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From left, Kara Davis, her mother Kathi Hall and Hall's mother Phyllis Sheehan pose behind a table loaded with goods from Kathi's Krocheted Kreations, made by Hall and Davis.

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Bob McDonnell stands with Rachel, Taylor and Sarah and a number of their friends from Girl Scout Troop 6400. The Girl Scouts had a bake sale at Riverside Elementary School on Election Day.

Winning As 'Fairfax's Own'

County grows in size, influence.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Many independent polls had predicted for weeks that former Attorney General Bob McDonnell (R) would beat Democrat Creigh Deeds in the Virginia's gubernatorial election Nov. 3.

But few local Republican activists expected McDonnell to carry Fairfax County.

"Honestly? No, I did not think this would happen. We had planned as if [McDonnell could win Fairfax] but realistically I didn't think it would happen," said Anthony Bedell, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, when asked about statewide campaign's local success on election night.

The new governor-elect beat Deeds by 4,529 votes in Fairfax, managing to collect just over 50 percent of the vote countywide. Fairfax County is Virginia's most populous locality and home to about 12 percent of all registered voters in the Commonwealth.

Over the past nine years, only three Republican candidates, including McDonnell, have managed to beat a Democratic opponent on countywide level in Fairfax. By contrast, 17 Republican candidates have lost to Democrats on a countywide level in Fairfax during the same time period.

Still, the Republican base was more energized this year than they have been in several election cycles, said many party volunteers.

"The feel this year is a lot like when my husband won in 1993 and Clinton was in the White House," said Susan Allen, wife of former governor and U.S. Sen. George Allen (R-Va.), as she campaigned outside her local polling place at Stratford Landing Elementary School.

AS FAIRFAX residents have grown to become such a large part of Virginia's overall voter pool, statewide campaigns have found it harder to ignore the locality, like some more ideologically conservative Republican operations had done in the past, accord-

ing to several local elected officials from both sides of the aisle.

Political observers from both parties agree that the Republican Party cannot simply hope to balance out the votes potentially lost in Fairfax by driving up participation in more reliably right-leaning parts of Virginia as they sometimes did in the past.

In fact, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) has said that a statewide candidate who manages to win Fairfax County by approximately 65,000 votes is nearly impossible to defeat in a Virginia statewide election. The congressman has credited Fairfax, for example, with electing U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D), who defeated incumbent George Allen (R) by double digits in the county tally, despite winning the election statewide by less than a percentage point.

President Barack Obama's campaign recognized the importance of Fairfax during his 2008 race, since the national campaign invested in 10 field directors for the county alone.

IN AN INTERVIEW last spring, McDonnell said that he planned to campaign far more aggressively in Fairfax than the Republican had in his 2005 campaign. Four years ago, McDonnell barely won the attorney general race, defeating Deeds by fewer than 350 votes statewide and losing Fairfax by approximately 41,500 votes.

"I am going to make sure people know that I am the original Fairfax resident. I am going to spend a lot of time up here next fall. I have been here a lot already," said McDonnell in the spring. The Republican grew up in the Mount Vernon area, and attended high school in the City of Alexandria.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) said McDonnell may have appealed more to Northern Virginia residents than previous candidates because of his roots in the area.

"He was raised in Northern Virginia. When people talk about I-66, he knows where that is and he talked about the issues that matter to people up here," said Wolf.

STILL, McDonnell performed better in other parts of the commonwealth than Fairfax, winning with 58.6 percent of the vote statewide.



Tom Rust (R)



Barbara Comstock (R)

Rust, Comstock Win

Republicans win two delegates seats in Herndon and Oak Hill.

The Republican Party made a clean sweep of the Herndon and Oak Hill area when it came to state delegate elections Nov. 3.

Currently, a Democrat and a Republican represent the Herndon and Oak Hill communities in the Virginia House of Delegates. But starting in January, members of the Grand Old Party will hold all both local seats thanks to this month's election.

