

# Lake Anne Celebrates Diversity

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Members of H.K. Lee Tae Kwon Do Academy perform at the Reston Multicultural Festival Saturday, Sept. 22.

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Members of the Traveling Players' Middle School Ensemble perform "Blue Monster" at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne Saturday, Sept. 22.



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Ellen Graves leads newly naturalized citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance Saturday, Sept. 22 at Lake Anne.

# Lake Anne Hosts Annual Multicultural Festival

Event features day of international culture, food.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Saturday, Sept. 22 marked the first time Jesse Eklund and Alicia Morales attended the Reston Multicultural Festival as a couple, but they used it to celebrate their anniversary anyway. That's because it served as a catalyst for their relationship.

"I moved to Reston last September for a new job, and I was out for a Saturday morning run last year when I came upon the start of the festival, and they were doing a Bolivian dance," Eklund said. "When I moved in, I met Alicia, one of my neighbors in my apartment building who mentioned she was from Bolivia. To be completely honest, I was looking for a way to strike up a conversation with her, and telling her about the traditional Bolivian dance I had just seen."

Morales said she was skeptical at first, but after Eklund showed her a few pictures and video on his phone, it led to a conversation.

"I bet he had the whole thing planned all along," she said with a laugh. "He showed me the photos and video, and asked what certain things were, and next thing I know, we made plans for dinner. So this is a special event to come back here."

**RESTON CELEBRATED** its di-

versity Saturday, Sept. 22, with its 12th annual Multicultural Festival at Lake Anne Plaza. The festival paid tribute to both the people and culture of countries around the world, with cultural displays throughout the day and the welcoming of 25 new immigrants as citizens.

The naturalization ceremony has been a part of the Multicultural Festival for the past two years, and is a favorite of many local officials who attended.

"This is one of my favorite things to do during the year. To come to the Multicultural festival, but also this naturalization ceremony," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova. "I always look forward to welcoming our newest citizens."

After the ceremony, the festival began its multicultural activities. Students from the H.K. Lee Tae Kwon Do Academy took the main stage, while the Traveling Players' Middle School Ensemble performed the fairytale "Blue Monster."

"The festival is a great opportunity to walk 100 feet and find yourself in a whole other world than the one you were just in," said Mary Stein of Vienna. "We went from making crafts by the fountain, to looking at international books in the community center. Definitely great for packing a lot in the space of an hour or two."



Twenty-five newly naturalized citizens celebrate after taking the oath of allegiance at Lake Anne, part of the Reston Multicultural Festival Saturday, Sept. 22.

Reston Association Board President Ken Knueven said events celebrating local diversity are a hallmark of the Reston Community.

"Reston Association is a very large community, approaching 60-70,000 people, thousands of homes and most importantly, a very diverse population," he said. "Whether you're rich or poor, young or old, single or have a

family, or wherever you came from, Reston welcomes you and wants you to stay here. We're very proud of that tenet, and I think it's well represented at an event like this."

**SUPERVISOR CATHY HUDGINS** (D-Hunter Mill) said that diversity was a prime factor in her family's decision to come to



From left, Leida, Camila, 6, Andres, 10, and Moises Mejia at the Reston Multicultural Festival Saturday Sept. 22. Leida was one of 25 immigrants who were naturalized at the beginning of the festival.

Reston, and that it was incumbent on the community to continue that aspect.

"When my family came to Reston 43 years ago we were welcomed into the tiny little town," she said. "What was built into Robert Simon's vision was an open community. Today we are growing by leaps and bounds, but we are not changing our values."

## Cordial Debate Turns Into Controversy

**Allen, Kaine battle for Northern Virginia votes.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ohammed 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.**



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

—George Allen



**"I'm open to dialogue, and I don't see how openness is something controversial."**

—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 as a small-business champion.

The candidates also found areas of agreement: each

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**Fourth and fifth grade students worked together to color in a tie dye shirt as part of Armstrong Elementary's participation in Chalk 4 Peace.**

## Chalking for Peace

**Armstrong Elementary participates in Chalk 4 Peace.**

BY AMIEE FREEMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Students at Armstrong Elementary participated in Chalk 4 Peace on Thursday and Friday. Armstrong Elementary art teacher, Jordon Citron, said this was his first year organizing Chalk 4 Peace at Armstrong, but that the school participated in the activity last year. "The kids love it," said Citron.

"We ask the students how they envision peace," said Citron. With lots of chalk and some beautiful weather, they set out to draw on the basketball courts at Armstrong. Over a two-day period, all students had the opportunity to participate in the activity.

"I think it's really cool. Kids get to draw and express themselves," said fifth grader Michaela Gamble, who, along with Mehr Schgall and Katie Weiss, was coloring in a hand held up in a peace sign.

