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From left — Heather Taylor and Laura Jane Cohen, of Burke, are about to open their first Belle Jar Design retail store on Main Street in Clifton.

## Fairfax County Hosts Volunteer Fair

Older adults, seniors, and retirees looking for flexible, meaningful volunteer opportunities are invited to “Venture into Volunteering,” a free volunteer fair, on Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12, at the Lorton Workhouse Arts, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services’ Area Agency on Aging, AARP, Fairfax County Park Authority, RSVP Northern Virginia (Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Alexandria, and Volunteer Arlington) and The Positive Aging Coalition are partnering to host this event.

More than 30 organizations and Fairfax County agencies will be on hand to talk about their volunteer programs and benefits including: Fairfax Opportunities and Resources, Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital, Lorton Community Action Center and the Shepherd’s Center of Annandale/Springfield.

Refreshments will be provided and participants will have an opportunity to enter a prize drawing.

Nationwide, nearly one-third of adults 45 years and older volunteer. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics among those having a bachelor’s degree or higher, nearly 40 percent volunteer.

The oldest of the generation of 77 million born between 1946 and 1964 is facing retirement or are working part-time in retirement and are looking for additional meaningful ways to stay engaged in civic life. “Venture into Volunteering” will introduce you to many local organizations where your talents and skills are useful and needed.

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## Correction

In “From Hand to Hand” [The Connection, Sept. 17-23.] the Hulse brothers are graduates of South County High School.

## Candidates Meet on Fairfax Public Access

**Clerk, Sheriff and Soil & Water incumbents and challengers answer questions.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid wasted no time in bringing up the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna during her opening remarks. Kincaid said the loss of life, which occurred in February following an incident where a team of Sheriff's deputies was attempting to transport McKenna to Alexandria police and deployed a taser on her four times, continues to weigh heavily on her.

The Sheriff and Bryan Wolfe, who is challenging her for her job, answered questions Monday night Sept. 28 as part of a "meet the candidates" event organized by the Fairfax League of Women Voters. The event took place at the studios of Fairfax Public Access and was broadcast live.

Kincaid went on to highlight that she has since banned the use of tasers in the jail, increased the use of "telepsychiatry" in the jail for inmates to receive mental health services remotely, spearheaded a "diversion first" program and made mental health training mandatory for officers in her department.

Wolfe, who has previously run against Kincaid, immediately went on the offensive, calling the state of mental health services under the Sheriff a "critical area in need of repair." He said the death of McKenna, who had mental illness, could have been pre-



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**Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid (left) answers questions opposite opponent Bryan Wolfe (right) in a quasi-debate moderated by the Fairfax League of Women Voters co-president Helen Kelly (center).**

vented if there was more Crisis Intervention Team training in the office of the Sheriff. "I gave the Sheriff warning in 2013," Wolfe said. "She basically dismissed it."

**MODERATOR** and Fairfax League of Women Voters co-president Helen Kelly asked the candidates how they would improve inmate access to services. Kincaid highlighted the first inmate resource fair held in 2014, which gave inmates the opportunity to meet with vendors offering help for becoming re-established members of society following release from the jail.

Wolfe criticized not being able to check success or failure rates of existing services at the jail because the Sheriff's Office's last completed and published audit was in 2013. Kincaid never directly responded to Wolfe's asking about a 2014 annual report.

When asked if, as Sheriff, they would be

part of an ad hoc review commission similar to the one currently meeting to examine policies and practices of the Fairfax County Police Department, Kincaid commented that her office is represented on the existing commission, as well as that group's subcommittees to discuss use of force and mental illness services. "We're always willing to be part of something," she said.

Wolfe responded that he would "welcome witnesses to watch what we do, welcome community involvement."

"There's nothing in the Sheriff's Office you'll have to FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] from me," Wolfe added.

The other candidates who participated in the event are vying for Clerk of the Court and Soil and Water District director. Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh was invited but did not attend the program.

Bettina Lawton and incumbent John Frey went first for Clerk, answering a variety of questions including what their top priorities would be if elected.

For Lawton, an attorney, reserve deputy sheriff and part of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, she focused on reviewing existing practices and procedures in the Fairfax Court. "We have to look at, is there a better way to do things?" she said.

As part of his answer, Frey emphasized the importance of continuing to engage with many different users throughout the court to make decisions about multi-million dollar projects.

Scott Cameron, incumbent George Lamb IV and incumbent Jerry Peters, Jr discussed the role of Soil & Water Conservation District director.

Cameron said his top three priorities would be focusing on the watersheds that are in the worst condition, targeting invasive species and advocating at the General Assembly for policy and laws that work for Fairfax County as a suburban area.

Lamb listed continued good governance, working on the Chesapeake Bay by applying data with aggregate maps and finding ways to branch out and address climate change at a County level.

Peters highlighted continuing trusted partnerships, increasing the sense of personal environmental stewardship around the County and providing more useful information to the public.

**AFTERWARDS**, Kelly said she thought the program went "very well."

"I think it was beneficial and educational to the community," Kelly said. "That's what we're all about."

A recording of the session will soon be available to stream through the Fairfax Public Access website at [www.fcac.org](http://www.fcac.org).

## Blue Stars Are Better than Gold

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n the last year and a half, Fairfax County Public Schools have been able to reduce the energy consumption in their buildings by 15 percent. That cut down resulted in savings of \$4.5 million, according to a release Sept. 25 by the school system.

February 2014 marked the beginning of a partnership between Fairfax County Public Schools and Cenergistic, an energy conservation program firm. Cenergistic analysts set out to evaluate county campuses and reduce operating costs by increasing efficiency.