Incumbent Del. Tom Rust (R-86) won his district over Loudoun County supervisor Stevens Miller, 53.83 percent to 45.99 percent. And Republican Barbara Comstock won the 34th delegate seat over Democratic incumbent Margi Vanderhye by a narrow victory of 50.79 percent to 49.09 percent.

RUST WAS thought to be one of the most vulnerable Republican incumbents in the entire state this year. His Democratic opponent, Stevens Miller, is already an elected official and had more name recognition than Jay Donahue, the Democrat Rust faced in 2007.

The 86th district has also overwhelmingly favored Democratic candidates in statewide races over the last five years, supporting Gov. Tim Kaine with 58 percent of the vote in 2005 and President Barack Obama with 62

percent of the vote in 2008.

Rust's seat includes the Town of Herndon, most of Oak Hill and parts of Sterling in Loudoun County. Approximately 70 percent of Rust's constituents are Fairfax County residents and 30 percent are Loudoun County residents.

In this election, Rust, who was involved in local Herndon town government for more than two decades, widened his margin of victory by about two percentage points over 2007. In the Fairfax County portion of his district, he has increased his share of the votes from about 51 percent to 53 percent since two years ago.

THE 34TH DISTRICT primarily covers McLean and Great Falls but also includes two Herndon precincts, Sugarland and Clearview. Comstock beat Vanderhye in Sugarland pretty handily, with about 53.54 percent of the vote to the Democrat's 46.37 percent of the vote. But Comstock on won the Clearview precinct by a margin of 12 ballots, with 891 votes to Vanderhye's 879.

In her 2007 race, Vanderhye beat her Republican opponent Dave Hunt by 40 votes in Clearview, 670 ballots to 630. The Democrat also won Sugarland by about 38 votes two years ago, 432 ballots to Hunt's 394.

Veterans Day

Remember lives lost,
but also to care for all Veterans.

Family members say Bill Cahir had a kind of indomitable spirit, one that propelled him through difficulties toward accomplishing a goal, reported Michael Lee Pope earlier this year.

After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound sustained while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

"We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

On April 8, 2006, Cahir married Washington lawyer Rene Brown at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. The couple settled in Rosemont on West Cedar Street. Brown was pregnant with twins at the time of Cahir's death.

MORE THAN 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and nearly 800 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 35,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veteran. In the past year, the new GI bill provides a giant step to pay for college for veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, championed by Virginia's U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI bill for veterans locally.

Efforts to improve health care, employment and housing for veterans are also underway and deserve meaningful commitment of resources.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said

his mother.

2Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005.

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon;

Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria.

Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston;

Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria;

Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Children's Connection

Every year, over the winter holidays, the Connection turns the pages of one entire issue over to the contributions of local students.

We will feature artwork of many kinds, photography, poetry, opinions, short stories, reflections and more. Artwork can include paintings, drawings or any media; photos of sculpture, ceramics or other works too large to submit are also encouraged.

We welcome contributions from public schools, private schools and students who are home schooled. Past contributions have come from children from nursery schools through those preparing to graduate from high school.

Sometimes an art or English teacher will assign a project and

submit the work of an entire class, but individual submissions from any young person in the community are welcome.

You can see last year's Children's Connections on our Web site. Go to www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, click on "print Editions Online" in the red bar and scroll down to "Children's Connection."

We prefer digital submissions, delivered on CD or via email. Please send in submissions as soon as possible. Our address is 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. E-mail to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com. Please be sure to include the name of the artist or author, and include age, grade, school attended and name of the home town, along with address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

Scouting for Food in Herndon

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts throughout the Herndon area will be collecting canned and dry groceries from homes Saturday morning, Nov. 14, for area families in need.

Residents who received a bag should place their filled bags outside their door by 9 a.m. on Nov. 14. Pictured here are Cub Scouts from St. Joseph School Pack 913 in Herndon, who distributed more than 1,000 bags to residents of homes surrounding McNair Elementary School in hopes of retrieving the bags filled with canned and dry goods on pickup day this Saturday.



BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Lupus Foundation of America Greater Washington Chapter Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, West Wing Conference Room A, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. Sessions are led by trained professionals who understand the challenges of lupus, a chronic, autoimmune disease with no known cure. 703-689-9240 or www.lupusgw.org.

Office of Special Education Instruction Applied Behavior

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TUESDAY/NOV. 17

Graceful Care to Hold Free Memory Screenings. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the Herndon/Reston Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon. AFA's National Memory Screening Day coincides with National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. 703-464-6200 or 703-904-3994.

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Frieda Hugley contemplates the gift options at Sandy O'Donnell's table, which she runs with the help of her husband Frank.

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Seasonal Switch Boosts Church's Art and Craft Fair

Community of Faith United Methodist event raises money for local mission work.

Community of Faith United Methodist Church in Franklin Farm has thrown an annual art and craft fairs in years past, but this year's event, staged Saturday, Nov. 7, drew more vendors and more customers than in the past, said Beth Fisher, who

helped organize the fair. "I think we've had a pretty successful turnout this year because we moved it to the fall," she said. Previously, the art and craft fair took place in the spring, when there were no major gift-giving holidays. About 18 vendors participated, as opposed to the usual 12 or 13,

and Fisher said the customer turnout was steadier. The event is one of the church's major fund raisers to support its mission work, which is primarily local. Natalie Gohrband, chair of the church's mission committee, said next year's mission work had not yet been planned, but past ef-

orts have included work with Rising Hope Methodist Church, which works with the homeless in the Route 1 corridor; the Pathways program in Richmond, which works on affordable housing; and the Society of St. Andrew, which feeds the poor in West Virginia. The church also sends money to a Methodist missionary at Bethlehem Bible College in Palestine.

— MIKE DiCICCO

CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Artist Patricia C. K. Macintyre. 11 a.m. at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. "From Here To There And Back With A Quack!" book signing. 703-435-9772.
Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.
Friends of the Library Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Call for title. Adults. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Reston Community Players Present Curtains. 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.
Friday Night Coffee House. 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Featuring members of the Songwriters Association of Washington. \$10 cover charge for food and drinks. 703-742-7992.
Patricia Reilly Giff. 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Newbery Award winner, author of the Polk Street School books, presents "Writing: The Story of My Life." 703-249-1520.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Reston Community Players Present Curtains. 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.
Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series, with Lonesome Highway. 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. John Arnold, banjo; Buddy Dunlap, guitar; Jimmy Kountz, mandolin; and Tom Suddath, bass. \$12. 703-435-8377.
Reston Epilepsy Awareness Stroll & Silent Auction. 9:30 a.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 S Lakes Drive, Reston. Sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Va. To register contact 703-698-0229 or danadouglass@cox.net or www.efvase.org/2008STROLL.htm

Our Daily Bread Holiday Food Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit Food for Others. www.our-daily-bread.org.
Harpers Ferry photographer Jim Kirby. 2 p.m. at the Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza N., Reston. In time for the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, local photographer Jim Kirby signs his book exploring the cultural and natural history of Harpers Ferry in photographs. 703-709-7700.
Artist Patricia C. K. Macintyre. 1 p.m. at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. "From Here To There And Back With A Quack!" book signing. 703-435-9772.
Thanksgiving Craft Time. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Celebrate Thanksgiving with stories and a craft. Cosponsored by the Council for the Arts of Herndon. All ages. 703-437-8855.

SUNDAY/NOV. 15

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SPORTS

It's Playoff Time for High School Football Teams

High School Notebook: 16 teams set to play this Friday night; cross country state championships scheduled for Saturday.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It's time for the Northern Region football playoffs following the conclusion of the regular season this past weekend. Four Division 6 (larger enrollment schools), and four Division 5 (smaller schools) first round playoff games are slated for Friday night, Nov. 13.

