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Paint the Town Purple

Traveling purses raise domestic violence awareness.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

“Victoria” moved to the United States eight years ago with her husband. (Her name has been changed for protective anonymity.) At the beginning, he was the perfect gentleman: holding doors, full of compliments, telling her he loved her. She quit her job to be with him, her first love. Their future in a new country seemed bright.

But once they were married and living in America, Victoria felt her partner growing apart from her. He wouldn’t communicate with her. When she asked him to tell her things, what he was thinking or what his plans were, he got annoyed.

The annoyance led to verbal insults and angry outbursts. Victoria thought she was doing everything she could to make the marriage work, but it just seemed like she was making things worse. She, not he, was doing it wrong.

“After you hear this again and again, I feel like the only way I can protect myself is don’t take it seriously,” Victoria said. “Because it’ll never change.”

The verbal abuse turned physical. First Victoria’s husband would cock back his hand, threatening to slap her. Then real slaps came, and then beatings. Then rules for the number of times sex had to be offered each week. A quota to be followed.

“For her it became the normal,” said Susie Pigg, assistant director at Artemis House, the 24-hour domestic violence shelter operated by the Falls Church-based nonprofit Shelter House. “Oh it wasn’t that bad, I could survive a slap.’ But then it escalated. ‘Yeah, he rapes me;’ all those things became normalized to her, which is heartbreaking.”

Victoria went along with it because she wanted her husband to be happy. She put her love for him above everything else: her love for her children, her father and herself. Her own happiness would fill in if she could make her husband happy.

“He really hurt me, but I already felt like I was brainwashed,” Victoria said. “I believed that he’s better than me, smarter than me, more capable. He should be the one to make the orders.”

She knew she had to get out of the situation, but felt trapped. She had no job and wanted the best for her children. She had no friends or family in the United States.

“I cannot get out of this marriage,” said Victoria. “I have no hope, no place to go and I cannot even imagine leaving him.”

After a particularly painful degrading day and night, she decided she had no choice but to take a stand. Victoria had to show

her husband she couldn’t be treated this way. An altercation resulted in her spending almost a year in jail.

Victoria found out about Artemis House through her jail caseworker. She spent her first night after being released in a motel and the next night she was in one of 34 beds at Artemis. She’s been a resident-client there for several months and is on her way being employed and restarting her life.

Artemis House is one of 11 locations in Fairfax County offering services for victims of domestic violence. The county’s Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services (OFWDSVS) contracts with Shelter House to run Artemis, which has apartment-style dwellings.

According to the OFWDSVS FY 2013 report, Artemis House served 134 adults and 148 children in that period. Pigg says additional off-site locations allow them to help up to 44 clients at once.

FUNDING AND AWARENESS are two major challenges facing the shelters and other domestic violence services.

“It’s not an easy conversation to have,” said Shelter House director of development Jolie Smith. “It’s a dark topic. Everyone knows someone that has a story, or their own story.”

Shelter House recently partnered with the Allstate Foundation for its nationwide “Purple Purse” project to raise awareness and money for domestic violence. The partnership came with a \$1,000 grant and a conversation-sparking collection of purple Coach purses. Smith handed out four purses that made their way around Virginia in the hands of Shelter House directors, elected officials and professional athletes.

Smith and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook decided that rather than just be seen with the purse, why not pass it around and challenge others to make donations, similar to the ALS Ice Bucket campaign. At the Sept. 23 Board of Supervisors meeting, Cook moved October be designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and passed the purse first to chairman Sharon Bulova.

The purses were highlighted at another Shelter House fundraising event on Oct. 10, the “Chipping In to End Domestic Violence Charity Golf Tournament” held at the Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton. It was there that Smith met Robin Robison and her husband, former Washington Redskin Superbowl champion Ron Saul. Robison was a victim of domestic abuse from a former husband 15 and a half years ago, and was keen to help raise awareness.

She spoke publicly about her experience for the first time at the tournament.

“I’m glad it’s over, that she only had to go through it for six months,” said Saul. “A man does not beat up on a woman. If you got a problem, better to walk away, let things settle down, then try to get closure on the problem.”

“It wore me out,” Robison said. “It was like opening an old wound, something I had



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBIN ROBISON

(From left) Former Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs, Redskin Ron Saul and Saul’s wife Robin Robison raise awareness for domestic violence with the Kerry Washington-designed purple purse.



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Shelter House executive director Joe Meyer models one of the four purple purses from Allstate Foundation.

healed a long time ago.”

For the month of October, Shelter House’s Purple Purse Challenge raised just under \$15,000, including a large donation from Robison and Saul’s friend Cecil Pruitt.

According to Cook, calls to the Fairfax

County sexual violence service and information hotline have shot up dramatically following the Ray Rice news coverage. The OFWDSVS reported 1,664 such calls in FY 2013.

“I hope the other football wives will come out,” said Robison, “that anybody else out there will come out. You don’t have to put up with this. Pick up that phone. Make the call. You’re given an instinct: If you have any hesitation in your mind, whatsoever that something isn’t right, you don’t do it.”

Smith presented Robison with a Kerry Washington-designed purple purse, to keep raising awareness between now and next year’s challenge.

“It’s a dark topic. Everyone knows someone that has a story, or their own story.”

— Shelter House director of development Jolie Smith

“The Purple Heart is for wounded service members,” said Smith. “Victims of domestic violence are wounded physically and mentally. It’s about survival, dedication to ending violence and courage.”

“People should know they’re not born to be a victim,” said Victoria. “We should know we can have a second chance. We can make other decisions. So never give up.”

THE 24-HOUR Fairfax County domestic violence hotline is 703-360-7273. The county’s website for domestic violence is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/dviolence. More information about Shelter House can be found at www.shelterhouse.org.

'It's a Privilege and an Honor' Hosted by local church, Guatemalans visit Fairfax preschool.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

For the past 10 years, the women of Fairfax Presbyterian Church have made a mission trip/cultural exchange to Guatemala. And in mid-October, some of the Guatemalan women they met came here to visit.

One of their stops was at the Main Street Child Development Center in Fairfax. It mainly serves children from low-income, working families and provides an affordable, early childhood, educational program for them.

"We have 72 preschoolers, ages 2 through 5, and 76 percent are from low-income families," said Development Coordinator Jim Dempsey. "Plus we have 20 students who come here before and after school at Daniels Run Elementary. They get a healthy breakfast and homework assistance."

"It's an outstanding program and our church does activities for the children here," added Renna Jordan, a former Main Street board member and one of the Fairfax Presbyterian Women. "So we thought it would give our Guatemalan visitors an idea of a preschool here."

The women came from Quetzaltenango, the second-largest city in Guatemala. At Main Street, said Marina Monterroso, "We wanted to see the work they're doing because it's different than what we have in Guatemala. Here, they have all the supplies they need for the students – even little chairs and tables – and give them lots of attention."

"More students here are able to have access to preschool education," said Juana Herlinda. "In Guatemala, only rich people



(From left) are Alicia Moscoso, Martha Lidia Salanic, Juana Herlinda, Marina Monterroso and Magdalena Diaz.

have access to preschool education, and there isn't any in the rural areas."

Martha Lidia Salanic was impressed with "the dedication the teachers have for the children and the way they treat them." And Monterroso noted how nicely the Fairfax children stand in line. In Guatemala, she said, each teacher has as many as 40 students to handle.

Since the guests also have a relationship with the Presbyterian Women in Winchester, they visited with them, too. They saw a senior center and toured Shenandoah National Park. "It's very big and beautiful, with

the changing color of the leaves," said Magdalena Diaz. "We don't have that in Guatemala."

