkin) is ripe and available for picking.

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Baskets of apples at Rock Hill Orchard



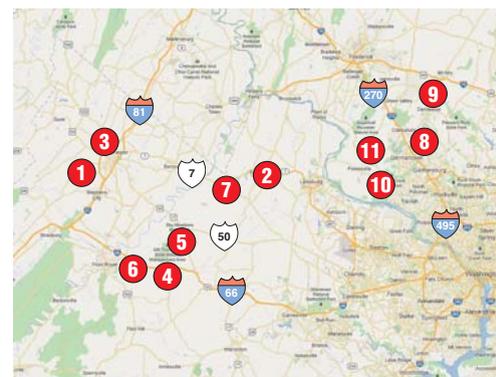
Valley View Orchard



Virginia Farm Market



The Little Country Kitchen at Homestead Farm



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Maryland

8 BUTLER'S ORCHARD

For 60 years, this family farm has become known for its apple picking as well as its popular fall festival. In addition to apple orchards, there's a market and bakery, featuring everything "apple," a country store, hay rides, slides and tons of pumpkins. 22200 Davis Mill Road, Germantown 301-972-3299 Butlersorchard.com

9 ROCK HILL ORCHARD

Rock Hill Orchard, located in the Agricultural Reserve in Northern Montgomery County, offers a variety of apples to pluck, from Red Delicious to Empire. There's also a fruit, flower and vegetable market packed with locally-grown produce. Rock Hill Orchard features free hayrides to the orchard on Saturdays and Sundays. 28600 Ridge Road, Mount Airy, 301-831-7427 Rockhillorchard.com

10 HOMESTEAD FARM

The Allnutt family has farmed in Montgomery County since 1763, when James Allnutt purchased 746 acres by the Potomac River. Homestead Farm consists of 230 acres of James' original purchase. Today, the Allnutt family continues the family farming tradition. Visitors can pick their own apples, or enjoy Homestead's homemade caramel apples. The Little Country Kitchen features apple pie, cider and fresh vegetable soup. 15600 Sugarland Road, Poolesville, 301-977-3761 Homestead-farm.net

11 LEWIS ORCHARDS

18901 Peach Tree Road, Dickerson, 301-349-4101 Lewisorchardfarmmarket.com

Virginia

1 MARKER-MILLER ORCHARDS

A family favorite, Marker-Miller Orchards has something for everyone in the family. Relax on the front porch in wooden rocking chairs, pack a picnic lunch and enjoy eating in the midst of the lush orchards, or go on an adventure to pick-your-own apples. Every weekend through October, the market is open where apple-lovers line up to get fresh apple cider donuts (a must-have). There's also hand-dipped apple ice cream and cider slushies. On the weekends, there are wagon rides, the cow train and a huge play area for children.

3035 Cedar Creek Grade, Winchester 540-662-1980 Marker-millerorchards.com

2 CROOKED RUN ORCHARD

Crooked Run Orchard is a small family farm on the outskirts of Purcellville in Loudoun County. Many families go to this orchard for the simple pleasure of apple-picking. There are no mazes or wagon rides or kiddie trains. Owners Uta and Sam Brown grow the food; you pick it. There is no entrance or parking fee. There's only a charge for the food. Children also enjoy the orchard's "table of things." Yes, that's what children call it. There are several "table of things," that include bones, snake skins, nests,

dried bats or frogs, turtle shells and "anything else we find that's interesting during the year," Brown said.

37883 E Main Street, Purcellville, 540-338-7445 Crookedrunorchard.com

3 VIRGINIA FARM MARKET

Virginia Farm Market began in 1952 as small roadside stand selling homegrown fresh peaches. The market has grown to include a bakery, a gift shop featuring wood baskets and local preserves, and apples, apples and more apples. Taste the "jug-your-own" apple cider. Look for the big red barn located on Route 522 north of Winchester.

1881 N. Frederick Pike, Winchester, 540-665-8000 Virginiafarmmarket.com

4 STIBLING ORCHARD

The Stribling farm and orchard has been in the Stribling family for almost 200 years. Beginning in September through November, the farm has fresh apples, cider and all sizes and shapes of pumpkins. In addition to apple-picking, visitors can enjoy beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Stribling Farm's historic buildings and many farm animals.

11587 Poverty Hollow Lane, Markham 540-364-3040 Striblingorchard.com

5 VALLEY VIEW ORCHARD

An historic property located in Virginia's "Hunt" country near Middleburg, the historic Valley View Farm is the home of Virginia Perfection Orchard, which boasts six different varieties of apples for picking. Worth seeing is the estate's manor house with a formal English Garden situated in the middle of 500 acres of meadowlands and mountains, and is now the site for weddings and other special events. 1562 Leeds Manor Road, Delaplane, 540-592-3730 Valleyviewfarmva.com

6 THE APPLE HOUSE

Although it's not an orchard, The Apple House has been a landmark for families and school groups since the 1960s. Located at the northern entrance to Skyline Drive, the family-owned business is known for homemade apple butter donuts, crisp apples and apple crisps. 4675 John Marshall Hwy, Linden, 540-636-6329 Theapplehouse.net

7 GREAT COUNTRY FARMS

18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, VA 20135 540-554-2073 farmer@greatcountryfarms.com www.greatcountryfarms.com

Kaine Clarifies Position On 'Minimum Tax'

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as a small-business champion.

The candidates also found areas of agreement: each stressed the need to preserve the home mortgage interest deduction, and both candidates vowed to reduce the nation's deficit and avoid the looming \$500 billion in defense cuts scheduled to begin in January.