According to Dr. Randy Hoff, chief executive officer of Cenergistic, the school system spends approximately \$34 million

annually on utilities while operating its more than 200 campuses.

"It's a significant expense," Hoff said at the board's regular meeting on Sept. 24. He said the job is to "ensure we're eliminating waste and maintaining comfort in the buildings as well."

Hoff came before the board to announce not only the energy and money-saving accomplishments of the cooperative analysis, but that with 146 Energy Star-certified schools, Fairfax County had taken the lead as the most efficient district in the United States.

Los Angeles Unified School District was the previous leader with 142 schools Energy Star-certified.

"This is important to be first on," Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza said, "because it demonstrates to our community how seri-

## Fairfax County's 146 Energy Star-certified schools make it the most energy-efficient district in the country.

ous we are about taking care of the precious taxpayer dollars that we're stewards of.

"Every dollar we save," Garza added, "can be directed back to classrooms, teacher salaries, is important to our school system."

Michael Katz, with the Energy Star program and the Environmental Protection Agency, said that on average, schools with the Star certification generate about 30 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than non-certified schools. He, as well as several board members, commented on the way this energy-conserving program can both impact climate change and provide educational opportunities for students on being better stewards of the environment.

"The buildings in which we work, play and learn have a tremendous role to play in addressing this challenge," said Katz.

Katz and Hoff explained that 30 percent of energy used in school buildings is wasted, and the main power draw for utilities is heating and cooling.

Hoff used the examples of snow days, summer vacation and after-school as opportunities for uses of the school to be consolidated in a way that requires less heating or cooling energy. Hoff's next goal is reaching a 25 percent reduction in consumption, while continuing to ensure students and teachers are comfortable and in a hospitable learning environment. "We have a lot of runway ahead of us to improve even more," Hoff said.

# What's Old is New Clifton business grand opening falls on 48th Clifton Day festival.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**L**aura Jane Cohen and Heather Taylor's business is a bit like the historic town of Clifton itself. They're taking something that's well-aged and restoring it for others to appreciate the character, charm and beauty of the piece. So it's fitting the duo is holding the grand opening of their Belle Jar Design retail store for vintage furniture and reclaimed rustic design items on the town's 48th annual Clifton Day festival.

Cohen and Taylor, previously amateur vintage market hunters and interior designers for themselves and friends, decided to go professional in 2014. Initially operating out of Sweet Clover barn in Frederick, Md., they also visited flea markets including Lucketts in Leesburg and began making a name for themselves.

The pair was interested in opening a retail store and getting a firm roof over their heads as opposed to a fair tent. When a real estate agent showed them the early 1900s-era house at 7137 Main Street in Clifton, they knew the historic location would "marry the feel of what we do," said Cohen.

The house had come up for rent after being vacated by La Bella Luce imported



**Belle Jar Design in Clifton specializes in restoring vintage furniture and repurposing antique items such as apothecary jars and tobacco-picking baskets.**

and antique furniture. Belle Jar Design's lease began Sept. 1, and immediately Cohen and Taylor were welcomed by locals looking in the windows and offering warm greetings.

"We've been overwhelmed," said Taylor, whose background is a nurse practitioner. "Clifton has been so welcoming, so kind."

Cohen said other small business owners in the town, including from Hydrangea of Clifton, the Clifton Wine Shop and Cupcaked bakery came to visit and expressed that more retail is good for all of them.

"People have looked out for us in a way we never would've expected," said Cohen. "It's such a small town. The waitresses at the Main Street Pub already know us. We felt at home very quickly."

At the heart of Belle Jar Design (a play on the vintage "bell" jars the two have become known for using in their designs) is finding new ways to play with and repurpose old elements — craft a personal design whether your preference is modern, antique or mixed. Cohen used the example of taking a mixing bowl that belonged to your grandmother and making it the cen-

terpiece on a dining room table.

"It's not getting something to look like a kitchen threw up in a dining room," she said, "but could you use a vintage farm table with Ghost chairs? Yes."

Each of the pieces in the retail store, from a ruddy-brown bachelor chest to a tall, stately ivory dresser, has been sourced in Virginia or North Carolina, refurbished and made functional again.

"We believe in keeping the history of the piece," said Taylor, "restoring the natural beauty of unpainted wood, making sure the drawers and doors all work."

Cohen learned furniture refurbishing from her carpenter grandfather and handyman father. She and Taylor do restoring work themselves, with carpentry help from Cohen's husband Seth.

"We have very supportive families, that makes the biggest difference," said Cohen. Both women said their friends and neighbors have also pitched in, either providing moral support or showing them furniture on their phones at Old Keene Mill pool over the summer and asking the Belles if they'll take it.

"We've never not taken something," Cohen and Taylor said.

Belle Jar Design opens Oct. 11 on Clifton Day. For more information, visit [www.bellejardesign.com](http://www.bellejardesign.com).

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Several projects were prepared for the volunteers, including maintenance of the Eagle Trail.

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## Lands Day Celebrated at Gunston Elementary

Bureau of Land Management – Eastern States organized the 2015 National Public Lands Day event at Gunston Elementary School.

The focus for this year's event is on volunteers and youth. Several projects were prepared for the volunteers; constructing an outdoor classroom for environmental education; maintain and spread stone dust material on the Eagle Trail; assemble picnic tables; and renovate a raised-bed garden in the atrium of Gunston Elementary School.

Boy Scout Troop 155 from Ft. Belvoir turned out 35 strong, scouts, leaders and advisors. The Gunston

PTA and school students were well represented.

Mason Neck Lions Clubs food service volunteers provided a lunch choice of Hamburgers or hot dogs with snack packets of chips, Oreos and cheese crackers. The Lions served 160 hungry volunteers.