Alicia Moscoso also noted how the Presbyterian Church helps in its community. Accompanying the Guatemalans to Virginia was Jennifer Thalman Kepler of a theater company in Louisville, Ky. She grew up in Fairfax Presbyterian Church and lived in Guatemala from 2003-04 as a church volunteer supporting the work the women there were doing in their church.

"My company creates original plays based on women's experiences, and Marina asked

me to come and help do that for them," said Kepler. "So we've been working with them for 10 years, and both the Winchester and Fairfax churches helped bring the women here." The guests also planned to see Washington, D.C. and its sights and lead that Sunday's worship at the Fairfax church. "We'd like to come back," said Monterroso. "We appreciate the care and love we've received here."

"We've felt like princesses because of the way we've been treated here," added Moscoso.

"We're delighted to have them visit," said Main Street Director Carol Lieske. "We're so proud [of what we do here], and about 70 percent of our children speak Spanish at home."

It was also valuable to the Guatemalans. "Being able to learn how both religious and community organizations function helps us understand how we can educate the organizations we work with," explained Herlinda.

"It's a privilege and an honor for women of Christian faith to have these women here with us," said Carol Drago, a Fairfax Presbyterian Church elder. "I met them five years ago, and it's a dream come true for them because they've always wanted to come here and see us."

"Fairfax Presbyterian has been a huge supporter of ours for many years," said Lieske. "During the holidays, they prepare Christmas stockings and wrap gifts for the children. And for every child's birthday, the church provides cupcakes, so it's a lovely partnership. They also support us on a regular basis with donations. So we're thrilled when they bring guests and we can show off our children and our facility."

Dylan Cate of Fairfax High Selected to All-American Marching Band

Dylan Cate of Fairfax High School has been selected for the 2015 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Cate will join an elite group of marching band members who will perform during halftime at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

"The U.S. Army has a distinguished musical history," said Mark S. Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for marketing. "Successful band members require great skill, teamwork and dedication — qualities similar to those of Army Soldiers."

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ing the largest celebration of high school football in America, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, televised live on NBC at 1 p.m. EST on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015.

For 15 years, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl has been the nation's premier high school football game, serving as the preeminent launching pad for America's future college and NFL stars. Andrew Luck, Patrick Peterson and Jamaal Charles made their national debuts as U.S. Army All-Americans, and a total of seven U.S. Army All-American Bowl alumni were drafted in the first round of the 2014 NFL Draft. The 2014 U.S. Army All-American Bowl drew a crowd of 40,017 to the Alamodome and was the most-watched sporting event on television over the weekend, excluding the NFL playoffs.

Dylan Cate

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Craft Show Nov. 15-16

The 28th Annual City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Show is slated for Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. Admission is \$5/day or \$8 for a two-day pass. Children under 18 are free. For more information, see www.fairfaxholidayshow.com.

Old Town Hall Closure

From Nov. 17-21, the Old Town Hall will be closed to the public because of power service changes. Affected will be the Children's Performance Series, Fairfax Art League, Friday Morning Music Club and Huddleson Library.

City Council Meets Nov. 18

The Fairfax City Council will hold a meeting and work session on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m., at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax.

Blankets Needed for Refugees

The City of Fairfax has joined a regional effort, headed by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, to collect new or clean, gently used blankets for refugees who've fled Syria and other countries for Turkey. Blankets may be dropped off until Nov. 22 in the City Hall Atrium, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax.

Help Provide Holiday Meals

Our Daily Bread is seeking caring community members to sponsor more than 3,000 struggling families in Fairfax County for Thanksgiving and December holiday meals and gifts for children who might otherwise go without. Details and registration are at <https://www.odbfairfax.org/Holiday>.

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Newly re-elected U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) was among many elected officials, civic leaders and long-time friends to share memories of Jean R. Packard at her memorial Nov. 6.



(From left) Jean Packard's neighbor Helen Burvis, daughter Jean E. Packard and neighbor Erik Burvis met in the Meadowlark Gardens Atrium to celebrate the elder Packard's life.

Jean R. Packard Remembered

Memorial for first female Board of Supervisors chairman held at Meadowlark Gardens.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Jean Packard was Frank Roberts' first boss. He was 13, she was 22 and the acting editor of her father Dave's Clermont Sun newspaper in Batavia, Ohio. "I was a 'devil's rat,'" Roberts said, responsible for odd gofer jobs around the office. "I was trying to hide from work and she'd track me down. She was a tough boss."

Packard was perhaps more well known for serving as the first female chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (1972-1976), founding and chairing the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, and being a passionate environmental civic leader in Fairfax County for the past five decades.

She died in her Fairfax home on Oct. 21 of congestive heart failure.

Roberts was among nearly 200 elected officials, civic leaders and friends of Packard who gathered Nov. 6 in the Meadowlark Gardens Atrium to remember the 92-year-old.

In the early afternoon, clouds passed and sun shone while rain continued to fall.

"I love it, it's beautiful," said Roberts. "She's beloved and highly regarded by so many people. She lived without any apparent need for self-glorification and was committed to the community, other people."

Among her myriad citizen organization positions, Packard sat on the board of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (now NOVA Parks) for 24 years. Her late



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husband Fred was the first director of the Fairfax County Park Authority, as well as that organization. The current NOVA Parks Executive Director Paul Gilbert spoke to open the formal portion of the afternoon.

"She was a remarkable woman who leaves a remarkable legacy," he said. "Her stride really was as a citizen-leader. She understood how to affect policy, in any position, not necessarily a formal position of power."

WHILE ON THE BOARD of supervisors, Packard was instrumental in protecting the Occoquan Reservoir. "You'd never know all this about her; she's so humble," said her next-door neighbors Erik and Helen Burvis. "She was always so positive, never complained."

Gilbert connected her effectiveness in positions that included Governor appointee to the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board (2002-2010) and President of

the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations to her personality and way of dealing with people.

"She was an authentically kind person who actually bore no grudges or let it get personal," he said. "She was passionate, but didn't micromanage her vision. She was light on obsessing over details, so if her larger goals were being met, she was fine."

Current Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova echoed Gilbert. "She was genuine, the real deal," she said. "She doesn't just lead, but has rolled up her sleeves and gotten into it with you. She's picking up trash and then adopting policy."

Recently re-elected U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) spoke about Packard's keen ability to move a meeting along, and how she projected what she believed in.

"She was a passionate protector of her values system," Connolly said, "which she thought reflected our values systems."

Jim Darracott of Falls Church city worked with the younger Jean for the ambulance service and has known the pair for 30 years. He said that even up until her death, civic engagement was incredibly important to Packard.

"Jean sent in her absentee ballot a week before she passed," he said. "That was so Jean. She always knew votes counted. She knew she couldn't get to the poll, so she wanted to make sure her vote got in."

PACKARD was on hand Sept. 27 when NOVA Parks broke ground on a new building at Occoquan Regional Park, called the Jean R. Packard Occoquan Center.

"It's wonderful. I'm delighted," Packard said in an interview after the event. "To think the regional park authority thinks I deserve this honor is really icing on the cake."