In Division 5, games scheduled to be played are: No. 8-seed South Lakes at top seed Stone Bridge; No. 7 McLean at No. 2 Lee; No. 6 Yorktown at No. 3 Hayfield; and No. 5 Edison at No. 4 Madison.

Stone Bridge (9-1) of Ashburn, the two-time defending Division 5 region champion, has been less dominant this fall than in recent years despite its excellent record. The Bulldogs won three games by three points (over Westfield, 21-18, West Springfield, 36-33, and Langley, 17-14) and lost to Liberty District opponent Madison, 28-14, at home on Oct. 19. But Stone Bridge appears to be at or near the top of its game in recent weeks with victories over McLean, 38-21, and South Lakes, 45-22, to close out the regular season. In a Division 5 playoff field not as formidable as in the past few years, with teams like Edison and Yorktown not being as strong, the Bulldogs could roll towards another title.

Their first round opponent, South Lakes (5-5), which the Bulldogs played last week, was one of the surprises of the season after a 5-1 start, including a win over Madison at the Warhawks' homecoming. But the Seahawks have cooled off since with four straight losses to conclude the regular season. Still, it has been an overall good season for a South Lakes team that had combined to win just four games over the past two seasons.

South Lakes has a potentially explosive offense with the likes of talented running backs Ja'Juan Jones and Darius Smith, along with wide receiver Sean Price and quarterback Shawn Rana. The Seahawks love to run the football behind premier tackle Kevin Ball.

The Seahawks, over the last month, lost lopsided games to non-region foe Dominion, 46-20, as well as Stone Bridge, and also fell in closer affairs to district opponents Fairfax, 27-22, and Langley, 24-21.

Madison (6-4) won its final two games to clinch a winning record, the wins coming over Jefferson, 34-7, and Marshall, 49-7. The Warhawks' most impressive triumphs this season came over Fairfax, 21-7, and Stone Bridge, 28-14. Madison is hosting an Edison team that has been in three straight Division 5 title games, including a title game win over Stone Bridge in 2006. The Eagles are not as dominant as they have been in past seasons. They are 7-3 and their losses have come to West Spring-

field, 23-12, National District foe Falls Church, 16-14, and Hayfield, 28-21, last week. Edison enjoyed a five-game win streak earlier in the season, including wins over defending Division 6 champion Oakton, 18-14, and Yorktown, 42-10.

Speaking of Oakton, the Cougars are a vastly different team than the experienced, super-talented squad of a year ago that finished 14-1 overall and won both the Concorde District and region titles. This year's Oakton squad is young but managed to squeeze into the Division 6 playoffs with a 5-5 record. Oakton began the season 3-1 before going just 2-4 over its last six games. The Cougars closed the regular season with a 21-7 district win over Chantilly last week.

Oakton will travel to top seeded Woodson this Friday to face the 9-1 Cavaliers. Since a week three loss to Lee, 27-7, Woodson has put together a seven game win streak, including a 35-0 triumph over South County last week.

Oakton Boys Defend Region Cross Country Title

The Northern Region boys' and girls' cross country championships took place Thursday, Nov. 5, at Burke Lake Park. Oakton (79 points) successfully defended last year's crown, finishing ahead of second place Lake Braddock (105), third place West Potomac (127) and fourth place Centreville (140). Each of the top four teams earned a seeding at this Saturday's state championships to take place at Great Meadows in The Plains.

Oakton's Andrew McCullen finished second overall in the boys' race, behind first place Chris Foley of Chantilly. Also for Oakton, Patrick Fulghum finished eighth overall, Matt Woodhouse was 11th and Padriac Flynn 14th.

Herndon High's Jack Jasper earned eighth place to qualify for states. Athletes who ran well but did not finish in the top 15 to qualify for states included Madison's Tom Inglis (17th place), South Lakes' Nick Guarnaccia (21st), Herndon's Troy Hunsaker (27th) and South Lakes' Will Sickenberger (28th).