Several times during the debate, Kaine reiterated his proposal to reduce the federal deficit and avert the automatic cuts—or “sequestration”—through a three-pronged approach.

“We will let the Bush tax cuts expire as planned for people making more than \$500,000; we will fix Medicare so we can negotiate to get better prices on prescription drugs; we will let the tax subsidies to the big five oil companies expire,” Kaine said.

Allowing tax increases on those earning more than \$500,000 a year is compromise, Kaine said, between Democrats who would let the cuts expire on those earning \$250,000 or more, and Republicans who want to make the cuts permanent for everyone.

Allen repeatedly said he would not entertain any tax increases to keep the government from falling off a “fiscal cliff,” and he stuck to his message that “job creation” would solve many of the nation's problems.

“As I stated in the beginning, David, the best social program of all is a job.” Allen also said he would repeal President Obama's health care law, and proposed allowing households to choose a flat tax over the existing tax code.

“I want to create more job opportunities. If you want a job, you ought to join the Allen team,” Allen said, adding that he should have the backing of “99 percent of Virginians, anyone who pays an electric bill, drives a car or has a job.”

He said his return to the Senate would be about “making sure America is ascending once again and is a land of opportunity once again.”

THE DEBATE was mostly devoid of headline-making news until Gregory asked Kaine if he thought “all Virginians should have to pay some level of federal income tax.”

“I would be open to a proposal that would have some minimum tax level for everyone,” Kaine said, “but I do insist, many of the 47 percent that Governor Romney was going after pay a higher percentage of their income in taxes than he does.”

Kaine's statement almost immediately ignited a furor by bloggers, tweeters and news reports of the debate.

In interviews after the debate, Allan hammered Kaine for the remark, accusing him of “always trying to raise taxes.” In a press release Saturday, the Allen campaign accused Kaine of “doubling down” on the idea of imposing an income tax on all Americans in his TV appearances.

“It shouldn't be news that somebody who wants to go into the Senate is willing to start from a posi-

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Former Governor and U.S. Senate candidate Tim Kaine rallies supporters at his canvass kick-off in Oakton Sunday, Sept. 23.

tion of openness and dialogue,” Kaine said after the debate. “We can't start with non-negotiable.”

Kaine added that while many Americans do not pay federal income tax, low-income individuals are subject to many other taxes. “The lie that some perpetrate that poor people don't pay a lot of taxes is wrong,” he said.

“I kind of chuckled about (the furor),” Kaine said Sunday after meeting with volunteers in Oakton and Manassas. “I'm open to dialogue, and I don't see how openness is something controversial.”

Del. Mark Keam (D) introduced Kaine to the 70-plus grassroots supporters who assembled in Oakton to hear Kaine as he launched the community canvass. Judy Fisher, a retired Fairfax County teacher, said she was supporting Kaine for several reasons.

“The health care bill is very important. No, it's not perfect, but I have a 97-year-old mother, and health care is a big issue for us.” She also said she liked Kaine's positions on abortion rights, education and other issues.

“I'm electing someone to make substantive, deliberative, thoughtful decisions,” Fisher said. “The Republicans get hysterical. We need more moderate, thoughtful candidates like Tim Kaine.”

Arralean Ellis, a City of Fairfax volunteer, said Virginia's new Voter ID laws concerned her.

“I've worked at polling places, and there was no reason, no justification to make it tougher for people in Virginia to vote,” she said.

Kaine told supporters that “the most important thing is to find people who know how to work together. [Republicans] would run the ship aground just to get the captain,” Kaine said.

“The differences in this race are very clear,” said Kaine. “On the big issues of the day—how we strengthen the economy, how we address the federal budget, and how we break through Washington's partisan gridlock—my opponent and I have a very different record and a very different approach.”



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Welcome to Spartans Family Restaurant: Athena Trifonas, Evangelia Tsapos, George Sarantis, Dimetra Sarantis, Angelo Linardakis, Xenia Sarantis and Eleni Sarantis Linardakis are a family united. Together they greeted all comers to the restaurant founder Chris Sarantis' memorial celebration. Mr. Sarantis' widow Xenia continues to run the family's two restaurants with the help of son George and daughters Eleni and Dimetra, niece Athena, son-in-law Angelo and his sister Evangelia.

'A Heart of Gold' Remembered

Family and friends celebrate the life of Chris Sarantis of Burke.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Is it always this packed on a Thursday evening at Spartans Family Restaurant in Burke? “We are always pretty busy, weekdays, weekends,” said George Sarantis, son of the establishment's late owner and founder, Chris Sarantis, “but tonight it was a little different. Tonight, the line started early, at 5:30.”

Obviously, word had spread that tonight Spartans, and the family's second restaurant, Olympians, opened in Alexandria in 2003, were hosting a celebration of their patriarch's life on the fifth anniversary of his sudden death from heart complications.

Outside the Burke restaurant family members greeted guests with big, heart-shaped balloons and a face painter for the kids—and quite a few adults. Inside, the atmosphere was more that of a family reunion than a casual dining experience.

THERE WERE HUGS AND KISSES between patrons and wait staff. At more than one table, glasses were raised in toasts and stories were told about how Chris Sarantis had come to the rescue in his quiet and practical way. While the majority of the patrons were locals, and obviously repeat customers by their familiarity with the place, the people and the

menu, some of the diners had come a good distance to honor their friend. “He was everybody's friend,” said his daughter Eleni Linardakis. “This place became a community gathering place, and if someone needed something, or looked troubled, he would sit down with them and help work it out. That's who he was.”