Packard is survived by her daughter Jean E. Packard of Fairfax and cousins Frank Roberts of Fairfax and Michael Roberts of Cincinnati.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in Alexandria needs a Van Driver to take participants on outings and an ESL Teacher. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

Meals on Wheels needs drivers in Chantilly, Clifton, McLean and Falls Church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Substitute drivers needed throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Wakefield Senior Center in Annandale** needs a Chair Exercise Instructor, Spanish-speaking interpreters, an Experienced Canasta Player to teach participants, and certified instructors for classes in Ballroom Dance and Pilates. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs; urgent need in Reston area. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center** in Annandale needs Span-

ish-speaking social companions and a licensed hair stylist to wash, cut and style hair for participants. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria** needs a DJ to provide a wide array of music from ballroom to line dancing, a Ballroom Dance Instructor and a volunteer with basic carpentry skills to build a "Little Free Library," for people to donate and borrow books from. Center will provide plans and materials. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Sully Senior Center in Centreville** needs a certified personal trainer twice a week, preferably with experience working with older adults. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

Korean Meals on Wheels needs Korean-speaking volunteers to deliver meals Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Centreville, Reston and Annandale. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions.

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Thanksgiving Help for Those in Need

Roll up those sleeves and help.

This week is the week to jump in to help the many organizations that will help needy families through the holidays. Here are a few ideas of how to help, but the opportunities are limitless.

More than 236,000 people living in the area do not have access to enough food to sustain an active, healthy life for all members of their households, according to Catholic Charities. That is to say, more than a quarter of a million people, including many children, go hungry on a regular basis.

Catholic Charities is launching a new food distribution project, the St. Lucy Project, designed to respond to food insecurity in the diocese. "The reality in Northern Virginia is that thousands of our neighbors suffer from gripping poverty and hunger," said Bishop Paul S. Loverde of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. "Pope Francis has consistently called us to be a 'church of the poor

and for the poor.'" The project will provide food in Alexandria and other parts of Northern Virginia. See www.cdda.net for more.

Our Daily Bread will help 2,000 people for Thanksgiving and through the holidays. They need help. Sign up to deliver a meal, adopt a family or just donate. <https://www.odbfairfax.org/Thanksgiving>

United Community Ministries is seeking donations to its food pantry, donations to help prevent homelessness for 300 families on the brink, plus children's books and toys. <http://www.ucmagency.org/how-to-help.html>

Northern Virginia Family Services needs help with Operation Turkey, for 800 families. Food, money and volunteers needed. <http://www.nvfs.org/>

The Arlington Food Assistance Center is facing record demand, helping more than 8,000 people, and poised to go far above its annual budget. Find out more and donate <http://www.afac.org/>

Cornerstones' annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive will help nearly 1,000 families this season. 571-323-9555, www.cornerstonesva.org.

SHARE of McLean seeks donations of grocery gift cards and more. Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Holiday Celebration, Share, Inc. PO Box 210, McLean, VA 22101. 703-284-2179. www.SHAREofMcLean.org

LINK, serving Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun and more, needs contributions of food, coats and holiday toys for children, plus volunteers. On Nov. 15, LINK will distribute food, gently used winter coats/clothing and grocery gift cards to more than 800 families. 703-437-1776 www.linkagainsthunger.org

FACETS helps parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty in the Fairfax area. FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. 703-865-4251 or volunteer@facetscares.org. Information about supply donations and FACETS holiday gifts drive is available on the website at www.facetscares.org.

You can find a list of local Fairfax nonprofits here: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/aug/27/newcomers-guide-area-nonprofits/>

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EDITORIAL

Resources and Support for the Caregiver

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)



If you have ever been in the position of providing ongoing, long-term care for a loved one, you are very familiar with the sacrifices involved. You should also know that you are not alone. Whether it is a result of illness, disability, or injury, 39 percent of all adult Americans are caring for an older loved one - an increase from 30 percent in 2010.

Most older-adults would prefer to age in place. We know this to be true, and it makes sense. It's a more comfortable, familiar environment. However, it does come with its own stressors and challenges as 80 percent of the care for the elderly is provided by family, friends and

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neighbors. Every November we take time to recognize Caregiver Appreciation Month. It is a time to acknowledge and appreciate all those around us who go the extra mile to take care of others.

If you are a caregiver, know that Fairfax County has support services that can help as you continue on the caregiving journey. The Long Term Coordinating Care Council is a wonderful resource to start. You can visit the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/lccc/>. Another option, a phone line, 703-324-7948, is the Services for Older Adults. There you will reach social workers that can help you navigate

through the myriad of resources available. The Fairfax County 50+ initiative is also looking to help develop additional services and resources for caregivers. Please contact my office to learn more about the progress of these programs. You may also consider reaching out to ElderLink, a non-profit organization created by a partnership of the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, the Inova Health System, and the Alzheimer's Association, that seeks to provide affordable care management services to older adults. They can be reached at 703-324-7948. Another helpful resource is the Caregiver Action Network website. It offers a variety of tips and tools - <http://www.caregiveraction.org/resources/toolbox/>.

I also hope that my show this

month on Fairfax County Channel 16, which features several personal caregivers, will help those who find themselves in the position of providing care. The show airs throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m.

It is very important to remember that you must take care of yourself first in order to provide the best level of care to your patient or loved one. It is very easy to become consumed with trying to finish all tasks only to find that many more are waiting. Develop a support network. Find respite and relaxation for yourself. If you are not a caregiver today, you may become one. So reach out to help if you can. By working together, we can build communities ready to serve our neighbors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse

To the Editor:

I appreciate your coverage on the work that Shelter House is doing in the Reston community and elsewhere. Domestic violence is a very serious issue that doesn't seem to receive enough attention for how widespread of an issue it is. It's unfortunate that there seems to be a stigma surrounding domestic abuse, when in fact there

desperately needs to be awareness raised about it. I think part of the reason this stigma exists is because some people may fail to recognize how difficult it is for the victim to escape an abusive situation. While females that are victims of domestic abuse may objectively realize the danger they are in, there are often more critical factors they have to take into account, especially if they have children. I think Shelter House is an excellent solution to this problem, as it offers support and viable options to these victims. It's good to see awareness being raised in the local community, and I'll be curious to see how this organization creates positive change in the future.

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Fairfax Station

Preserving the Planet

To the Editor:

Tuesday's win for the Republicans presents us with an opportunity for soul-searching. Many conservative Americans accept the science on climate change. However, many of the Republicans we

elected to represent us in Congress aren't in line with the most basic of conservative impulses: conserving the planet that we live on. In fact, many of the Republicans we elected have established sad track records of letting climate change continue unabated. As a mother and a person of faith, I hope that conservative leaders will take a page from the U.S. Catholic Bishops, who support limits on carbon pollution. It's time for our representatives to represent conservative values at their best.

Irene Sayne
Falls Church

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NEWS

FACETS to Host Taste of Fall

On Saturday, Nov. 15, FACETS is hosting its 15th Annual Taste of Fall with FACETS, an evening filled with food, fun, entertainment, and a live and silent auction to raise funds to help parents, their children and individuals in Fairfax County and City who are suffering the effects of poverty. Attendees at the annual fundraiser can sample food and drink from a variety of Fairfax-area restaurants, wineries and breweries.

A Taste of Fall helps support FACETS' life changing services. FACETS works throughout Fairfax County to help impoverished men, women, and children succeed by offering a full spectrum of services, such as basic needs and financial assistance, counseling and outreach, educational enrichment programs, and permanent and supportive housing.

The event starts at 7 p.m. and the program at 8:30 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.

Tickets are \$50 and include tastings of all food and beverages, including wine, beer and sodas. Register online at www.FacetsCares.org or at the door.

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

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Tickets for Lunch with Santa

Ring in the winter holidays, Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Festival of Lights and Carols at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax. Children 10 and under may enjoy lunch with Santa Claus at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. that day. Tickets are \$8/child and are now on sale at the Parks and Recreation Offices in City Hall, at Sherwood Center and at Green Acres Center or via www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec.

