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**President Barack Obama was relaxed and playful delivering his “Romnesia” quips before a crowd of 10,000 supporters during the rally at GMU on Friday, Oct. 19. Much of his short stump speech focused on issues affecting women and healthcare.**

## Obama Fires Up Fairfax Crowd With ‘Romnesia’ Quips

**President delivers second GMU gender-pitch aimed at women voters.**

By Victoria Ross  
The Connection

**L**illie Reynolds, a single mother from Herndon with four daughters, stood in line for nearly five hours to hear President Barack Obama speak for 25 minutes at a campaign rally at George Mason University on Friday, Oct. 19.

“He was funny, but we needed that,” said Reynolds after the president’s quip-filled speech, during which he debuted the catchphrase “Romnesia.”

According to Obama, his GOP rival Mitt Romney has come down with a bad case of “Romnesia” because Romney has “conveniently forgotten” his own positions on issues important to women and their families, like saying he’d be “delighted” to sign a law outlawing a woman’s right to choose in all cases.

“There’s a lot of truth in that humor,” Reynolds said. “No one here has forgotten one word of what Governor Romney said when it comes to our rights.”

Reynolds said she has a very personal reason for supporting Obama. “Two of my daughters are disabled, and I take care of them,” she said. “Obamacare is critical



**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connelly (D-11) brought his binder to the Oct. 19 Obama rally at George Mason University, referencing the “binders full of women” comment that Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney made during his second debate with President Obama.**

to me.”

“I don’t believe for a second that Governor Romney cares about folks like me. We’re the little people to him,” Reynolds continued. “He says what you want to hear to make you feel good. He has an entitled, arrogant attitude.”

Reynolds’ coworker, Rosemary Osei, who recently became an American citizen, said this is the first time she will be voting.

“This is exciting for me,” Osei said. “I’ve been paying attention to both candidates. President

Obama is the only candidate who seems to care about immigration issues or who appreciates diversity.”

Osei, who originally hails from Ghana, said she believes more Americans should take voting seriously. “It’s one of the best things about being an American.”

**FRIDAY’S EVENT** was the president’s second visit to Fairfax in as many weeks, and part of both major party candidates’ round-the-clock campaign blitz through key

### Viewpoints

## Why are you an Obama supporter?

“I’m a radiologist, so I know how important things like mammograms and ultrasounds are. You want people to have access to healthcare that’s affordable. You want women, not their employers, to be empowered to make their own healthcare decisions.”

—Bernice Griffith, Fairfax



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**Bernice Griffith of Fairfax**

“I’m still in school. I’m exactly the kind of person he appeals to...I’m still in college and education and how we’re going to be paying for it is important to me.”

—Erika Santoyo, 22, a GMU student

“I’m a recent college graduate, and I’m looking for a job. I think President Obama will help the economy. Thanks to President Obama, I can still be on my parent’s insurance plan, and that is so amazing and important to me and a lot of other people my age.”

—Kelauni Cook, a Howard University graduate, of Springfield

“As a former government employee, I think most people understand the value of government’s role and that government employees work extremely hard performing an important public service.”

—Julie Paradis of Alexandria



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**(From left) Erika Santoyo and Emily Travis, GMU students, and Kelauni Cook, a recent Howard University graduate**



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**Julie Paradis and husband, Tom, of Alexandria**

battleground states, including Virginia, Ohio and Florida.

Although he is still facing a cliffhanger re-election attempt, the president joked with the crowd of 10,000 supporters. Hands in his pockets, he riffed several jokes when the crowd started chanting back the punch line.

“If you say you’ll protect a woman’s right to choose, but you stand up at a primary debate and said that you’d be delighted to sign a law outlawing that right to choose in all cases - man, you’ve definitely got Romnesia.”

“If you say that you’re a cham-

pion of the coal industry when, while you were governor, you stood in front of a coal plant and said, this plant will kill you—you might have...”

“Romnesia,” the crowd chanted back.

The stump speech was squarely aimed at women voters who, political analysts say, form a formidable voting bloc in northern Virginia.

“Virginia is a battleground state, and the president knows he needs to get the support of women here,”

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# The County Line

## Lawmakers Debate Eminent Domain Ballot Question

Some argue amendment fails to increase property owner's protections, but may shut down popular parades.

By Victoria Ross  
The Connection

In 2007, responding to a populist backlash against a Supreme Court decision allowing the government to use the power of eminent domain to aid private development, Virginia legislators passed a law restricting that power.

Now a measure on the Nov. 6 ballot seeks to enshrine those restrictions in the Virginia Constitution, and provide additional areas of compensation to landowners.

Many local lawmakers question the wisdom of incorporating these provisions into the constitution, where they say it will be difficult to change, and may lead to "unintended consequences."

"This is not something that belongs in the Constitution," said Del. Scott Surovell, (D-44), who wrote about issue in his Sept. 29 online newsletter, "The Dixie Pig." "The language in this amendment is completely unnecessary, it bans actions currently illegal in Virginia."

**TAXPAYERS SHOULD BE CONCERNED,** say opponents of the amendment, which include Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors, The City of Fairfax, The Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal league.

They argue the amendment goes too far, requiring taxpayers to compensate landowners not only for the value of condemned property, but for lost access to their property and lost benefits.

They contend the proposed amendment invalidates the current "public use" definition in the code and creates uncertainty as to what constitutes public use, which could invite litigation.

"I don't think anyone's arguing that private property owner's rights are not important," said City of Fairfax Councilman Dan Drummond. "But this is a solution in search of a problem."

He said the fear is that the amendment could have a "chilling effect" on economic progress and projects that benefit the public.

"Nobody really knows from a local government perspective how this will be used, but the fear is that it could open up a Pandora's Box of litigation that would leave taxpayers footing the bill."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) said business-owners could construe this amendment as "taking away or diminishing" their profits when streets are closed and their shops are shut down during popular parades and festivals, such as Viva Vienna or the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, events that attract up to 40,000 people during one weekend.

"These are community-building events, and we're concerned the language in the amendment can be read by individuals as way to seek compensation for lost profits," Bulova said.

"A shop owner could complain they lost revenue, that festival vendors are taking their



**Some local lawmakers are concerned that if the Constitutional amendment ballot question on eminent domain passes, festivals and parades, such as Viva Vienna and the City of Fairfax Fall Festival, will spark countless lawsuits from business owners who could argue that the public events cost them private profits.**

business away," Bulova added. "What if someone decided to make that an issue and seek compensation for lost profits under (the amendment)? The Town of Vienna can't afford to reimburse every shop owner..."

Surovell said requiring the government to pay for not only the value of land, but for lost profits and lost access could run up the costs of infrastructure projects all over Virginia.

"Imagine what that means for widening U.S. 1 or what they would have meant in terms of the disruption caused on Route 7 for the construction of the Silver Line. This bill will make roads and transit even harder to construct," he said.

Del. Dave Albo (R-41) who co-sponsored one of the versions of the law, acknowledged that "lost profits and lost access" could end up making roads more expensive to build.

"But it's fair," Albo said. "If they run a road and cut off your driveway to the point that no one can get into your restaurant and ruin your business, you should be compensated."

"Basically, we don't want the government taking private property for something that is not a bona fide government use, for example taking old houses in the name of economic development and then transferring the land to a private hotel," Albo added.

**ALBO AND OTHER SUPPORTERS** maintain a constitutional amendment is needed because, without it, future lawmakers and special interest groups could weaken Virginia's current statute.

