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Jim Crossett prepares the payload for the Cox Farms trebuchet on Nov. 3. The trebuchet is a type of catapult that uses a 1,000 lb. counterweight to launch pumpkins about 150 feet into the Cox Farms pond. The Cox Farms trebuchet was designed and built by Eric Cox and has been used at Pumpkin Madness celebrations for seven years.

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**Fairfax Families4Kids coordinates activities mentors and youth in foster care, including outings and community service. Paris, who was recently adopted, visited the honey farm of Dan Price with other young people and mentors, getting to see first hand how honey is made, and picking sunflowers to be delivered to people in nursing homes.**



**Dan Price of Reston, founder of Sweet Virginia Honey with Dante, a young man who is being mentored by volunteers with Fairfax Families4Kids.**



**A Sweet Virginia beekeeper makes the bees sleepy so visitors can see inside the hives.**

## Sweet Gathering in the Sunshine

**Mentors, foster children and other youth learn about bees; county needs more foster families, mentors.**

**O**n a beautiful day in late summer, a group of young people of varied backgrounds, including some youth in foster care, gathered with their adult mentors under the ongoing auspices of Fairfax Families4Kids on a field trip into the countryside.

Their destination was a farm that is home to bee hives and sunflower fields owned by Dan Price.

Price first got involved with Fairfax Families4Kids several years ago when he contacted advocate Joan Brady of Great Falls after reading about the potential demise of the program due to budget cuts.

Price offered to donate money to help keep the program that matches older foster children with adult mentors going. He funded a trip for the group to go to New York to see the Lion King a few years ago, and has kept in touch since. He was impressed with the program and the long-term connections it created for young people who, by definition, had been through some very tough times.

Several weeks ago, the group visited his farm to see how honey is made.

"It's a very nice program, the mentors are very kind hearted," Price said. "The kids are just terrific, teenagers, they were all just very nice people."

**ON AVERAGE** there are about 300 foster children in Fairfax County during any given month, about one-third of them between 12 and 17.

Because of a shortage of foster families in Fairfax County, about 40 percent of foster children are placed outside of the county, some as far away as Richmond and beyond. This makes it even more difficult for them to maintain any sense of community, and makes it impossible for them to continue in the same schools.

Even within Fairfax County, there aren't enough foster families to ensure that children won't be living an hour away from their homes and schools because the county is so large.

"Removing a child from the home is used as a last resort – whenever possible we try to provide services that allow children to remain with their families or at least to be placed with relatives," said Amy Carlini, communications director for Fairfax County Department of Family Services. "Events leading up to removal are often traumatic, as is being placed with a family the child doesn't know. If the foster family lives far away from the child's original home, it can compound the disruption, making it challenging to remain in contact with friends and relatives, continue with after-school activities and more."

Foster children who reach the age of 18 without being adopted or reunited with relatives is another crisis of foster care in Fairfax County. Last year, 49 foster children in Fairfax County "aged out" of foster care at age 18 because they were not able to return to their families or be placed with relatives, and the county was not able to find adoptive families for them.

**Get Involved:  
Become a Foster Parent**

There is a shortage of foster parents in Fairfax County, and as a result, about 40 percent of the 300 or so children are placed in foster care too far away to stay in the same schools and maintain their existing connections.

Fairfax County holds a monthly orientation session to find out more about being a foster parent; the next meeting is Nov. 18.

To find out more, call 703-324-7639, TTY: 703-222-9452, or attend an orientation meeting. See visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrencyouth/fca.htm>

Several foster children in Fairfax County are waiting, hoping to be adopted. You can see photos and descriptions at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childrencyouth/adoption-creating-connections.htm>

**Get Involved:  
Become a Mentor**

Fairfax Families4Kids coordinates group and individual mentoring for young people 12 to 21, many currently living in foster care. Opportunities to spend quality time in the community engaged in regularly scheduled, structured group activities and community service projects. Fairfax Families4Kids gives individual adults and groups an important role to play in helping youth and teens find permanent families, and lasting connections with caring, supportive adults. There are many upcoming events. Call coordinator Beverly J. Howard, Ph.D., at 703-324-7518 or e-mail at [beverly.howard@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:beverly.howard@fairfaxcounty.gov)

The stakes are high. A 2010 study at the University of Chicago found that only about 6 percent of former foster children aged 23 or 24 had graduated from college with either an associate's or a bachelor's degree. Several surveys in other parts of the country show that between 18 and 40 percent of former foster children have been incarcerated for at least one night as adults.

**Sweet Virginia**

Sweet Virginia is a Reston nonprofit founded by Dan Price that advocates for honey bees, and provides students a hands-on experiences in world of honey bees and the art and science of beekeeping and honey bee sustainability.

In addition to providing educational opportunities to groups like Fairfax Families4Kids, Sweet Virginia is partnering with George Mason University's New Century College to address the collapsing honey bee population through education and by establishing apiaries. GMU's recent course on beekeeping and sustainability was full and had a waiting list of more than 100. Sweet Virginia is raising money through indie-gogo at [indiegogo.com/projects/hivestarter](http://indiegogo.com/projects/hivestarter) to build more apiaries, expand bee sustainability curriculum into public schools and expand George Mason's university level training to develop more professional beekeepers.