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Just Who’s Sane and Who’s Not?

Fairfax High presents “The Curious Savage.”

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Although called “The Curious Savage,” Fairfax High’s upcoming play is actually a heartwarming comedy chocked full of eccentric characters.

“The script is full of hilarious one-liners and charming character relationships,” said Director Erich DiCenzo. “But what I love most about the show is the message audiences will take home with them.”

It’s a message of hope and human goodness shining through a world of apparent greed and dishonesty. And putting it into action, the FX Players are collecting new or gently used teddy bears to donate to local first responders for children in crisis. People bringing a teddy bear to the show will receive a coupon for a free, concession item.

“The show’s double cast, and it’s wonderful seeing student pairs working together to enhance both of their performances,” said DiCenzo. “Yet no shared characters are played exactly the same; each student puts his/her own special twist on their roles.”

“Since it’s the 1950s, the characters don’t talk or think like we do today, so audiences will enjoy hearing their words and phrases.”

— Sophomore Z.J. Jang

Junior Clara Poteet portrays Ethel Savage, a millionaire’s widow with three stepchildren. “She wants to use her money to help other people achieve their dreams,” said Poteet. “But the children think that’s crazy, so they put her in an insane asylum. However, she’s quirky, self-confident, smart and funny, so she manages to control her own affairs, despite obstacles.”

Enjoying her role, Poteet said, “My character has so many different layers to her that it’s cool to explore her relationships with and reactions to her real family vs. her adopted family in the asylum. And the story makes you think about life



Posing in character are (back row, from left) Kyle Huott, Doug Klain and Elizabeth Rudacille; and (front row, from left) Caroline Whitacre, Clara Poteet and Lila Johnson.

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and about who the real, crazy people are.”

Playing Dr. Emmett is senior John Vazquez, who takes care of the patients with his assistant. “He’s very protective of them and really cares about them, especially Mrs. Savage,” said Vazquez. “He eventually realizes she doesn’t need to be there. He’s professional, but has a lot of human emotion. I can do a lot with this part because of that duality. He talks like a doctor with families, but more one-on-one with the patients.”

Vazquez said the audience will particularly like the characters because “they each have their own, personal quirks and unique personalities, and people will have their own favorites.”

Sophomore Z.J. Jang portrays Jeff Meredith, a handsome and 25, but “with the dignity of a much older man,” said Jang. “A former Air Force pilot, he believes rules and orders must be followed. Always polite and composed, he suffered mental trauma

from an airplane crash and believes he has a scar on the right side of his face, which he hides from strangers.”

“He speaks very clearly, so I over-enunciate his words so he appears professional and in control,” continued Jang. “I do this to emphasize his military background. Since it’s the 1950s, the characters don’t talk or think like we do today, so audiences will enjoy hearing their words and phrases. Their old-fashioned morals are charming, and I think people will enjoy this show very much.”

There’s a cast and crew of nearly 60, and senior Allison Grainge is assistant director. She helps DiCenzo and relays information to him from

the stage manager and actors. “It’s my second year directing; I’ve always been interested in it,” said Grainge. “I like the technical aspects and the idea of essentially creating the whole show with other people. In this one, the patients are realistic and genuinely good people – and there’s something really comforting about that.”

The curtain rises Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20-22, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$5, students, at the door, or via <http://fxplayers2013.ticketleap.com/the-curious-savage/>.



Rehearsing a scene are (standing, from left) Doug Klain, Kyle Huott and Elizabeth Rudacille; and (sitting) Clara Poteet.

SCHOOLS

A Musical of Hope and Joy

Woodson High ushers in the holidays with “White Christmas.”

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Ring in the holiday season is Woodson High’s production of Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas.” It features a cast and crew of 65, plus a 25-person pit orchestra, and Director Terri Hobson says it’s spectacular.

“The singing and dancing are phenomenal,” she said. “This was the year to do this show because we have strong voices and dancers, and I wanted to give my choreographers, Lexie McEntire and Lara Taylor, a good challenge.”

“It’s a fun, feel-good musical,” said Hobson. “And it’s really more about paying it forward than about Christmas.” Scenes take place at a New York nightclub, in a snowy town in Vermont and on a train en route to Vermont, and Hobson said audiences will enjoy everything about “White Christmas.”

“The music is so beautiful, especially the quintet singing, ‘The Best Things Happen While You’re Dancing,’” she said. “There’s awesome choreography and surprises in the



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(From left) Anna Phillips-Brown, Lexie McEntire and Laura Baker sing “Falling out of Love Can be Fun.”

sets – including a piano that does tricks – and people will leave filled with hope and joy.”

Senior Will Everett plays Bob Wallace, part of a song-and-dance act with Phil Davis. “They were Army buddies who entertained

the troops with a Christmas show,” said Everett. “Then they became famous on Broadway and are now looking for new acts for their show. They find a sister act and all go to a Vermont inn owned by their former commanding officer. It’s not doing well, so

‘It’s the Story of a Miracle’

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Based on the true story of Helen Keller, Paul VI High presents “The Miracle Worker.” It features a cast and crew of 60 and is the school’s Cappies play.

The play’s double cast, and Director Kathy d’Alelio says Isabella Whitfield and Meghan Kelly, the actresses portraying Keller, adapted to “blindness.” To prepare, they practiced eating and walking with their eyes closed and speaking to people without looking at them directly. And, added d’Alelio, “They can’t be distracted by noises, either, because Helen was also deaf.”

As a toddler in 1880s Alabama, Keller contracted an illness that left her blind and deaf, and she became furious when she couldn’t tell people what she wanted and they couldn’t tell her. So her parents hire a teacher, Annie Sullivan, who’d once been blind, herself, to teach Keller how to get along in the world.

“Annie’s tenacity teaches Helen not to give up,” said d’Alelio. “And I hope the audience will see what amazing women they were and be moved and inspired by them.”

Whitfield, a junior, described Keller as an exceptionally bright child who’s trapped because of her disabilities. “She has so much

to say and wants to communicate, and she gets really frustrated when people can’t understand her, so she throws huge temper tantrums,” said Whitfield. “She’s also a spoiled brat who’s never been told ‘no,’ so that makes it harder for Annie to teach her.”

“She’s fun to play because of her tantrums – especially a breakfast battle where she spits eggs at Annie and Annie throws water on her,” continued Whitfield. “And my sisters Maddy and Gloria are in this play, too, so I get to work with my family. This show demonstrates what people who are deaf and blind go through and that they just want to be like everyone else.”

Portraying Sullivan is senior Sarah Giuseppe. “Annie’s a survivor, strong and stubborn, but with a sense of humor,” said Giuseppe. “She doesn’t let anyone see her insecurities, and she doesn’t want to love Helen because she’s been hurt before. Annie’s such a complex, challenging character to sink your teeth into, and everything she says is meaningful.”

“People remember a few moments of a show, and this one has so many that’ll break your heart, shock you, transport you somewhere else and even make you laugh,” continued Giuseppe. “It’s the story of a miracle – taking a deaf/blind child and teaching her how to understand the world.”

Paul VI presents a play about Helen Keller.

Senior Luke Knodt plays Capt. Arthur Keller, Helen’s father. “He’s stern, likes things to be in order and doesn’t show much emotion, except anger – especially at his son James, who can never meet his dad’s expectations,” said Knodt. “I’m not an angry person, but I’m enjoying this role because my character often causes conflict in his home.”