That's probably why more than 1000 people attended his funeral, and why people like then-Supervisor Sharon Bulova (now chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, D-At-Large) praised him as having been a real anchor of the community.

Rich Yarish agrees. “Chris kind of adopted me and my wife. He and his family helped us through a very difficult time due to medical issues. We got to know them at their old restaurant in Saratoga. Turns out that our wedding anniversaries were just two weeks apart, the same year. From that first meeting, we have been jointly celebrating every year. What a shock when I called to see when and where we were having the event in 2007. His daughter Eleni answered the phone and told me that her dad had died. I still can't believe it.” Yarish has since moved to Fredericksburg, but comes back to visit often. “And I wouldn't have missed tonight for anything,” he declared.

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OPINION

How to Register, Vote, Vote Early

Don't sweat voter ID; voter registration card, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check with name, address of voter will work.

Changes in Virginia's voter identification rules are causing confusion in many quarters, and some voters might be tempted to stay home rather than deal with a difficult situation. What about your 92-year-old mother who hasn't driven in almost a decade? Do you need to schlep her to the DMV to get her a photo ID before November?

Slow down, there are alternatives, including a current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter.

Acceptable forms of identification include: Virginia voter identification card (due to arrive in the mail next week); current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; valid Virginia driver's license; military ID; any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID; employer issued photo ID card; concealed handgun permit; valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

How important is it for Virginia voters to turn out on or before Nov. 6? As a critical "battleground" state, Virginia will be key in determining who will be the next President of the United States. Who will represent Virginia in the U.S. Senate is also too close to call. Since polling shows that there are very few undecided voters in the Commonwealth, every eligible voter will want to be sure to cast a ballot. Turnout in Northern Virginia could determine who is president and which party controls the U.S. Senate.

This is a high-participating, politically engaged area.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State Vs County On Transportation

To the Editor:

When I read my colleague Supervisor John Cook's Sept. 13 Connection column advocating that Fairfax County take over state roads, I wondered how our taxpayers would feel about accepting a \$150 million per year unfunded mandate from the state. That would be a slap in the face given everything that the County has done to balance its budget and provide for our residents during difficult budget years.

On the face of it, the proposal for Fairfax County to take over its roads makes sense. Why shouldn't we take responsibility for our own roads? Don't we know our needs better than the state?

So here's where that pesky reality comes in. Those needs cost a lot of money—about \$150 million yearly just to maintain our pothole-

Fairfax County, with a population of just more than 1.1 million people, has 717,105 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

And consider that in 2008, 79 percent of Fairfax County's registered voters turned out at the polls.

The City of Alexandria has a population of about 144,000 with 103,445 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

Arlington has a population of about 216,000 and 160,326 registered voters as of Aug. 31, 2012.

When you consider the sheer numbers of people likely to go to vote on Election Day, wouldn't it make sense to go and vote early?

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations. Absentee voting began Sept. 21 and will continue through Nov. 2.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation, will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for 11 or more hours of the 13 that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)."

See http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/absentee_voting/index.html for a complete list of acceptable reasons to vote absentee, links to download a request for an absentee ballot and other instructions.

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

To vote on Election Day, you must be regis-

tered roads in their current poor condition. To bring those roads up to even adequate condition would cost a whole lot more. Unless the state is planning to hand us a big check—every year—to cover those costs, then Fairfax County taxpayers will be left holding a very expensive bag.

Why should Fairfax County bail out the state? The Commonwealth of Virginia has primary transportation responsibilities and has since the 1930s. In recent years we've seen the state shed more and more of this responsibility, essentially saying, "Can't afford it anymore so it's your problem." That's not reasonable and it's certainly not responsible governance. I can't think of a single reason why Fairfax County should be forced to cut critical services to its residents—like schools, public safety, human services, parks and libraries—because the state needs a bail out.

Rather, it's time for the state to do its job and address our growing transportation chal-

More Election Information

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12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Suite 232, Fairfax, 22035; FAX 703-324-2205; email voting@fairfaxcounty.gov

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10455 Armstrong Street, Sisson House, Fairfax, 22030; FAX 703-591-8364; email kevin.linehan@fairfaxva.gov

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http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Index.html

tered at your current address no later than Oct. 15, 2012. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov. There you can also download a voter registration form and mail it to the elections office address, listed above.

Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County
♦ Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035

Absentee voting hours, Sept. 21-Oct. 16, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Oct. 17-Nov. 2, Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday Hours: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Office Closed On: Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 (Columbus Day)

Last Day to Vote In-Person: Saturday, Nov. 3
Absentee Voting in Person, Fairfax County Satellite Locations

Voting in the following locations is available Oct. 17 - Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

♦ Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

♦ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

♦ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

lenge. They can do it the same way we on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors do—taking a creative and non-partisan approach to prioritizing and funding our vital residents' needs. Bailing out the state sends the wrong message—that Fairfax County can be the state's ATM and that's just not fair.

Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay
(D-Lee District)

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NEWS

Braddock Road to Be Repaved From Rolling to Roberts Road.

The Virginia Department of Transportation will begin full milling and paving of Braddock Road, between Rolling Road and Roberts Road. Work is scheduled to begin this month and conclude, weather permitting, Nov. 15, 2012.

