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## NEWS



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**From left—Joanne Neckel and Bev Worek. Neckel headed the effort to ensure that all of the necessary certification elements were present on the museum's grounds.**

### Railroad Museum Becomes Wildlife Habitat

With the help of the Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC), The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum has been certified as one of the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitats. The NWF is encouraging everyone to pursue turning their backyards into habitats. This is the 40th year for the program and over 150,000 habitats have been certified. A recent study proved that these yards and areas provide for and sustain more wildlife than non-certified areas. To earn certification, your yard must provide a food source such as natural plants or bird feeders; a water source such as a birdbath or pond; cover such as evergreens and shrubs; and a place to raise young such as dense shrubs and vegetation. For more information visit [NWF.org](http://NWF.org).

Joanne Neckel, CCWC member, headed the effort to ensure that all of the necessary certification elements were present on the museum's grounds. Wildlife conservation is one of the CCWC's initiatives and

was pleased to partner with the museum to create such a habitat. "By teaming up with the museum, we hope to inspire others to create habitats in their backyards. It's an easy and fun family project that makes a huge difference for wild life," says Bev Worek, CCWC president.

The Clifton Community Woman's Club was founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization dedicated to serving Clifton and the surrounding community. Through their donations they support food banks, women and children's causes, wounded warriors, libraries and college scholarships to name a few. Contact: [CliftonCWC.org](http://CliftonCWC.org)—P.O. Box 229 Clifton, VA 20124.

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**Military Spouse Career Summit.** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Mary M. Gates Learning Center, 701 N Fairfax St., Alexandria. An interactive professional development and employment education event supports military spouses in entrepreneurship, federal employment and other sectors of the work force. The first annual Military Spouse Small Works Art Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the career summit. <http://www.milspousesummit.com/press-2>.

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 20

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**Moms on the Run.** 10-11:30 a.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Mom Liz Bryant shares her Christian perspective on the origins of Halloween and why she chose homeschooling, providing a general discourse of living as first generation Christian. \$7 per mother, which includes coffee, tea, and homemade treats; free childcare, RSVP. [MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com](mailto:MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com).

## Negative Campaign

Candidates appear at minority business forum, attacking each other.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

Local and statewide candidates for office appeared at an unprecedented forum in Northern Virginia last weekend, a collaboration of minority business groups of blacks, Hispanics and Asians. But as candidates arrived at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College for a Sunday afternoon forum, voters realized that the tone of the campaign would remain unrelentingly negative.

"All three of the Republican candidates are Tea Party right wing extremists," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who is running unopposed. "Look at their records and their stands on the issues."

Plum attacked Cuccinelli's lawsuit against the Affordable Care Act as well as his investigation into a University of Virginia professor studying climate change. The longtime delegate also said the Republican attorney general candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-25) has a similar record, including a bill that would have required women to report abortions to police. Together with the candidate for lieutenant governor, Plum said, the ticket is Tea Party from top to bottom.

"For some reason, some folks in the Democratic Party think that the label Tea Party is going to stimulate some kind of negative feelings," said Jay McConville, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "But I think those people are great patriots, and they are supporting the candidates they think are best for the commonwealth."

**AS CANDIDATES** for governor took the stage to make their case to voters, the tone of the campaign remained starkly negative. Each of the candidates spent as much time talking about their own vision of the future as they did castigating their opponent as someone who would harm Virginia. For Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli: "My time as attorney general and my time in the state



Republican Ken Cuccinelli speaks at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

**"Politics has become a blame game. They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."**

— Deborah Williams of Fairfax City

Senate leaves me as the only candidate who would show up on day one knowing how Virginia government works from having participated in it. I will not need on the job training if you elect me on November 5th, and I'm the only candidate who can say that."

For weeks, Republicans have been criticizing Democrat Terry McAuliffe for threatening to shut down Virginia government unless the General Assembly agreed to expand Medicaid. McAuliffe attempted to beat back that argument during the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce debate, pledging that he would not force a shutdown. Meanwhile, the Democrat is now criticizing the Republican for appearing at a fundraiser with Texas Senator Ted Cruz, whom Democrats say is the architect of the government shutdown.

"Ken Cuccinelli was apparently more concerned about his reputation with the Tea Party than with ending the government shutdown that is undermining Virginia's economy," said McAuliffe. "It's the obligation of Virginians to send a message to Washington. A govern-

ment shutdown should never be a bargaining chip."

**WITH ELECTION DAY** only four weeks away, candidates and their advisors are preparing for the most intense and high-stakes portion of the race. Both of the major-party candidates are responding to that dynamic by trying to frame their opposition in the most negative way possible. That leaves Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis rising in the polls as his opponents take shots at each other. After McAuliffe and Cuccinelli finished Sunday evening, Sarvis offered a critical review. "A lot of negative attacks. Not a whole lot of substance," said Sarvis, who is polling at about 10 percent support. "And if you want to see dysfunction of voting out of fear for the lesser of two evils, look at the federal government right now."

After the candidates were finished making their pitches, many of the voters had a hard time processing what they heard. The stump speeches left many wondering what the candidates would do if elected. Many of the voters at



Democrat Terry McAuliffe takes the stage at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.



Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis greets voters at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

the Annandale forum said they felt the tone of the campaign had become distractingly negative, a series of attacks and counter-attacks that left many feeling isolated from the process.

"Politics has become a blame game," said Deborah Williams of Fairfax City. "They are always talking about what the other candidate is and how that's not working, but they never say how they can fix it or what is going to lead to fixing it."

**RECENT POLLS** have shown a clear and growing lead for McAuliffe, with the Democrat running five to seven percentage points ahead of the Republicans. That lead grows even larger if the Libertarian is included in the polls, giving the Democrat an eight-point lead in one poll. Republicans reject the idea that their candidates are in trouble, though. When

asked about polling numbers, McConville said Republicans seem more motivated than the Democrats.

"I think that there's a lack of feeling of that same kind of excitement on the McAuliffe side," said McConville. "He's obviously a problematic candidate."

Democrats say they feel national Republicans have delivered an October surprise that has harmed their side, the government shutdown. On the campaign trail and in interviews, Democrats are making the case that Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket are aligned with obstructionists in Washington.

"I feel that Ken Cuccinelli is at a desperate point in his campaign," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who is chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "He attacked Terry time and time again instead of talking about what he would do for Virginia."



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## COMMUNITY

### Clifton Community Woman's Club Honors Sherry Slawski

The Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) awarded Sherry Slawski with the 2013 Gold Medallion Award for outstanding service to their club and community at their September meeting. Slawski is a long-time volunteer on the board of directors for the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. The CCWC has been holding their monthly meetings at the museum for many years. As the event and rental manager for the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, Slawski generously provides invaluable service and contribution to the club through the use of the museum every month. According to Michele Belisle, 2012 CCWC Night Unit president, "Sherry makes the scheduling of meetings uncomplicated and stress-free, and most importantly has given the CCWC a place to call home for many years. Because of her dedication to CCWC and our mission we can focus more of our time and resources to serve others."