Playing Helen’s mother, Kate Keller, is senior Maddy Whitfield. “She knows what she wants and how to get it, but with the grace and charm of a southern lady,” said Whitfield. “She’s loving and caring and desperately wants peace in her household. I’ve usually played rebels, so I like the challenge of playing someone calm and together.”

Since Paul VI usually does comedies, Whitfield said the audience will enjoy the change of pace. And, she said, “They’ll be able to relate to overcoming obstacles and odds against them.”

SHOW TIMES are Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, adults; and \$5, students and senior citizens, at the door or via www.PaulVI.net. (Thursday and Sunday tickets are two for one).

they decide to put on a show to raise money. There are also romances between Bob and Phil and the sisters, Betty and Judy.”

Bob’s so focused on business, that Phil’s tried to set him up with dates, but the relationships failed. But when Bob meets Betty, his whole life changes. “It’s my first lead and is an exciting opportunity,” said Everett. “The show’s very jazzy and lots of people will know the songs.”

Portraying Davis is senior Bryce Menard. “Phil likes having fun and is a ladies’ man and a flirt,” said Menard. “He has the most comedic lines and I like playing the comic foil.”

“It’s a happy, Christmas musical about the best gift you can give your best friend – your friendship,” he said. “I love the characters and the relationships and contrasts between them. And the costumes are fantastic; over 25 hours went into Betty’s and Judy’s finale costumes, alone.”

Senior Lexie McEntire plays Judy Haynes, the younger and more spirited sister. “She’s a schemer and a trickster and likes getting her way,” said McEntire. “She’s classy and poised and considers herself good wife material for Phil. I like playing her many different sides and emotions and getting to dance so much.”

She said audiences will like the story’s feeling of community. “People from different backgrounds come together to do something

nice for the general,” said McEntire. “And it says something nice and honest about theater people.”

Senior Anna Phillips-Brown portrays Betty, who mothers Judy and wants her to make good choices. “Initially, she’s proper; but she eventually relaxes, remembers how to have fun and allows herself to find love,” said Phillips-Brown. “I’ve known Will since we were 4, so it’s been fun acting with him. And I admire how Betty is a feminist and has no problems asserting herself.”

“The show’s very jazzy and lots of people will know the songs.”

— Senior Will Everett

She said people will like the show’s “feel-good vibe. It’s an American classic with a nice, happy ending with people singing while wearing color-coordinated outfits.”

Show timings are Friday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are adults, \$12; Woodson students with IDs, \$10; and senior citizens, \$5, at the door; or \$10, adults, at www.wtdrama.org.



Rehearsing a scene are (clockwise from top) Luke Knodt, Sarah Giuseppe, Isabella Whitfield and Maddy Whitfield.

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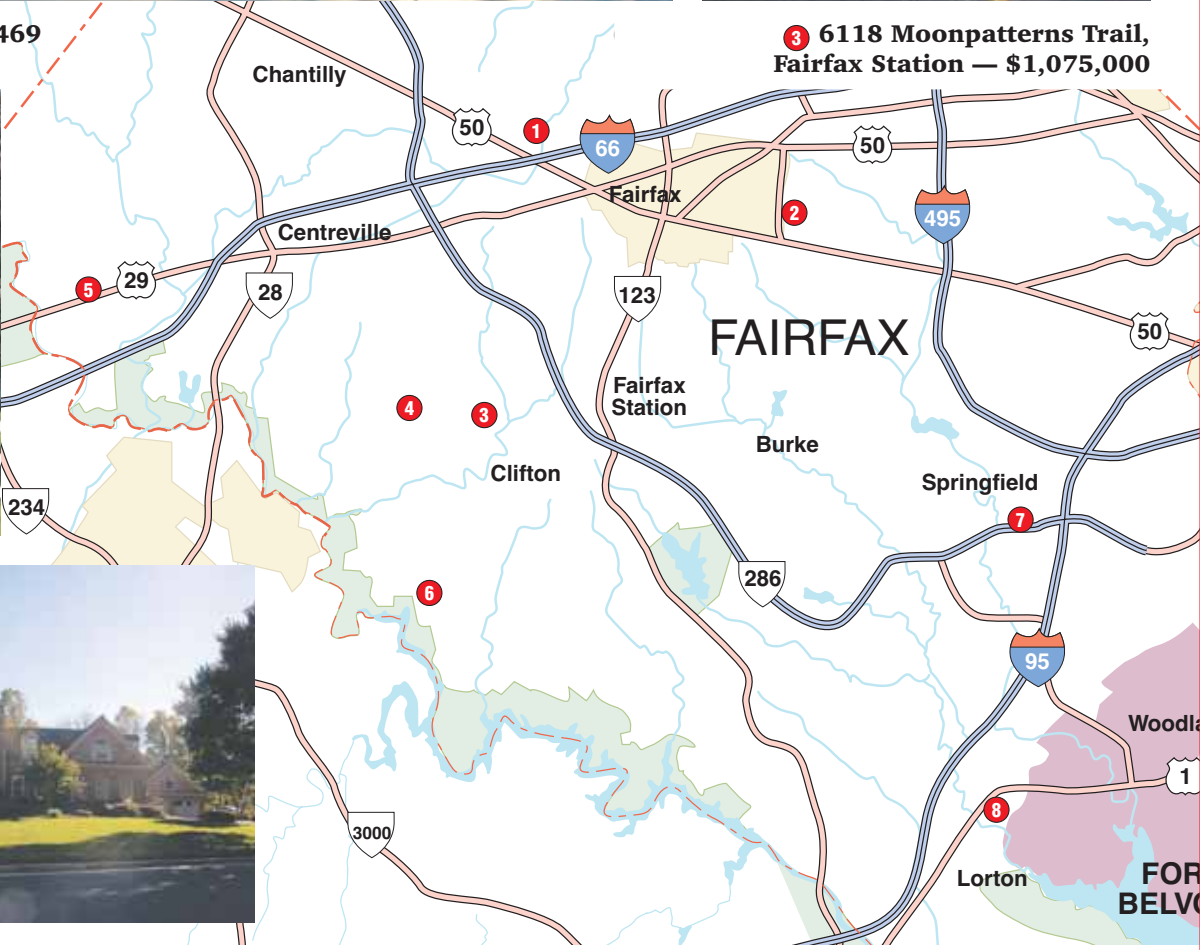


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McLean Location for 2015 DC Design House

House will benefit Children's National Health System.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE 2015 DC DESIGN HOUSE
A country estate in McLean is the 2015 location for the DC Design House.

The new country estate at 956 Mackall Farm Lane in McLean will be the location for the 8th annual DC Design House, a project that raises money to benefit Children's National Health System. The 2015 DC Design House will be held from April 11 to May 10. "We're excited to have found such a wonderful location and partner for the 2015 DC Design House," said Skip Singleton, co-founder of the DC Design House. "The new home by Artisan Builders is a charming old farmhouse-style home in McLean, our first venture into Virginia, with many rooms for our team of designers to decorate."

Built by Artisan Builders and designed by Harrison Design, the 8,869-square-foot home replicates an old American farmhouse. The home is reminiscent of a Virginia countryside home, but offers modern amenities. The interior floor plan is an L shape, which was popular among early farmers because of the ease and efficiency of adding future rooms.

"My partners and I are truly thrilled that Artisan Builders' new old farmhouse in McLean, Va., has been selected as the 2015 DC Design House," said Stephen Yeonas of Artisan Builders. "Our entire team is committed to making the event the best ever, while helping a great cause, Children's National Health System."

THIS MODERN FARMHOUSE offers light-filled interior rooms that blend old elements, such as reclaimed wood and antiques, with new features, including top-of-the-line kitchen appliances.