Sweet Virginia Foundation, 1760 Reston Pkwy, Reston, VA 20190. [www.sweetvirginia.com](http://www.sweetvirginia.com)

**IT'S CRITICAL** to increase quality foster care where children and youth can stay connected to support communities, to have long-term mentors for foster youth and to find adoptive families for the children and youth waiting to be adopted.

Mentors can provide a window for foster children and youth to a life beyond foster care.

"They need a connection with a caring adult," said Beverly Howard, coordinator of Fairfax Families4Kids and also an adoptive parent. The organization sets twice monthly up group activities for mentors, prospective mentors and foster children, including sports, visits to places like the Sweet Virginia apiary, community service projects like assembling back packs for school children in Haiti and many others. This group mentoring gives adult volunteers and foster children a chance to get to know each other. This arrangement has led to many long-term mentoring relationships and also quite a few adoptions.



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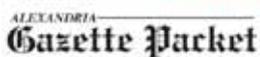
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## NEWS



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The blue ribbon winning pumpkin at the Virginia State Fair, a giant 750-pound pumpkin is lifted 60 feet into the air to be dropped in front of the crowd at the Cox Farms Pumpkin Madness festivities.

## Pumpkin Madness

In what has become a post-Halloween tradition in northern Virginia, the pumpkins were flying at Cox Farms' Pumpkin Madness on Nov. 2 and 3. More than 700 pumpkins, including at least 250

jack o' lanterns brought by attendees, and a massive 750 lb giant pumpkin, were either dropped from a 60-foot lift or launched from the farm's trebuchet in a smashing tribute to the season.



During the Cox Farm Pumpkin Madness festivities, more than 700 pumpkins are dropped from a 60-foot lift or launched from the farm's trebuchet. Guests attending the festival are invited to bring their own pumpkins to be dropped.



Would this jack o'lantern be smiling if he knew he was about to be dropped from 60 feet at the Cox Farms Pumpkin Madness festivities on Nov. 3?



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ELLEN PETERSON

Nearly 300 people gathered at the US Airways terminal to welcome WWII veterans as part of the Honor Flight program.

# Honoring WWII Veterans

City of Fairfax Main Street Band welcomes veterans' Honor Flight Tours.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**J**enny Ebert was born in Belgium in 1930, and experienced the German army invading her homeland as a teenager. On Saturday morning, Nov. 2, Ebert was at the US

Airways terminal of Reagan National Airport helping members of the City of Fairfax Main Street Band and nearly 300 onlookers welcome two planes' worth of American WWII veterans.

Ebert's husband Paul plays French horn in the band, which performs four times a year as part of the Honor Flight program. SEE MAIN STREET, PAGE 14



Jenny Ebert (left) lived through the liberation of Belgium by US forces, and comes to every Main Street Band Honor Flight performance to personally thank each WWII veteran.



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# OPINION

## Proof Every Vote Matters

Elections have consequences, including very close races.

EDITORIAL

**T**uesday morning, a full week after an Election Day that included races that were more suspenseful than anticipated (and also many races that were foregone conclusions), we are probably more than a month away from certifying the winner of the Virginia Attorney General race.

At press time, the State Board of Elections reported, unofficially, that Mark Herring (D) had 1,103,610 votes with 49.89 percent of the vote; Mark Obenshain (R) had 1,103,493 votes with 49.88 percent of the vote. The 5,152 write-in votes are huge in a race that at one point had Obenshain ahead by 15 votes.

The process of canvassing or verifying the

vote has been revealing, including a malfunctioning voting machine that had more than 2,000 votes uncounted in Fairfax County, a voting machine in Richmond that hadn't been counted at all and many smaller errors. Human error and computer error are to be expected.

It will make a difference which man is elected as Attorney General. The current Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli, demonstrated the influence that office can exert on many fronts, from academic freedom and scrutiny to the challenge of health care reform to implementation of environmental regulations to investigations of the household staff of the Governor's mansion.

Del. Tom Rust (R) won reelection by just 57 votes, with 50.1 percent of the vote over Jennifer Boysko with 49.74 percent. Del. Barbara Comstock (R) won reelection with 50.64 percent of the vote over Kathleen Murphy (D) who received 49.19 percent, a margin of less than 500 votes. All results are still unofficial.

Consider another close race, in November 2007: then state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won re-election by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election.

Retiring Del. Jim Scott was elected in 1991 with a margin of a single vote.

Just a few of many examples that prove that every vote really does matter.

— MARY KIMM,

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## Library Reorganization Deserves More Work

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN/FAIRFAX  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS



**I**n September, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors called for the suspension of a major reorganization proposed to our Fairfax County Public Library system. The suspension was requested in order to provide more opportunity for outreach to concerned library employees and patrons so that proposed changes could be explained, evaluated and vetted among stakeholders. The Connection Newspaper has covered this issue.

As our nation and Fairfax County have struggled with the effects of the Great Recession and its lengthy aftermath, we have needed to make reductions to the many services and programs the county provides. Throughout this time, our Board has sought to maintain taxes at a level that is affordable for our community. I applaud our County staff for proposing efficiencies and reorganizations during this time that have helped us maintain high quality services that also save taxpayers money.