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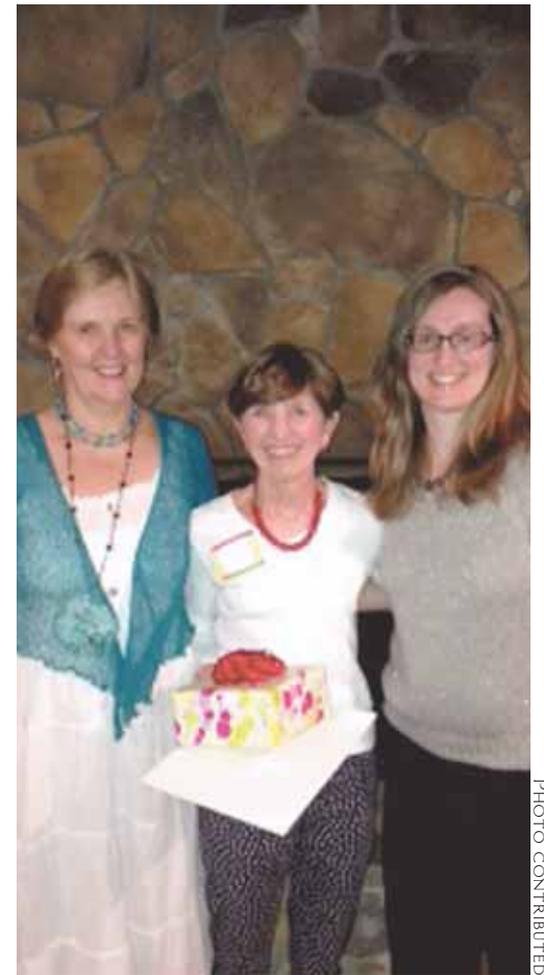


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From left—Bev Worek, CCWC president; Sherry Slawski, Michele Belisle, 2012 Night Unit president.

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Owner Lucinda Lawson and hundreds of friends and guests celebrated the grand opening of the new Clifton Wine Shop & Tasting Room Friday, Oct. 4.

## Clifton Wine Shop Expands

**“America Reworked” store and showcase moves in as wine moves upstairs.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

If the only thing better than one bottle of wine is two bottles, Clifton resident and owner of Clifton Wine Shop & Tasting Room Lucinda Lawson has not only taken the message to heart, she’s expanded on it. On Friday, Oct. 4, she and a multitude of customers and friends celebrated the grand opening of the shop’s new location that boasts more than twice the interior space of the previous shop.

Staying in the same building at 7145 Main St. in Clifton, Lawson upgraded from a cozy 400-square-foot space in the middle of the first floor to roughly 1,000-square-foot of bright and airy room on the second floor.

The opening lasted from 5 to 10 p.m. and drew a considerable crowd. “It was in the hundreds, easy,” said Lawson. Once visitors made it through the line to enter the shop, she rewarded their patience with complimentary tastings of several special wines from Caymus Vineyards in Napa, as well as bottles from South Africa.

**TO BALANCE THE FLOWING SPIRITS**, Shirley’s Catering Services served up hearty snacks for the celebrants, including lamb chops and bacon-wrapped dates. This type of larger, more entertaining event is exactly what Lawson had in mind when she purchased the Clifton Wine shop in July 2012.

“It was my vision to expand,” said Lawson, who began working at the shop in 2011 as a sales associate. She had previously taught Human Resource Management and Organizational Behavior as a professor at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. After making a habit of visiting Clifton starting in 1988, Lawson finally made the move permanent in 2010.

“When I walked in that door, I didn’t know anything about wine,” she said. But with a passion for learning and sharing, Lawson experienced success

selling and developed an affinity for the wine business. “It was just a new discipline for me. Something that is limitless—there’s always more to learn.”

Lawson seized an opportunity to buy the shop within a year of work. One year later, she pursued another opportunity to rent and combine two spaces on the second floor of 7145 Main St.

Though the new space would allow her to quadruple her wine offerings—she now stocks roughly 400 different labels, as opposed to 100 previously—keeping the old space allowed Lawson to fulfill another dream of supporting American artists and craftsmen.

“America is getting back to work,” Lawson said. “I think people should be a little more conscious of things made in America.”

To that end, she has brought in longtime family friend and artist Wyatt Clark to manage the shop they’re calling America Reworked. Clark previously worked in a store called Made in the Jackson Ward neighborhood of Richmond, and relocated from Brooklyn, N.Y. to Woodbridge for this position.

America Reworked, which officially opens Sunday, Oct. 13 for Clifton Day (9 a.m.-5 p.m.), will exist as a showcase and marketplace for strictly American-made furniture, art and home goods. Lawson and Clark are working with artists from the Art Guild of Clifton (“The first call I made was to the local potter



Wyatt Clark, manager of America Reworked—formerly the Clifton Wine Shop & Tasting Room—prepares for the grand opening set for Clifton Day.



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Jan Siegfried, PVI’s instrumental music director, guest-conducts the “Washington Post” march. Siegfried served 20 years in the Air Force Band before coming to Paul VI.

## United States Air Force Hits the Mark at Paul VI

Not all assemblies are the same, and Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax recently hosted one for the record books. By 11 a.m. on Sept. 25, Air Force trucks and vans had converged to the school’s back parking lot, and AF personnel were busy moving equipment in bags and anvils cases into the school. Meanwhile, PVI’s Music Boosters set out a reception for the 75 arriving Air Force personnel. In the Student Activity Center, mats were laid out, chairs and stands placed, sound system checked and rechecked, and soon it was time. At 1:15, the Air Force Band from Bolling Air Force Base D.C. began an awe-inspiring concert for participating teachers and classes.

Shortly into the program, students stood at attention as the national colors were formally presented by a contingent of the USAF Honor Guard. After the National Anthem, and retiring the colors, the band lit into Jenkins’ “American Overture,” with the French horn section ripping into the music. Students were surprised when

halfway through the program another contingent of the AF, the award-winning USAF Drill Team took the floor. Students clapped and gasped as the commanding team performed a silent succession of precisely timed movements using bayonet-affixed 11 lb. M-1 garands.

A special highlight of the performance was when Jan Siegfried, PVI’s instrumental music director, was invited to guest-conduct the “Washington Post” march. “Having the Air Force here at PVI was a dream come true. It was like introducing family to each other,” shared Siegfried. Siegfried had served 20 years in the AF Band, retiring in 2003, and is in her 9th year teaching at Paul VI.