### BALLOT QUESTION ON EMINENT DOMAIN

\*To read the text of the amendment, go to <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?121+ful+CHAP0699>

\*For more information on the Supreme Court Decision Kelo v. City of New London, go to <http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/04-108.ZO.html>

At the crux of the debate is the Supreme Court's landmark 2005 decision known as the "Kelo decision," widely considered by scholars, land-use attorneys and local government to be one of the most controversial rulings in recent U.S. history.

"I think all of this is an overreaction to Kelo," said Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics." "Historically, property owners have always been favored under Virginia law."

### What is the "Kelo" ruling?

"Kelo v. City of New London" came before the Supreme Court in 2005. In a 5-4 decision, the Court held that the general benefits a community enjoyed from economic growth qualified private redevelopment plans as a permissible "public use" under the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

In 1998, the drug company Pfizer built a new plant in New London, Conn., making adjacent property desirable for economic development. Although 100 property owners agreed to sell the city their property for commercial development, 15 property owners resisted, and the city used the power of eminent domain to force the 15 holdouts to sell.

The property owners, including lead plaintiff Susette Kelo, sued the city in Connecticut courts, arguing that the city had misused its eminent domain power.

Prior to Kelo, only seven states specifically restricted the use of eminent domain for private development.

As of June 2012, 44 states had enacted some type of reform legislation in response to the Kelo decision, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Of those states, 22 passed laws that severely inhibited the takings allowed by the Kelo decision, while the rest enacted laws that place some limits on the power of municipalities to invoke eminent domain for economic development.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), who is Surovell's law partner in the Fairfax firm of Surovell, Isaacs, Petersen & Levy PLC, said he stands with supporters of the amendment, and thinks that litigation fears are overblown.

"The eminent domain amendment basically puts the current state law into the Constitution, so it's not a major change at all," Petersen said.

Surovell disagrees: "I just don't see a large enough problem where we need a statewide constitutional solution."

Bulova said local officials take the power of eminent domain seriously:

"Eminent domain is a very heavy power and absolutely needed only for the greater good. We haven't used it to force people off their property. That just doesn't happen in Fairfax County and it never has," Bulova said.

### Bulova, McDonnell Honored for Community Service Work

Chairman Sharon Bulova, on behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and Governor Bob



Bulova

McDonnell, were honored by the Arc of Northern Virginia, a non-profit organization that provides services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled, at their annual Golden Anniversary Gala on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Chairman Bulova and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors were recognized for their consistent advocacy and support to ensure that all of County residents can live successfully within the community. Chairman Bulova and her colleagues have supported a variety of critical disability services programs, including the Infant and Toddler Connection, a program that provides evaluations and early intervention services for infants and toddlers who have a developmental delay or a diagnosis that may lead to developmental delays. Fairfax County is also a state-wide leader in funding gap services, including job supports for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who have graduated from the local school system without a waiver or other job funding.

"I am very pleased to accept this recognition from the Arc of Northern Virginia on behalf of the Board of Supervisors," Chairman Bulova said. "Helping those in our community who need supportive services in order to live fully within the community is a top priority of our board. The Arc has been a great partner, through thick and thin."

The Arc of Northern Virginia started as a small group of concerned parents fifty years ago, and has since grown to a premier advocacy organization focused on community-based supports and services. The organization primarily helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities integrate and live in the community. The organization serves thousands of people in the area each year.

For more information on the gala, visit <http://new.thearcofnova.org/events/gala/>.



## Week in Fairfax

### School Boundary-Change Meetings

The Fairfax County School Board will hold a listening tour to help determine which schools are included in the scope of study of the upcoming Fairfax High/Lanier Middle School boundary study. The boundary study will address current and projected overcrowding in Fairfax High and Lanier Middle schools.

This boundary study will impact only middle and high school students who live in Fairfax County. Depending on the scope of study, middle and high school feeder schools may change for Fairfax County students. No elementary school boundary changes will be involved.

Those planning to attend the listening tour meetings are asked to register at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/FairfaxLanierListeningTourSignup](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FairfaxLanierListeningTourSignup).

Interested residents may also submit questions and comments online through Friday, Nov. 30. More information about these meetings, plus key dates for the boundary study, is available at [www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fairfaxlanier/index.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fairfaxlanier/index.shtml).

The meetings will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at these locations:

- ❖ Monday, Oct. 29: Fairfax High cafeteria.
- ❖ Tuesday, Oct. 30: Frost Middle School lecture hall.
- ❖ Monday, Nov. 5: Robinson Secondary School blue cafeteria.
- ❖ Monday, Nov. 12: Woodson High auditorium.

### Woodson Drama Night Out

Woodson High's Drama Department is holding a Drama Night Out for children in grades one through six. It's set for Saturday, Oct. 27, from 6 p.m. up to 11 p.m. Children will have fun on and off stage with other children their age while learning acting, improvisation and musical theater. Woodson theater students will teach them. For more information and to register, go to [www.wtdrama.org](http://www.wtdrama.org). E-mail questions to [deniseatsea@aol.com](mailto:deniseatsea@aol.com).

### Bike Summit Oct. 27

The inaugural Fairfax Bike Summit will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at George Mason University. The goal is to bring together current and future bicyclists, bicycle organizations, bike shops and transportation professionals to discuss how to make Fairfax County a better place to

live by making bicycling a major component of the transportation system.

Register for free at <http://ffxbikesummit.eventbrite.com>; attendance is limited to 200 people. Display space is free and available for bicycle businesses and organizations. The event will be held at The HUB at GMU in the front-middle ballroom, 10423 Rivanna River Way in Fairfax. Further information is available at [www.fabb-bikes.org](http://www.fabb-bikes.org) and [bikesummit@fabb-bikes.org](mailto:bikesummit@fabb-bikes.org).

### Halloween Safety Recommendations

The City of Fairfax Police Department makes the following Halloween

safety recommendations to help ensure that all have an enjoyable and safe time:

- ❖ Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of the costume.
- ❖ Make sure children can see well through masks, or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- ❖ Travel in small groups and always make sure an adult acts as a chaperon.
- ❖ Stay within the neighborhood and visit only homes you know.
- ❖ Visit homes with porch lights on or other indications that trick-or-treaters are welcome.

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## News

# AAA Hosts Free Car Check

**A free car inspection might take some of the sting out of this winter's weather.**

By Andrea Worker  
The Connection

**M**eteorologists look to the weather phenomenon La Nina for their winter predictions this year. AAA Mid-Atlantic Field Operations Manager Jeff Boone remembers something from The Farmer's Almanac about the abundance of acorns and wooly bear caterpillars foreshadowing rough weather ahead. Computer models or natural signs, Boone and the weather folks are in agreement. The winter of 2012 could be another extra cold and stormy one for our region. To help us avoid that nightmare scenario of the roadside breakdown in below freezing temperatures, the auto club hosted a 40-point car check-up free to members and non-members alike on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at their Fairfax Car Care Insurance and Travel Center and auto repair location. "Based on our records, we are estimating about 330,000 service calls between Virginia, Maryland and the district from November to February," said Boone. "Some of those emergencies can be avoided if you do a little maintenance now. If you find out what's going on with your car."