BLM State Director John Ruhs, Lower Potomac Field Station Manager Zachary Reichold, John Beck and other BLM officials gave brief remarks to kick-off the program.

BLM has supported a partnership with Gunston Elementary School and provided grants to the school for environmental education projects.



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## Arts Council Board of Directors Elects New Chair

Jo M. Hodgin is the new chair of the Board of Directors for the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Hodgin's experience ranges from strategic planning; local, state, and federal government affairs; and community partnerships. "We couldn't be happier to have Jo Hodgin serve as our new Board Chair," said Linda S. Sullivan, president & CEO of the Arts Council. "With her demonstrated success in forging connections between businesses, government, and the arts, Hodgin is a great asset to our board, the organization and the Fairfax arts community we serve." In addition to a new chair, five new members have been elected to the Council's Board of Directors, which comprises 26 members reflecting the diversity and strength of Fairfax County:



Jo M. Hodgin

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Community leaders, faculty and students gather to cut the ribbon formally dedicating the new artificial turf competition field at South County High School.

## South County High Dedicates New Artificial Turf Fields

South County High School is the latest among county schools to have completed switching competition and practice fields from real grass to artificial turf.

The synthetic surface is said to be cheaper to maintain than traditional grass, and exhibit greater durability in allowing more sports groups to use it, regardless of wet or dry conditions.

South County dedicated their two new fields ahead of the Stallions' football face off with the Hayfield Secondary School Hawks on Sept. 18.

Student activities director Leah Conte said the total cost for the school was \$447,000. Fundraising as part of an organized "TurfSoco" campaign included the "Go the Extra Yard" program, a car raffle, concert and sporting event raffles, sports team dona-

tions and a silent auction dinner.

In an email, Conte praised the donors and sponsors that helped make the four-year "journey" that culminated in two new fields a reality.

"We owe a big thank you to the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, the Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services, Vulcan Materials, Hellas Construction, South County Athletic Association, the South County Athletic Boosters and all of our community donors," Conte said. "We are so proud of our facilities at South County and look forward to sharing it with our community," she added. "The ribbon-cutting ceremony was a true reflection of a lot of hard work by our community and it made us all proud to be Stallions."

— TIM PETERSON

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## Changing Perspective on Death Penalty

**Evolving standards will eclipse death penalty entirely at some point in the future.**

It's sad to see senseless death as a response to senseless death. Alfred R. Prieto is not a sympathetic figure, a serial killer who was on death row in California when DNA connected him to murders and rapes in Reston and Arlington that took place in 1988. He is scheduled for execution this week, at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Evolving standards of decency have led to the understanding that it's wrong and unconstitutional to subject people whose crimes were committed when they were juveniles or people with intellectual disabilities to the death penalty.

The Arc of Northern Virginia, an advocacy group for people with intellectual disabilities, asked Gov. Terry McAuliffe to send Prieto back to California so that his intellectual disabilities, raised in the sentencing phase of his trial, could be analysed. McAuliffe has declined to

intervene in Prieto's case. It was a Virginia case, *Atkins v. Virginia*, that led the U.S. Supreme Court to rule that execution of people with mental retardation is unconstitutional.

Prieto was sent to Virginia to face trial even though he was already on death row in California because of the belief, clearly correct, that he would be more likely to be executed in Virginia.

Over time, it seems clear that evolving standards of decency will end the death penalty in the United States. The number of death sentences has dropped dramatically since 2000, and executions have declined as well, from a high of 98 in 1999 to just 35 in 2014, the lowest in 20 years, according to Amnesty International.

Prieto committed heinous crimes, and releasing him from prison should never be an option.

Warren Fulton and Rachel Raver were last seen around midnight in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2, 1988. The two George Washington University students, both 22, were found dead Dec. 6, 1988 in a field off Hunter Mill Road in Reston. Both were shot in the head. Raver had been raped. Investigators believed they had been abducted and forced to drive to the remote location. DNA evidence linked Prieto to Raver's death and to that of Veronica Jefferson,

### Vigil to Oppose Death Penalty

Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will hold vigils around the state on the evening that Alfredo Prieto is scheduled for execution, Thursday, Oct. 1.

Arlington Vigil in opposition to the death penalty

Oct. 1, 8:30-9:10 p.m.

Clarendon Metro Station. The vigil will be held in the public park between Clarendon and Wilson Boulevards, right behind the Metro exit. Attendees are welcome to bring signs with appropriate, peaceful, anti-death penalty messages.

For more information, contact Elise Cleva at [elise.cleva@gmail.com](mailto:elise.cleva@gmail.com) or see <http://www.vadp.org/>

a 24-year-old CIA finance officer who was raped and shot to death in Arlington County in May 1988, although he was never tried in that case. A Fairfax County jury sentenced Prieto to death in 2006.

The murders and rapes were unsolved for 17 years until 2005 when California's DNA database joined a national database.

— MARY KIMM

## Move Forward Against Gerrymandering

BY DIANNE BLAIS  
AND LOIS PAGE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA

Sept. 1 brought yet another reminder of the partisan rancor that too often paralyzes the Virginia General Assembly these days. Despite convening briefly for a special session in mid-August, that body failed to meet the deadline imposed by a federal court for redrawing the boundaries of the state's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

To briefly recap, a three-judge panel of the 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the General Assembly to go back to the drawing board after it found that its 2011 Congressional redistricting plan sought to pack as many African-Americans as possible into the district represented by Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott of Richmond. Because African-Americans now make up nearly 20 percent of the state's population, this approach served only to dilute their potential political power in a state that has 10 other Congressional districts.