The concert finished with a rendition of “Salute to the Armed Forces.” Students were asked to stand as each service song was played if they had family or friends that had served. Much of the student body was observed standing during some or all of the pieces. God, patriotism and music made for a great combination this day.



PVI students were treated to a rousing performance by the Air Force Band, Honor Guard and Drill Team.

## NEWS

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Claire Stern," said Lawson), and also search for large, character-filled items up and down the East Coast. Many of the current floor pieces represent the trend of using reclaimed or "rescued" materials, such as a credenza by artist Bill Kreider made from two I-beam segments and repurposed antique wood.

"I'm creative, but I'm not an artist," said Lawson, who feels an obligation to not only remind Americans about art being made in their backyard, but promote those making sacrifices to create the art in the first place. "Starving artists are real," she said. "People who forego all the other things you could do for money, for their passion—I just want to support them."

**WITH THE INCREASED SPACE**, not only can Lawson offer many more labels from the Pacific Northwest, California, South Africa, Italy, France and Spain—as well as a stock of cellared wines—but she's expanded her vision of supporting local artists to include chefs and brew masters. The shop now features a patisserie with gourmet French press coffee, cakes from The Itty-Bitty Cake Company based in Fairfax and handmade macarons from local chef Andrea Carmona. And the meager list of four to five beer offerings has ballooned to 80 to 90 craft beer labels from Virginia and around the country, including rare finds such as Evil Twin Brewing from Brooklyn.

"Anything that's local, small production, unique or hard to find," said Lawson.

Making full use of the additional square-footage to aid appreciation of her select stock, Lawson hosts weekly beer tastings, daily wine tastings, wine education meetings and plans to organize a craft beer club.

"First Fridays" involve a special pour of wine—sometimes a rare or expensive bottle.

"Our wines range from \$10 to \$700 per bottle," said Lawson. "Ninety percent of what's on the floor has been at the bar at one time. The wine business is based on trust—people most likely haven't tried a lot of what's in here."

Lawson expects that mindset will help her shop remain a Clifton institution. "I hope to be here till some of my wine in the cellar is ready to drink. There's a Robert Parker 100-point Bordeaux that will cellar for 50 years. That's a long time."

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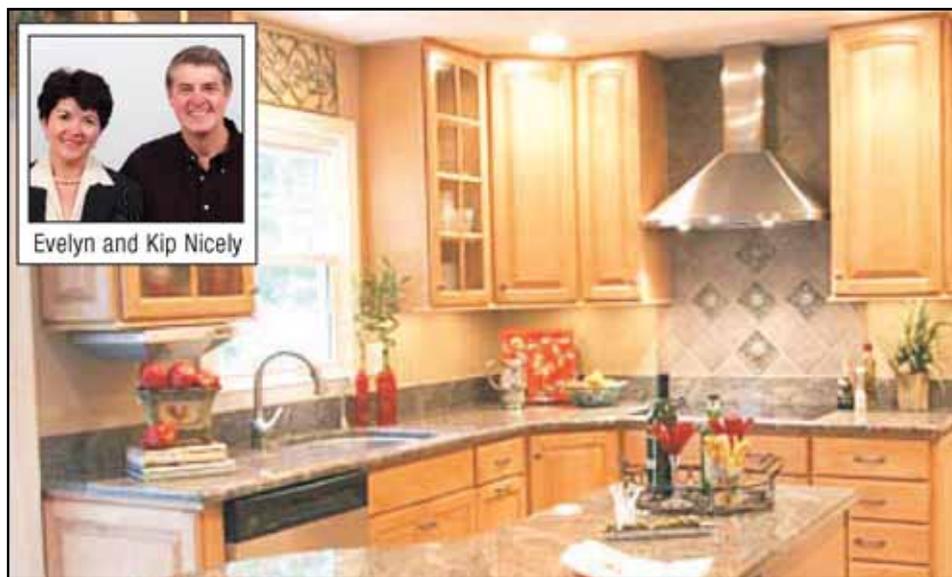
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No update is required to the CDC recommendation that every child, woman and man over the age of six months be vaccinated for the flu every year, preferably by October.

Virginia and Maryland are both reporting confirmed cases of influenza at a "sporadic" level. Since it takes two weeks for the vaccine to take full effect, now is the time to be vaccinated if you haven't yet had the shot.

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# Raising Awareness, Money To Stop Domestic Violence

BY JOHN COOK  
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)



A woman battered and bruised by her abusive husband leaves one night to escape. Unable to find a safe place to stay, she is forced to go back, time and time again. Across town another woman flees with her children. Not knowing where to go, they sleep in the woods despite freezing temperatures. In a third house, a child pulls the blankets over her head, trying to drown out the sound of yelling and punching down the hall. It's a sad American truth that one in three women murdered are killed by an intimate partner. In Fairfax County 57 percent of homicides in the last year were domestic violence related.

Nationwide domestic violence injures more women than car accidents, muggings and rape combined. Studies show the brain development of children who are

exposed to domestic violence can be stunted. A child exposed consistently to domestic violence, either by sight or sound, is twice as likely to abuse his or her own future spouse, perpetuating an awful cycle of violence.

This year I was appointed as the Board of Supervisor's liaison to the Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy and Coordinating Council. In that capacity I am joining the effort to shine the light on this oft-hidden and denied blight on our families. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and to help spread the word I'm hosting an event on Oct. 17 at Kilroy's (5250 Port Royal Road, Springfield). We will help raise money for two local charities working to help domestic abuse survivors: Shelter House and Fairfax CASA. Kilroy's has generously agreed to donate 10 percent of sales to the charities, and many other organizations have donated raffle items.

Shelter House's domestic violence shelter, Artemis House is Fairfax County's only emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic/sexual violence and human trafficking. The emergency shelter provides crisis intervention and temporary housing in an undisclosed "safe-house." Safety planning, immediate basic needs assistance and comprehensive service planning is available to prepare for a transition to more permanent and stable housing. Artemis House provides intensive case management services, individual and group counseling, employment assistance and children's programs.

Fairfax CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, helps children navigate the confusing and scary aftermath of domestic violence when the juvenile court steps in to provide protection due to abuse or neglect. Often, so many things are changing for a

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## LETTERS

### Pills or Jobs?

To the Editor:

Recently I had the opportunity to support my candidate for governor, Ken Cuccinelli. Dozens of women showed up to rally for the general at the entrance of the building where the debate with Terry McAuliffe was being held. There were also dozens of younger people in blue t-shirts, pink t-shirts and purple t-shirts. Strangely, most were males. Most appeared to be college-aged. Our groups on the other hand were moms, children and a few husbands.