**THE EVENT** officially began at 3 p.m., but by that time, several cars had already been and gone, having been tended to by the expert team brought in from AAA locations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. The checklist included the inspection of tire pressure and tread, air filters, coolant levels, drive belts, hoses, brakes and battery cables, terminals and charging systems. AAA Territory Manager Ben Perricone couldn't stress that battery check enough. Scanning the read out from a battery diagnostic device that looked like it had been lifted from the Star Trek prop room, Perricone turned to the owner of the vehicle he was inspecting. "So, this battery is what? At least three years old?" he asked the car's owner. "More like four," was the answer. "Well, it's testing ok for average weather," responded Perricone. "If it has to do a lot of cold cranking, there's no telling. Any battery over five years is living on borrowed time. That battery doesn't owe you anything anymore."

Many of the calls for roadside assistance during the winter come from drivers whose cars have left the road in bad conditions. "Tire tread," was Jeff



Photos by Andrea Worker/The Connection

**The AAA Team at work during the free 40-point car care inspection event. Ben Perricone checks how well the battery is charging, while John Lanier waits for his turn under the hood.**

Boone's comment. "And tire pressure." As the temperature drops, so will tire pressure—about one PSI for every 10 degrees. "Keep checking the pressure and keep them filled according to the manual or the sticker usually on the driver's side door jamb," Boone instructed. "And check the tread. If the tread is too worn, they fill with the road grit, the snow, whatever, and they can't get traction. You'll get no control on the road."

**THE MORE THAN 25 DRIVERS** who took advantage of this safety inspection had the experts conduct their check-ups, but they also drove away with a simple checklist and a little hands-on instruction on how to check for many of these potential problems themselves. Don't worry if you couldn't make it to the event. You can make an appointment for the same inspection at a participating AAA approved auto repair shop by visiting [www.aaa.com/carcarevents](http://www.aaa.com/carcarevents). Here's hoping that the acorns, the wooly bears and La Nina are all wrong. But if they're not, getting that free car inspection might take some of the sting out of this winter's weather.



**Driver Augie Arnstein of Annandale said his wife heard about the free car care check by AAA technicians, so he said "Why not come by? Anything you can do to keep the car in good shape, especially if it's free, sounds like a good idea."**



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## THURSDAY/OCT. 25

### VolunteerFest Registration Open.

Various times, at [www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php). Register for a project throughout Northern Virginia; most projects begin mid-morning and end at noon—volunteer in ways you wouldn't ordinarily have the time or resources to. 703-246-3533 or [memery@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:memery@volunteerfairfax.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**Dog and Cat Adoptions.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. PetSmart Seven Corners, 12971 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 28

**Info Meeting: Library Bond Referendum.** 3-4:30 p.m., at Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn more about the bond before voting on Nov. 6. 703-324-8300.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

**SoberRide.** 10 p.m.-4 a.m., ride service throughout Fairfax County. For a six-hour period on Halloween, SoberRide will pick up otherwise inebriated drivers, who are over 21 years old, and transport them safely home for no cost up to a taxi bill equivalent to \$39. 1-800-200-TAXI.

## SUNDAY/NOV 4

### CCFA Patient Education Program;

**You, Me and IBD.** 2-5 p.m., Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, 3700 Medical Plaza Building, Fairfax. The local chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation invites the public to a half-day education program on healthy living with the help of experts in gastroenterology. Register. 877-807-5271 or [www.ccfa.org/chapters/washingtondc](http://www.ccfa.org/chapters/washingtondc).

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❖ Watch for traffic and carry a flashlight or glowstick to increase visibility; stay on sidewalks.

❖ Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.

❖ Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.

❖ Keep costumed children away from pets. The animal may not recognize the child and become frightened.

❖ Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with soft and flexible foam rubber.

❖ Confine trick-or-treating activities to the early evening hours of Wednesday, Oct. 31. Motorists are asked to be especially alert and use extra caution during these hours.

Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 17

**Open Season Workshop.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. For federal employees/retirees, FEHBP experts will present and answer questions on plan coverage and benefits before open season ends, Dec. 10. 703-256-3071 or [www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/](http://www.opm.gov/insure/openseason/).

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**Homeless Animals Rescue Team Dog Adoptions.** 12-3 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Every Saturday. 703-817-9444 or [www.hart90.org](http://www.hart90.org).

## ONGOING

### Melvin Family Cemetery Tree

**Clean-up.** The Balmoral Greens Homeowner Association, in partnership with Fairfax County archaeologists, is in the process of clean-up and removal of a tree fallen in the Melvin Family Cemetery. There is potential for grave disturbance, and BGHA has received a burial permit from the Commonwealth. Descendants of the Warner Melvin family are encouraged to contact project archaeologist, Aimee Wells at [aimee.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:aimee.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov) should they have any questions or concerns regarding the project or information which may help clarify family history.



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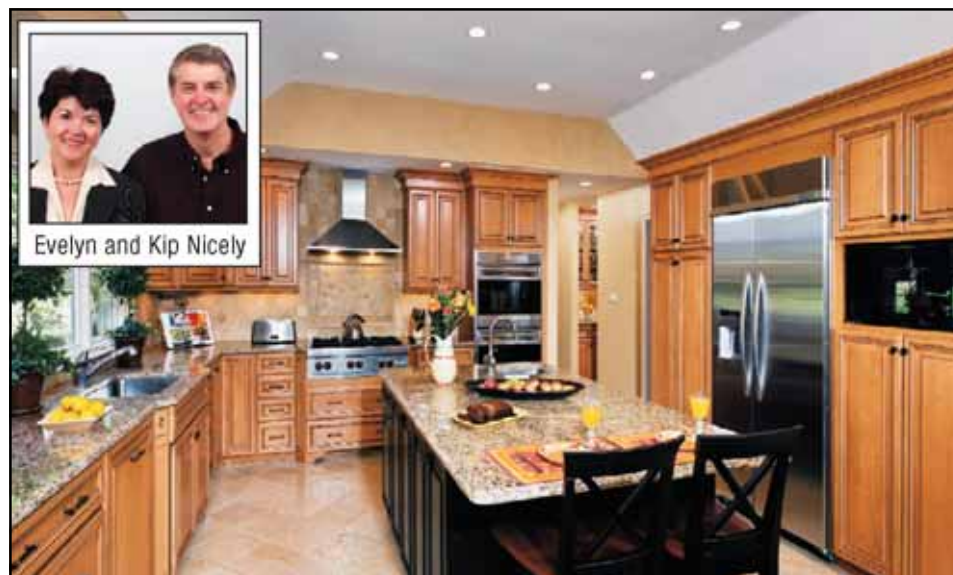
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# Opinion

## Be Part of the Children's Connection

Call for student artwork and writing; deadline Dec. 3.

During the last week of each year, The Connection devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families.

The annual Children's Connection is a tradition of well over a decade, and we begin getting inquiries from teachers and parents about submitting artwork and writing almost as soon as summer is over.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 3.

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format.

- ❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be? What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? What is the best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

- ❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, etc.

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ Opinion pieces about family, friends, movies, traffic, sports, food, video games, toys, trends, etc.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

We welcome contributions from families, public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

Email submissions for the Vienna/Oakton, McLean, Great Falls, Reston and Oak Hill/Herndon Children's Connections to kemal@connectionnewspapers.com.

Email submissions for Springfield, Burke, Fairfax, Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton Connections to South@Connectionnewspapers.com.

Email submissions for the Arlington Children's Connection to Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

Email submissions for the Children's Centre View to Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

Email submissions for the Children's Gazette in the Alexandria Gazette Packet or Mount Vernon Gazette to Steven Mauren at smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD to Children's Connection, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Dec. 3. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

## Halloween Parties, SoberRide

Halloween is now as much of an adult party as a children's festival. Along with the Fourth of July, the holiday period including New Year's

Eve and a few other dates, Halloween stands out as a holiday connected to an increase in drinking and driving.