Virginia Paving plans to begin its work starting at Rolling Road and heading west, completing both the east and westbound sections with intermediate asphalt and temporary striping. Upon completion of this stage to Roberts Road, the contractor will initiate final paving, again starting at Rolling Road and moving west.

However, this time only the westbound lanes will be paved. When the contractor reaches Roberts Road, the process will be reversed to complete the eastbound side, moving back towards Rolling Road.

In an effort to minimize this project's impact on traffic along Braddock District's main thoroughfare, all work will occur at night; 8 p.m. through 5 a.m., Sunday night through Friday morning. No work is permitted prior to 9 a.m. on Sundays or Federal Holidays. Though this work is permitted at night, the contractor must still abide by the Fairfax County Noise Ordinance.

For example:

- ❖ The use of hoe rams or jackhammers in conjunction with this project is prohibited between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., Sundays and Federal Holidays.

- ❖ All lights used to illuminate the project site, including any staging areas related to this project shall be directed downward and away from all occupied residential buildings, and particularly, directed away from those parts of all buildings used for sleeping purposes.

- ❖ All motorized vehicles and equipment used on this project must be equipped with proper mufflers.

Trucking routes and timing shall be planned to minimize the backing of such traffic and therefore minimize the use of backup alarms.

- ❖ The banging of tail gates is strictly prohibited. Drivers associated with this project are to be briefed daily about this prohibition.

If you have any questions or concerns as this project is underway, contact the office of the Braddock district supervisor, John Cook, at 703-425-9300, or send an email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 2 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes designed to work on balance and core muscles to prevent injuries and falls; Instructor certified in back and hip rehab. Every Monday and Friday in a heated indoor pool. \$10. Registration required at 703-667-9800.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

Dog and Cat Adoptions. 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart Seven Corners, 12971 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. lostdogrescue.org.

ONGOING

Celebrate Fairfax

Volunteering. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. The 20th annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest (Sept. 29-30; Sunday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) includes more than 100 interactive activities, exhibits and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health (volunteer t-shirt, snack and a beverage included for volunteers). 703-324-9423 or CelebrateFairfaxVolunteers@fairfaxcounty.gov.

VolunteerFest Open

Registration. Registration is

open for the Oct. 27 event; register anytime for projects at schools, libraries, parks and nonprofit organizations. The 18th annual area-wide community service day's full list of projects beginning mid-morning and around lunchtime is available at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php>.

Melvin Family Cemetery Tree

Clean-up. The Balmoral Greens Homeowner Association, in partnership with Fairfax County archaeologists, is in the process of clean-up and removal of a tree fallen in the Melvin Family Cemetery. There is potential for grave disturbance, and BGHA has received a burial permit from the Commonwealth. Descendants of the Warner Melvin family are encouraged to contact project archaeologist, Aimee Wells at aimee.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov should they have any questions or concerns regarding the project or information which may help clarify family history.

Braddock Wrestling Club (BWC)

is now accepting registration for youth wrestlers for the 2012 - 2013 wrestling season. BWC is part of the Northern Virginia Wrestling Federation (www.nvwf.net). Age limits for BWC wrestlers are 5 through 14 years old. Practices will start Nov. 5 and run three days per week at Lake Braddock High School. Tournaments are conducted on Saturdays or Sundays at area High Schools, starting December 2012. Register at www.braddockwrestlingclub.org.



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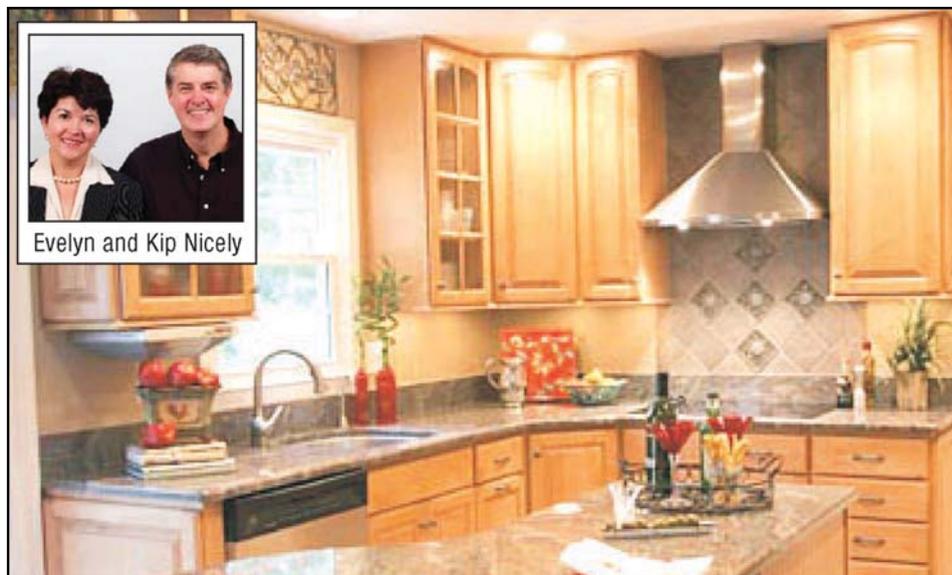
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Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. will present the 20th annual Fall For Fairfax KidsFest this weekend at the Fairfax County Government Center. Festival-goers enjoy exciting, interactive and educational programs, entertainment and activities. Fall For Fairfax KidsFest is specially designed for families with elementary and pre-K aged children. There will be three stages of free entertainment, including the Inova Health Stage and the Fall for Fairfax Kids Stage. Activities include scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, public safety and recycling-themed exhibits, pony rides, petting zoo, hay rides, model trains and the KidWay MidWay, with more than a dozen rides and attractions. There will also be more than 75 exhibits, activities and great festival food. Admission for entry and most activities is free.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax.
www.fallforfairfax.com.