While the legal and political wrangling continues, the failure of the General Assembly to address its responsibilities will likely leave the map-drawing in the hands of the federal judiciary — a job that the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) suspect the judges are not eager to take on. The LWV-VA believes that these maps are a good place to begin, because they were developed by persons seeking to adhere to the redistricting requirements embedded in the Virginia Constitution, rather than by persons seeking only to amass enough voters of the right political stripe in their districts to assure their easy re-election.

The judges do have the opportunity to set a very positive example for all future redistricting efforts by using as their starting point the independent, bipartisan redistricting plans that were developed during the last redistricting cycle. A good redistricting plan would respect natural geographic boundaries, the boundaries of local jurisdictions and communities of interest. If redistricting is done in a way that is fair and non-partisan, it will ultimately produce a result that permits democratic processes to flourish in our state and reflects the true political power of minorities and other ethnic groups within our increasingly diverse Commonwealth.

The court also has the opportunity to follow a key recommendation of Governor McAuliffe's bipartisan Integrity Commission. The commission recommended amending the Virginia Constitution so that future redistricting plans would always be drawn by an independent commission, rather than partisan politicians.

It was commendable that then-Governor Bob McDonnell appointed an independent, bipartisan advisory commission, which held hearings around the state before proposing

three different congressional redistricting maps. The commission also encouraged the consideration of the winning maps that emerged from a competition among Virginia college teams that year.

Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of using such commissions to draw the boundaries of legislative districts, we believe the current impasse provides the appeals court with a rare opportunity to demonstrate that this approach can actually work in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In doing so, the court can strike a blow for fairness, transparency and good government — and take an important step toward promoting a healthier democracy in our very politically polarized state.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA), along with Leagues across the country continue to press for redistricting reform at the state level. To learn more about redistricting and LWV-VA decades-long efforts to decrease gerrymandering go to <http://www.lwv-va.org/redistrict.html>. A major effort of LWV-VA is to have redistricting reform by 2021 when the next redistricting occurs.

### Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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# FALL FUN

## Fall Festival Offers Two Days of Fun Fall for Fairfax KidsFest Returns to the Fairfax County Government Center on Oct. 3-4.

Enjoy the best that fall has to offer at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest on two days, Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Northern Virginia's largest family fall festival includes more than 100 interactive activities, a full kids' carnival, exhibits and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health, all on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Activities include: Inova Healthy Play Zone, Fairfax Express Trackless Train, Pony Rides, Maze, Wiggle Cars, Instrument Petting Zoo, Scarecrow Making, Petting Zoo, Model Trains, Pumpkin Decorating, KidWay MidWay rides, County Corner showcasing family-friendly services such as Kids IDs and more than 30 performances geared specifically to elementary school and toddler-aged children. Fall for Fairfax KidsFest is free to attend; however, select activities require a minimal charge.

All-day super passes, which include unlimited turns on the Kidway Midway, moon bounces, and the trackless train, are on sale

now at [www.fallforfairfax.com](http://www.fallforfairfax.com) at discounted prices prior to the festival. Individual tickets and super passes will also be sold onsite. Weekend passes are available online only.

In addition to all of the fun fall activities, two festival stages will feature a line-up of popular children's performers, including: The Curiosity Crew starring Ryan Buckle, Rocknoceros, The Great Zucchini, Wildlife Ambassadors, and Under The Sea, as well as the music and dance traditions of Fairfax's diverse communities. For a quick snack or a relaxing family meal, a variety of tasty dining options are available at the festival food court. Also, don't miss the Community Expo located on the patio in front of the Government Center building, which will highlight various non-profit organizations that serve Fairfax County.

Parking is plentiful at the Fairfax County Government Center and free shuttle bus service is provided from the Vienna Metro Station (Orange Line) to the festival grounds every hour beginning at 10 a.m. For general information about Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, visit [www.fallforfairfax.com](http://www.fallforfairfax.com) or call 703-324-3247.

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# 48th Clifton Day Festival Oct. 11

Clifton town council member Deb Dillard has been helping run the Clifton Day festival for 16 years, including 10 organizing the kids park.

“That’s where most people really see the community, where you actually see it, is the kids park,” Dillard said. “We’ve got Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, neighborhood kids, different games, egg-painting — it feels like an old-time fair.”

New this year in the kids park is an educational organization called Wildlife Ambassadors that Clifton Day planning committee member Lynne Strang said will be bringing lizards, snakes, tortoises and parrots, among other creatures.

Approaching its 48th year, Clifton Day continues to be one of the biggest days in the historic town that has roots dating back past the Civil War.

“The town of Clifton wouldn’t be the same without the many educational, cultural and social contributions that come from non-profit organizations,” Clifton Betterment Association president Michelle Stein said in a statement. “Clifton Day provides a way to recognize and support these important members of our community.”

Expect many elements of the



The Fairfax-based 49th Virginia Infantry performs Civil War reenactments at Clifton Day in 2014 and is scheduled to return for 2015.

festival to continue, including an outdoor marketplace featuring around 150 vendors, craft demonstrations of pottery, wine-making and honey-making, as well as war reenactments from the Fairfax-based 49th Virginia Infantry and pony rides from the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program.

Clifton Day is also the one day of the year when the Virginia Railway Express train makes a stop in Clifton. A special train schedule for Oct. 11 is available on the festival website. For more information, visit [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com)

— TIM PETERSON

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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.