If you will be out celebrating with alcohol, you can plan ahead. Assign a designated driver. Celebrate at home. Take public transportation. But if these plans fall through, the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) Halloween SoberRide program provides a safety net.

For six hours from 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31 until 4 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, SoberRide serves as a way to keep impaired drivers off the road. During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home.

Sponsors of this year's Halloween SoberRide offering include: Anheuser-Busch, AT&T, Diageo, Giant, MillerCoors, Red Top Cab of Arlington, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 55,694 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. For more information visit [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org).

## Last Call

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 26 to be considered for publication. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Ideal letters will be about 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com).

— Mary Kimm,

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Letters to the Editor

## Supporting Bond Referenda

To the Editor:

On the Nov. 6 ballot, County residents will see four Bond Referenda. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area urges voters to approve all four bonds. Here's why:

Issuing these bonds now is sound fiscal policy. All of these capital improvements are part of the County's five-year plan. Repayment will cost less because interest rates are low. And the County has common-sense borrowing policies that strictly limit the amount of outstanding debt to a small percentage of property values. These practices have allowed the Fairfax County to finance necessary capi-

tal improvements while maintaining its AAA bond rating—even in the recession.

These capital improvements are necessary to the health, welfare and safety of County residents.

- ❖ Parks and Parks Facilities Bonds: This bond issue supports the preservation of the County's historic areas, many of which bring tourists to Fairfax County. It also supports development of neighborhood parks, preservation of open space and stream valleys. County parks provide a place for family gatherings and increase outdoor recreational opportunities for everyone in our communities.

- ❖ Public Safety Bonds: This bond issue supports maintenance and upgrades to police, fire department and court facilities. Some of these funds will help com-

plete the renovation of the Jennings Courthouse and make the entire complex safe, efficient and appropriate for everyone from judges to defendants and for the public.

- ❖ Public Library Bonds: These bonds support tech smart library maintenance and upgrades. As more jobs and school assignments require access to a computer, these bonds are necessary for the participation of everyone in our community life.

- ❖ Storm Drainage Improvements Bonds: These bonds support soil and water conservation and flood-prevention efforts. As we experience more frequent violent storms and unpredictable weather, these bonds protect the health, safety and property of County residents. They will also

prevent the economic loss flooding inflicts on our communities.

Voters interested in more details should visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond).

These bonds will also improve the economic future of Fairfax County. All facilities need regular maintenance and upgrades. By following sound borrowing policies and maintaining facilities as needed, Fairfax County not only improves the quality of life for current residents, but also becomes more attractive to businesses looking for a place to relocate.

We urge voters to approve all four Bond Referenda.

**Julia Jones and Helen Kelly**  
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# President Speaks at George Mason, Appeals to Women Voters

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said Toni-Michelle Travis, a GMU associate professor of government and politics and editor of "The Almanac of Virginia Politics."

To that end, the pre-speech line-up included Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Action Fund and Nan Johnson, a retired teacher from Herndon, who both lauded Obama's support for issues affecting women.

"When Romney said he didn't know where to find qualified women during the second debate, that bothered me so much I almost stopped listening," Johnson said. "But then he said 'If you're going to have women in the workforce, you're going to have to be more flexible...' This is 2012, not 1912. Women having jobs is not a hypothetical."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) also got the crowd fired up by referencing Romney's comments on women in the workplace during the second debate.

"You might remember I'm originally from the commonwealth of Massachusetts," Connolly said, holding up some blue binders. "And I found those 'binders full of women.'"

**ONE DAY LATER**, in a Springfield shopping center off Old Keene Mill Road, Romney supporters were handing out dozens of Romney signs to voters at. In a few hours, the group handed out nearly 50 Rom-

ney signs.

Darren Williams, who owns Hawkeye Productions, said he believes Romney is the candidate who will stabilize the economy and give Americans a sense of financial security.

"I'm a small-business owner, and my main issue is that nobody seems to be minding the checkbook," Williams said. "You can blame your predecessor all you want, but I blame [Obama] for his actions in office from day one until now. He's had four years to reverse the economic trend. His track record with me is poor."

Justice Johnson, an 18-year-old Lake Braddock senior, has been making calls for Romney. "I'm worried about the economy and get a job after college."

Johnson, who said he became more interested in politics this year after taking a government class and listening to the candidates, said he was impressed with Romney's personal business success. "I feel like Governor Romney's economic policies are the best for business."

Brandon Schall, 24, a recent graduate of Christopher Newport University who also campaigns for Romney, said he doesn't get caught up in the "partisan hype" of the elections.

"I feel we all have our part to do as Americans. In the end, it's not jokes and taking shots at each other. It's not about being a Republican or a Democrat. It's about doing your civic duty as Americans by voting."



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**Coworkers Rosemary Osai and Lillie Reynolds of Herndon wait in line to see President Obama Friday, Oct. 19, at his second campaign rally at the school in two weeks.**

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# Nineteenth Annual Goblin Gallop is Oct. 28

Benefits families of children with cancer.

By Bonnie Hobbs  
The Connection

As Halloween draws near, it's time for autumn leaves, pumpkins and the Goblin Gallop. And this year's 19th annual event is Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center.

It's a family-friendly race in a cheerful atmosphere, with many of the participants, plus those cheering them on, dressed in Halloween costumes. And afterward, there are refreshments, music, a moon bounce for the children and a costume contest.

"It's a fun day—everybody in costume, the moon bounce, the hot dogs," said event organizer George Quadrino. "It's a festive occasion."

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K race, at 9 a.m.; and the 5K walk, at 9:10 a.m. Entry fees through Oct. 25 are \$23 for the 5K run, \$20 for the 5K walk and \$15 for the 1K fun run. From Oct. 26 on, those fees, respectively, are \$25, \$22 and \$20. Register at [www.goblingallop.org](http://www.goblingallop.org).

People may run individually or as part of 5K teams competing against each other. Participants may be on a coed team of at least four people; the categories are organizations, families and friends. The top team in each category will receive fun awards for best team costume, fastest team—adding up the four members' times, and for the team with the most members registered before packet pickup on Oct. 26.

Fairfax Station's Dixon Hemphill is the race director; and because of its headline sponsor, the race's



The starting line at last year's Goblin Gallop 5K in Fairfax Corner.

official name is the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop. It's also a charitable event that helps a great many people.

**ALL PROCEEDS** go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. George Quadrino established it after his son John died of the disease in 1985 at age 7. And each year, money raised from the Goblin Gallop is used for numerous, small grants to help childhood cancer victims and their families.

"We raised almost \$42,000 last year and hope to do even better this year," said Quadrino. "About 2,300 people participated in last year's Goblin Gallop; and so far, we're running about the same this year. Last year, we had 700 people sign up on race day."

The course is USATF-certified, and prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50 are awarded to the top three, overall, male and female finishers. Prizes are also given to the top three male and female finishers in various age categories, in-

cluding a masters group for those over 40. All children participating receive runner's medals on ribbons to wear around their necks.

All competitors will receive a free, commemorative, glow-in-the-dark T-shirt. It's decorated with the words, "Goblin Gallop," in scary orange letters and features a scene of a haunted house on a slate-gray background. It's also available in long sleeves for \$5.

After the race, the band Shaky Ground will perform classic rock on the Fairfax Corner stage, costumes will be judged and more than \$3,500 in door prizes will be given away. Most are donated by local merchants and include Redskins tickets, restaurant meals and gift certificates at running stores. Glory Days Grill is the largest prize-contributor, donating \$1,000 worth of goodies.