Over the past few months, I have received a number of letters, emails and phone calls regarding the proposed library reorganization as well as the "floating collection" and issues around the discarding of books. I believe, based

on the feedback I have received, that the reorganization as proposed was too much for the organization to absorb. Many of the ideas contained within the plan, however, have value and should continue to be explored.

Our shared goal is to make sure our libraries continue to be the vital and vibrant places that our community can enjoy and rely upon well into the future. The quality of our collection and the services we offer should reflect the standards Fairfax County residents expect.

I would like to thank members of the Library Board of Trustees and library staff for their efforts during the past few months as they have conducted a series of discussion forums on the proposed changes. I understand the meetings have been constructive and have included some spirited debate. I especially want to thank Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany for his personal investment of time and energy to assist library staff with ensuring a thoughtful and insightful process. Our Board has asked for a progress report from the Library Board of Trustees to be presented at our Board meeting on Nov. 19 and I am looking forward to hearing directly from them.

During these recession years, library systems around the country

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## See You on the Train

Proposed VRE System Plan is good news for commuters.

BY SUPERVISOR  
JOHN C. COOK  
(R-BRADDOCK)



**F**airfax County's vibrant economy keeps unemployment and taxes low, while allowing us to provide world class services for our residents. But, as we are all too aware, with growth comes serious traffic congestion, which diminishes our quality of life and could impair our economic future.

Help is coming as new transportation money from the State will help us repair and improve our roads. In addition we are building a more robust transit network.

The Virginia Rail Express is already a smashing success, serving up to 20,000 trips per day riding on the two lines - The Fredericksburg line which parallels I-95 and the Manassas Line, which parallels I-66. The service is clean, safe, efficient, and, most importantly, on time upwards of 95 percent of trips. It's time to think about expanding rail service on VRE, helping take more cars off the road, reduce emissions, and improve the quality of life of Virginians.

The VRE Operations Board, of which I am an executive committee member, will consider adopting a "system plan" next month that aims to increase ridership by 30 to 50 percent, eventually serv-

ing up to 30,000 trips per day. VRE hopes to do this by adding two more cars onto each train, adding two new trains, and increasing the number of trips in both directions. The result would be a more robust transit system for Northern Virginia. Better connections to existing and new bus routes will also make VRE a more viable option for workers in Tysons and even Reston.

The need for expansion and VRE's ability to expand are perfectly in sync. VRE is paying off a significant amount of debt this year, giving us significant debt capacity for new projects. I've worked hard, along with my colleagues on the Capital Committee of the Operations Board, to draft a new set of financial principles that ensure VRE is expanding in a fiscally prudent way. Total debt will not exceed the level recommended by our outside financial advisors and VRE will establish new operations and maintenance reserves. These reserves will ensure that VRE can maintain, and eventually replace, the new cars and locomotives it purchases without causing future fiscal crises. We believe the new VRE financing principles could serve as a nationwide model for fiscal prudence in transit systems.

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## OBITUARY

# Allie Johnson-King, 108, Dies

Allie Johnson-King was born on Christmas day, 1904, in Alabama. She had been a resident of Fairfax County since moving from Ohio in 2002. She passed away on Oct. 18 at the age of 108-years-old. She was a faithful Christian and worshipped with the University Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Fairfax Church of Christ in Fairfax, where her memorial was held on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Johnson-King was always service oriented. She worked as a domestic for many years and later served as a volunteer at the Cleveland Sight Center for over 30 years until well into her 90s.

She also spoke at local schools sharing her wisdom and encouraging students to continue their education. Johnson-King was honored in 2009 by Black Women United for Action to lay the wreath during their annual slave memorial commemoration ceremony at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate.

Johnson-King leaves to celebrate her life one daughter, two sons-in-law, 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, as well as numerous great-great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Allie Johnson-King

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## THURSDAY/NOV. 14

**EBooks.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Learn how to browse the collection, check out books, and download to PC, Mac, and eBook readers. Call the library to schedule an appointment. Adults.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 15

**Reading Buddies.** 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Grab a book, grab a buddy! Teen volunteers available as reading buddies. Ages 3-8 years.

## MONDAY/NOV. 18

**Introduction to Creative Writing.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Six week writing workshop led by

graduate students in George Mason University's Sally Merten Fellows creative writing program. Bring your ideas, laptop, or pen and paper. Adults.

## TUESDAY/NOV. 19

**EBooks.** 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Learn how to browse the collection, check out books, and download to PC, Mac, and eBook readers. Call the library to schedule an appointment. Adults.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults.

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

**Free ADD/ADHD Coaching and Support Group.** 12 p.m. 4031 University Drive, Conference Room A, Fairfax. Bringing together people impacted by ADD/ADHD for informative, guided discussions; sharing and support. 703-362-2100.

**Community Preparedness Workshop.** 6:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740

Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. During this one-hour workshop, learn about a neighborhood-initiated program called "Map Your Neighborhood." This program helps neighborhoods organize a timely response to disaster when 911 is unavailable. <https://communitypreparedness2.eventbrite.com>.