At least a handful of us moms engaged some of the young men protesting beside us. We found out that SEIU bussed some of them from as far as New York! Rent-a-mob? The college-aged females we approached avoided engagement and were focused on "defending" their contraceptive rights. One of them even had a costume of a round typical contraception pill case. It is to them that I want to say the following:

How can women allow a political party to undermine their eco-

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## OPINION

### Cook

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child—his or her home, school, guardians—that having one dedicated advocate to fight for his or her rights and help with the transitions can make a huge difference when it's most important. Fairfax CASA finds and trains ordinary citizens to be the voice in court for these children at such an uncertain time.

I hope you'll join me at 6 p.m. at Kilroy's this Oct. 17 to grab a bite to eat, raise awareness of domestic violence, and fundraise for two great charities working to help domestic violence survivors. You can call 703-425-9300 or email [Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) to RSVP. You can also go to [fightviolence.eventbrite.com](http://fightviolence.eventbrite.com) to learn more.

### Kendall

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conomic sustenance by distracting them with the low hanging fruit? Is it worth it to be in jobs paying below \$10 in exchange for free contraception? That doesn't put food on the table and yet young people continue to embrace a Democrat leadership which is limiting our growth, stifling our economic liberty, killing opportunity with policies that give women contraception paid by someone else. Why aren't they asking where are the jobs rather than the pills?

Two million women have dropped out of the workforce under this Democrat administration. Obamacare (P.A.C.A.) will kill 40-hour workweeks, the backbone of America's middle income earners because, simply put, less work equals less pay. A Democrat governor will rubberstamp Mr. Obama's re-distributive policies, cornering the private sector out of existence and ignoring Virginia's needs. Virginian women need to realize that the ultimate impact will forcefully tear down the pillars that sustain the true funding source of our ever-bloated government and onerous fiscal system, the private enterprise. This in essence will Detroit Virginia! The low hanging fruit does not put food on the table. I challenge you to be idealists and know that you are Americans, you can go as far as your determination will take you. Democrats are boxing you in with a myriad of policies that are undermining your future. Break free. Vote for the only man in the gubernatorial race who cares about Virginia and has the record to prove it.

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# Community Concert Assists Local Food Banks

BY HANK MOLINENGO

**O**n Sunday, Sept. 29 at Fairfax High School, Grammy nominated violinist Jenny Oaks Baker and the Mormon Choir of Washington, D.C. held a concert as part of the annual “Day to Serve” initiative to feed the hungry.

A crowd of 800 people came out and donated approximately 1,600 pounds of nonperishable goods. This food will be put to good use by local area food banks that are responding to unprecedented demand from those in need.

The theme for this concert was, “With Gratitude We Share.” Greg Goehring, the concert director, organized and directed this concert and those in attendance were especially grateful to Jenny Oaks Baker and the Mormon Choir of Washington, D.C. for their willingness to lend their talents for such a worthy cause.

The program began with words from Neal Neumann, the narrator for the event, and Doug Bush, the president of the Annandale, VA LDS Stake, which collected thousands of



**Jenny Oaks Baker and Gary Clawson with choir.**

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pounds of food through donation solicited by patrons of local grocery stores and a 3K walk.

A rousing rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner” with Neal Neumann serving as narrator was performed followed by the work of Ms. Baker, former first chair violinist with the National Symphony

Orchestra.

She played a violin solo titled, “Souvenir d’Amerique.” Ms. Baker also performed “Theme from Schindler’s List” and “Amazing Grace.”

Northern Virginia residents Erin Mecham, Bobbie Lattin, Kevin Riehle, and Greg Goehring per-

formed “Oh Susanna.”

The Mormon Choir ([www.mormonchoir.org](http://www.mormonchoir.org)) performed “Redeemer of Israel,” “You Raise Me Up” with Gary Clawson as soloist, “Because I Have Been Given Much” and closed with “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” with the audience joining.

The organizations supported by the Day to Serve food donations included the following:

- ❖ Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) supported by 26 area congregations; provides assistance to thousands of families and individuals each year.

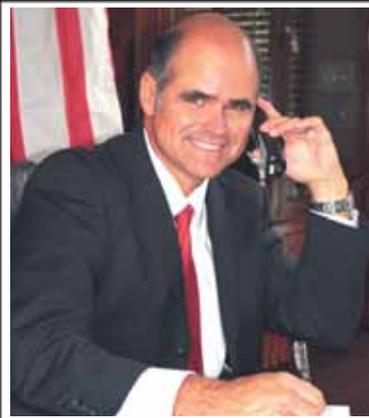
- ❖ Our Daily Bread (ODB) supports low-income families who need not only food assistance but also need support and assistance with the rigors of daily living and social needs.

- ❖ Ecumenical Community for Helping Others (ECHO) is supported by 25 area congregations and provides both food and other household support to low income families.

These organizations provide assistance to all in need and the assistance is always free of charge to those who receive.

The Day of Service began in 2012 as collaboration between the governors of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington D.C. It is an event that unites people of all faiths, races, cultures and backgrounds with the shared goal of helping those in need and improving the local community.

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**Immanuel Bible Church (IBC)** is holding its third job seekers training program on Saturday, Oct. 12. IBC launched this training program in February of this year to help people from the local community experiencing joblessness or searching for new employment opportunities. Ralph Weitz, pastor of stewardship at Immanuel, says the church has had a great response to the Job Seeker's Seminar. Find more online at [www.immanuelbible.net](http://www.immanuelbible.net) or call 703-941-4124.

**St. Mary of Sorrows Church**, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, will begin a "Landings" program for returning Catholics and people considering returning to the practice of their faith. The program started Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and runs for eight weeks. Pre-registration required. 703-818-8618 or [annleggio@yahoo.com](mailto:annleggio@yahoo.com).

**Fairfax Baptist Temple**, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or [www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org).

**First Baptist Church of Springfield** offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspringfield.org](http://www.fbcspringfield.org).

# Home LifeStyle Decorating for Fall

Local designers offer suggestions for bringing the harvest into your home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

The colors of autumn are all around as pumpkins and squash fill produce stands and leaves change from green to orange, red and yellow before falling from their branches.

Local designers and tastemakers are unveiling home accents that bring the warm hues of the season into the home. Whether using pillows, throws or flowers, adding the colors and textures of fall requires less effort than one might expect.

“Emerald green, orange and turquoise are three of the biggest color trends we’re seeing,” said Marcus Browning of European Country Living in Old Town Alexandria. “Throws and pillows are a given, but you can also tie in traditional and modern accessories with rugs, stained glass lamps with modern or intricate designs.”

Small trays provide a canvas for highlighting color and adding functionality to a room, says Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md. “Color and pattern are in right now,” she said. “I just purchased the C. Wonder (<http://www.cwonder.com>) navy and white chevron tray for my home. It adds a punch of color and freshness to a room. Preppy is back in a big way, too, offering lots of patterns.”