No strollers, dogs or headphones are allowed in the 5K events, but walkers are welcome in the 1K. A computer chip in the runners' numbers will register their starting and finishing times.

The route is challenging, but runners like it because it's fairly flat, with few hills and all right turns. Pacers Events will handle scoring and results, and the awards ceremony will be on the stage in front of Coastal Flats. Results will be posted that afternoon at <http://pacersevents.com/>.

Because of the Goblin Gallop, the John Quadrino Foundation is able to make 300 or more grants per year totaling \$85,000. The recipient families are referred by pediatric social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children's hospitals, and the grants are given directly to these families.

Because medical bills can be overwhelming, parents of seriously ill children often need help with rent, utility bills or car-repair costs. Often, one parent must quit a job to stay home and take care of the child. And a family with no prior financial problems suddenly finds

itself in dire straits. That's where the foundation comes in.

"Last year, for example, we gave six grants for generators," said George Quadrino. "They went to



This little girl came dressed as a pile of leaves.

families whose child relies on a life-saving machine at home so, if the power goes out, it could be devastating. They'd have to grab the child and head for the hospital."

"We've also purchased wigs for children who've lost their hair to radiation/chemotherapy," he said. "It's especially important for teenagers who are embarrassed to go out, otherwise."

In addition, said Quadrino, "We pay a lot of utility bills for electricity, gas and cell phones. Cell phones are so important for a parent to stay in touch with a child in the hospital."

That's why having a successful

Goblin Gallop is so crucial. "It means so much to the Foundation's families," said Quadrino. "It allows us to help twice as many families as we could, otherwise. And that's what the foundation does—raise money to help people with a child with cancer."

**TO DONATE** to the organization, send checks payable to The John Quadrino Foundation to P.O. Box 4614, Falls Church, VA 22044. Contributions are tax-deductible and may also be made via the Combined Federal Campaign by designating CFC No. 8931, or via the United Way by selecting No. 59426.



(From left) Rafael Medina as Jack, Alexandra Pool as Red Riding Hood, Kyle Imperatore as The Baker and Kate Merryman as Cinderella in "Into the Woods."

## GMU to Present 'Into the Woods'

New musical theater partnership at George Mason University.

A new collaboration between the George Mason University School of Music and the Department of Theater will bring Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods" to the Mason Center for the Arts.

"Into the Woods" is a production that weaves Brothers Grimm fairy tales such as "Little Red Riding Hood," "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Rapunzel" and "Cinderella" with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and the book by James Lapine. "Into the Woods" received multiple Tony Awards.

Musical direction is by Dennis M. Layendecker, director of the Mason School of Music and university heritage chair of music, who conducts the Mason Symphony Orchestra. The play will be directed by Ken Elston, chair of the Department of Theater.

"Into the Woods" cast members include Fairfax County's

### Where and When

"Into the Woods," performed at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performances: Oct. 26 at 8 p.m., Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$20. For tickets call 888-945-2468 or visit: [www.cfa.gmu.edu](http://www.cfa.gmu.edu).

Melissa Berkowitz (McLean), Ariauna Heck (Centreville), Brittany Martz (Fairfax Station) and Kate Merryman (Reston).

Kevin Murray, program manager for the Mason Department of Theater said "this project demonstrates the growth of the arts programs at Mason, which benefits not only our audience members, who crave this kind of entertainment, but proves to high school students and their parents who are starting to look at colleges and universities that Mason provides a highly competitive choice for those interested in the arts."

—David Siegel

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12622 MISTY CREEK LN .....	4 ... 3 ... 2 .....	FAIRFAX .....	\$790,000 .....	Detached .....	0.25 .....	22033 .....	CENTURY OAK
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4176 VERNON HILLS RD .....	3 ... 2 ... 2 .....	FAIRFAX .....	\$491,000 .....	Townhouse .....	0.05 .....	22033 .....	FAIR LAKES COURT
13139 PELFREY LN .....	4 ... 2 ... 1 .....	FAIRFAX .....	\$490,000 .....	Detached .....	0.21 .....	22033 .....	GREENBRIAR
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4004 GREGG CT .....	3 ... 2 ... 2 .....	FAIRFAX .....	\$410,000 .....	Townhouse .....	0.05 .....	22033 .....	FAIR RIDGE
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# News

## Fairfax Rotary Club Honors Judge Jennings

The Rotary Club of Fairfax honored Judge Barnard Fulton Jennings at a recent membership meeting attended by over 100 of its members and special guests. One by one, attendees paid tribute to a man who has served the people of Fairfax, the State of Virginia, and the United States for over seven decades. Introduced by his long-time family friend and Rotary Club Past President Bruce Jennings, Judge Jennings (known as Barney) was treated to a trip down "memory lane."

Paul B. Ebert, Esq., Virginia's longest serving commonwealth's attorney, reminisced about the many cases he tried before Judge Jennings.

Warrenton, Virginia Attorney Blair D. Howard also spoke of Barney's successful legal career describing how after he became Chief Circuit Court Judge on the 19th Judicial Circuit, Barney was instrumental in the design and building of the Fairfax County Judicial Center. The building was dedicated on Sept. 11, 1982 and was named the Jennings Building. The Jennings Building remains today, as a portion of the more recently enlarged Fairfax County Judicial Center.

Barney retired on Dec. 31, 1987, but for a number of subsequent years he served as a substitute judge and heard cases all over the state. The Virginia Supreme Court asks certain retired judges to try various cases in other jurisdictions where conflicts of interest involve local judges, or there are election issues or otherwise need independent judicial presence. Barney's goal was to hear a case in every county and jurisdiction in Virginia. He came very close, hearing cases in 95 out of 100. During this time, he also served on the Board of Directors of George Mason Bank, which subsequently merged with United Bank.

Judge Jennings, past president and also a Paul Harris Fellow of the



**Bruce Jennings and Nancy Lee Jennings look on as Judge Bernard Jennings addresses members of The Fairfax Rotary Club.**



**Fairfax Rotary President Laura Hills and Past President Bruce Jennings present a plaque to Judge and Mrs. Jennings.**

Rotary Club of Fairfax, was joined during the tribute by his wife, Nancy Lee and their daughter Tricia Jennings Kincheloe and her husband, John. "It is an honor to have Judge Jennings and his family here with us today," said Paul Kelly, vice president of The Rotary Club of Fairfax. "He is truly a member of the greatest generation."

The Rotary Club of Fairfax meets on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Street in Fairfax City. For more information about the Rotary Club of Fairfax, visit the club's website at [www.fairfaxrotary.org](http://www.fairfaxrotary.org). Or email Rotary Club of Fairfax's Executive Director Irby N. Hollans, Jr., at [ihollans@earthlink.net](mailto:ihollans@earthlink.net).

## Veterans Career Hiring Event, American Freedom Festival to be Held Nov. 10

The second annual Veterans Career Hiring Event will be held in conjunction with the American Freedom Festival Washington presented by SKYDEX and CareerBuilder from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Patriot Center at George Mason University in Fairfax. This event is part of a nationwide initiative to help veterans find jobs and will bring together major companies from throughout the Washington National Capitol Region to profile their services and provide employment opportunities for veterans. Attending veterans will have the chance to talk with employers, submit qualifications, and even participate in job interviews on the spot. Attendance at the Veterans Career Hiring Event is free and open to veterans and active duty military.