"It's fun and creative. I think it's a great idea to draw for peace," said fourth grader Sydney Bourdeau, who drew a bright rainbow.

Chalk 4 Peace, organized by



**Fifth grader Mehr Schgall colors in a hand held up in a peace sign. Schgall said she was impressed by the activity.**

Arlington artist John Aaron, had its beginning as a Sunday sidewalk art project. Since then it has grown; Chalk 4 Peace events are held across the country and on four continents. All events are held in the month of September. The goal of Chalk 4 Peace is to promote the arts by coordinating young artists to draw their vision of peace with sidewalk chalk.

## THE COUNTY LINE

# County Combats Chronic Homelessness

Fairfax County joins national effort to house “most vulnerable.”

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Fewer families experienced homelessness for the first time in Fairfax County this year, a 16 percent decline stemming largely from the County’s “housing first” focus, which rapidly identifies housing for those living on the edge.

But the number of chronic homeless—the most entrenched street dwellers and vulnerable individuals—jumped 20 percent this year.

According to a recent report released by the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), 51 percent of single individuals (353 people) were identified as chronically homeless in 2012, compared to 39 percent in 2011. An additional 43 adults were counted as unsheltered in 2012 over the previous year.

It’s those numbers that troubles many in the county’s nonprofit community. And as the weather begins to turn colder, county officials are seeking ways to help the homeless population most at risk to hypothermia and other medical problems.

Dean Klein, director of Fairfax County’s OPEH, announced last week that Fairfax County is embarking an ambitious new approach in dealing with the county’s chronically homeless, those who need not only a home but also the “wrap-around” medical services necessary to maintain permanent housing.

“We are currently organizing our teams to get our most vulnerable and chronic population off the streets,” Klein said. “The chronically homeless are the most medically and physically fragile.”

Klein said Fairfax County’s efforts are part of national movement of communities working together to find permanent homes for 100,000 of the country’s most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals and families.

**MARSHALING THE FORCES** of government agencies, faith-based communities, businesses and nonprofit partners, the campaign—called “100,000 Homes”—seeks to provide housing, counseling, treatment and other services aimed at helping people stay off the streets permanently.

Supported by a broad base of national and local partners, the campaign is fundamentally altering the response to homelessness by giving communities concrete tools that work and connecting them to likeminded advocates across the country.

According to county leaders, the plan is a “more intelligent way to invest in the homeless,” because it creates permanent solutions to what many see as an intractable problem.

“What is different is that people don’t have to be completely stabilized where their



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Dean Klein

**“You see community after community that has changed perceptions about the chronic homeless. We can do the same in our community.”**

—Dean Klein, director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH)

mental health or addiction issues are concerned before they get housing,” said Tom Nichols, executive program director of Volunteers of America-Bailys Crossroads Shelter.

“The success of the program is based on the fact that being in permanent housing is significant motivation to address these issues without the added pressures of living on the street,” Nichols said.

**ACCORDING TO PAULA SAMPSON**, the director of Fairfax County’s Department of Housing and Community Development, the “100,000 Homes” initiative fits with Fairfax County’s Housing Blueprint, which identifies ending homelessness in 10 years as one of its four principal goals.

“(We bring) to the table a variety of resources that provide permanent, affordable housing to Fairfax County’s homeless population,” Sampson said, noting that the fiscal year 2013 Housing Blueprint provides a total of 196 new permanent housing opportunities for homeless individuals and families, including the chronically homeless.

“The FY 2013 Housing Blueprint also provides 84 housing opportunities for persons with special needs, including persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, and seniors, many of whom would be home-

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Serious mental illness, substance abuse or both	444	64%
Chronic health problems	91	13%
Physical disability	84	12%
Homeless due to domestic violence	63	9%
Current or prior history of domestic violence (new category)	104	15%
Limited English Proficiency (new category in 2012)	98	14%
Homeless from an institution	102	15%
Formerly in foster care	28	4%
Veteran of U.S. military service	56	8%
Chronic homeless	353	51%
Unsheltered	178	26%
Gender: Male	508	73%
Gender: Female	189	27%
Employed	142	20%
No income	285	41%
Income from \$1 to \$500 per month	101	14%
Income from \$501 to \$1,000 per month	140	20%
Income over \$1,000 per month	42	6%
Race/ethnicity: Hispanic (any race)	94	13.5%
White (non-Hispanic)	289	41.4%
Black (non-Hispanic)	243	34.9%
Bi- or Multiracial/Asian/Other/Unknown	71	10.2%

Ages: Age 18-34: 174 (25%); Age 35 - 54: 367 (53%); Age 55 and over: 155 (22%)

Unaccompanied youth under age 18: 1 (<0.15%)

**\*A total of 697 single individuals were identified as homeless last year. Of that number, 353 people were identified as chronically homeless.**

less or at-risk of homelessness but for these resources,” said Sampson.