The whole family can get into the fun of making their own scarecrow at the Fall for Fairfax KidsFest on Sept. 29 and 30 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

The 36th Annual City of Fairfax Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain date Oct. 14).

What started out as a small market for artisans to display their wares has grown to a festival with more than 400 arts, crafts, information, food, gourmet food vendors, children's activities and rides, and three stages of music and entertainment for all ages. Celebrating its 36th year, the City of Fairfax Fall Festival

2012 is still a "hometown festival at heart." Enjoy this family-friendly exciting outdoor street festival in historic Fairfax. Admission is free. For more information, call 703-385-7858. Pets are discouraged at the festival. The City of Fairfax is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all city programs, services and activities and will provide accommodations upon request. To request accommodations, please call 703-385-7949 one week prior to event.

Free Shuttle Buses will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from

George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, and Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run.
www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents.

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NEWS

Greenspring Wii Bowlers Break Records

Greenspring residents earned five gold, three silver and two bronze medals in Senior Olympics.

This year, 15 Greenspring residents competed in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) Wii bowling competition. Greenspring, a Gold Sponsor for the NVSO, hosted the competition for the fourth consecutive year at the specially designed community alley featuring six virtual bowling lanes. Overall, over 60 seniors from across Northern Virginia participated in the 2012 NVSO Wii bowling competition at Greenspring.

The following Greenspring residents received 2012 NVSO Wii bowling medals:

*Women: Vickie Lambert—gold, 60-69 age group; Lillian Wachter—gold, 70-79; Joan Matteson—gold, 80-89; Helen Moot—silver, 80-89.

*Men: Clint Lambert—gold, 60-69, George Tateosian—gold, 80-89, Ted Campbell—silver, 80-89, Raymond Kaminski—silver, 90-99, Edward Solomon—bronze, 80-89, Robert Zikowitz—bronze, 90-99.

In 2011, resident Joan Matteson bowled the first 300 game in NVSO Wii bowling history; this year, she repeated the feat again and posted a new record score of 827.

“Joan is one of our superstars,” said Greenspring



Vickie and Clint Lambert sporting their 2012 gold medals.

resident and NVSO Wii bowling Event Director Ted Campbell. Husband and wife duo Clint and Vickie Lambert swept the gold medals in the 60-69 age group. Clint also broke an NVSO record this year, posting a score of 666. At Greenspring, almost 200 residents on 40 different teams compete with each other and other Erickson Living communities throughout the year.

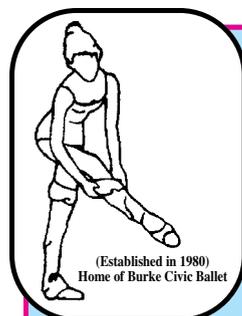


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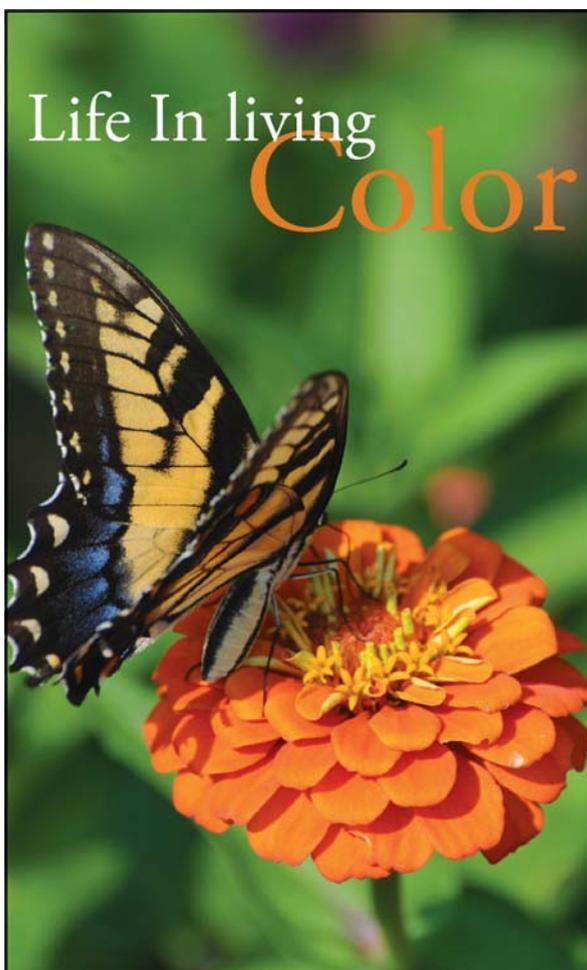
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FALL FUN

Burke's Pumpkin Playground



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Collin Hunt and buddy Cole Hill take a spin on the pony merry-go-round after riding real ponies at the Burke Nursery Pumpkin Playground on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Pumpkin Playground Details

Burke Nursery and Garden Centre will host its 18th annual Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31 at its nursery on 9401 Burke Road.

♦ Festival Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

♦ Cost of admission on weekdays is \$9 per person; weekend price is \$12 per person. (Columbus Day will have the same activities as weekends, and the admission price will be \$12.) Children under the age of two are admitted free. Each paid admission receives a small patch pumpkin and unlimited hay rides (wheel chair accessible). For more information, go to www.pumpkinplayground.com or call 703-323-1188.