A gallery finished with stone from an old Virginia farmhouse and a library paneled in quarter-sawn oak are among the vintage touches. The exterior features covered porches, antique style lighting, and natural stone in a random, hand-cut pattern. Landscape de-

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Some of the area's top designers previewed more than 20 rooms in the three-level home, which includes first floor formal and family foyers, dining and living rooms, library, kitchen, breakfast room, family room, mudroom and front and rear covered porches. Among the rooms on the upper level are a master suite with reading nook and three secondary suites, while the lower level offers a bistro and bar, media and game rooms, and an additional bedroom and bath.

"We'll be announcing designers by the end of November," said Susan Hayes Long, chair of the DC Design House, "and we're sure the 8th annual DC Design House will continue our tradition of exceptionally innovative designs and inspiration, all while raising money for our beneficiary: Children's National Health System."

The interior designers create presentation boards, which show how they would design the home. Volunteer staff choose the designers who will donate their time and talent to transform the house into a showcase home.

The DC Design House began in 2008 as an event for the DC Metro area in which top area designers showcased their talents in a "flowing design home" to raise funds for a local charity. What began as a single event goal to raise funds for Children's National Health System, formerly Children's National Medical Center, has developed into an annual residential design attraction and fundraiser.



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James Morrison as Police Chief William Gillespie and Ryan Vincent Anderson as Virgil Tibbs in L.A. Theatre Works production of “In the Heat of the Night.”

Feeling the ‘Heat’ at Mason

“In the Heat of the Night” by L.A. Theatre Works at GMU Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Gripping detective mysteries are not only on the television or streaming on the Internet. They can be found in a live theater production coming to the George Mason University Center for the Arts courtesy of the touring company, L.A. Theatre Works. The show is “In the Heat of the Night”.

The production will be in a live radio drama format adapted from John Ball’s mid-1960’s book “In the Heat of the Night.” His book was a classic not just of police work, but of people grappling with integration trying to move toward a future of respect no matter skin color or ethnic status.

Adapted by playwright and screenwriter Matt Pelfrey, “Heat” is the story of a white, Southern police chief from a small town in Alabama, and an African-American detective from the North, who lock horns about a murder, police procedures and how two strong men can work together with respect and dignity to solve a crime. All in the midst of long-standing attitudes about how people are “supposed” to be.

“In our production, the audience becomes part of the performance. We use

Where and When

L.A. Theatre Works presents “In the Heat of the Night” at the Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4440 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$26-\$44. Call 888-9450-2468 or visit: www.gmu.edu. Note: Performance includes adult language. Parental discretion is advised.

non-traditional staging as the actors face the audience in a radio studio setting,” said director Brian Kite. “The audience will have an opportunity to find their own truths about race, fear and ultimately respect.”

According to Kite, this production will give the audience the opportunity to deeply feel what the characters are dealing with, “What does it say about me if I accept and respect another who is different than me.”

Veteran actor James Morrison plays Police Chief Gillespie. When asked about the role, he said, “As an actor, we are an instrument to bring characters alive for the audience. We create an illusion.” Morrison also noted that the issues raised in the show remain current.

For Ryan Vincent Anderson who plays Virgil Tibbs, the African-American detective, one of the key things about the show is how the two main characters “build a relationship” to investigate a murder as well as to get along together. Given current events, he expects the powerful story will resonate with audiences who may not be familiar with either the Academy Award winning movie or the Emmy Award winning television show based upon the original book “In the Heat of the Night” book.

The production will put the audience in a ripped-from-the-headlines theatrical experience.

ENTERTAINMENT

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper’s publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

War on the Doorstep: Fairfax Militia in the War of 1812. Exhibition. The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Open Tue.-Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free tours at 1 p.m. 703-591-0560.

THROUGH SUNDAY/FEB. 8, 2015

Dressing for the Occasion: An Exhibition of Costumes and Textiles Representing Fairfax Personalities and Events. Exhibition. Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 703-385-8414.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

Light Up. 6-9 p.m. Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. Annual tree lighting celebration in Fairfax Corner. Holiday entertainment, balloon twisters and more.

Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University’s Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra has maintained an outstanding international reputation on par with many of Europe’s most prominent orchestras. Tickets: \$42-\$70. For more information call 888-945-2468.

Beau Soir Trio - Music for Flute, Viola & Harp. 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Beau Soir Ensemble is a flute, viola, and harp trio dedicated to the performance of standard and contemporary repertoire spanning a variety of genres.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 15-16

28th Annual Holiday Craft Show. Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run Road, Fairfax. Artisans from all over the United States, including many local artists, are participating in this year’s show and are delighted to be able to offer you so many wonderful holiday gift choices. Admission: \$5 per day or \$8 for a two-day pass. No charge for children under 18 years.

Some Kind of Wonderful: Bayla Whitten Sings Carole King. Saturday: 8 p.m. Sunday: 2 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (the J) continues its third performing arts season with cabaret created just for the J. A homegrown performer, Bayla attended Geshen Jewish Day School when it was at the J. After high school, she studied in London and performed in the West End production of Les Misérables. Bayla regularly performs at Signature Theatre, and we are proud to welcome her back in a tribute to songwriter Carole King (nee Carol Klein), who “wrote the soundtrack to a generation” — Will You Love Me Tomorrow, One Fine Day, I Feel the Earth Move and more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 15

The 15th Annual Taste of Fall with FACETS. 7 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Sample delicious food and drinks from local restaurants, wineries and breweries; enjoy live musical entertainment; bid on unique items in the silent and live auction. Tickets are \$50 and include tastings of all food and beverages, including wine, beer and sodas. Register online at www.FacetsCares.org or at the door.

Tales to Tails. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children ages 6-12 read to a therapy dog.

SUNDAY/NOV. 16

The Magical Tale of Santa Dust. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Banner’s Hallmark, Fair City Mall, 9650 Main Street, Fairfax. The author, Patricia Cardello, will be at Banner’s Hallmark reading excerpts from her story, signing books, and discussing how families in your area can start their very own “Santa Dust” traditions.



The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia continues its third performing arts season with cabaret created by homegrown performer, Bayla Whitten performing on Nov. 15-16.

MONDAY/NOV. 17

Children’s Performance Series: Peter McCorty & His One Man Band. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Peter McCorty has been thrilling children and adults with his one-man band musical shows since 1996. A master of multi-tasking, Peter’s feet play the drum set while his hands are busy on the guitar. For all ages. Free, but donations are accepted. 703-385-2712.

Crazy 8s Math Club. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Join Bedtime Math’s Crazy 8s, where you’ll build stuff, run and jump, make music in this totally new kind of math club. Grades K-2.

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Need practice reading? Read aloud to a friendly, trained therapy dog. Ages 6-12.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Need practice reading? Read aloud to a friendly, trained therapy dog. Ages 6-12.

Evening Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Mary Coin by Marisa Silver. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

Bilingual Storytime. 4 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Bilingual Storytime in English and Spanish. Build your child’s early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult.

Tales to Tails. 4:30 p.m. Read to the dog. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Ages 6-12 with adult.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Build your child’s early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. The Paris Wife by Paula McLain. Adults.