**Storytime: Duplos.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop your child's early literacy skills with reading, building and play. Age 3-5 with adult.

**Reading Buddies.** 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Grab a book, grab a buddy! Teen volunteers available as reading buddies. Ages 3-8 years.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 21

**Creative Writing.** 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read aloud as a group, write an addition to the story and draw an illustration. Age 6-10.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with others and improve your skills. Adults.

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**Rabia Hassan** of Fairfax graduated with a master's de-

gree in criminal justice from Boston University.

**Hannah L. Moody**, of Fairfax Station, graduated from Boston University with a Master of Science in biomedical forensic sciences.

**Martin VanderHoeven**, an Earlham College first-year and son of Marianne Marsolais and Edward VanderHoeven of Springfield, has enrolled at Earlham College.



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# Home LifeStyle

## Choosing Art

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

When Anne McCloud and her fiancé, Mark Graham, moved into their Herndon home two years ago, with the exception of a large, deep red Chesterfield sofa, a present from Anne's parents, the furniture they had was left over from graduate school: a tattered antique chair in need of reupholstering and two side tables. The walls were bare except for a mirror that hung over the fireplace. Other than reupholstering the chair in a tapestry fabric with colors of gold and wine, their home remains unchanged today.

McCloud is finally ready to create a polished interior, however. She wants to purchase wall art that complements their existing sofa and chair. She wants their art collection to grow in harmony with their furniture purchases.

"We want to buy some original art," said McCloud. "We're even considering having a piece commissioned, but we're not sure how to coordinate the colors and we cannot afford to hire a professional interior designer. So we're doing this on our own."

WITH SO MANY CHOICES in art, fabrics and furnishings, it's easy to feel overwhelmed when it comes to do-it-yourself interior design. Building a collection of art that you love and combining it with furniture that fits your style can be overwhelming for interior design novices.

Mia Belotti, an interior designer and owner of Maison et Jardin, Ltd. in Great Falls, said there are two ways to approach the design issue. "If you have an expensive piece of art, then you choose furniture around it. If you already have furniture, choose art that goes with it."

Scale and size are important. "You have to create a balance," said Belotti. "If you have a large piece of furniture against the bottom half of a wall, a small painting will look awkward hanging over it."

Designers agree that choosing art is personal. "I never tell clients what



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to like," said Sharon Kleinman, of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md. "People's homes should be about what they like and what speaks to them."

Kleinman says it is possible to create a harmonious room with

Local designers offer tips on how to banish blank walls.

nate frame."

Some homeowners are also perplexed when it comes to color coordination.

"I don't think art has to match furniture," said Kleinman. "You don't want it to clash, but it doesn't have to match. If I had a room with soft blues and yellows, I wouldn't throw a painting in that had harsh colors like red and black. You want colors to be complimentary. If the interior of the room is warm color, the colors in the painting should be warm. The same is true with cool colors. The more neutral the room, the bolder the art can be."

Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests that in the case of McCloud, furniture in bold colors does not have to dictate bold art. "In fact, neutral art on bold walls or in a room with bold-colored furniture can have a great impact," she said.

However, she said, "It's wise to match a color in at least one of the more prominent paintings, as it adds to the peacefulness of the room. Not all the paintings have to match, but keeping one of the tones consistent makes the components of the room harmonious."

Chantilly-based designer Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors suggests that homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention. "If you have a passion for an artist, for example, Victoria Salvano, then base your decor around the colors that you are drawn to," she said. "For example, with her vibrant work, keep your main pieces such as the sofa, chairs and drapes simple and clean and add in pops of color such as teals, blues, fuchsias in your pillows, accessories, trimmings and throws to give punch and life to the room while tying in the art work."

Kjos also suggests grouping smaller pieces of art. "Go for a collage of different items or artwork," she said. "One of my favorites is taking old empty frames and hanging items inside, such as family pictures that are all framed the same that are smaller, a set of plates, candle sconces or whatever is special to you."

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## Creating a Feast for the Eye

Local designers share ideas for a striking Thanksgiving table.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

While a menu of turkey and gravy will satisfy the belly this Thanksgiving, a well-designed centerpiece that reflects the warm hues of fall will be a feast for the eyes.

From vivid floral arrangements that spring from gourds to tables piled with seasonal produce, local floral designers say that when it comes to creating Thanksgiving table décor as tantalizing as the meal itself, the options are vast.

Charles Gang, owner of Helen Olivia Flowers in Old Town Alexandria, and his team of designers often create colorful combinations of flowers and fruit in rich hues. "As far as fall arrangements, we're [using] fruit like apples and pears, we're seeing mini pumpkins in arrangements," he said.

In fact, Gang suggests creating arrangements using full-sized pumpkins as vases. "We're doing a lot of rustic hydrangeas, a lot of roses in deep orange and germini in a variety of colors like orange and violets," he said.

Floral designer Laurie Diver, of Conklyn's Florist in Alexandria and Arlington, often uses glass cubes and bubble vases as a receptacle for her arrangements. "Flowers in orange, gold and maroon are great for fall," she said. "I also like to use hydrangeas that are green tipped with burgundy edges and lilies in rust, yellow and orange."