When Fred Dickinson, general manager of the Burke Nursery and Garden Center, started the pumpkin festival with his wife Cassandra 17 years ago, he said he had no idea it would grow to be such a large event.

In fact, the nursery didn't start to sell carving pumpkins until the last two weeks of October.

"People didn't buy all the Halloween pumpkins they do now. When we started this, we had our pumpkins and our pumpkin forts," Dickinson said. "We were giving hay rides in the field, just playing around, and our customers were very responsive to that, so we decided to turn it into a real old-fashioned fall festival. Kids have a ball."

The event, spread out over four acres, now features more than 1,500 pumpkins, several pumpkin forts, hayrides, a 90-foot burlap sack slide, two smaller slides, pumpkins crawls, a merry-go-round, farm animals, face-painting and a giant sand pile, where children can dig for coins and other treasures.

There is also a food tent with hamburgers, hot dogs, apple cider, popcorn and other goodies.

A popular feature is the festival's produce tent, where visitors can purchase homemade jams, jellies and pick out fall harvest fruits and vegetables.

—VICTORIA ROSS

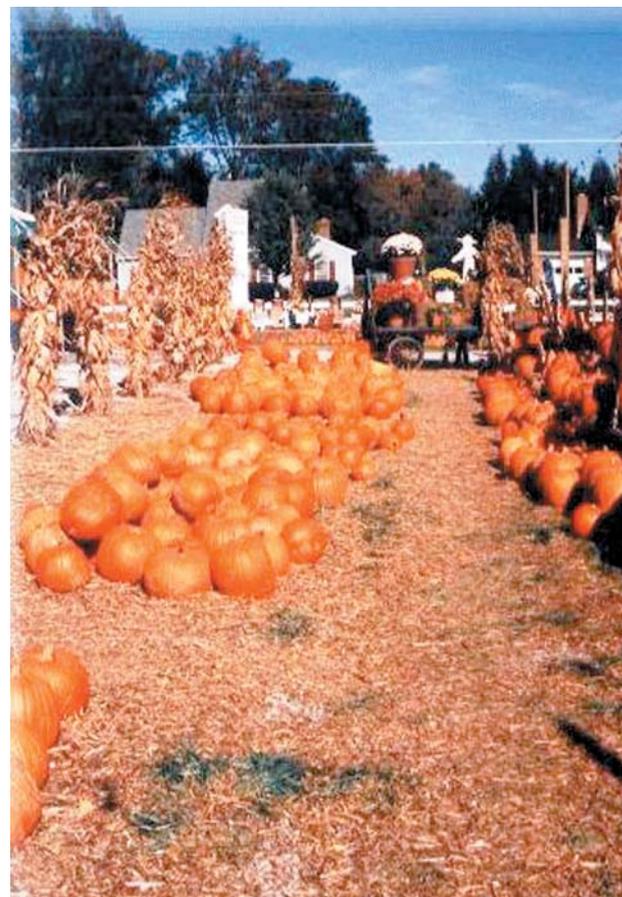


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Richard Graves and son Evan slide down one of the carpet slides at the Burke Nursery Pumpkin Playground last year.

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Local Festival Season in Full Swing

FROM PAGE 8 Celebrate Fall at Heather Hill

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Oktoberfest Reston. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; race at 8:30 a.m., at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Northern Virginia's largest outdoor fall festival with seasonal beer and wine, 17 restaurants, family carnival, live entertainment, chilli cook-off and the Great Pumpkin 5k. \$1-20 for food tickets; \$1-20 for carnival tickets. www.OktoberfestReston.com.

Lake Anne Plaza's 6th Annual Jazz Festival. Noon-8:30 p.m., at Lake Anne Plaza, 11402 Washington Plaza W, Reston. Singer-songwriter-musician Rashida Jolley headlines among six other artists at the family-

friendly festival.
www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 7

Clifton Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Clifton. The Boyle School of Irish Dance, musician Steve Hudson, rock and roll and rock/Americana all perform; train riding, children's activities including a petting zoo, pony rides, Civil War reenactments and food. www.cliftonday.com.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 20

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies, hearty breads, entertainers, candle-dipping, mulled wine, holiday shopping, and tradesmen and the militia make it a big celebration of fall. \$6, adults; \$3, seniors and children ages 3-12. 703-442-7557 or www.1771.org.

McLean Orchestra: Phantoms and Fantasies. 8 p.m., at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. A night of Halloween haunts, with Mussorgsky, Debussy and Hector Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique; post-concert cake and champagne reception. www.mclean-orchestra.org.

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Members of the Mason Dance Company performing at last year's "Arts by George!" The Mason Dance Company will be performing at the 2012 event.

Talents Galore at 'Arts by George!'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

A bevy of incredible talent is set to entertain as the seventh annual George Mason University "Arts by George!" is coming on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m. Arts by George! will take place in the de Laski Performing Arts Building on Mason's Fairfax Campus, as well as the Harris Theater and a tented plaza next to the performing arts building.

From the multi-talented, multi-Tony Award-winner Sutton Foster to aspiring creative artists from the Mason College of Visual and Performing Arts, there is a jam-packed day of events.

"We want audiences to "become 'infected' with the energy and creativity of the next generation of artists," said William Reeder, chair of Mason College of Visual and Performing Arts. His description of headliner Foster was simply this: "She is as good as it gets!"