Klein said Fairfax County will also benefit from other communities that have had success with the campaign.

“We’re looking at implementing regional solutions to the issue of preventing and ending homelessness and one impressive example in a neighboring community is what they’ve been able to achieve in Arlington,” Klein said.

## Arlington’s Success Story

Arlington kicked off its campaign last October, when 150 volunteers and civic leaders hit the streets before dawn to survey and register homeless persons living on the streets of Arlington. One of the key strategies of the campaign is train teams to identify the chronic homeless during “registry week.”

“Two County Board members, Jay Fissette and Mary Hynes, actually went out on the street to survey the homeless at 4 a.m. during the registry week,” said Anita Friedman, a division chief with the Arlington Department of Human Services. “We had over 150 community volunteers participate in the registry.”

During Arlington’s registry week, a total of 153 homeless persons were surveyed, and 83 scored at least a 1 on the “vulnerability scale,” which is used to assess risk of dying on the streets. Friedman said 33 homeless persons identified as vulnerable have been successfully placed in permanent housing.

Housing placements began in December 2011 and have averaged 3.7 a month

with 97 percent of persons placed maintaining their housing. Most important, Arlington’s campaign is on target to fulfill the goal of housing 100 people in three years.

Friedman said the momentum about the new initiative carried over to the community-wide debriefing held at the end of registry week. During that meeting, real estate developer John Shooshan, who owns the Shooshan Company, pledged \$500,000 of his own money towards housing the homeless, and challenged the Arlington County government to match the amount. The Arlington County Board approved a match of \$500,000 at the end of fiscal year 2012.

“The \$1 million is being used to ‘buy down’ 10 one-bedroom units that will be set aside for 30 years for permanent supportive housing for clients at a local apartment complex owned and operated by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH),” Friedman said.

“We would love for that to happen in Fairfax County,” Klein said.

He said by putting faces to statistics during registry week, homeless advocates can provide an opportunity for people to better understand the issues, and give them an opportunity to be a part of the solution.

“You see community after community that has changed perceptions about the chronic homeless. We can do the same in our community,” Klein said.

To learn more about the national campaign, visit the website at <http://100khomes.org>



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**As part of the “100,000” Homes campaign, this group of county and nonprofit staff attended a boot camp in Kansas City this summer. (From left) Susan Ryan, New Hope Housing; Lori Mclean, Housing Development; Tom Barnett, OPEH; Nella Leppo, Community Services Board; Jerriane Anthony, FACETS; Thomas Nichols, Volunteers of America; Carol Erhard, Fairfax County Housing and Community Development; Debbie Scaggs, OPEH; and Vince Jenkins, Reston Interfaith.**

## COMMENTARY

# A Special Shout-Out

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



I know my constituents join me in a special thank-you shout-out to Barbara Shearer who has been my legislative assistant for over 20 years and who is retiring at the end of this month. Although a state legislative office is technically part-time, Barbara's attention to details of constituent request and dependable follow-through gained for my office a reputation for having the best constituent services of any office of an elected official with many having full-time staff members.

While dealing with proposed legislation during the legislative session is a very important part of a legislator's duties, taking care of constituent needs and requests was understood by Barbara as being just as important. Many of the calls that come into my office are from persons who are totally frustrated with trying to figure out the appropriate level of government—federal, state, local—to call, the agency to call when most agencies have names that may make sense only to the bureaucrats in them, and with talking to answering machines with no humans ever calling them back. Barbara always had a willingness to listen, to know where the request should be directed, and to get an answer. She developed friendships in many state agencies and departments from her many years of dealing with them. She taught many new legislative assistants how to do their jobs.

Jane and I met Barbara and her husband, Scott, at a political event over 20 years ago soon after their

second relocation to the region related to his employment. When I learned that she had experience working for an Illinois legislator, I offered her a job working with me. While the job is part-time, it is more than full-time for a couple of months of the year when my legislative office relocates to Richmond for the legislative session. Barbara was agreeable to such a schedule and has been the only person working in my legislative office locally and in Richmond since then. During the session we also had college interns to assist us, but Barbara probably helped them a lot more by teaching them about the legislative process than they actually helped out.

Barbara is editor of my weekly Virginia e-News that some have described as having the most comprehensive calendar available in the community. We get numerous requests to list events in the calendar and numerous plaudits from people who learn new information from it. She passes along to constituents news and information on state government that is not easily accessible to residents. Barbara also schedules my weekly television show, always on the look-out for interesting people for me to interview.