### THURSDAY/OCT 1 - SATURDAY/OCT 3

**Annual Fall for the Book Festival.** George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Featured authors are National Book Award winner Tim O’Brien and “Outlander” author Diana Gabaldon. Visit [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

### THURSDAY/OCT. 1

**Jammin’ Book Party.** Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Explore fun stories and games. Snacks provided. Age 9-12.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 2

**Movie Night in the Campground.** 7-9 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Join in the fun of Movie Night by watching Ghostbusters at the Campground at Burke Lake Park this fall.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 2-4

**Cabaret Series: Notorious!** 8-9:30 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Cabaret of this month welcomes audience with a story containing wicked villain and best songs, and fills the audience with laughter. Tickets: \$25-\$30. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 3

**Art in the Courtyard.** 11 a.m. - 3

p.m. 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and artists from Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and even digital artwork.

**Country-Western Dance.** 7:30-10 p.m. The Salvation Army, Fairfax Corps, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. Couples and singles welcome. \$5-\$12. [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org).

**Cool Cow Comedy Presents: Lucas Bohn.** 7-8:30 p.m. & 9-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Host and comedian Rahmein Mostafavi leads the evening show by presenting a guest, Lucas Bohn, who was awarded received an award for Best of the Fest at the Detroit Comedy Festival. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-4

**Fall for Fairfax KidsFest.** Saturday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Northern Virginia’s largest family fall festival includes more than 100 interactive activities, a full kids’ carnival, exhibits and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety and personal health.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 4

**Railroad Technology Exhibit.** 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Contributions by local inventors since the early days of railroading and “futuristic” concepts,

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## Sharp Irreverent Fun

“Orpheus in the Underworld” from Virginia Opera at the Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Have no fears of flying off into Offenbach’s delicious musical parody of the legend of Orpheus pursuing his wife Eurydice into the Underworld. Be swept away with light, sparkling opera music and terrific voices as well as some naughty mythological Greek gods and a bored married couple. All sung in English with plenty of contemporary touches in this battle of wits and the sexes.

“Orpheus in the Underworld”

is the season opening performance of Virginia Opera at the Center for the Arts. “Orpheus” includes the instantly recognizable galloping “Can-Can” that will energize not only the actors on stage but everyone in the audience.

The production “is full of satirical humor; basically a Comedy Central roast of all the Greek gods and goddesses,” said Adam Turner, principal conductor and artistic advisor at Virginia Opera.

For “Orpheus,” Turner is the chorus master for the over two dozen cast members. In this critical role, he makes sure the many voices from principals to chorus members, “blend together in what is a modern story that explores bad behavior.”

How is “Orpheus in the Underworld” so irreverent? The story revolves around the utter boredom of the gods on Mount Olympus who later become connected to the open marriage of mortals Orpheus (Javier Abreu) and Eurydice (Meredith Lustig). Eurydice wants “to explore her femininity and sen-

### Where and When

Virginia Opera presents “Orpheus in the Underworld,” George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Ave., Fairfax. Performances: Saturday, Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$48- \$98. Call 888-945-2468 or visit: [www.cfa.gmu.edu](http://www.cfa.gmu.edu). Note: “Orpheus in the Underworld” is sung in English with English supertitles. There is a pre-show discussion 45 minutes before the performance.

suity” noted Turner. She finds herself carried off to the Underworld by Pluto (Daniel Curran) and soon appears before uber-god Jupiter (Troy Cook).

There is a key character named “Public Opinion” (Margaret Gawrysiak).

Offenbach’s “Orpheus in the Underworld” is a quite modern take on values, politics, even class struggles and ethical conflicts noted Turner. “Orpheus” has many recognizable tunes beyond the “Infernal Gallop” which has become popularly known as the “Can-Can.” And you may recognize a slowed version of the “Infernal



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**Margaret Gawrysiak as Public Opinion and Javier Abreu as Orpheus in Virginia Opera’s production of “Orpheus in the Underworld.”**

Gallop” that represents the tortoise in the musical suite “The Carnival of the Animals” by Saint-Saens.

Add to all this, that Northern Virginia will soon be treated to Virginia Opera’s expanded programming including in local schools, according to Robert Cinnante, recently appointed education and outreach director for Virginia Op-

era. “The Virginia Opera has a new strategic mission to become the opera company with the youngest opera audience in the America in the next decade.” There will be outreach as well to young professionals and Millennials, so that “future generations of opera audiences grow.”

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still being used today, will be highlighted. Artifacts from the Museum's collection will also be on display. \$2-\$4.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 9-18

**Point A to Point B.** Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. It's just another day at the Lab, but today's particular assignment has the two employees scratching their heads: a ball keeps appearing from a spot labeled "Point A" and needs to travel to "Point B." The catch is that the ball can never travel the same way twice. Tickets are \$9 for children and adults and can be purchased online at [www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org](http://www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org) or at the door on the day of the performance.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 10

**Fall Festival in Old Town Historic Fairfax.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival>.

**Burke History Day.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Burke Fire and Rescue Department, 9501 Old Burke Road, Burke. Join for exhibits, talks and children's events to learn about the rich history of this vibrant community.

**Fairfax Ferns Garden Club Flower Shop.** 12:30-4 p.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. The Fairfax Ferns Garden Club will have a Small standard Flower Show that will have flower design and horticultural exhibits.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 11

**Clifton Day.** 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Town of Clifton, corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. The town's annual arts and crafts fair. Informative luncheon, along with door prizes, delicious food, complementary child care and new friendships. Reservations call 703-922 6438 or e-mail: [SpringWmConn@yahoo.com](mailto:SpringWmConn@yahoo.com).

**T-TRAK Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Table Top N gauge model trains will be on display and running.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14

**Don Hakenson to Present a Civil War Forum.** 7:30 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Noted Civil War Historian, Donald Hakenson will present a Forum titled, "Col. John Singleton Mosby's Most Successful Combat Operations and His Worst Defeat."