Fifth place Jefferson was led by 10th place overall finisher Jonathan Phillips (Herndon resident), 20th place Jimmy Wu (Great Falls) and 26th place Will Manaker.

THE TOP FOUR GIRLS' team finishers were champion Lake Braddock (63), second place West Springfield (71), third place West Potomac (100) and fourth place Jefferson (126). Each of the top four teams automatically qualified for states. Team's not making states included sixth place Oakton, seventh place Langley and ninth place Herndon.

Top 15 individual girls' finishers who earned medals and qualified for states included Langley's Mary Fouse (eighth overall), Langley's Jessica Miles (ninth), Herndon's Carolyn Hennessey (13th) and Oakton's Lanie Smith (14th).

Other good individual outings came from Herndon's Carly Kulik (21st), Oakton's Alison Gregor (25th) and South Lakes' Val Moyer (29th).

Jefferson's top finishers were Stephanie Marzen (16th), who is from McLean, Sarah Stites (20th), a Reston resident, and Rehka Schnepf (26th), from McLean.



The Annandale Boys and Girls Club Conquistadores won the USASA National CO-ED Cup the weekend of Oct. 23-25 in Dallas. On the back row, from left: Kip Germain (Annandale), Kate Watson (Woodbridge), Kati Bernedo (Reston), Crystal Feldman (Arlington), Ramon Madan (Oakton), Saad Kejjaji (Arlington), Duncan Short (Washington, D.C.), Norvel Bostick (Oakton), Said El-Hilali (Fairfax), Wendy Latimer (Arlington), Yassine Lagzhaoui (Arlington), Kali Miller (Arlington), Boris Manzur (Burke), Kim Germain (McLean), Olivia Brown (Lorton), Jessica Jarrell (Arlington), Amine Kabbaj (Fairfax) and Ann

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Annandale Boys and Girls Soccer Club (ABGC), nicknamed the Conquistadores, won their record fourth USASA National CO-ED Cup, on the weekend of Oct. 23rd-25 in Dallas, bringing home yet another Adult Amateur National Cup to the Wash., DC area. Having won in 2000, 2001 and 2002, the Conquistadores, once again, captured their historic fourth national crown.

"I would like to give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Kip Germain and [the] Annandale Boys and Girls Club," said Conquistadore's Coach Ramon Madan. "Without the support of ABGC, capturing the national title would have been very, very difficult. This Cup win brings a national championship to ABGC and honors one of the true pillars and foundations of the development of U.S. soccer on the year of their 50th Anniversary."

The Conquistadores, at nationals, won their three-game opening round group with two wins and a tie. They opened with a 3-0 victory versus AFC Select (Houston), then won 6-2 against Holland Co-Ed (Texas South/San Antonio). Then, the locals played a 2-2 tie against Sporting Blues (Colorado) to gain first place in the group and advance to the semifinals.

Against the Holland Co-Ed team, the Conquistadores were down by two goals in the first half before clawing back to win. They also came back against Colorado, scoring the tying goal in the final seconds of play in what was their toughest match at that point in the tournament.

It was fitting that the Conquistadores eventually faced that same Colorado Sporting Blues team in the finals. But to get there they had to best the reigning 2008 National Champs, TNT/Roma (Dallas/Fort Worth), in a semifinal.

In what seemed to be a recurring theme, the Conquistadores fell behind TNT/Roma early, 2-0, before battling back to get within 2-1. They then evened the contest at 2-2 on a penalty kick, which also earned the Roma goalkeeper a Red Card. The Conquistadores scored two more times before conceding another goal to win 4-3 and advance to the championship game.

In the championship final, the Conquistadores again faced the Colorado Sporting Blues, who had defeated Holland Co-Ed, 2-1, in a semis game to earn their ticket in the USASA title match. True to form, Annandale conceded the first goal early in the final to get down 1-0

about midway through the first half.