Tales to Tails. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Need practice reading? Read aloud to a friendly, trained therapy dog. Ages 6-12.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 20-23

“The Curious Savage.” 7:30 p.m. Sunday performance at 2:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run Road, Fairfax. This comedy tells the story of Mrs. Ethel Savage, a widow whose

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step-children commit her to a sanatorium in order to get their hands on the \$10 million her recently-deceased husband left her. There she meets a variety of social misfits, who eventually appear more sane than those outside the walls of the institution. Tickets are: \$5 for students and \$10 for Adults, available at the door, or online at www.fxplayers.org. For more information, call 703-219-2351.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 21-22

"Fiddler on the Roof JR." Friday: 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 5 p.m. The Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, 9612 Fernedge Lane, Lorton. Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with tradition in the face of changing social mores. The show features some of the most memorable roles in the musical theatre canon. Seating is limited. For tickets and information, please visit their website at NVPlayers.com. For group tickets or special needs and assistance, please call 703-866-3546.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Asian Style Miniature Dish Garden. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come and learn to create an Asian garden scene where "East meets West." Admissions: \$45 (plus \$20 supply fee). Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

greenspring. 703-642-5173.
Holiday and Gift Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come to find all types of books for giving during the holidays. All ages.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

CROP Walk. 1:15 p.m. Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Distance 6K/3.7 miles with a shorter option. Nonperishable food will be collected for ECHO. No entry fee but registration required. Walker envelopes for sponsor donations are available prior to the walk or at registration. Janet Smith, 703-455-9025, BurkeVA.CROP@cox.net.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 22-23

23rd Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. More than 20 dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, meteorites, crystals, demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, kids' mini-mines, learning activities and more.

MONDAY/NOV. 24

Music and Movin' with Miss Susan. 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Cosponsored by Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Ages 6 months-5 years with adult.
Crazy 8s Math Club. 4:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s, where you'll build stuff, run and jump, make music in this totally new kind of math club.
Rainbow Readers. 10:30 a.m.

Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Early Literacy story time with stories and songs for children ages 3 to 5 years old with adult. 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/NOV. 27

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 Bible readings, music, and sharing stories of gratitude and healing. www.thinkdifferentlyfairfax.com

MONDAY/DEC. 1

Children's Performance Series: Mr. Skip. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Start the week off with Mr. Skip, who is all about music and movement, sings original and classic kids songs like Old MacDonald to the 5 and under crowd. He gets the kids off their seats and moving. Free but donations are accepted. 703-385-2712.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 2-3

Tiny Tots Concert. Tuesday: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. The Robert E. Lee High School Band and Drama Department announce their annual Tiny Tots Concert featuring favorite children's characters. Reservations are required for the morning performances but not for the evening performance. Admission is \$2. For information or reservations call 703-971-2229 or email the Lee High School Band at LeeHSBand_TinyTots@yahoo.com.



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SPORTS

Fairfax senior Cori Black scored the game-winning goal against Chantilly in the region final on Nov. 6.



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Rebels Capture Region Title

Rebels survive late goal from Chantilly, win in double overtime.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With a region title on the line and her Fairfax field hockey team battling Chantilly in a second overtime period, head coach Amber Beaudoin turned to a pair of media members on the sideline and cracked a joke.

“Is this exciting enough for you guys?”

Beaudoin carried herself with a cool calmness during a pressure-packed situation, but would later say she was “dying” on the inside. For the second straight season, the Rebels squandered a lead and went to overtime in the 6A North region final. In 2013, the result was a 2-1 loss to Westfield. On Thursday at Fairfax High School, the Rebels responded in championship fashion.

Senior captain Cori Black scored the game-winning goal with 4:40 remaining in double overtime, giving Fairfax a 2-1 victory over Chantilly and its first region championship since 1993.

“Right when I hit it,” Black said, “I felt like it was going to go in.”

Black’s goal put an end to a stressful 30 minutes for the Rebels.

Fairfax grabbed a 1-0 lead with 2:54 remaining in the first half when senior captain Meg Robertson scored on an assist from senior midfielder Trisha Le. The Rebels maintained their advantage until Chantilly senior captain Kelly Updike scored off a penalty corner with 4:27 remaining in regulation.

How would the Rebels handle adversity?

“This team plays off my energy,” Beaudoin said. “I try to be very careful with how I react. ... I was dying a little bit inside when they scored.”

After neither team scored in the closing minutes of regulation, Fairfax controlled the first overtime period, playing 7-on-6 for two minutes following a Chantilly green card, but failed to score. Le came close to ending it, but her shot hit the left post.

In the second overtime period, some nifty passing between Charlotte Duke and Le led to a penalty stroke after Chantilly goalkeeper Kyler Zampiello made contact with Le in front of the cage. Olivia Cummings attempted the stroke for Fairfax, but Zampiello moved to her left and made a game-saving pad save with 6:22 left on the clock.

“We had to stay positive,” Black said. “Our coach just told us, ‘We need this. We can’t let it happen again.’ We have this thing called ‘Unfinished Business,’ and that’s from last year, not winning regionals. So this year, we were saying our business is going to be finished.”

Less than two minutes after Fairfax failed to convert the penalty stroke, Black found the back of the cage, giving the Rebels their first region title in two decades.

“I’m kind of in shock right now,” Robertson said after the game. “I’ve been on this team four years, and I’ve made it to the regional semifinals every year. The last two we made it to this game, and to win this year is just incredible. To be with this team and to win is just unbelievable.”

Fairfax, making its second straight trip to the state tournament, will face First Colonial, the 6A South region runner-up, in the semifinals at noon on Friday, Feb. 14 at the National Training Center in Virginia Beach. The Rebels are 20-3, have won 15 consecutive games — including their sixth straight conference/district title — and enter the state tournament as an experienced and confident group.

“Going to states two years in a row,” Le said, “we learned how to maximize our chances and play against good teams.”

Chantilly (15-4), which knocked off defending state champion Westfield in the region semifinals on Tuesday, will face 6A South champion Frank Cox on Feb. 14 at the National Training Center in Virginia Beach.

The All-6A North Region Tournament Team was announced after the game: Robertson (Fairfax); Claire Cooke (Woodson); Jessica Reeves (Chantilly); Emily McNamara (Westfield); Duke (Fairfax); Sarah Horgan (Westfield); Taylor Stone (Herndon); Zampiello (Chantilly); Katie Cummings (South County); Sofia Palacios (Herndon); Emily Deivert (Fairfax); Jennifer McCann (Annandale); Julia Golden (Chantilly); Black (Fairfax).



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION
Lake Braddock senior Alex Corbett won the 6A North region championship on Nov. 5.



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION
Robinson Lauren Berman placed seventh at the regional meet on Nov. 5, helping the Rams earn a state berth.

Lake Braddock Boys’ XC Wins Region Title

LB, Robinson, West Springfield send two teams to states.

The Lake Braddock boys’ cross country team won the 6A North region championship, and the Bruins, Robinson and West Springfield will each send their boys’ and girls’ teams to the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Great Meadow.

Led by senior Alex Corbett, the Lake Braddock boys’ team won the region title with a score of 37 on Nov. 5 at Burke Lake Park. Oakton finished runner-up with a score of 86. West Springfield (118), Chantilly (120), Robinson (170) and Washington-Lee (203) also qualified for states.

Corbett won the individual title for the Bruins with a time of 14:41. Six days prior, Corbett became the first Lake Braddock boys’ harrier to break 15 minutes when he won the Conference 7 championship with a time of 14:47, which at the time was the 11th-best time in the history of the Burke Lake course.

Lake Braddock’s Kevin Monogue placed fourth at regionals with a time of 15:00. Colin Schaefer placed sixth (15:07), Ben Fogg finished seventh (15:22), and Evan Chase took 23rd (15:49).

Robert Lockwood led Woodson with an eighth-place finish, recording a time of 15:23. West Springfield’s Timothy Ward placed 10th (15:28), and Fairfax’s Alex Maguire qualified for states with a 15th-place finish (15:34).