## THURSDAY/OCT. 15

**Filmmaker Series: Back on Board: Greg Louganis.** 4:30 p.m. GMU Johnson Center Cinema, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Back on Board: Greg Louganis tells the life story of this four-time Olympic Champion as he returns to diving after a long period of absence. A discussion with filmmaker Cheryl Furjanic follows the screening.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 15 -18.

**Vincent.** Time varies. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. In this 75-minute performance written by Leonard Nimoy and directed by Paul Stein, the story looks into the mind of a misunderstood genius Vincent Van Gogh and rumors flying in Paris after his death. Tickets: \$25. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 17

**K-9 Krawl 5K.** 9 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A free walk to help increase



**The Bunnyman returns at Clifton's Haunted Trail on Oct. 24, a terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park.**

## Ongoing

### Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.

Through Nov. 7 at McQuire Woods Gallery, Bldg 16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat.: 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday: 12-5 p.m. The exhibition brings together some of the area's top painters in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, presenting 100 original works including landscapes, florals, still life and abstracts.

awareness between domestic violence and the link to animal cruelty. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2015K9Krawl>

**Ballroom Social Dance.** 7:30-10:30 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Come join the evening to learn some new dance moves. Mini-lesson takes place from 7:30-8 p.m. followed by open dance from 8-10:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10-15.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 18

**DMV Run for the Warriors.** 8:15-10 a.m. Burke Lake Park, Shelter A, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Local 5K and 1-Mile Walk/Run to raise support and awareness of military non-profit, Hope For The Warriors, which aims to restore hope for service members, their families, and families of the fallen. [runforthewarriors.org](http://runforthewarriors.org).

**NTRAK Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a display and running N gauge model trains.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 23

**TGIFairfax - Rock the Block.** 6-9 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. This family friendly free concert series features fantastic live bands, great food and a beer and wine garden - all held in the heart of Old Town Fairfax.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 24

**Clifton Haunted Trail.** 7-10 p.m. Chapel Road, Clifton. A terrifying annual event that winds through Clifton's 8 Acre Park. Visit [cliftonhauntedtrail.com](http://cliftonhauntedtrail.com).

**VolunteerFest.** 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Various locations. VolunteerFest is the local celebration of National Make A

Difference Day. Students, service hours are available. All volunteer activities are free to the participants. Register as a volunteer at [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php).

## WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 21-25

**Disney on Ice.** 7 p.m. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrate the legacy of Disney in this ice skating spectacular. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

**How Do Plants Get Ready for Winter?** 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories, songs and finger play. Age 3-5 with adult.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 8

**Railroad Collectibles Special Sale.** 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Railroad collectibles, antiques, railroad memorabilia, toys and art.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 13

**Small Plates: Choreography Festival.** 8-10 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. At the festival, a curated dance showcase features groups and solo pieces from regional dance companies.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 13-15

**Cabaret Series: Dueling Divas!** Time varies. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Dueling Divas performs songs made famous by the Broadway stars and bring humor and laughter to audience. Tickets: \$30.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 14

**Hula Performance & Dinner.** 2-4 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Hula group performing songs and dance of the Islands as well as dinner. Tickets: \$10-\$15.

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# SPORTS

## Lake Braddock Defense Holds Off West Potomac

**Bruins QB Edwards scores game-winning TD on fourth-down run.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**F**acing fourth-and-6 from the West Potomac 18-yard line on the final play of the third quarter, Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards rolled to his right and looked down field before encountering a West Potomac defender. Edwards came to a stop, avoided the defender and headed back across the field to his left before scoring the go-ahead touchdown.

With less than 7 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, West Potomac faced fourth-and-goal at the 5-yard line. Rather than attempt a field goal, head coach Jeremiah Ross went for the lead, but quarterback Mark Ellis' pass, intended for standout receiver CJ Burch, fell incomplete.

The West Potomac football team played well enough to have a chance to upset the Lake Braddock Bruins during Friday's battle of undefeated Conference 7 opponents. But when plays had to be made in crunch time, it was Lake Braddock, winner of at least a share of six consecutive Conference 7/Patriot District titles, which found a way to get it done.

The Lake Braddock defense made two fourth-down stops in the final quarter and the Bruins held on for a 24-21 victory at West Potomac High School.

After stopping West Potomac on fourth-and-goal, Lake Braddock punted the ball back to the Wolverines, who took over at their own 25 with 3:05 remaining. After a 6-yard pass play on first down, three straight incomplete passes gave the ball back to the Bruins, who were able to run out the clock.

Friday's victory extended Lake Braddock's win streak against West Potomac to eight games. The Bruins improved to 4-0, including 2-0 in the conference. The Wolverines fell to 3-1, 0-1 in the conference.

"I think [the defense] showed some maturity," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "We grew up a little bit today. Not only did we stop them [on fourth-and-goal], we had to hold them again and stop them. The kids didn't fold under pressure. That was my worry — [we would] give up another bomb to [Burch]. We played tough. The goal-line stand, there was great coverage there."

Lake Braddock took the lead for good when Edwards scrambled for an 18-yard touchdown on the final play of the third quarter, giving the Bruins a 24-21 advantage.

"We originally wanted to throw toward the West Potomac (right) sideline," Edwards said. "We had a nice pass play set up. As soon as the ball was snapped, they adjusted well to it. I rolled out that way figuring I was going to take off and then I kind of peeked out of the left side of my eye, and then my entire line was set up sort of in a wall. I got maybe nine or eight real good blocks running down the sideline."

Edwards completed 18 of 34 passes for 179 yards. He was intercepted once. He also carried 10 times for 48 yards and a score.

"He is a gamer," Poythress said about his quarterback, "and you've just got to keep giving him opportunities."