I know that I join the residents of the 36th district in thanking Barbara for her exceptional service and wishing her well in her retirement as she looks after her mother and has more time for her husband, children and grandchildren.

Succeeding Barbara as my legislative assistant is Kristy Pullen. Please give Kristy a big "Welcome!" when you phone my office.

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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 "battle-ground" 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

## Good for the Country

To the Editor:

Tuesday, the 6th of Nov. is a crucial day, election day. It is important, more so than in any other election day in my memory, for all of us to get out and vote. Here-with are my views, for whatever they are worth:

Elected as president, Barack Obama considered it his mission to unite the country. Unfortunately, it took him three years to face up to the fact that the Republicans in Congress had no interest in compromise and that defeating him was their entire program. Our resulting disappointment in him as a politician should not prevent us from recognizing that his principles are good for the people of our country and contrast profoundly with the expressed principles of his

opponents. To briefly summarize what I believe to be those principles:

- ❖ Education should provide the opportunity to every child to achieve his/her potential;

- ❖ Reagan's policies on taxation were progressive and could be models to build upon;

- ❖ Social security should be re-organized to reflect the aging of our population and the individual's need for financial support;

- ❖ No one needing health care should be turned away for inability to pay.

To those Restonians who understand how Republicans have consistently opposed these principles I say: let's not throw out the baby with the bathwater—let's urge any friends who have been disappointed in the past to vote with us in the confidence that Obama has learned his lesson and is the leader we need for

the coming four years.

**Bob Simon**  
Reston Founder

## Plenty of Potential For Voter Fraud

To the Editor:

It is hard to tell from Delegate Plum's piece ["Voter Fraud at the Highest Levels," Reston Connection, Sept. 19-25, 2012] whether or not he supports Governor McDonnell's Justice Department-approved Voter ID law, whereby a Voter ID Card is sent to every registered voter (easy to vote, hard to cheat). He sees no voter fraud in Virginia and warns us, instead, to beware "fraudulent-like [sic] statements by politicians." Beware, indeed!

It is politicians who draw parallels between ballot-integrity voter

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

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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)

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

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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](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



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**Nancy and Tom Susco cheer on race participants at the start of Saturday's 8K race held in memory of their son, Tim Susco, who died of a brain aneurysm in 2007 at the age of 25.**

**Former Olympian Alan Webb, number 292, participated in the Susco 8K. Tim Susco and Webb were teammates on the South Lakes cross country team. Webb completed the race in 24:19.**

# Following Tragedy, Susco 8K Race Provides Hope

**Family, community come together to honor Tim Susco.**

BY AMIEE FREEMAN  
 THE CONNECTION

**M**any of the 650 participants in the Brain Aneurysm Race for Awareness, held in honor of Tim Susco, a 1999 South Lakes graduate who died suddenly in 2007 at the age of 25 from a brain aneurysm, participated in the event in memory of someone who had passed away following a brain aneurysm.

Members of Team Barb were there in honor of Barbara Chirles, who passed away in 2008 at the age of 35. Barbara's husband, Brian Chirles of Reston, said that shortly after Barbara's death, he was looking for a way to remember his wife and perhaps do a bit of good, when he came across the Susco 8K. He and Barbara's mother, Debby James of Lorton, along with a group of friends and family have participated in the Susco 8K every year. "This is a way to help keep Barb's memory alive," said Chirles.

Joan Olinger of Reston and Lisa Novick of Alexandria were classmates of Tim's. This was their third year participating in the race, "although I'm not much of a runner," said Olinger. "It's a good way to keep Tim's memory alive," she added.

The 30 members of Team Alive, the majority of whom were members of the military, were there to support a friend whose mother had passed away from a brain aneurysm.

In addition to raising money for brain aneurysm research, part of the event proceeds goes to Washington Regional Transplant Community, in an effort

to support awareness for the need for individuals to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. Following his death, Tim's family decided to donate his organs and tissues.

"Because of people like Tim Susco and his family, some good can come out of tragedy," said Lisa Colaianni of WRTC.

"We wanted to bring awareness to organ donation and to create a fundraiser for brain aneurysm research," said Tim's mother and event organizer, Nancy Susco. "Tim was a runner. He was on the cross country team, here at South Lakes. So, a race was a natural fit."

The event is also an opportunity to draw together members of the Susco family's support community. With tears in her eyes and with her husband, Tom, by her side, Nancy said, "Everybody is here, but Tim." Grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins as well as teachers, co-workers and classmates participated in Saturday's event. "This event draws together so many from our community," added Nancy.

Former Olympian Alan Webb also participated in the Susco 8K. Tim and Webb were teammates on the South Lakes cross country team. In Saturday's event, Webb set a new course record, completing the race in 24:19. Kristin Anderson of Arlington was the top female finisher with a race time of 29:06.