David Hicks, owner of Conklyn's, doesn't shy away from unconventional flowers. "We have a wholesale shop that is open to the public," he said. "Two or three times per week, we import flowers from South America like kangaroo paws [a tubular flower] that come in bronze and rust and cottage yarrow that come in bronze and yellow."

Another surprise for fall, says Diver, are tulips. "We usually don't see them again until spring, but now we have an assortment of parrot tulips in orange, yellow or a combination of both with tattered edges that look very artsy."

Great Falls-based designer Alison de Wit of Distinctive Floral Designs, who isn't afraid to add a harbinger



PHOTO COURTESY OF HELEN OLIVIA FLOWERS

Charles Gang, owner of Helen Olivia Flowers in Old Town Alexandria, creates fall centerpieces using full-sized pumpkins as vases.

of spring to her autumn arrangements either, said, "A lot of spring flowers are available from Dutch markets."

She also combines traditional flowers with modern varieties.

"You can combine a traditional hydrangea with a chartreuse spider chrysanthemum for a bright and unusual floral combination."

Floral designer Rachael Rinaldi, of Reston Floral Design in Reston,

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— Charles Gang, owner of Helen Olivia Flowers

combines dried oak leaves with chrysanthemums in orange, burgundy, yellow or magenta. "Every fall, mums in rich colors are popular."

Hicks has seen a recent spike in the number of consumers who want to create budget centerpieces at home. "You can take eight to 12 blooms of cymbidium orchids in green and orange and put the elongated stems in a glass cylinder with some curly willow to give it contrast," he said.

Hicks also suggests that those who want simple elegance "gather four hydrangeas and put them in a square glass container with rocks at the bottom and you have a simple and elegant centerpiece."

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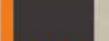
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## Bulova

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have had to reduce hours, cut services or even close library branches; Fairfax County is not alone in this struggle. Libraries across the country have also been exploring innovative ways to contain costs while at the same time maintaining or even improving services to meet the needs of their residents.

I am confident that Fairfax County will prove to be a leader in achieving this goal.

This issue has served to energize those in our Fairfax County community who appreciate the value our outstanding library system affords us. Thank you for rallying to support our libraries!

## Cook

FROM PAGE 6

These exciting changes will bring VRE service to more commuters and help support our economic growth. Sound fiscal planning will ensure responsible measures so VRE will be financially sound decades into the future. All this has been accomplished by dedicated public servants who

came together, setting partisan politics aside, to address the common good.

See you on the train!

*Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) has served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2009 and on the VRE Operations Board since 2010. Currently he serves as Secretary to the Board's Operations Committee and Chair of its Audit Committee.*

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# Saxophone Concerto at Mason

**Soloist Carrie Koffman brings ‘melting tone and touching sensitivity.’**

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) and music director Christopher Zimmerman will perform a concert of both familiar and new works on Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m., at the George Mason University – Centre for the Arts Concert Hall. American composer Larry Alan Smith’s Saxophone Concerto is presented in its Virginia and D.C. area premiere, with soloist Carrie Koffman whose “melting tone and touching sensitivity” have drawn audiences to this unfamiliar symphonic instrument. The concert opens with the irresistible Peer Gynt by Edward Grieg, and concludes with Rachmaninov’s popular but always entrancing Symphonic Dances which also prominently features the sensuous sounds of the saxophone.

“The Symphonic Dances is a particular

personal favorite of mine,” Maestro Zimmerman said. “Rachmaninov takes us on a powerful, utterly transfixing musical journey, one that takes all his musical genius and a lifetime to express.”

Tickets and flexible subscription packages are now available for purchase at [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org) or by calling 703-563-1990.

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Maestro Christopher Zimmerman

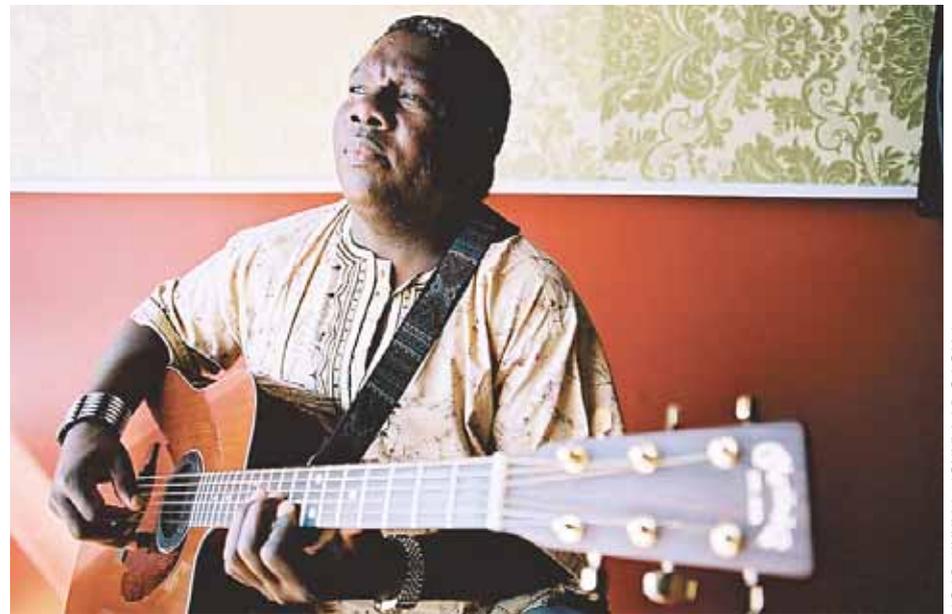


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**Vusi Mahlasela performs soulful, blues-based, world music at George Mason University’s Center for the Arts in Fairfax on Friday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m.**