PHOTO BY RICHARD MAPLE

**Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards carries the ball during the Bruins' 24-21 win over West Potomac on Sept. 25.**

West Potomac's best chance to tie or take the lead came when the Wolverines had first-and-goal at the 8-yard line with less than 8 minutes remaining. But after a run play on first down gained three yards, the Wolverines came up empty after three straight incomplete passes.

Rather than attempt a tying 22-yard field goal, Ross opted to go for it on fourth-and-goal at the 5. After the game, Ross brought up that Lake Braddock had pressured West Potomac's extra-point attempts.

"My thought process is: I liked our guys versus their guys as far as athletically," Ross said. "I like our matchups. When you're playing a team like that, I really wasn't playing for the tie."

On fourth down, Ellis looked for Burch, who was covered by Lake Braddock cornerback Peyton Scott, but the ball bounced off Burch's hand.

"I knew he was their best receiver and I knew they were going to try to go to him," Scott said. "We're coached well and I knew what I had to do to stop him. I was alert. I was ready for the ball to come his way."

West Potomac led 14-10 at halftime after blocking a field goal attempt on the final play of the half. Lake Braddock responded with a 12-play, 69-yard drive to open the second half, and took a 17-14 lead on Lamont Atkins' 1-yard touchdown run with 8:15 remaining in the third quarter.

Atkins finished with 20 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown. Ibrahim Mansaray carried seven times for 62 yards and a score.

Burch had a big night for West Potomac, catching six passes for 146 yards and a touchdown. His 48-yard touchdown catch with 4:03 left in the first quarter gave West Potomac a 14-3 lead.

Ellis completed 16 of 33 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns. Ellis connected with Brandan Lisenby for a 37-yard touchdown with 4:45 remaining in the third quarter, giving the Wolverines a 21-17 advantage.

Lisenby had four receptions for 80 yards.

West Potomac running back Justine Annan had 13 carries for 49 yards and a score.

"We had a chance to win it and we didn't," Ross said. "The kids played their tails off. That was a great high school football game."

Lake Braddock will host Centreville at 7 p.m. on Friday. West Potomac will travel to face Woodson.

"The kids are hurting right now and they should because they care," Ross said. "I told them that. I said, 'Hey, let it hurt tonight ... but tomorrow we watch the film and then we get in the weight room ... and get ready for Woodson.' I think this team's got a lot of football [left] in it."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton passed for 301 yards and six touchdowns during the Stallions' 42-40 win over West Springfield on Sept. 25.**



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**West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett threw five touchdown passes against South County on Sept. 25.**

### Stallions Win Shootout Against Spartans

South County quarterback DeAndre Clayton and West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett combined to throw 11 touchdown passes on Sept. 25 and the Stallions and Spartans combined to score 82 points.

At the end of the night, the South County football team defeated West Springfield 42-40 at West Springfield High School.

Both teams entered the Conference 7 matchup with 3-0 records. South County remained unbeaten thanks in large part to Clayton, who completed 22 of 29 passes for 301 yards, with six touchdowns and one interception. He also carried 13 times for 126 yards.

Dillon Spalding caught six passes for 144 yards and three touchdowns. Solomon Simay, Michael Salisbury and Nate Avery each caught one touchdown pass.

Clayton threw all six of his touchdown passes in the first half as South County led 42-26 at the half.

West Springfield outscored South County 14-0 in the second half, but fell short of a victory.

Muskett completed 13 of 26 passes for 335 yards and five touchdowns, with no interceptions. Darean Robertson had four catches for 163 yards and two touchdowns. Jacob Estes and Najee Green and Daniel Adu each caught one touchdown pass.

South County will travel to face T.C. Williams at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3. West Springfield will host Stone Bridge at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

### South County's Spalding Selected to National Team

South County receiver Dillon Spalding was selected to play on USA Football's 2016 U.S. Under-17 National Team. In February, the team will face Canadian National teams in the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium.

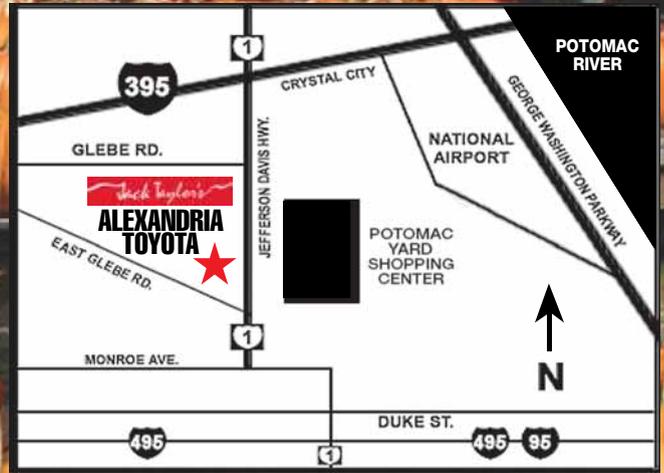
### Robinson Football Improves to 2-2

The Robinson football team defeated Oakton 42-17 on Friday in the Rams' Conference 5 opener.

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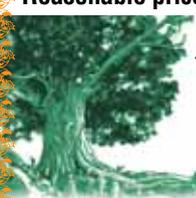
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**Bikes for the World Collection.** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saint Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. October 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your usable/ repairable bikes and spare parts to the Farrell Hall parking lot for shipment to poverty stricken areas of the world. No bikes? Donations to offset shipping costs gratefully accepted. Make checks payable to Saint Mary of Sorrows Church with Bikes for the World in the memo line. For more information contact: Cathy at 703-3075512, [cat.gaiser@gmail.com](mailto:cat.gaiser@gmail.com), or Brian at 703-764-3845, [Lbbakeith@gmail.com](mailto:Lbbakeith@gmail.com).