Participants paid \$35-\$40 to participate in the run. In addition to the 8K race, a 2K all-ages fun-run was available as well. In the five years the event has been held, Tim's family has raised more than \$180,000 for the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and WRTC.

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**Chantilly**  
 42344 Astors Beachwood.....\$830,000.....Sun 1-4.....Chris Pezzana.....Weichert.... 703-447-1662

**Clifton**  
 12129 Beaver Creek Rd.....\$899,000.....Sun 1-4.....Sandy Lovett.....Wolf Run.... 571-247-2616  
 12133 Wolf Valley Dr.....\$899,000.....Sun 1-4.....Diane Lenahan.....Wolf Run.... 703-283-7328

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 2405 Spring St.....\$1,199,900.....Sat 1-4.....Tony Vo.....Fairfax.... 703-533-8660

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 10817 Windermere Ln.....\$1,398,000.....Sun 1-4.....Carol Hermandorfer.... Long & Foster.... 703-503-1812  
 6901 Wolf Run Shoals Rd.....\$899,900.....Sun 1-4.....Carol Hermandorfer.... Long & Foster.... 703-503-1812

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 11584 Cedar Chase Rd.....\$1,399,000.....Sun 1-4.....Surrie Armstrong.....TTR Sothebys.... 703-930-0318  
 12913 Framingham Ct.....\$415,000.....Sun 12-3.....Kyla DeVantier.... Long & Foster.... 703-835-6755

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 10721 Greene Dr.....\$699,000.....Sat 1-4.....Star Morrad...Keller Williams.... 703-447-2028

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 11801 Stuart Mill Rd.....\$1,199,000.....Sun 2-4.....Alison Sherman...Keller Williams.... 703-636-7306

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 20425 Swan Creek Ct.....\$759,900.....Sun 1-4.....Glynis Canto...Keller Williams.... 703-395-2355

**Sterling**  
 46834 Willowood Pl.....\$549,900.....Sun 1-4.....Donny Samson.....Samson.... 703-627-1794  
 200 Williamsburg Rd.....\$379,900.....Sun 1-4.....Maureen Sheridan.....Century 21.... 571-259-3033  
 46934 Trumpet Cir.....\$314,900.....Sun 1-4.....Adrian Welch...Keller Williams.... 703-636-7300

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 502 Valley Dr. SE.....\$1,325,000.....Sun 1-4.....Patrick Ohlhorst.....Solutions.... 703-853-9300  
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# Virginia Is for Lovers, and Apple-Lovers

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

**I** da 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.

— VICTORIA ROSS



**Stribling Orchard**



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**Baskets of apples at Rock Hill Orchard**



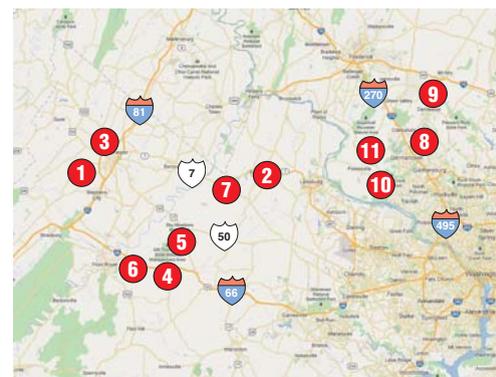
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**The Little Country Kitchen at Homestead Farm**



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## 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  
Markermilleriorchards.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  
Virginiainfarmmarket.com

### 4 STRIBLING 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

## 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

# Fall Fun in Reston

Oktoberfest, Homes Tour highlight annual events.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**R**eston Town Center will host one of the area's signature fall events, the Reston Oktoberfest, Oct. 5 through 7. The event will feature live music, food from local vendors, a variety of fall beers and a chili cook-off.

"I like Oktoberfest because it feels like one of those things that happens at a place like Adams-Morgan, a lot of people outside, going in and out of restaurants and most importantly drinking cold beers outside on a fall day," said Eddie Sterling of Reston. "And something about the music bouncing off the tall buildings gives the whole thing a cool atmosphere."

There will be food from Buffalo Wing Factory, Clyde's, Flippin' Pizza, Il Fornaio, Mamma Lucia of Reston, McCormick & Schmick's, Midtown Kabob, Milwaukee Frozen Custard, Naked Pizza, Obi Sushi, Paolo's Ristorante, Paradise

Ice Cream, Pollo Peru, Robek's, The Counter, Uno's Chicago Grill and Vie de France.

Fall beers on tap will include Beck's Oktoberfest, Devil's Backbone Vienna Logger, Dominion Oktoberfest, Shock Top Pumpkin Wheat, Widmer Hefeweizen and select craft beers. There will also be wine, provided by Market Cellars and The Wine Cabinet.