Hunter Jetras was Robinson’s top finisher, coming in 16th with a time of 15:35.

Oakton won the girls’ region title with a score of 58. Madison (67), Lake Braddock (79), Patriot (116), Robinson (190) and West Springfield (219) also qualified for states.

Patriot’s Rachel McArthur won the event with a time of 17:21. Robinson’s Lauren Berman placed seventh with a time of 17:47. South County’s Faith Zolper (18:02) and Louisa McPherson (18:04) placed 100th and 11th, respectively. Lake Braddock’s Kate Murphy finished 12th (18:10) and teammate Sarah Daniels placed 15th (18:17).

Emily Keast led West Springfield with a 24th-place finish (18:34).

Group 6A, 5A Football Playoff Pairings Announced

The VHSL Group 6A and 5A North region football playoffs begin on Friday, Nov. 14.

In 6A North action, Lake Braddock (8-2) is the No. 3 seed and will host No. 14 Oakton at 7:30 p.m. The Bruins posted a 4-2 record against playoff teams year. In 2012, Oakton, then a No. 7 seed, upset Lake Braddock in the quarterfinals on its way to a region championship.

South County (9-1) is the No. 5 seed and will host No. 12 Robinson (6-4) at 7:30 p.m. The Stallions have been a scoring machine this year, averaging 50.8 points per contest during the regular season. South County is 4-1 against playoff teams this season, with its only loss coming against Lake Braddock, 62-41, on Oct. 31. Robinson started 6-0 before losing its final four games, averaging less than 10 points per contest over the final month. The Rams went 1-4 against playoff teams, with their lone

victory coming against Lake Braddock.

West Springfield (8-2) is the No. 6 seed and will host No. 11 Washington-Lee (6-4) at 7:30 p.m. The Spartans have won five in a row and eight of their last nine. West Springfield is 3-2 against playoff teams, including a 16-14 victory over Lake Braddock on Oct. 17.

Hayfield (7-3) is the No. 7 seed and will host No. 10 Chantilly (5-5) at 7:30 p.m. The Hawks started 0-3 against stiff competition, losing to South County (No. 5), Westfield (No. 2) and Centreville (No. 1). The Hawks have won seven in a row since, including victories against five playoff teams — W-L (No. 11), Wakefield (5A), Yorktown (No. 9), Falls Church (5A) and Edison (5A).

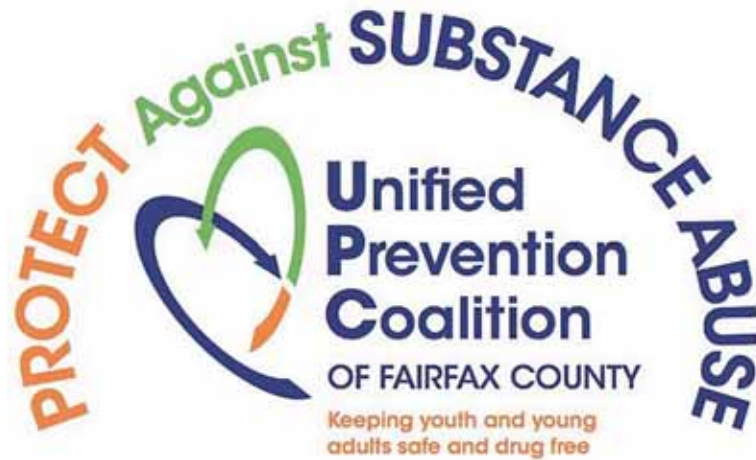
In the 5A North playoffs, Edison (3-7) is the No. 16 seed and will travel to face No. 1 Tuscarora (10-0) at 7 p.m. The Eagles are 0-5 against playoff teams.

Teen Drug Abuse Signs, Symptoms

Parents can learn the signs and symptoms of teenage drug abuse, actions to take and where to find supportive resources at a "PROTECT Against Substance Abuse" program. It's set for Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 7-8:30 p.m., in choral room K-104 at Fairfax High, 3501 Rebel Run in Fairfax.

It's presented by the nonprofit Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County and organized by UPC's PROTECT (Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together) work group. Middle- and high-school parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

"Our program makes an impact on each audience because of the personal stories of the dangers of substance abuse told by our panel of parents, young adults in recovery and professionals working in this area," said UPC's PROTECT coordinator Jennifer Lewis-Coo-



per.

The Fairfax High panelists will include Chris Leibowitz, GMU student in recovery; Bill Fulton, school resource officer coordinator, Fairfax County Police Department; David Edelman, LCSW, clinical supervisor, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board Youth and Family Team; and Lori

Shapiro, parent of a son in recovery. Moderator is Paula King, intake officer, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Attendees will also be able to ask questions. For more information, visit www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org.

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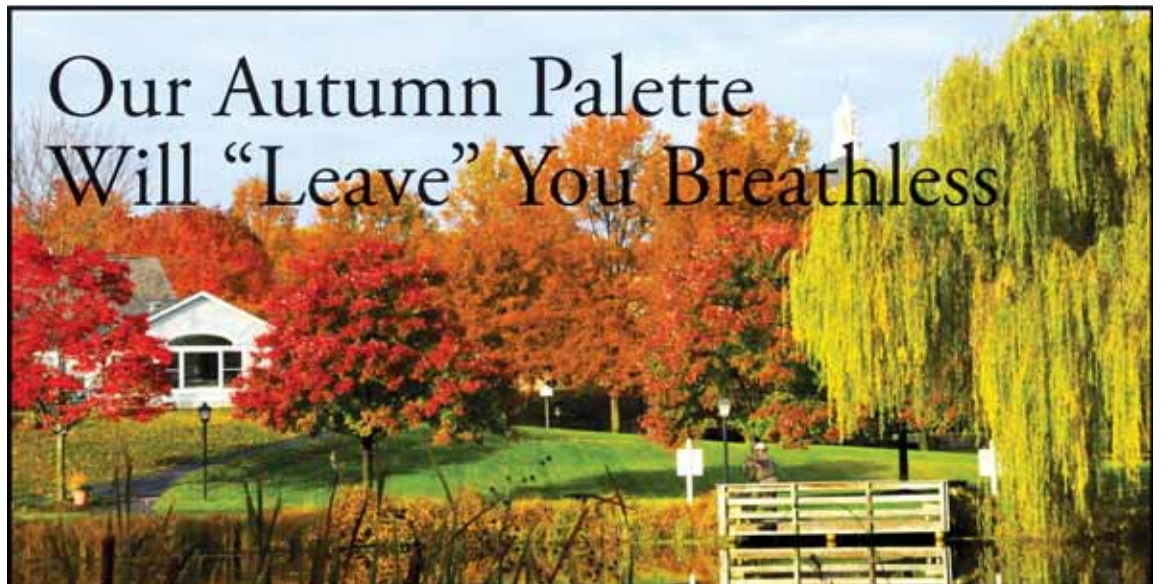
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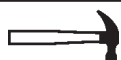
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Don Michael Stoops, dated September 29, 2006, and recorded October 2, 2006, in Deed Book 18803 at page 60 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Court House for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Unit 402, HALSTEAD AT THE METRO II, A CONDOMINIUM, and the limited common elements appurtenant thereto, including limited common element garage space/parking space G4-050, established by condominium instruments recorded in Deed Book 18395 at page 1876 and any supplemental declarations and/or amendments recorded subsequent thereto among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2665 Prosperity Avenue, #402, Fairfax, Virginia 22031.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 2.625 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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