Accenture, Northrop Grumman, Gen-

eral Dynamics, First Command, CACI, Mindteck and InfoReliance are answering the call of supporting veterans by being the first to sign up to participate in the Veterans Career Hiring Event. In addition, the Veterans Administration (VA), U.S. Office of Personnel Management Veterans Services, Department of Defense Civilian Personnel Management System, Department of Labor and Department of Energy have all stepped up to participate and make veterans aware of services available to them.

At 7:30 p.m., the American Freedom Festival Washington will kick off with a major concert featuring tributes to military, presentations and performances by legendary rock bands, Chicago and Kansas.

For information about the Veterans Career Hiring Event, including sponsor-

ships and other participation opportunities, call Jim Hatch of MarCom Group at 703-218-1600 or at [jhatch@marcomgroup.com](mailto:jhatch@marcomgroup.com).

For more information, visit [www.affhiringevents.com](http://www.affhiringevents.com), [www.americanfreedomfoundation.org](http://www.americanfreedomfoundation.org) or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

Concert Ticket Information: Tickets for the American Freedom Festival at the Patriot Center on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. are \$39.50, \$69.50, \$89.50 and \$139.50 (plus applicable service charges). Tickets will be available through all Ticketmaster outlets including the Patriot Center box office, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or via phone charge at 800-745-3000. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035.

## Faith Notes

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

**The Pastoral Care Network of the Chesapeake Region** announces their fall 2012 workshop, the Role of Pastoral Care Team in Dealing with Mental Health Issues, on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1:30-4:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. \$20. Register before October at 703-503-4579 or [administrator@accotinkuuc.org](mailto:administrator@accotinkuuc.org).

**The Women's Ministry at Jubilee Christian Center** is having a Fall Bible Study on Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.-noon, each Tuesday through Nov. 20. The study is on "The Sower and the Seed," and there is no charge for the study. Jubilee is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170. [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

**A Walk through Ancient Bethlehem, Dec. 8-9, 2012.** Walk through a replica of ancient Bethlehem during the time of Jesus Christ' birth. On Dec. 8 and 9, Parkwood Baptist Church of Annandale will present its 12th annual re-creation of Bethlehem. Tours conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. will feature

costumed re-enactors including Roman soldiers and tax collectors, musical performances, and a nativity scene with live performers and animals. Activities and crafts for children and refreshments for all. No admission charge. 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Details available at [www.bwalk.org](http://www.bwalk.org) or 703-978-8160.

The Sanctuary at **Abiding Presence Lutheran Church** will begin undergoing renovations this month. Hence, the meeting on Sept. 30th will be in Room B9 at Burke United Methodist Church, 6200 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA 22015 (at the southwest corner of the intersection of Burke Centre Parkway and Burke Lake Road).

**Lord of Life Lutheran** offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or [www.Lordoflifeva.org](http://www.Lordoflifeva.org).

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

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Gilbert Louis Braun III as Conrad Birdie with his adoring fans.

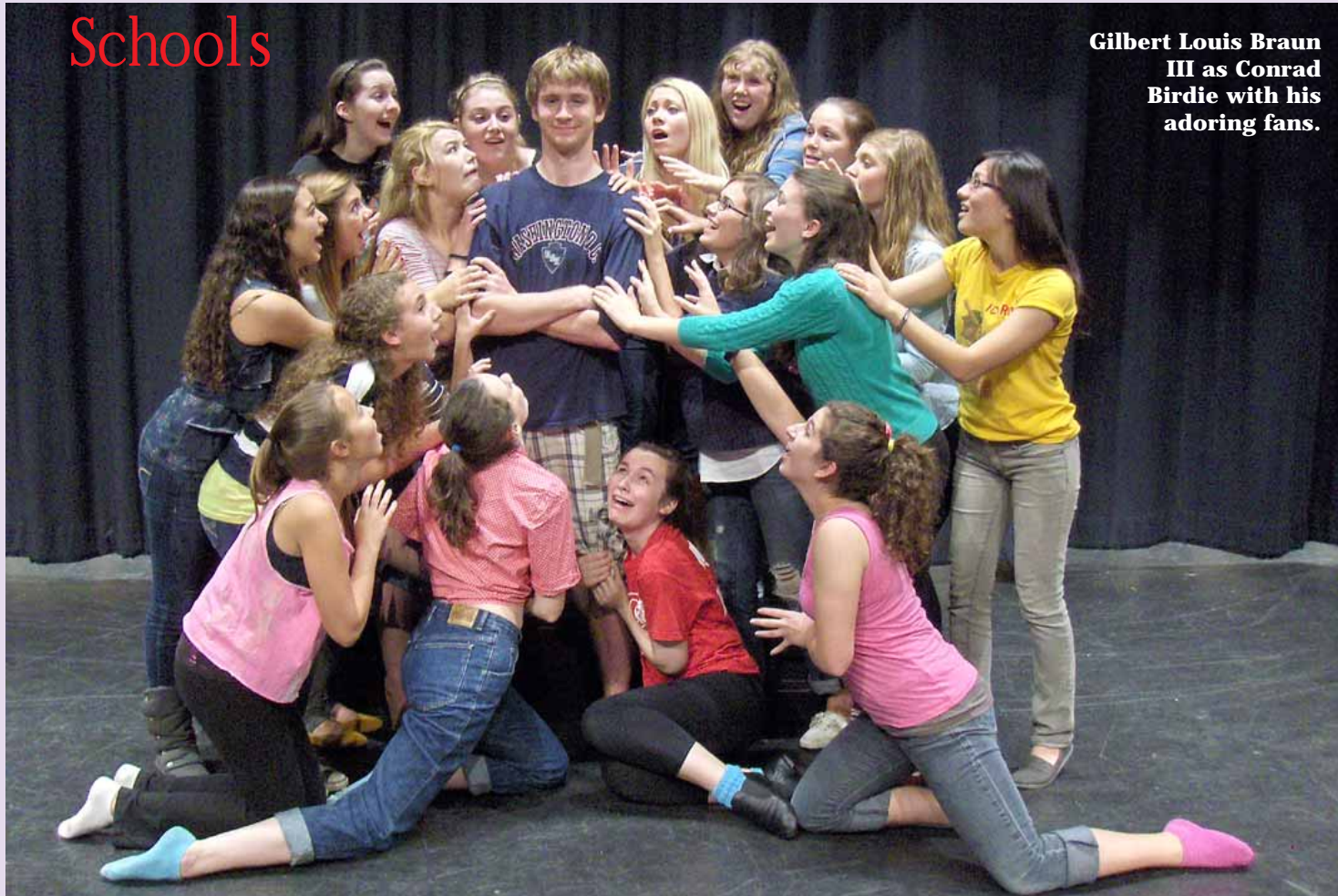


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# 'It's a Fast-paced, Hilarious Show'

## Woodson High presents "Bye Bye Birdie."

By Bonnie Hobbs  
The Connection

A slice of Americana wrapped in music and dancing—that's Woodson High's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." The curtain rises Friday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 3, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 10, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 presale at [www.wtwdrama.org](http://www.wtwdrama.org), \$12 at the door and \$5, senior citizens. The cast and crew of nearly 100 have been rehearsing since early September.

"We have a really great cast making awesome choices," said theater director Terri Hobson. "They're not afraid to have fun with their characters. We also have a wonderful team of choreographers, assistant choral director Lisa Corey and theater student Lara Taylor. And there's all kinds of dancing—tap, ballet, jazz and 1950s-type pop."