Notably, the benefit event will use proceeds to support student scholarships as well as the Great Performances at the Mason Center for the Arts.

This year's programs will include many diverse student performances. Guests will be able to visit all sorts of Mason spaces to take in performances or exhibitions. There is even a Smartphone App created by the Computer Game Design program that provides a program for the "Arts by George!" event.

Joseph and Carol Catalano are event co-chairs for this year's "Arts by George!"

Asked why people should come to the event, especially those who may have never attended before, the Catalanos said, "You will be amazed at the talent of these young students who come from all over the world to attend GMU and it's right here in your backyard. Secondly, the funds raised go directly to-



Sutton Foster

ward scholarships for these students and supports the Great Performances at Mason concert series. Lastly, you will have such a good time that you can't wait for next year's event."

"Having Sutton Foster as our headliner this year has created much excitement," said the Catalanos.

"I want the audience to have a such wonderful time; to have fun," said Sutton Foster in a recent interview. "It will be an eclectic evening with a combinations of Broadway show tunes, great standards, perhaps even folk music and newer tunes."

In selecting what to perform, "words and lyrics are so important to me and the melody of a song," she said. "I work with my arranger; together we come up with the way I will do something. We take things, play around, break them down, combine and redo into something that is me."

Foster spoke of some of her theatrical experiences, including as Janet Van De Graaff in "The Drowsy Chaperone." That role was "a very appealing character in such an original and a smart show. It was a highly original musical, not based upon a previous book or movie. Singing 'I Don't Want to Show Off' was like a dream come true role; just so much fun, and still a favorite."

When asked about the challenges of her vigorous dancing in her Tony Award performance in "Anything Goes," Foster spoke of it "as a physical, athletic endeavor...working so hard, out of breath at the end of a particular routine, but happy to please the audience." Working on stage is "musical theater heaven...just such a thrill."

Where and When

George Mason University's "Arts by George!," showing at the Center for the Arts and de Laski Performing Arts Building, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012. Student performances and exhibitions, and silent auction of an array of arts-related items and experiences from 5-7:30 p.m., at de Laski Performing Arts Building. Sutton Foster event at Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$40-\$70. Special packages available. Call 703-993-2787 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu/tickets. For detailed information about "Arts by George!" student performances, silent auction and other benefit events information including Grand Buffet, visit www.artsbygeorge.gmu.edu or call 703-993-4188.

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

Used Book Sale. 1-9 p.m., at the Burke Centre Library, 935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Books for children and adults at bargain prices. 703-249-1520.

Fall for the Book Festival: Alice Walker. 3 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Catch a headliner event at the festival; the author of *The Color Purple* discusses her social and political activism. www.fallforthebook.org.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

Mason Award Presentation: Neil Gaiman. 7:30-9 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The author of cult DC Comics to books including *Coraline* accepts the 2012 Mason Award for an author



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SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

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Understand Your Ancestors. 3 p.m., at Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Genealogist talk on "Reading for

Historical Context" preceded by a used history book sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 703-293-6227.

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Fairfax Prize Presentation: Michael Chabon. 6:30-8 p.m., Concert Hall, Center for the Arts George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Novelist whose works include *Telegraph Avenue* and *The Yiddish Policeman's Union* accepts the 2012 Fairfax Prize for literary achievement. www.fallforthebook.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 1

Children's Music Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 5

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Homecoming Parade. 5 p.m., at WT Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. Meet at the main school entrance for the homecoming parade. www.wtwoodsonports.org.

Powder Puff Game. 6:15 p.m., at WT Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. First the freshmen and the sophomores compete, then the juniors go up against the seniors. www.wtwoodsonports.org.

Pep Rally and Bonfire. 8 p.m., at WT Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. After the second game enjoy a pep rally preceding a bonfire at 9 p.m., between the softball field and stadium featuring a live DJ and concession stand. www.wtwoodsonports.org.

The 4th Annual Taste of the Vine. 6:30-9 p.m., at the Blenheim Historic Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Wine from Fox Meadow Winery and hors d'oeuvres by Fairfax's *Dolce Vita*; mingle with fellow history enthusiasts and bid in the silent auction. \$50. 703-591-5305 or hilcarn31@aol.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 6

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NEWS

Spartans' Founder Honored

FROM PAGE 5

The staff at Spartans also had plenty of fond remembrances. "I started out as a customer here," said server Vicki Fineskos. "This family just takes you in. I came here for Mrs. Sarantis' baby shower. I think I said something like 'I really love being here' to Chris. Two days later he asked if I wanted to work here and be part of the family. That was 14 years ago." Alex has been a server for over 10 years. "He's all that's missing tonight," he said. "That man had a heart of gold."

IN HONOR of the beloved husband, father, friend and community force, the Sarantis family chose to donate 20 percent of the day's proceeds from both restaurants to the American Heart Association. Judging by the crowds at Spartans, that donation will be as sizeable as the heart and spirit that inspired it.



Vicki Fineskos remembers Chris Sarantis as a friend first, before she came to work at Spartans 14 years ago.

PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION



The celebration started on the sidewalk. Heart-shaped balloons, face-painting and t-shirts for sale with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association got things going even before patrons stepped inside to celebrate and remember the life of restaurant owner Chris Sarantis.

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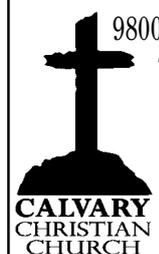
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SPORTS

Hendersons Are Winners in Return to West Potomac

Bruins overcome 16-7 halftime deficit to beat Wolverines.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION/THE GAZETTE

The night before the West Potomac Wolverines and Lake Braddock Bruins met in a passionate Patriot District football contest on Sept. 21, former teammates Caleb Henderson and Demornay Pierson-El took part in some friendly banter over the phone.