## CALENDAR

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Washington, DC,” Ian Frank, architect and artist, Katherine Janus Kahn, illustrator of the Sammy Spider series and Ziz, a gigantic bird of Jewish mythology and The Ladysmiths: 16 of the group of local female metalsmiths’ jewelry creations. 703-323-0880 or [www.jccnavarts.org](http://www.jccnavarts.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 16

**Carrie Koffman, Saxophone.** 8 p.m. Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 3905 Railroad Ave., Fairfax. The internationally renowned saxophonist performs Grieg’s “Peer Gynt: Suite No. 1,” Larry Alan Smith’s “Concerto for Soprano Saxophone and Strings,” and Rachmaninov’s “Symphonic Dances.” Price to be determined. 703-563-1990 or [www.fairfaxsymphony.org/](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/).

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### THURSDAY-MONDAY/NOV.14-DEC. 16

**“Page Turners.”** Daily, at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The exhibit highlights visual artists who are also illustrators, to run concurrently with the 8th annual Northern Virginia Jewish Book Festival. Features Valerie Brown, freelance photographer with images from her “Capital Splendor: Gardens & Parks of

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**Thomas Fleming and father Ed Fleming, of Leesburg, both perform at every Honor Flight performance of the City of Fairfax Main Street Band.**

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## Main Street Band Performs for WWII Veterans

FROM PAGE 5

Flight Tour program that flies veterans from around the United States to visit memorials in Washington, DC, for the day.

"She has such patriotic feelings for America," said Main Street Band director Geoffrey Seffens. Jenny has been present, thanking each disembarking veteran personally, at every Honor Flight performance of the band going back four years. She understands what the servicemen saw and did because she was there.

**THE BAND PLAYED** a mixture of military service songs, patriotic medleys and popular hits from the WWII era, including "The White Cliffs of Dover," "It's Been a Long, Long Time" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree." "They come off the plane and they have hard time walking," Seffens said of the veterans. "But when they hear the music, they see people from the terminal that have gathered, they just lighten up. One of them did a jig."

The Honor Flight program flies in vets via a handful of commercial airlines as many as five days a week, though US Airways is the only one with live entertainment. Performances from various types of ensembles celebrate vets' arrival in the morning and departure at night.

According to Greg Locher, US Airways customer service agent and Honor Flight welcome coordinator for US Airways at Reagan, the airline became involved with the program in 2006, but didn't begin celebrating with live music until two years later.

The US Airways Honor Flight team had just been using a boom box to play music from the 1940s. One day, even the boom box moved one supportive traveler to



**Main Street Band director Geoffrey Seffens leads the ensemble in patriotic medleys, service songs and popular music from the 1940s to welcome WWII veterans from around the country to Washington, DC.**

tears. "She missed her flight," Locher said. "Then she came over and said, 'Listen, I'm with the National Symphony Orchestra. How would you like it if I could get some live music going so you don't have to use the boom box?'" The woman, Janet Brown, and husband Mike Brewer helped bring in quartets and quintets to play instead, and by word of mouth the Honor Flight gig became highly sought after.

**THE MAIN STREET BAND** became involved four years ago, shortly after the group's inception. They were looking for opportunities to develop an identity for the group that would make it unique from its well-established older sibling City of Fairfax Band.

"It did help us," Seffens said. "It gave us a sense of doing something special, unique — something that mattered. Now, we've been around for a while, we've established our niche." Performances are now open to any City of Fairfax Band Association members, though the

Honor Flight group still mainly comprises Main Street Band members, and occasionally their spouses or children, such as trombonists Ed and Thomas Fleming of Leesburg.

Locher said the band has become a crowd favorite, which led the US Airways team to invite them for the 300th Honor Flight into DC. Last Saturday, they were as impressive as ever. "The crowd was just cheering, clapping," Locher said. "The vets started crying, then it's just a roller coaster. Everyone's happy but they're still crying."

"In a time when our country seems to be torn by partisan politics," Seffens said, "sometimes there seems to be a disillusionment.

But when this happens, when you see the patriotism, you take great pride in knowing what these people did on behalf of freedom. It rejuvenates the spirit."

"We're doing something right," Locher added.

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**SUNDAY/NOV. 17**  
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**THURSDAY/NOV. 21**  
**"The Miracle Worker."** 7 p.m. South County High School is located at 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. The story of Helen Keller and her dedicated teacher, Annie Sullivan. Tickets: \$8 general admissions; \$6

**WEDNESDAY/NOV. 27**  
**The Fresh Beat Band,** 6:30 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. The band from the Nick Jr. series of the same name performs. \$46.70-\$165. <http://patriotcenter.com/>.