Potomac, Md., based interior designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman uses flowers to add warmth to a room. “I love mums,” she said. “I put them on my kitchen island and on the hearth in my family room. I fill my yard and home with them. They offer such great fall color. I plant them in my flowerbeds and put them in pots on my front porch.”

For those who don’t want the maintenance of fresh flowers, Browning suggests their fabric counterpart. “Great silk flowers are nice to put in corners

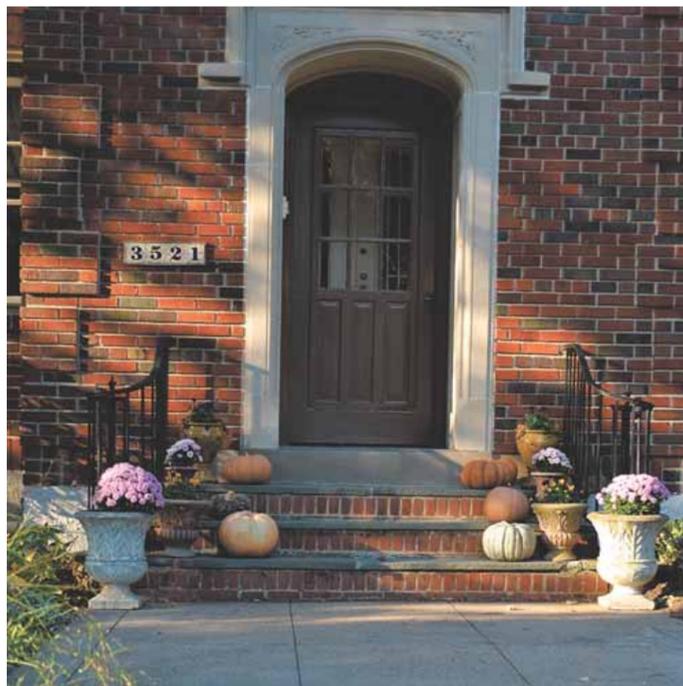


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Mums and pumpkins are classic fall accessories for both the exterior and interior of one’s home.

of side boards,” he said. “If you have a brown table, colored candle stick holders add a lot of great color.”

Pumpkins, which are ubiquitous this time of year, are also one of Kleinman’s fall accessories of choice. “I add them to the display of mums on my porch,” she said. “I have a large ceramic pumpkin ... that I put on my kitchen table surrounded by real, tiny pumpkins, gourds and squash. I use that centerpiece from early October right through November.”

David Mitchell of David Mitchell Interior Design in Washington used a similar style concept at a McLean home recently. “Wooden bowls are a great way to bring in seasonal accessories,” said Mitchell. “Pottery Barn has large, vintage, carved wood bowls that are great for a sideboard or coffee table, and you can fill them with mini pumpkins to add a dash of orange to a neutral space.”

Ann O’Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, “Hand-blown glass pumpkins are extremely popular and a great way to add a classic touch of fall in your home.”

Make use of fall foliage both inside and outside of your home, advises O’Shields. “Wreaths for fall are abundant, featuring leaves and small pumpkins, and are a great way to set the stage for fall décor,” she said. “Mantel decorating ... is an easy way to create a focal point for fall in a room. Add leaves, fall candles, pumpkins and more to liven up a room.”

Incorporating the hues of fall into a home’s existing décor can help welcome the season in style. “Bringing in the colors of fall will add warmth to your home as the air gets crisper,” said O’Shields. “Orange, gold, reds and brown are all earth tones that create a feeling of fall. Adding warm throws for cooler nights and updating throw pillows are easy ways to incorporate colors for the new season.”

## Style Meets Function

A local designer creates a stylish and functional master bathroom in an Alexandria home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Once a modest room reserved for bathing, the bathroom has become a showcase for cutting-edge design and luxurious materials. One Alexandria family discovered this when they decided to remodel the long, narrow master bathroom in their colonial home.

“Our old fixtures were wearing out,” said homeowner Pat Smith. “Also the bathroom layout was choppy and dark. There was plenty of square feet, but [the space] was inefficient.”

The family hired Arlington designer Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling Inc. to transform the disjointed, utilitarian space into an oasis with a larger shower and additional areas for storage.

“The client’s request for the bathroom remodel was a more open, connected plan,” said Mann. “Before the vanity space didn’t feel connected to the rest of the bathroom ... and the [entire] space felt disconnected. The client wanted dual vanities ... and a more modern feel.”

Smith wanted to add sparkle to the bathroom without the inconvenience of a complete destruction: “We wanted ... a space that had better flow and lighting without having to go through whole-scale demolition. So the plumbing stayed mostly in the same location.”

The Case team did remove an interior door in the bathroom space, however. “We reoriented the swing of another existing door to make the space feel more connected and open,” said Mann. “We expanded the shower footprint by relocating a second sink. This gave the client the dual vanity she was looking for.”

Senior project designer Steve Scholl said, “Because of the challenging existing layout, selection of materials and finishes were key in making those challenges disappear.”

The new bathroom is outfitted with Kohler plumbing fixtures, a



Designer Allie Mann added a frameless glass shower and extra storage space when she remodeled the master bathroom of this Alexandria home.

frameless glass shower, porcelain tile, Crystal cabinets and Cambria countertops. “We selected finishes that were current, modern and transitional, and low maintenance,” said Mann.

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— Allie Mann, project designer

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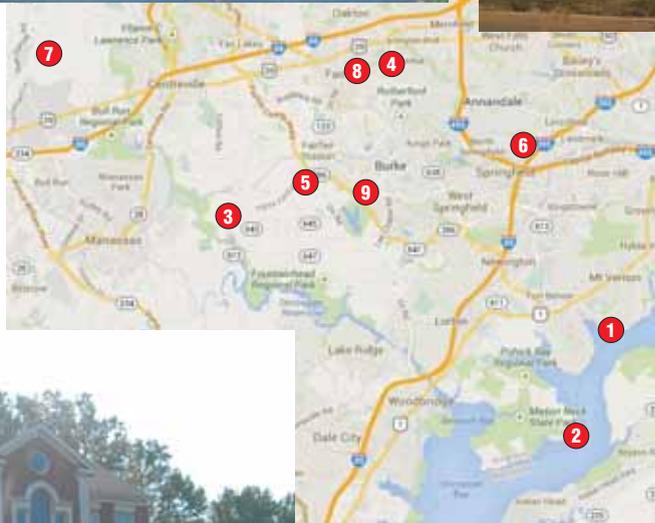
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## THURSDAY/OCT. 10

**Author Program at Lorton Library.** 7 p.m., 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. A humorous look at "Finding Wholesale Happiness in a Retail World" by Jeff Yeager, author of "The Ultimate Cheapskate's Road Map to True Riches and How to Retire the Cheapskate Way." 703-339-7383.