However, as they had done in the past, the Conquistadores came back to win, 4-1, and secure their record fourth national title. It was a fitting ending for the team's historic 50th Anniversary.

Annandale Boys' and Girls' Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, providing recreational and competitive multi-sport activities for youth and adults in the Northern Virginia area. Founded in 1959, the club has been operating continuously from its main office in downtown Annandale, serving the Washington, D.C. area and beyond.

At one time the largest youth soccer organization in the country, ABGC has not only been an innovator and pioneer, but truly a historic cornerstone in the growth and development of the sport of soccer in the United States, reflecting the ideals and passion of the club's founder, Everett G. Germain Jr. For more information, please visit: abgc1.clubspaces.com/Default_css.aspx

Both the Thomas Jefferson

High girls and boys cross country teams successfully defended their Liberty District championships on Oct. 29 at Burke Lake Park. TJ's girls won with a low score of 26 points and had six runners place in the top 15. The Colonials were led by Stephanie Marzen (McLean resident), who successfully defended last year's district crown. Marzen was joined by teammates Rekha Schnepf and Kelly Rogers (McLean), Sarah Stites and Sarah Nielson (Reston), Lisa Junta (Springfield) and Rachel Kuprenas (Annandale).

Finishing behind Jefferson in the team standings was Langley, which placed five runners in the top 15.

The Jefferson boys won their race with a score of 34 points and also placed six runners in the top 15. TJ's boys were led by Jimmy Wu (Great Falls), who finished second overall. Jefferson's other top runners were Jonathan Phillips (Herndon), Will Manaker (Alexandria), JB Reiter and Ian Rappaport (Vienna), Sam Brinton (Fairfax) and Dave Warrington (Centreville).

Other district athletes to put together outstanding district races included Langley's Mary Fouse, Jessica Miles, Courtney West, Bridget Chesney, Anne Day, and Michael Meyer; Marshall's Courtney Herbalshai; and Madison's Anna Stone and Tom Inglis.

Hearing on Rail Tax District

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will listen to public testimony and make a final decision about whether to approve a second business tax district that would help fund the Metrorail extension to Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County Nov. 23 at 9 a.m.

The second tax district will specifically help pay for three new Metro stops planned for Reston Parkway, the Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride and Route 28. The three stops are located between the Wiehle Avenue station, a stop already fully funded, and Dulles Airport.

In order for the tax district to be considered, either 51 percent of the area's landowners or those people who own land worth 51 percent of the district's assessed value had to agree to pay extra fees that will go toward Metrorail construction.

The extra taxes apply only to commercial property owners and not residents who have single-family homes in the district.

The supervisors said they received a petition of support with signatures from those who own land worth 51 percent of the district's assessed value. The Town of Herndon must also allow the property that is located in the town limits to become part of the tax district, according to county documents.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

SCHOOL NOTES

Army Pvt. **Nicholas Turse** has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Turse is the son of Gary Turse of Berwick, Pa., and Patricia Samper of Tamarack Way, Herndon. He is a 2008 graduate of Berwick High School.

John B. Thibault graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Thibault is a student at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Michael J. Thibault of Lakeport Way, Reston, and Mary B. Thibault of Arusley Court, Herndon. Thibault is a 2006 graduate of Oakton High School, Vienna.

Herndon residents **Robert Smith, Angela Thompson, Jenna George, Michelle Gervasio, Kristofer Kusano, Thomas Martin** and **Kyle Poulsen** have gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To qualify for the marching band students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall. Commonly known as The Spirit of Tech, Virginia Tech's marching band is celebrating their 35 anniversary this year. Under the direction of David McKee and Tony Marinello, the band will present music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Chicago, the Four Seasons, and other artists during the 2009 season.

Alyssa Homyk of Oak Hill has gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To qualify for the marching band students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall. Commonly known as The Spirit of Tech, Virginia Tech's marching band is celebrating their 35 anniversary this year.