**THURSDAY/NOV. 28**  
**Thanksgiving Day Church Service.** 11 a.m. Christian Science Church, 3725 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Bring family, kids, and friends (before feast and football games) for a Thanksgiving church service.

**FRIDAY/NOV. 29**  
**Home for Dinner 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).

**WEDNESDAY/DEC. 4**  
**Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition.** 10 & 11:30 a.m. Workhouse Arts, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. This whimsical production is a 35-minute interactive, non-verbal show, which features two adult actors and a musician. Geared towards children ages 2-6. Tickets: \$8 for children & adults

**Annual Holiday Tunes for Tots Concert.** 10 a.m. W.T. Woodson High School Gymnasium, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. Tickets: \$3 per person. Questions: 703-764-5820

**THURSDAY/DEC. 5**  
**Annual Holiday Tunes for Tots Concert.** 10 a.m. W.T. Woodson High School Gymnasium, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. Tickets: \$3 per person. Questions: 703-764-5820

**Annual Holiday Tunes for the Young at Heart.** 7 p.m. W.T. Woodson High School Gymnasium, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. Tickets: \$3 per person. Questions: 703-764-5820

**SATURDAY/DEC. 7**  
**Festival of Lights and Carols.** 11 a.m., 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. Sherwood Community Center. 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. \$6 per child for ages 10 and under. 703-385-7858 or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov)

**FRIDAY/DEC. 13**  
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**Fairfax Water**  
**NOTICE OF WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING**  
At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.  
The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:  
1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.  
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,500 to \$9,750.  
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,050 to \$1,090†.  
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$35 to \$36.  
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.20 to \$9.80†.  
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.29 to \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons of water.  
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.45 to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.  
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.  
9. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$44 to \$45.  
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$17 to \$20.  
A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to [PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org) or mail written comments to:  
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†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

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# SPORTS

## Running on Her Own

West Springfield's Alcorta posts 3rd-best time in Burke Lake history.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Caroline Alcorta started competing in cross country in 2011 as a sophomore at West Springfield and quickly became one of Virginia's top high school harriers. She finished eighth at the VHSL state meet as a sophomore and placed second as a junior in 2012.

While her first two seasons in cross country were successful, Alcorta ran in the shadow of Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase, a two-time state champion who now competes for Stanford University. While Alcorta wasn't able to catch Chase with championships on the line, the Lake Braddock star provided Alcorta with motivation.

With Chase having graduated, Alcorta, now a senior, is the one out in front of the pack. With no one to chase, Alcorta has to rely on her own training and mental toughness to push her through races. During the 6A North regional meet, however, she had some additional motivation.

**COMPETING IN HER FINAL RACE** at Burke Lake Park, Alcorta won the region championship on Nov. 6 with a personal-best time of 16 minutes, 31 seconds. It was the third-best girls' time in the history of the course.

"One of the nice things about Burke Lake is that you run it enough times that when you get to your very, very last one your senior year, sometimes the great runners will do something pretty special," West Springfield head coach Chris Pellegrini said. "I told her [before the race], 'You're on this list pretty high, but today is your rest-in-peace moment. Where are you going to sit forever?' So she went into the race very motivated."

Last year, Chase won the region title with a time of 16:42, which at the time placed her in a tie with Hayfield's Melissa Dewey (2004) for the third-best time in course history. Alcorta finished 11 seconds faster, just missing the second-fastest time of 16:30.7, set by Annandale's Aimee Harms in 1985. Langley's Erin Keogh set the course record with a time of 16:09.7 in 1985.

"It's senior year," Alcorta said. "I



**Lake Braddock senior Hannah Christen finished runner-up at the 6A North girls' regional cross country meet on Nov. 6 at Burke Lake Park.**



**Robinson senior Macey Schweikert placed fifth at the 6A North girls' regional cross country meet on Nov. 6 at Burke Lake Park.**

PHOTOS BY ED LULL

kind of wanted to make my mark [by] leaving it all on the course. This is my last time racing here ... [so I wanted to make] it memorable."

Alcorta said not having anyone to chase has been different, yet rewarding.

"I kind of miss having someone that you know will push the pace out in front of you, but it's kind of nice knowing that you can do it by yourself," she said. "There's obviously a lot of competition in the field, already, too, so just the fear of getting caught ... really helps you."

Pellegrini said coaches have worked for years with Alcorta on sticking to her own race strategy.

"That was actually something that we worked on a lot for the last three years, which is being self-sufficient and running your race," Pellegrini said. "Win or lose, you've got to run your own race. ... You've got to make them come get you and if they earn it, I'll shake their hand, too. ... She's been running her own race and becoming very self-sufficient, very confident and being able to hold her own pace and it's something we've been waiting for as coaches, to see her develop into that."

**AS A TEAM**, West Springfield placed third with a score of 113, earning the Spartans a berth in the state meet. Oakton won the region title with a score of 66. Washington-Lee placed second (92), Lake

Braddock finished fourth (118), Robinson was fifth (148) and Battlefield finished sixth (192). The top six teams advances to states.

West Springfield senior Katie Kennedy finished 20th with a time of 18:21. Ana Suarez, a junior, finished 28th (18:44), sophomore Reagan Bustamante finished 32nd (18:53) and sophomore Abby Snyder was 38th (19:09).