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**Ballroom Social Dance.** 7:30-10:30, in the McGuire Woods Gallery, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A mini-lesson precedes a night of dancing with complimentary refreshments and a cash bar available. \$10 social dance, \$5 for mini-lesson; dress code is casual.



**Strolling bagpiper Michael Ahnell entertains the crowd on Main Street at last year's Clifton Day festival. This year, craft vendors and family entertainment will line the streets Sunday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Cool Cow Comedy.** 7, 9 p.m., in the W-3 Theatre, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Each month (and sometimes twice a month) headliners and featured performers take the stage with host and comedian Rahmein Mostafavi (who has performed stand-up as such venues as DC Improv, Richmond Funny Bone and Caroline's on Broadway). A la carte cash bar, soft drinks and concessions available; no outside alcohol. 18 year and older. \$15 pre-sale, \$20 day-of-show. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 12-DEC. 1

**Home for Dinner.** Opening reception 6-9 p.m., Oct. 12, closing reception 6-9 p.m., Nov. 29, in the Vulcan Gallery, Community Action Space, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) and the Workhouse Arts Center are collaborating on the exhibition filled with arts that helps raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in southeast Fairfax County. Home for

Dinner will showcase how community members can make a difference; bring canned food as a donation. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 13

**Clifton Day Festival.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Downtown Historic, Clifton. Folks from all over Virginia and the DMV area will gather in historic Clifton for old-fashioned fun, which includes live bands, children's activities, horseback rides and even a Civil War Reenactment in addition to arts and crafts, antiques, grape stomping demonstrations, the Town Market, live music, children's activities and lots of good food; the non-profit event raises funds for a variety of local organizations. <http://www.cliftonday.com/>.

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**"Cascade," Joe St. Germain, 20x12, oil on canvas. See Germain's work in an exhibition in Building W-5. An opening reception is Saturday, Oct. 12, and the exhibit is up Oct. 9-Nov. 3.**

**Taste of Greater Springfield.** 4-8 p.m. at the Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Many local restaurants participating; a \$35 ticket includes food, beer and wine. [www.westspringfieldrotary.org](http://www.westspringfieldrotary.org).

## TUESDAY/OCT. 15

**Old Colchester Walking Tour and Talk.** 2 p.m., Old Colchester Park and Preserve, 10605 Furnace Road, Lorton; 7 p.m., Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Local archaeologist Christopher Sperling gives afternoon and evening talks, for Historic Pohick Church. 703-946-1031 or 703-946-1031.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 17

**Havok supporting Soulfly.** 5-11 p.m., Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Denver-based band plays in support of new record "Unnatural Selection." [www.empire-nova.com](http://www.empire-nova.com).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 18

**One Night Stands.** 8 p.m., in the W-3

Theatre, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. In concert, one night only, featuring solo cabaret performers from the DC area. Two performers each night, each performing a solo 45 minute set. Ticket includes light fare, cash bar available. \$15-\$25. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 19

**Fall Benefit Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Messiah UMC, 8215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Proceeds will fund outreach and mission work. Items for sale include books, jewelry, women's clothing, household items, pumpkins, baked goods and a chili lunch. 703-569-9862 or [www.messiahumc.org](http://www.messiahumc.org).

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# BB&T 5K Run/Walk Is Sunday, Oct. 13

The First BB&T 5K will be held this Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Fairfax Corner shopping center. The 1K Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. The 5K course is USATF-certified.

The awards ceremony is set for 10:15 a.m. Prizes will be given to the top three overall finishers and for first, second and third places in various age categories. Proceeds benefit Northern Virginia Family Services.

Pre-register at [www.bbt5k.com/#registertodaySection](http://www.bbt5k.com/#registertodaySection) until Friday, Oct. 11, at noon, or on Saturday, Oct. 12, from noon-6 p.m.,

at the Pacers Running Store, 10427 North St. in Fairfax. Race-day registration will be from 7-8:15 a.m. Costs are: 1K Fun Run (children, 14 and under), \$20; 5K run/walk, \$35.

**Map of the 5K route.**



# SCHOOLS



**Kaila Nathaniel**

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

**Kaila Nathaniel**, a homeschooled student of Springfield, is one of 40 of Virginia's high school sophomores who participated in a week-long Virginia Space Coast Scholars (VSCS) Summer Academy program at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Designed to inspire students who possess technical or scientific interests, the program has an online component during the school year that introduces students to NASA's science missions and research platforms with a focus on the work of NASA Wallops and a seven-day Summer Academy experience. While at NASA Wallops Nathaniel experienced rocketry first-hand as she helped design and build a scientific payload and launched it on a model rocket.

**Sean Padraig Brennan**, a senior majoring in computer science at the University of Rochester, has been named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the spring 2013 semester. Brennan, a resident of Fairfax Station, is the son of John and Mary Ellen Brennan, and a graduate of South County Secondary School in Lorton.

**Connor B. Mitchell**, a student at Centreville High School, and Andrew Pan, Jayanth Devanathan and Daven Kim, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology students, are Clifton area National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

Lorton resident **Gelila G. Yitsege** of South County High School is a 2014 National Merit Scholarship semifinalist.



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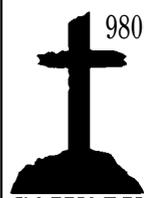
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# 'Great Performances' at Mason

Featured acts include the Joffrey Ballet, Sir James Galway, and four productions from the Virginia Opera.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Though not exactly suffering from a surplus, it's clear from their new lineup that the staff behind the George Mason University Center for the Arts is driving forward: Director of Artistic Programming Tom Reynolds introduced the 2013-2014 "Great Performances at Mason" season program announcing a wide array of talent that includes orchestras, choirs, dance ensembles and acting troupes from all over the world, once again a testament to the center's commitment to artistic diversity.

**REYNOLDS WAS INTRODUCED** at the season preview event by William F. Reeder, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at George Mason. Reeder used his time at the podium to address his college's lofty goals of growth and community involvement, motivated by rapid expansion in the arts student population and a continued desire to be a cultural hub in the Fairfax region.

Reynolds elaborated on Reeder's outline in an interview the following day. "We're not in the mode of trying to make everyone part of George Mason," he said. "But what we do understand is we cannot be as successful as we want to be unless we embrace the local and regional arts organizations as well. [They should] continue to have their own identity, but we assist them."

To that end, Reynolds also announced a partnership with the Fairfax Symphony whereby the George Mason hall will become the group's home stage. "We want to be a part of assisting this community," Reynolds continued in the interview. "That's the thought process. Making sure that we're as inclusive as we can be. We're pleased to have the Fairfax Symphony using our hall."