"The hardest part is deciding whether to go all day Saturday and watch college football, or all day Sunday and watch NFL football," he said. "Of course, both would be ideal, but I'm not sure my wife would go for that."

Reston Oktoberfest will be open Friday, Oct. 5 from 3 to 11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 7 from noon to 8 p.m. More information is available at [www.oktoberfestreston.com](http://www.oktoberfestreston.com).

**ENTERING ITS 11th YEAR**, the Reston Homes Tour is still on the cutting edge of Reston's best ar-

chitecture and interior design. This year is no exception, with the annual tour examining "Living on the Edge" in Reston.

"This year's theme examines places that are on the edge of something important to this community," said Bonnie Haukness, chair of this year's event.

The six residences on the tour are located next to community features such as the Glade Stream Valley, several lakes and Reston Town Center. It will also include a look at Metro development, with talks and architectural drawings of the Reston Station development.

Brad Shields of Reston says he hopes the tour will provide an insight into what could be the future of new development along the corridor.

The Reston Homes Tour will take place Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Reston Museum for \$25 until Oct. 5, and \$30 after that and online at [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).



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Visitors to Reston Oktoberfest look at the Great Pumpkin. This year's Oktoberfest will take place Oct. 5 through 7 at Reston Town Center.



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A house looking over Lake Anne, one of the stops on the annual Reston Homes Tour Saturday, Oct. 13.

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## FAIRFAX COUNTY FALL FUN

Along with the seasonal changes of fall—"sweater weather," the oft-sighted decorative pumpkin, new menus and produce, and the swath of color across the treeline in every direction—come the fall events. Picking apples, parading through town in costume and spending time enjoying fall in Fairfax County are musts. The Connection presents some favorite County events to aid and abet your celebration of the season. Find the full calendar at [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com).

## BURKE NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER'S 18TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

During the month of October, Sundays through Thursdays from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Fridays through Saturdays until 9 p.m., at 9401 Burke Road, Burke, there will be pumpkins galore and hayrides all day—from a pumpkin fort, a ghost tunnel slide, rope swing and farm animals, to the fall produce market and the carveable pumpkins that comes with admission, the festival has something for everyone. \$9-12. [www.pumpkinplayground.com](http://www.pumpkinplayground.com).

## FALL FOR FAIRFAX KIDFEST

On Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Northern Virginia's largest family fall festival boasts more than 100 hands-on activities and exhibits focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health; among those are a farmers' market, pony and hayrides, scare-crow making, pumpkin decorating, a carnival and dozens of shows for children. 703-324-3247 or [www.fallforfairfax.com](http://www.fallforfairfax.com).

## THE 66TH ANNUAL VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE

On Wednesday, Oct. 24 starting at 7 p.m., around 35,000 participants and spectators will descend upon Maple Avenue, led by a swarm of costumed children. The parade proceeds to Center Street, marching under this year's theme, "Celebrating Holidays Around the World," with Grand Marshal Santa Claus leading; the entirely volunteer-run parade can use your help, too. [www.viennahalloweenparade.org](http://www.viennahalloweenparade.org).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

**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](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

**ValeArts' 17th Annual Fall Art Show and Sale Reception.** 7 p.m., reception; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., show hours, at the Historic Vale School House, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Over 150 works from nine local artists; meet the artists and celebrate the show, open Sept. 28-30. [www.ValeArts.com](http://www.ValeArts.com).

**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 making

extraordinary contributions towards connecting literature with a wide reading public. [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

**Fall for Fairfax KidFest.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

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**Woodland Park Crossing Festival.** Noon-4 p.m., 12960 Highland Crossing Drive, Herndon. Samples of fall brews and foods, yoga presentations, zumba dances, fitness demos, a walking scarecrow, DJ, face painting, glitter tattoos, pumpkin painting, and more. 703-785-5634 or [www.woodlandparkcrossing.com](http://www.woodlandparkcrossing.com).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

**Fall for Fairfax KidFest.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax.

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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](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 5

**Oktoberfest Reston.** 3-11 p.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](http://www.OktoberfestReston.com).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 6

**Second Annual Fairfax Festival of the Arts.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. National and international artists sell artwork—90-plus artists offer more than 10,000 pieces for sale—and provide the opportunity for you to meet painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, digital artists, glass, fiber and ceramics artists. [www.paragonartevents.com/fairfax/](http://www.paragonartevents.com/fairfax/).

**Country Fair.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The 30-year-old fair features a quilt show and giveaway, musical performances, silent auction, "treasure trove" flea market, book sale, plant sale, food and children's games. 703-759-2082 or [www.thecountryfair.org](http://www.thecountryfair.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cliftonday.com).