Alcorta and Pellegrini praised Kennedy for competing despite an ankle injury.

"She's a real trooper," Alcorta said. "... I'm really proud of her. She really stepped up today. She could have not raced but she knew we might not make it to states."

Pellegrini said Kennedy had to "hop" the last mile.

"I am not comfortable racing someone that's that hurt, but I give her a lot of credit for doing it for



**West Springfield senior Caroline Alcorta, left, won the 6A North region girls' cross country championship on Nov. 6 at Burke Lake Park. Oakton's Allie Klimkiewicz placed third.**

the team," Pellegrini said. "It was unglamorous ... but without her, that's a 70-point swing."

Lake Braddock senior Hannah Christen finished second (17:19), followed by Oakton's Allie Klimkiewicz (17:21), Lake Braddock's Katy Kunc (17:35) and Robinson's Macey Schweikert (17:39).

Robinson's Lauren Berman finished 10th (17:55).

In boys' action, Robinson and Lake Braddock were among the six teams to qualify for states, finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Chantilly won the event with a score of 100. Battlefield (107) placed second, followed by Osbourn Park (111), the Rams

(136), the Bruins (138) and Oakton (142).

Lake Braddock junior Ryan Corbett placed third with a time of 15:09. West Springfield sophomore Owen Buck finished sixth with a time of 15:24, improving from 14th place during the final 400 meters.

"[Buck]," Pellegrini said, "ran out of his skull."

Oakton's John Stoney won the event with a time of 14:54. South County's Alec Jones finished seventh with a time of 15:25.

The VHSL Group 6A state meet will be held on Friday, Nov. 15 at Great Meadow. The girls' race is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and the boys' race will start at 11:15 a.m.

### Playoff Football Pairings

The Group 6A and Group 5A VHSL football regional playoffs begin Friday, Nov. 15.

\*In 6A North action (all games are at 7:30), Centreville (10-0) earned the top seed and will host No. 16 South Lakes (5-5). Lake Braddock (10-0) is the No. 2 seed and will host No. 15 Chantilly (5-5).

No. 3 Westfield (8-2) will take on No. 14 Hayfield (5-5). No. 4 Washington-Lee (8-2) will host No. 13 Stonewall Jackson (6-4). No. 5 Langley (8-2) will host No. 12 Battlefield (6-4).

No. 6 Patriot (8-2) will face No. 11 Robinson (7-3). No. 7 Yorktown (8-2) will host No. 10

Fairfax (7-3) and No. 8 South County (8-2) will host No. 9 T.C. Williams (7-3).

\*In 5A North action (all games are a 7 p.m., unless specified), No. 1 Massaponax (10-0) will host No. 16 Edison (3-7) and No. 2 Stone Bridge (8-2) will take on No. 15 Lee (2-8).

No. 3 Briar Woods (9-1) will host Potomac Falls (4-6), No. 4 Tuscarora (8-2) will host No. 13 Mount Vernon (3-7) and No. 5 North Stafford will take on No. 12 Thomas Jefferson (4-6).

No. 6 Mountain View (7-3) will host No. 11 Potomac (4-6), No. 7 Broad Run (7-3) will face No. 10 Freedom (PW) and No. 8 Falls Church (7-3) will host No. 9 Albemarle (6-4) at 7:30 p.m.

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## Two School Employees Charged

After a joint investigation by Financial Crimes Unit detectives and Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) human resources, two school employees were each charged with embezzlement and money laundering.



Sonya Swansbrough

Police identified the arrestees as Sonya Swansbrough, 46, of Woodbridge, principal at Poe Middle School, and Bethany Speed, 38, of Burke, an administrative employee at Jeb Stuart High School. Police began an investigation after being contacted by FCPS in late September 2013.



Bethany Speed

The allegations involved falsifying timesheets for personal financial gain. An investigation determined that these incidents began as early as May 2010 and officials believe over \$100,000 may have been embezzled.

Police also charged a third individual, Brenton Rusnak, 20, of Radford with receiving stolen property in connection to this case. Rusnak is Swansbrough's son. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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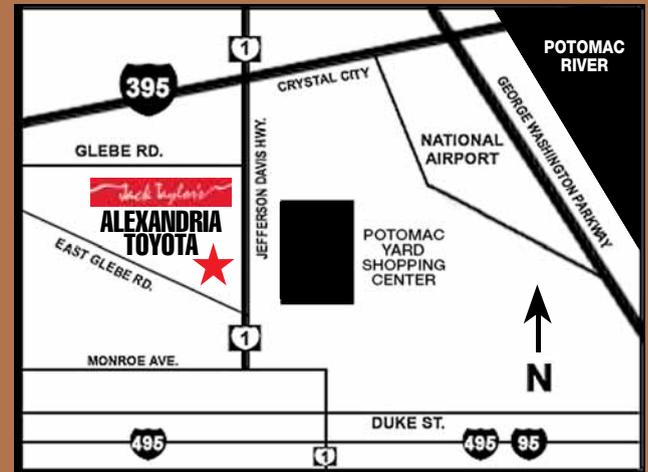
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