**ORCHESTRAL MUSIC**—including performances from the American Festival Pops Orchestra, Irish Chamber Orchestra (featuring Sir James Galway),



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**IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FEATURING FLAUTIST SIR JAMES GALWAY:** In this fall performance, legendary flautist Sir Galway takes the spotlight along with the renowned Irish Chamber Orchestra, conducted by elite maestro JoAnn Falletta. The program includes Harty's "In Ireland," Mozart's Flute Concerto No. 2 in D major, Hammond's "Carolan Variations," and Mozart's Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter).  
**Saturday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m. \$75/\$67/\$37.50.**

and Haifa Symphony Orchestra—is just a portion of the more-than-50 acts filling out the new program. The Virginia Opera series comprises "Carmen," Mozart's "The Magic Flute," "Falstaff" and "Ariadne auf Naxos."

Live theater lovers should be sated by "Twelfth Night" by Aquila Theater, "The Graduate" from L.A. Theater Works and "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by The Acting Company. Jazz, blues, folk and even Celtic music dot the instrumental segment of the program, but what truly leaps from the season brochure is dance.

Among offerings from the

genre (which still owns no dedicated space at the university) are The Lar Lubovitch Dance Company, Parsons Dance, Mark Morris Dance Group, the Shanghai Ballet... and the highly acclaimed Joffrey Ballet. "The dance season is something I'm particularly proud of," said Reynolds in the interview.

"These are truly international artists, really the best," he continued. "We've done a good job of representing all the various kinds of dance out there. That might be a surprise, that we can put together that strong a season in one year."

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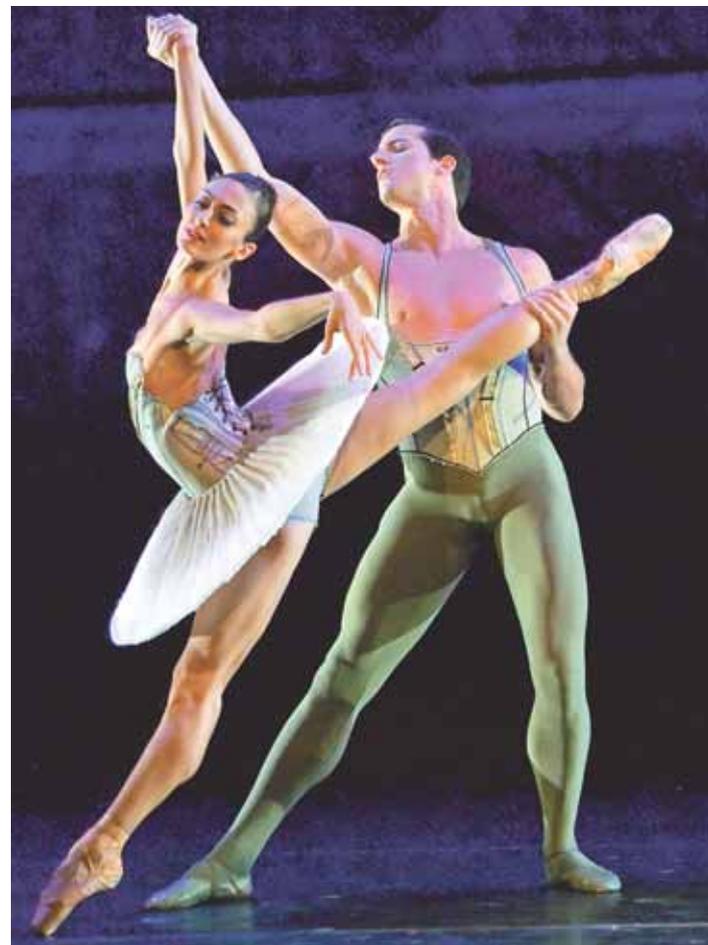


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**JOFFEY BALLE:** The legendary dance ensemble comes to Fairfax for two contemporary performances the second weekend of March 2014. Friday features a show entitled "American Legends" with the Jerome Robbins-choreographed work "Interplay" and Twyla Tharp's "Nine Sinatra," while Saturday, "Body & Soul" showcases Christopher Wheeldon and Yuri Posskhov's choreography set to contemporary and classical music from Arvo Pärt and Rachmaninoff.  
**Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, 8 p.m. \$50/\$42/\$25.**



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**BRANFORD MARSALIS:** Three Grammys adorn the career of this New Orleans-native jazz saxophonist and composer. The technically impeccable yet creatively inspiring musician will perform originals and jazz standards with his quartet.  
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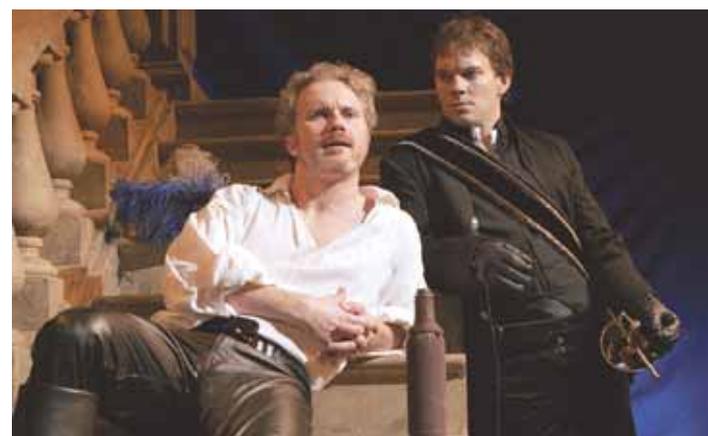


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**THE ACTING COMPANY: ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD** — The playwright Tom Stoppard's existential spinoff from "Hamlet" runs for one night in March 2014. Two relatively minor roles from the bard's play tirelessly and cleverly weigh their significance in the historic royal plot. The production of the tragic comedy benefits from direction by Tony Award-winner John Rando.  
**Saturday, March 1, 8 p.m. \$44/\$36/\$22.**

# ENTERTAINMENT



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**MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS DE NATI CANO: FIESTA NAVIDAD** — This Grammy Award-winning Mexican ensemble has become a favorite at the Center for the Arts, and the group continues its relationship with the Fairfax community in December 2013. Their combination of American and Mexican carols, performed with singing, dancing and authentic garb, should once again provide a highly entertaining winter afternoon.  
**Sunday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m. \$50/\$42/\$25.**

## Mason Promotes Artistic Diversity

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**A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE** from previous seasons is a decrease in the sheer number of performances. Similar acts to shows that may have run two or three nights in the past will only run one to two nights. For a more family- and youth-friendly incentive, another change involves offering half-price tickets for children and students up through 12th grade on all shows.

Reynolds has mixed up the programming from past years as well, citing the need to keep his lineups interesting. One under-the-radar act is Max Raabe & Palast Orchester, a German big band evoking 1920s Berlin. According to Reynolds, the group is “so different from anything we’ve ever done.”