In 2011, Henderson and Pierson-El were sophomore standouts for a high-powered West Potomac offense. Henderson was the quarterback and Pierson-El a receiver for a Wolverines team that won a share of the district title and reached the Division 6 Northern Region semifinals.

One year later, Henderson is the trigger man for the Lake Braddock offense and Pierson-El has moved to running back for West Potomac. He's also a safety on the Wolverines defense. While the two remain friends, on Friday they were foes battling to stay atop the district standings.

"He called me for about an hour last night, telling me about how he was going to [intercept] me," Henderson said after Friday's game.

Pierson-El made good on his prediction. In fact, he picked off Henderson twice. But when the game was over, it was the first-year Bruin signal caller who had the last laugh.

Lake Braddock defeated West Potomac, 37-23, on Friday night. It was the first time Henderson and his brother, Jon, a senior linebacker, returned for a game at West Potomac High School since they transferred from the Alexandria school to Lake Braddock during the 2011-12 school year. Their father, Eric Henderson, was the head football coach at West Potomac from 2004 through the 2011 season before being informed he would not return. The Henderson family moved to Burke and Eric became the Lake Braddock defensive coordinator. Former Wolverine assistants Sean Brooks and Dave Murray also joined the Bruins staff.

CALEB HENDERSON accounted for 388 yards of offense and four touchdowns. He completed 25 of 40 passes for 246 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions.

He also carried 20 times for 142 yards and two scores. His 1-yard touchdown run in the third quarter gave Lake Braddock a 21-16 lead it would not relinquish.

"There's so much spotlight on Caleb and pressure, I said just play within the scheme, take the plays when they come to you and once he did that and settled down, he did a heck of a job," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "With Demornay and Caleb, you might be seeing the two best individual players in the region on the field at one time."

Caleb Henderson said the experience of playing at his former school was emotional during and after the game.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION/THE GAZETTE

Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson on Sept. 21 led the Bruins to a win during his first game back at West Potomac High School, where he played varsity football as a sophomore.

"The emotion was definitely high because these guys are my brothers," Caleb said about his former Wolverine teammates. "I've known them since I was 4. I just miss them a lot. It sucked to have to hold some of them and watch them cry."

What was it like in the handshake line? "It was sad," Caleb said. "I've got to be honest, it was sad. I miss them all."

What was it like on the field? "That's just friends playing backyard football," he said. "It's always going to be chippy. It's always going to be rough."

Jon Henderson was part of a Lake Braddock defense that limited West Potomac to seven points in the second half.

"I played with [West Potomac] for three years. They're like brothers to me," he said. "When I came to Lake Braddock, they accepted me as a family and as a team member. I didn't want to let ... my team down by coming back to this place and losing."

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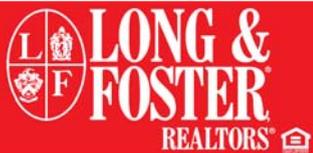
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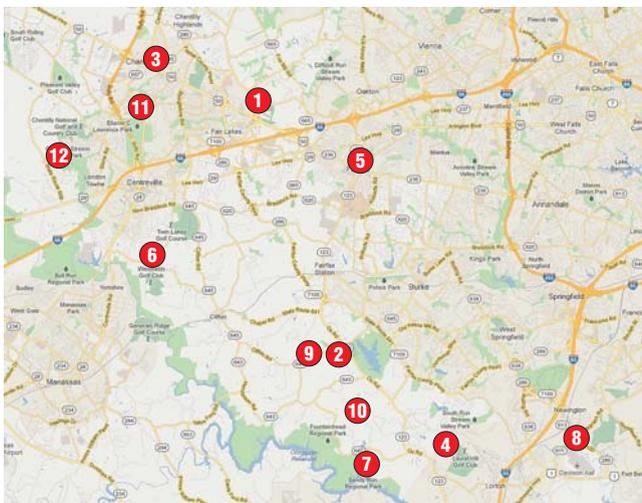
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5 10423 WHITEHEAD ST	4	3	1	FAIRFAX	\$720,000	Townhouse	0.03	22030	MADISON MEWS	07/23/12
6 6717 BUNKERS CT	4	3	1	CLIFTON	\$714,000	Detached	0.46	20124	UNION MILL ESTATES	07/13/12
7 10249 VAN THOMPSON RD	4	4	0	FAIRFAX STATION	\$712,500	Detached	4.30	22039	SEVEN HILLS ESTATES	07/24/12
8 6851 CORDER LN	4	3	1	LORTON	\$710,000	Detached	0.33	22079	MOUNT AIR	07/20/12
9 7013 SYLVAN GLEN LN	4	3	1	FAIRFAX STATION	\$708,000	Detached	5.13	22039	THE HOLLY FOREST	07/27/12
10 8108 VISTA POINT LN	4	4	2	FAIRFAX STATION	\$700,000	Detached	5.00	22039	SHADOWWALK	07/27/12
11 4774 WALBERN CT	5	3	1	CHANTILLY	\$700,000	Detached	0.33	20151	WALNEY ESTATES	07/11/12
12 15419 SNOWHILL LN	5	3	1	CENTREVILLE	\$699,900	Detached	0.42	20120	PLEASANT HILL	07/17/12

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