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**Capen Piano Trio Recital.** 2-3:30 p.m., at the Center Stage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The three performers and teachers play on the second of eight free Thursday afternoon concerts sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University in partnership with Reston Community Center. 703-503-3384.

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# SPORTS

SPORTS ROUNDUPS



**Flint Hill junior Erica Narel swings against two Oakton blockers during a Sept. 21 match at Oakton High School.**



**Flint Hill sophomore Ally Ford had a team-high 14 kills against Oakton on Sept. 21.**



**Flint Hill senior Haley McClure had 10 kills against Oakton on Sept. 21.**

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

## Trio Leads Huskies to 9-1 Start

### Flint Hill volleyball sweeps Oakton.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**F**ive-foot-11 Erica Narel was a force at the net, using her long arms to put away kills and disrupt Oakton hitters. Five-foot-10 Ally Ford pounded kills with violent swings and 5-foot-9 Haley McClure displayed versatility.

The tall, talented trio led the Flint Hill volleyball team to a 3-0 (25-23, 25-14, 25-20) victory on Sept. 21 during a Vienna private-public school matchup at Oakton High School. The victory improved the Huskies' record to 9-1, a start similar to those of the Flint Hill teams that won three consecutive VISAA state titles from 2008-10. Last year's team struggled in comparison, finishing 19-16 and losing in the state semifinals, but the return of Narel, the addition of Ford and the leadership of McClure have the Huskies playing at a high level.

Narel, a junior middle blocker who is committed to North Carolina State, sat out her sophomore season. On Friday, she finished with 11 kills against the Cougars.

"She's so athletic," Flint Hill head coach Carrol Anderson said. "She touches 10 feet, she gets up, [and her] blocking is huge for us. She has an eye and a feel for the ball, so our setters are still learning how to connect with her."

Ford, a sophomore outside hitter, transferred to Flint Hill from Tuscarora High School in Leesburg. She tallied a team-high 14 kills against Oakton, many of which were of the high-velocity variety, and had four aces.

"She's so confident," Anderson said. "She's confident about taking a swing from the back row, from the outside, anywhere ... and she's pretty much unstoppable."

McClure, a senior outside hitter, had 10 kills and four aces.

"Haley's our captain, our leader," Anderson said. "The girls look up to her and we go, in a lot of ways, as Haley goes. If Haley's energetic [and] charged up, I know it's a good day for us. She's very dynamic. She hits the ball well [and] serves the ball well, but it's her



**Oakton volleyball coach Dan Courain said senior Emma Olson "does everything."**

leadership on the court that's just as important as those things."

Narel and Ford each had six kills in game one, which Flint Hill survived, 25-23. The Huskies had an easier time in game two, building a 10-3 lead en route to a 25-14 victory.

"Last year, I came from public school ... so personally I get real pumped when we play [public schools], especially [because] the ISL, it's not as much competition," Ford said. "The [public school] atmosphere is just crazy, so it really pumps you up."

Flint Hill held a slim 11-10 lead in game three before starting to pull away with six straight points, including three consecutive Ford aces. The Huskies improved their record against public schools to 7-1.

"We're just really underestimated when we play public schools," McClure said. "People have never heard of us and we're such a small school. Every time we go out there, no matter who we're playing, we always have something to prove."

Anderson said Friday's match was Flint Hill's first against Oakton in her 10 years with the Huskies.

"I thought our girls responded really well and handled the atmosphere," she said. "I told them, when I was in your shoes, I would love to be out there on the court in this [environment] and to come out and beat a team on their home court ... I think it was a big win and a satisfying win for our team."

Meanwhile, Oakton, led by first-year head coach Dan Courain, dropped to 11-5.

"There were moments where I thought that we showed that we could play with them, but [we struggled due to] inconsistency," Courain said.

Senior outside hitter Misa Mori finished with a team-high eight kills against Flint Hill. Senior Emma Olson had six kills while handling setting duties.

"She does everything," Courain said about Olson. "The fact that she's second on our team in kills and she's pretty much a primary setter [shows her versatility]."

Oakton will travel to face Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27. Flint Hill will host Sidwell Friends at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday.

"I still think that teams think we're a good team, but they think we're beatable and that's OK," Johnson said. "That's good because that gives us a motivating factor."



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**Senior Tommy House and the Madison football team won their third consecutive game on Sept. 21 with a 29-6 victory against McLean.**

## Madison Football Beats McLean

In its first Liberty District game, the Madison football team rolled to a 29-6 win over the McLean Highlanders. With the win, Madison improved its record to 3-1 while McLean dropped to 2-2.

The Warhawks got off to a quick start with an explosive 78-yard touchdown pass from Dan Powers to Ben Stanford on the third play of the game. Sanford gathered in the 35-yard pass, shook his defender and raced into the end zone as the Warhawk fans roared their approval.