Hobson said the singers are terrific, too, with she and Michael Ehrlich, the show's musical director, sharing many students who take both chorus and drama. "It's just a fun show," she said. "It's also well-written—the jokes have a universal appeal to all ages."

It's set in 1959, and teen heartthrob/bad boy Conrad Birdie is entering the Army. Birdie's manager Albert and Albert's girlfriend/secretary Rosie arrange for a teen girl from Birdie's fan club to give him his last kiss before leaving. They hope the song they kiss by, which Albert wrote, will make enough money for Albert to leave his job and become

an English teacher.

**THE SCENES** take place at the Ed Sullivan TV studio; the steps of the Sweet Apple, Ohio, City Hall; and the kitchen of the teen girl, Kim McAfee. "We've got some great, period pieces—including an actual pink, G.E. 1950s oven and refrigerator to lend it an air of authenticity," said Hobson.

Senior Gilbert Louis Braun III plays Birdie. "He's completely full of himself," said Braun. "He has a sweet persona only to attract the ladies, but he's really a player. He's too bold for his own good because he's gotten so used to people idolizing him that it's gone to his head and he thinks he's above the rules."

Calling his role "super-fun," Braun said, "Every time I walk onstage, I get mobbed by beautiful women. I'm also excited to have a lead and to sing in my first, big musical. And I can show different sides of Birdie."

His favorite song is "One Last Kiss" because "Birdie gets to use a sweeter, more romantic vocal quality." Braun says the audience "will love the dynamics in the McAfee family because they're just funny, especially the relationship between the father and son."

Portraying Kim McAfee is senior Alison Romig. "She's 15 and thinks she's more mature than she is," said Romig. "She's president and recording secretary of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club and was randomly chosen to be kissed by him. This causes trouble with her boyfriend Hugo who just gave her his pin and doesn't want her kissing Birdie."

Romig loves her part because "I get to act like a girl who's not quite fully grown before I have to go out into the world, myself, after graduation. And I do lots of scenes with the teen chorus of Kim's friends, and the girls playing them really get into their roles."

**SHE ESPECIALLY LIKES** the song, "Telephone Hour," in which the whole town's talking about Hugo and Kim getting pinned. "It has a fast, bouncy beat and the choreography is really cute and entertaining to watch," said Romig. Regarding the show, she said, "The audience will like the cast's energy and the simplicity of the time period."

Junior Josh Reiter plays Albert. "He's very complicated; he's 33 and in love with Rosie, but also dedicated to his job, so he's trying to balance the two," said Reiter. "He's also a mama's boy, and she gets in the way of his and Rosie's relationship."

"It's a challenge humanizing Albert because he tends to be insensitive at times, although he has a good heart," said Reiter. "So I try not to make him sound like a jerk. But he's also dynamic, so I get to show his other facets and sing and dance, which is fun."

Reiter's favorite number is "Rosie," which he enjoys singing with senior Paula Lavalley, who portrays that character. And he said the audience will like the show's "wonderful, catchy music and amazing dancing. It's a fast-paced, hilarious show."

Lavalley describes Rosie as a "sassy, fiery character. She almost runs Albert's music company, but really wants to make a life with Albert and be an English teacher's wife. I love it because I'm Spanish and can relate to her hardheadedness and strong will, and I love her songs and dances."

Lavalley's favorite number is "Spanish Rose" because "it's funny and quirky and I like putting the dancing with it. I think it'll be a crowd-pleaser." Overall, she said, "It's an old-fashioned show where everything works out in the end; it gets back to the roots of musicals. It can be chaotic, but will leave the audience happy."

## Spook Season

Get all the treats and tricks, fright-in-the-night and boo!-filled fun to be had out of Halloween this fall with a little help from some Fairfax County seasonal events.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 26

**The Bradley Farm Haunted House.** 6-10 p.m., at 13159 New Parkland Drive, Herndon. Exhibits and well-hidden scares within "The Evil Around Us,"-themed house, deeply haunted with local spook and legend. \$5. [www.bfhauntedhouse.com](http://www.bfhauntedhouse.com).

**Haunted Pond Jr. at Hidden Pond Nature Center.** 7 p.m., at 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. With nocturnal wildlife and local lore featuring live animals, a walk into the forest at night, a campfire with scary stories and s'mores. Register. [http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1\\_coursedetail.asp?](http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/rev1_coursedetail.asp?)

### SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**Halloween Costume Fun Run.** 9-11 a.m., at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Runners of all ages run laps around campus in costume; for every lap, runners receive a treat; fun run water bottle included. \$10 suggested donation. 703-356-3346.

**Pumpkin Carving Class.** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Executive Chef Matthew and his culinary team guide little witches and vampires in honing their artistic skills via pumpkin lantern design; for children ages 6 and older (materials included). \$50. Reservations. 703-917-5498.

**Alastair Moock's Slightly Scary Spooktacular.** 10:30 a.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Boston roots musician/family entertainer plays slightly scary tunes. \$10; children under 1 year, free. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### Fun, Festive, Fright-less

**Halloween Tea.** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Come in Halloween costumes for tea, a magician act, a creepy-crawly photo booth and eats; children receive a special treat and complimentary photo as a memento. \$65. Reservations. 703-917-5498.

**Ponies & Pumpkins Festival.** 2 p.m., at Tamarack Stables, 9905 Old Colchester, Lorton. Free pumpkins for children along with decorating, haunted hay rides, music, pony rides, story telling, food, a bonfire, arts and crafts vendors and all sorts of come-in-costume fun. \$10 per car. [www.ridetamarack.com](http://www.ridetamarack.com)

**Annual Howloween Dog Costume Contest & Boneyard Hunt.** 2-4 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Dress your dog to outdo them all and compete for costume contest prizes, then walk through the boneyard to sniff out treat; all dogs must be leashed and friendly. \$6. 703-569-0285.

**Super-Natural Hayride at Laurel Hill Park.** 4 p.m., 6 p.m., at Lorton Prison former site, register for address. Discover the secrets of the former Lorton Prison while enjoying an old-fashioned hayride with spooky stops along the way. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-events-calendar.htm>.

**Halloween Movie Night.** 5:30 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon in the Post Gallery, 750 Center Street, Herndon. A showing of The Wizard of Oz for a

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# Calendar

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## SATURDAY/OCT. 27

**Fairfax Bike Summit.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the HUB at George Mason University, 10423 Rivanna River Way, Fairfax. Featuring sessions on innovative road improvements, safe routes, growing bicycle participation, bike share, implementing the County bicycle master plan, sports and recreation. Registration. [ffxbikesummit.eventbrite.com](http://ffxbikesummit.eventbrite.com) or [fabb-bikes.org](http://fabb-bikes.org).

### Pathway Homes' Community Walk.

10 a.m., at Stevenson Place, 4113 Stevenson Street, Fairfax. The Help the Homeless community walk benefits the nonprofit that has served more than 100 individuals ; supporters, friends, local officials and family members walk to raise funds for supportive and residential services to adults experiencing mental health and co-occurring disorders. [hthwalks.org/goto/pathways](http://hthwalks.org/goto/pathways).

### Cuban Missile Crisis 50th

**Anniversary.** 10 a.m., at the Harris Theater, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Cold War Museum and the Department of History & Art History form a panel of historians and authors to commemorate the anniversary. [www.coldwar.org/articles/60s/CubanMissileCrisis50thAnniversary.asp](http://www.coldwar.org/articles/60s/CubanMissileCrisis50thAnniversary.asp).