“It will just be a delightful evening,” he continued. “It’s not something people are accustomed to, but I know if they come they’ll have a great time. I want to find things that are different, that they haven’t seen before. It keeps us fresh and keeps the community informed about what’s going on in the art world.”

“I say it every year,” Reynolds concluded, “but I’m really proud of the diversity [this program] has. Short of having superstars, it can appeal to a lot of different people.” Which is a great way to assist a community.



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**VIRGINIA OPERA: CARMEN** — Georges Bizet’s classic tragedy with unmistakably iconic and emotional music will be performed twice in April 2014: a Friday primetime performance and a Sunday matinee. The complex love story of Don José and the elusive gypsy Carmen will be sung in French with English supratitles.  
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**South County running back LeVaughn Davis rushed for 128 yards and five touchdowns against West Springfield on Oct. 4.**

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THE CONNECTION

## South County Football off to 4-1 Start

### Stallions dismantle West Springfield, 54-3.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he South County Stallions stumbled out of the gate each of the last two seasons, piling up early losses before hitting their stride.

In 2011, South County overcame a 0-3 start by winning its next 11 contests and reaching the Group AAA 5-state championship game.

In 2012, the Stallions lost five of their first six games, but responded with five consecutive victories and advanced to the region semifinals.

The South County football program has proven it can overcome adversity. Now the Stallions have a chance to show what they can accomplish when things are going right from the start.

South County is 4-1 and has scored at least 34 points in each game and more than 50 points in each victory. On Oct. 4, senior running back LeVaughn Davis galloped past West Springfield for 128 yards and five touchdowns as the Stallions spoiled the Spartans' homecoming with a 54-3 victory at West Springfield High School.

South County turned the ball over on downs on its opening possession and quarterback David Symmes was intercepted during the Stallions' second drive. Meanwhile, West Springfield took a 3-0 lead on a 19-yard field goal by Jaxon Clark.

South County would break through on its third drive, taking the lead for good on a 16-yard touchdown run by Davis. The Stallions dominated the remainder of the contest, scoring seven rushing touchdowns.

Davis, a three-year varsity athlete, scored on runs of 16, 1, 5, 2 and 17 yards.

"We started off slow for the second week in a row for I don't know what reason," Davis said. "... Our [linemen], they have a short memory. They just keep fighting hard. They just open up the holes [and] I'm running through them. They make it real easy for me."

Through five weeks, South County has victories against Mount Vernon (56-7), Hayfield (56-21), Lee (53-9) and West Springfield. The Stallions' lone loss came against Chantilly (42-34).

How have the Stallions avoided another rough start?

"I think we're just more hungry," Davis said. "We know what we have to do and our coaches, they're just hard on us, so we have no choice but to go hard. But this year, we should go all the way to states. Nothing less."

South County head coach Gerry Pannoni credited



**West Springfield quarterback Jacob O'Connell throws a pass against South County on Oct. 4.**

cohesiveness for the strong start as many of the team's athletes have worked with one another for several years.

Against West Springfield, the Stallions shined on both sides of the ball. On offense, South County's up-tempo attack amassed more than 300 yards on the ground and scored seven rushing touchdowns. Fullback Michael Gibson rushed for 82 yards and Symmes had 68 yards and a score. Mitchell Seeman scored on a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Symmes completed eight of 15 passes for 115 yards and an interception. His 37-yard strike to James Simon set up the Stallions at the West Springfield 1-yard line late in the first half. Davis scored on the next play, giving South County a 17-3 lead.

Symmes also hauled in a 35-yard reception.

Pannoni said the Stallions' tempo wasn't where he wanted it to be.

"We started out not very good, beating ourselves with mistakes," he said. "Once we eliminated those, we were OK. They just have to keep grinding it out."

The South County defense, a unit with eight athletes who saw significant playing time last season, limited West Springfield to 60 yards of offense, including minus-28 on the ground. Stallions defensive back Kyle Foley intercepted a pass early in the second half, setting up a seven-play, 36-yard scoring drive, capped by a 5-yard touchdown run by Davis.

West Springfield quarterback Jacob O'Connell completed nine of 21 passes for 86 yards and an interception.

The Spartans fell to 2-3. After a 2-1 start, West Springfield has been outscored 117-3 in its last two games against Westfield and South County.

West Springfield will travel to face West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11. South County will travel to face T.C. Williams in a matchup of 4-1 teams at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12.



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**Senior outside hitter Monica Naderi-Colon and the West Springfield volleyball team swept T.C. Williams on Tuesday.**

## West Springfield Volleyball Sweeps TC

### Nagel leads Spartans with 10 kills.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**A**fter edging the T.C. Williams Titans in the first two sets, the West Springfield volleyball team left little doubt in the third.

Led by a pair of aces and a kill from Monica Naderi-Colon, the Spartans opened the third set with an 11-1 run and cruised to a 3-0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-7) victory at West Springfield High School.

In the Spartans' previous match, a 3-0 loss to Robinson on Sept. 30, West Springfield lost a pair of close sets before suffering a lopsided defeat in the third. This time, it was the Spartans coming out on top in such a manner — something head coach Stephanie Noriega credited to mental toughness.

"I was really proud of my girls for stepping up their mental game today," Noriega said. "We had a rough game last week against Robinson, where we kind of mentally collapsed, so we've been working on that for the last week, and they really did it. It was all them. They stepped up to that challenge of

playing mentally stronger and I think that's what made the difference in those first two sets.

"... It's funny because the exact same thing happened to us last week against Robinson. The first two sets were super close ... and then the third set, we were the TC of tonight, where we just kind of imploded at the end."

Senior middle blocker Tina Nagel led West Springfield with 10 kills. Naderi-Colon and Jennifer Zimmerman each had eight for the Spartans.

Sydney Cordoba and Naderi-Colon each had three kills.

Alexus Foreman led TC with eight kills.

West Springfield overcame a 15-10 deficit to win the second set. Trailing 23-22, the Spartans scored the final three points, including an ace from Naderi-Colon and a kill by Zimmerman.

"We really dug deep as a team and we really had to come together," Nagel said. "We started talking and once we started talking, everything just kind of fell together. We got out of our funk and we played our game."

West Springfield (11-8) will host Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. T.C. Williams (10-5) will host Washington-Lee.

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A graduate of VPI, Lee spent 22 yrs in the Army. Among his achievements were: Ranger, Jump Master, Infantry Officer and Air Operations Officer.

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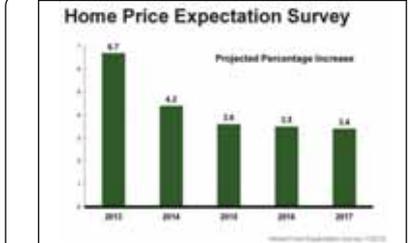


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