Nick Hoy led the swarming Warhawk defense that forced McLean into a three-and-out on its first possession. It was a preview of things to come as the Warhawks held the Highlanders scoreless in the first half and for most of the game.

Madison's second touchdown was set up by Sanford's interception late in the first quarter. Backed up deep in Madison territory, McLean's quarterback tried to force a pass into tight coverage near the right sideline. Sanford stepped in front of the receiver, grabbed the ball, and rambled 20 yards to the 5-yard line. Behind great blocking from his offensive line, Jacob Hall burst into the end zone for Madison's second score. Nick Dorka's PAT gave Madison a 14-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Madison used a long, clock-consuming drive to set up its third score, an 8-yard touchdown pass to sure-handed Kyle Mancini. Dorka added a 32-yard field goal and the Warhawks took a 24-0 lead at the half.

Madison's second half game

plan was to run the ball, chew-up the clock, and prevent the McLean offense from completing any big plays. Dorka added a 44-yard field goal in the third quarter to extend the lead to 27-0.

The Warhawk defense had another standout effort, holding the Highlanders scoreless until late in the fourth quarter. Hoy was all over the field with five tackles, 11 assists and a sack. Dan Schwab had another solid performance with four tackles, six assists, a sack and a crunching safety to account for the final score of 29-6. Tom Wagaman had three tackles, five assists and a sack. Mitch Goddard, Mancini and Hall provided tight coverage on the receivers and held McLean to three completions for the night.

The Warhawks' next game will be on the road against the Langley Saxons at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28.

## South Lakes Football Falls to Fairfax

The South Lakes football team lost to Fairfax, 31-15, on Sept. 21, dropping the Seahawks' record to 1-3.

South Lakes will host Louisa County High at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 28.

## Herndon Football Drops Concorde Opener

The Herndon football team dropped its Concorde District opener against Centerville, 14-0, on Sept. 21.

The Hornets return to action at home against Broad Run at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28.

# Kaine Clarifies Position On 'Minimum Tax'

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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-



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

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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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# My Team



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Not literally, of course. Nor am I the coach or the general manager. But I do feel like an owner, in that there are people that I invest in – again not literally, but definitely emotionally. The people who express the kind of positivity and confidence and encouragement – and empathy and understanding quite honestly, of the demands and rigors physically, emotionally and spiritually of being a terminal cancer patient. Aside from my immediate family and inner circle of friends, co-workers, and fellow cancer patients with whom I've connected, I refer to all the people who have sent cards, letters, e-mails and general well-wishes offering their hope, prayers and confidence in yours truly surviving this ordeal. Moreover, there are people I've met along the way: health care providers, therapists, newly diagnosed cancer patients, previously diagnosed cancer patients, individuals who don't know me/don't know my story; whose personality, perspective, enthusiasm and sincerity have empowered me, and who have exuded the kind of positive and uplifting spirit that fuels the passion that a stage IV lung cancer patient tends to lose as the fight for one's own survival continues. To invoke a sports cliché: these are people who are good in the locker room/clubhouse.

These individuals are selfless, dedicated, motivated, caring, concerned, successful, can-do-type positive influences who optimize their optimism and bury their pessimism, especially around a terminal cancer patient. The last thing, the absolute last vibe that a terminal patient needs is negativity, depression, anxiety, worry and stress; internally and equally importantly: externally. I don't need to feel or be influenced by or be in the presence of anybody – or anything, that intentionally or unintentionally (by their nature) brings me down or opens me up to self doubt, or doubt of any kind for that matter. I need to believe. And most importantly, I/we need to be infused with positivity. And I don't mean Stepford Wives-type behavior (robotic, following a script, lacking in substance) either. I mean, the human touch, emotionally certainly and occasionally even physically. In summary, we need a connection, a feeling of togetherness and mutual awareness of the patient's plight and a willingness to face it and dare I say, discuss it together in an intelligent, thoughtful and exuberant-type manner where the highs – in life and in any treatment protocol, are maximized and where the lows are minimized.

The up-and-down-and-all-around existence of a cancer patient who's terminal is already as much negativity (which becomes almost endemic) as one can endure. Therefore, any more negativity from any source in any way/context might just push that patient over his or her emotional edge. An edge which might involve a metaphorical set of finger nails. Who knows really, what the patient's limitations are? We only know who, what, where and when circumstances exacerbate an already precarious position, a position certainly worth avoiding. My team consists of individuals with attitudes that reflect this reality. It may not be for everybody. But it better be for the cancer patient. "I don't know much, but I know that." (Ben Affleck – out of context, from the movie "Good Will Hunting.")

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