Humphrey E. Matthew graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Matthew is a student at Indiana University, Bloomington, and the son of Frank M. Humphrey and Alexis L. Mazzocco of Otsego Drive, Oak Hill.

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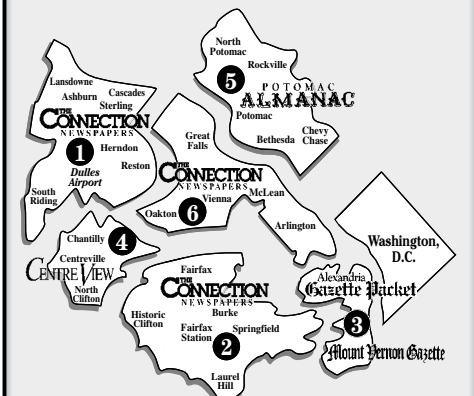
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a former insurance broker (Life & Health, not Property & Casualty), I feel somewhat qualified to address the following question: Is there a car insurance company advertising on television, radio, print, Blimp, direct mail, etc., with whom I couldn't save hundreds of dollars (or 15 percent, whichever is relevant) on my car's insurance? If I want to be naive, I imagine my answer would be "No." Apparently, a phone call; morning, noon, evening or late at night; on line, in person, telepathically, is all that's needed to lower my car insurance premium. Yet, I'm hesitating.

Do I doubt, as former Washington, D.C. Mayor and current D.C. Council member, Marion S. Barry once said (on a completely unrelated subject), "the veracity" of the insurance company's claims (the suggestion, not the department)? Probably not. I suppose if it weren't true, the company wouldn't be saying it and/or paying/advertising to say it. (Or is that a Banana Boat I just fell off?)

Do I think the car insurance companies are baiting me/us consumers so we'll switch, presuming we believe there's gold (figuratively speaking) in them thar insurance hills? (Well, we certainly wouldn't bother if there's tin in them thar hills.) Yes! If we don't believe or are not lead to believe the pursuit is worth our while, it will likely be awhile before we ever call "1-800 CASH-4-ME" (made up number).

Do I believe the faltering economy and the relating cash flow (in and out) adjustments, shall we say, by consumers might be creating an opportunity for corporate America/Big Business to present/bathe themselves in an extremely soft and glowing light into which consumers might be drawn (like moths to a flame) and hopefully find some financial answers/relief? Yeah! Is that a bad thing? Hopefully not for those of us who fall victim (I mean, consider their alternatives).

It's almost unfair, really. How does one resist the temptation to say yes/make that call? Money is no longer growing on trees (if it ever did). It's hardly growing at all. Have you seen the interest rates being paid at your local financial institution? Actually, they should change the description to "lack of interest" paid. And so, in come the car insurance companies (since most of us still have cars, although some of us no longer have homes or jobs) to try and interest us. If we no longer can save money in the bank (and earn interest on that money), perhaps we would be open to the next best option: not spending it. To update Benjamin Franklin's most famous admonition; a penny not spent is like an increase in your unemployment compensation. And a lower premium for your car's insurance is similarly money well not-spent.

So what am I waiting for? Godot? This is ain't no movie. This is real life, as real as it gets when there's not enough money to pay for the too-many things with which many of us have become accustomed or worse, dependent. If saving money on car insurance was as easy as we have been advertised to believe it is, we should all be grateful to live in a country where such timely opportunity exists. I always knew, as my father often rhetorically opined: "Is this a great country or what!" Yes, it is.

Sometimes, though, you have to be careful what you wish for.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Scott W. Pruitt and Paula E. Pruitt, dated October 11, 2000, and recorded October 16, 2000, in Deed Book 11560 at page 1314 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 Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at , Virginia, on

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 1, Loveless Subdivision, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2035 at page 660, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2830 Fox Mill Road, Herndon, Virginia 20171.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$16,000.00 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 7.50 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.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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