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 8

**Boomers and Older Adults Venture into Volunteering.** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lorton Workhouse, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Community and county agency representatives will be on hand to discuss a wide range of opportunities including helping kids with homework, delivering meals on wheels and becoming a court appointed advocate.

**Hospitalization Happens Workshop.** 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Hospital visits are stressful, especially with dementia. Learn how to prepare for both expected and unexpected hospital visits. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP or visit [InsightMCC.org](http://InsightMCC.org) for more information.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 10

**Affordable Screenings.** Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Residents can learn their risk for osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions. Pre-register at 1-877-237-1287 or visit [www.lifelinescreenings.com](http://www.lifelinescreenings.com).

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 17

**Anti-Bullying Fair.** Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. At this fair, there will be local colleges and anti-bullying organizations with booths to talk about what they do and how they help stop bullying. There will also be free lunch, guest speakers, and musical entertainment along with an award ceremony for the T-shirt and poetry competitions.

### FAITH NOTES

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

There will be a "Blessing of the Animals" at **Grace Presbyterian Church**, 7434 Bath Street, Springfield, on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 5 p.m. The blessing will be held outside the church on the lawn.

The blessing will be performed by the Rev. Dr. Lisa Kenkeremath, interim pastor at Grace, and Associate Pastor Rev. Susan Wiseman. The practice of blessing animals was introduced by the Catholic saint St. Francis of Assisi roughly 800 years ago.

The event is open to the public but the pets must be current on all vaccinations. Pet owners may bring pets of all kinds with appropriate leashes or carriers, and waste bags will be provided. Treats will be provided for pets and their people. Pets will also receive a signed certificate.

The congregation of **the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church in Fairfax** will be celebrating its 124<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Oct. 18. The theme for this 124th Anniversary is Faith, Family and Friends: Building Faith, Uniting Family, and Fellowship with Friends, Galatians 6:10. In advance of that service, they have scheduled a night of Revival and a Pre-Anniversary Praise and Worship Concert.

♦ **Revival** - Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Dr. Vernon C. Walton-Guest preacher (First Baptist Church of Vienna)

♦ **Pre-Anniversary Praise and Worship Concert** - Friday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.



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 Rarely Available! 2 bedroom, 2 bath Garage Villa with covered boat slip on the water! Soaring ceilings, huge windows, too much to list. A must see.  
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 Heritage Hunt 55+. Updated 1 level patio home - backs to trees! 1 large BR with WIC, 1.5 BA, Kitchen with oak cabs, recess lights, HVAC 2013, solar tube, ceramic tile, Laundry, Living, Dining, Family, Sunroom, new paint, 1 car gar with new door, patio. Close to Clubhouse & entry gate.  
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 Large end unit 4 level townhouse with 4 bedrooms, 2.55 baths. 3 level back extension. Open main level floor plan with hardwoods. Large kitchen/family room combo. Large deck. Lower level rec/family room w/gas frpl. 2 car garage. Close to shopping, VRE train station.  
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**Fairfax** **\$614,900**  
 Shows Like a Model Home! Gorgeous home! 5 bd, 3.5 ba, 3 finished lvls with walkout to an Amazing Yard! Huge covered deck and lower paver patio w/hot tub! New kit and appliances, hardwood flrs, new windows...too much to mention! \*\*Open Sunday 1-4\*\*  
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 This spectacular 5BR, 3-car garage home on 5.26 acres has been beautifully updated & meticulously cared for. Features a stunning new gourmet kitchen, a huge MBR w/sitting rm, all new bathrooms, enormous office, and a finished basement w/bar, frpl, den & expansive deck.  
**Ngoc Do 703-798-2899**



**Burke** **\$609,900**  
 Stunning Home! Amazing home with Fantastic curb appeal! 5 BR, 3.5 BA. 3 finished lvls with walk out basement. New roof, siding, HVAC, hardwood flrs, windows. Quiet cul-de sac. Home is priced to sell! Call with questions.  
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**Lake Anna** **\$299,000**  
 Fantastic water access lot in Morgan 1 with assigned boat slip #34. Huge yard to accommodate large gatherings. 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, large rec room, 2 car garage, partially fenced yard.  
**Dana Isaac 540-661-2166**



**Alexandria** **\$379,900**  
 Updated single family home at a townhouse price! Large custom sunroom. New hardwood floors. Fresh paint and custom moldings. Move-in ready. A Must See Home!  
**John & Jennifer Boyce 703-425-5646**



**Fairfax** **\$615,000**  
 Vacation at home! Beautifully renovated 4-level split in Kings Park West is close to Royal Lake, tennis courts, trails & pool. Top-of-the-line kitchen, 3 fully updated baths, hardwoods, replaced windows, and more. Lovely screen porch overlooking lush, fully-fenced backyard. Convenient to Metrobus/VRE & top rated schools!  
**Mary Hovland 703-946-1775**  
**Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421**



**Dumfries** **\$349,900**  
 Beautifully upgraded 4BR home in Montclair. Luxury master and guest baths. New hardwoods on main level and new carpet on upper level. Fresh paint and lighting throughout. Roof, siding, and HVAC have been upgraded.  
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**Gainesville** **\$485,000**  
 Heritage Hunt 55+. Gorgeous 2 level "Lakemont" on cul de sac. 3BR (2 on main level), 3BA, gourmet Kitchen with SS Appls, Breakfast room, Family room off Kitchen with gas fireplace, Den, Living, Dining, hardwoods, fans, molding, Sunroom, Loft, screened porch, landscaped yard with irrigation system, 2 car garage.  
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