**Ghost Train.** 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The haunted forest hosts ghosts, goblins and witches—dare you enter? A carousel and costumed creatures beckon. \$4. 703-323-6600.

**Tricks & Treats.** 2-3 p.m., at Petco, 9230B Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Show your pet's perfect costume off and vie for prizes like Petco gift cards and treats galore. 703-455-2007.

**Drama's Night Out.** 6-11 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Students in first through sixth grade can spend time with Woodson drama students playing improv, singing and dancing while parents are free for date night. \$40; \$30 for each additional sibling. [www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/night-out](http://www.wtwdrama.org/boosters/night-out).

**Jimmy Lange Boxing Event.** 7 p.m., at the Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Reston native Joseph Rector goes against David Huffman. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 28

**Referendum, Reception and Redskins.** 3-4:30 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Catch the tail-end of the Redskins game, enjoy dessert, beverages and free giveaways like a Nook or Kindle. 703-644-7333 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news).

**Dancing 4 Cures.** 6 p.m., at Ernst Community Cultural Theater, NVCC, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. C4 Performing Arts, LLC, Greater Little Zion Baptist Church Cancer Support Ministry and BREM Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer, host a concert; reception and silent auction precede show. 703-855-7687 or [www.c4performingarts.com](http://www.c4performingarts.com).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

**The 25th Annual Fair Oaks Mall-O-Ween.** 6-8 p.m., at Fair Oaks Mall, off I-66 at Lee Jackson Memorial Parkway, Fairfax. Sixteen-thousand-plus trick-or-treaters and families haunt the largest premier shopping destinations among Fair Oaks' fountains-gone-bubbling-cauldrons, witches, wizards, pirates and princesses, there to surprise Mall-O-Ween-goers at every turn; for spooked-out parents and guardians, samples and coupons will appear.

703-359-8300 or [www.ShopFairOaksMall.com](http://www.ShopFairOaksMall.com).

## FRIDAY/NOV. 2

**Bye Bye Birdie.** 7:30 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Get nostalgic as Albert Peterson, the handsome rock star Conrad Birdie's manager, tries to get out of debt by cashing in on a farewell party for Birdie in which he has to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan Show before the actor leaves for the army. [www.wtwdrama.org/current](http://www.wtwdrama.org/current).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 3

**Book and Author Luncheon.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Country Club of Fairfax, 510 Ox Road, Fairfax. All booklovers are invited to the AAUW Fairfax City Branch's annual luncheon to raise funds for scholarships for women in the organization; five novelists will speak and sign copies. \$40. 703-978-3258 or [suzanne70946@mac.com](mailto:suzanne70946@mac.com).

**Bye Bye Birdie.** 2 p.m., 7:30 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Get nostalgic as Albert Peterson, the handsome rock star Conrad Birdie's manager, tries to get out of debt by cashing in on a farewell party for Birdie in which he has to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan Show before the actor leaves for the army. [www.wtwdrama.org/current](http://www.wtwdrama.org/current).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 4

**14th Annual Charity Shag-a-Thon.** 1-5 p.m., at the Elks Club, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. The Rick Strickland Band plays while you shag; light snacks, cash bar and all proceeds to benefit the Capital Caring hospice organization. \$10. 703-361-8159 or [www.nvshag.org](http://www.nvshag.org).

## MONDAY/NOV. 5

**Children's Music Performance Series.** 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or [www.fairfaxarts.org](http://www.fairfaxarts.org).

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

**Blogiversary Bash!** 6-9 p.m., at Primetime Sports Bar, 11250 James Swart Circle, Fairfax. The Real Housewives of Northern Virginia invite area housewives to join with their girlfriends to benefit local charity MISSIONSLEEP. \$10 online, \$15 at the door (includes drink ticket, appetizers, raffles and giveaways). [www.novahousewives.com](http://www.novahousewives.com) or [www.facebook.com/realhousewivesnova](http://www.facebook.com/realhousewivesnova).

## FRIDAY/NOV. 9

**Major Works Concert.** 4 p.m., at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The Robinson Choral Department features the Select Women's Ensemble performing Shona Mass and the Robinson Singers singing African Sanctus; the two join to sing Freedom Trilogy. \$9, adults; \$5 students/seniors. [www.robinsonsings.org](http://www.robinsonsings.org).

**Bye Bye Birdie.** 7:30 p.m., at Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Get nostalgic as Albert Peterson, the handsome rock star Conrad Birdie's manager, tries to get out of debt by cashing in on a farewell party for Birdie in which he has to kiss one lucky fan on the Ed Sullivan Show before the actor leaves for the army. [www.wtwdrama.org/current](http://www.wtwdrama.org/current).

# Halloween Happenings

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costumed-audience, the best of which will win the contest; pre-show games at 5:30 p.m. with the sing-along, dance-along screening at 6:30 p.m. Register. 703-956-6590 or [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

**Halloween Carnival.** 6-8:30 p.m., at the City of Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. Creepy Creature Show from Reptiles Alive!, carnival games, a moon bounce, face painting, crafts, movies and candy; infants through fifth grade. 703-248-5077 or [www.fallschurchva.gov](http://www.fallschurchva.gov).

**Goblin Golf and Bonfire.** 6-9 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park Marina, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Play a round of miniature gold on the haunted golf course with glow-in-the-dark golf balls; ride the spooky carousel; and join in storytelling over a cup of hot chocolate around a beach bonfire. \$8. Register. 703-569-0285.

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**The Clifton Haunted Trail.** 7-10 p.m., Buckley Park, 12802 Chapel St., Clifton. This year's haunted trail winds through Clifton's eight-acre Buckley Park with re-enactments, popular scary movie scenes, new and scarier skits from zombie land and the headless horseman. Note: parents should accompany children, no

flashlights, wear hardy shoes and park at Clifton Floodplain, Clifton Elementary School or Clifton House Shops where hayrides will provide rides to and from park. T-shirts, cider, pizza, cookies and snacks available. [www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com](http://www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 28

**19th Annual Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop.** 8:30 a.m. 1K Fun Run, 9 a.m. 5K Run, 9:10 a.m. 5K Walk. Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, 4100 Monument Drive, Fairfax. From the competitive 5 K chip race over a USATF certified course to the fun run with 450-plus children, teenagers and toddlers, the Goblin Gallop heralds costumed fun to benefit the John Quadrino Foundation for children with cancer. [www.goblingallop.org](http://www.goblingallop.org).

**Ghost Train.** 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The haunted forest hosts ghosts, goblins and witches—dare you enter? A carousel and costumed creatures beckon. \$4. 703-323-6600.

**Frightful Bowling: Pumpkins, Goblins and Bowling!** 1-3 p.m., at AMF Annandale Lanes, 4245 Markham Street, Annandale. A special fundraising event for Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) with frightening door prizes and a costume contest; RSVP by Oct. 22. [www.novam.org](http://www.novam.org).

**Halloween Bingo.** 2-5 p.m., at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S, Vienna. Dress up to win the costume contest and play bingo for up to a \$1,000 prize. \$20. 703-938-2678.

**Sunday Soirees: Happy Halloween.** 3-5 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside

Ave., McLean. Come in costume or not and dance in a low-key environment or sit and listen to The Wayne Tympanick Trio play; refreshments provided. \$5. 703-790-0123 ext. 711 or [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/upcoming).

**Trunk or Treat.** 4-6 p.m., at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Decorate the trunk of your car and fill it with treats to join a parking lot-full of other festive, treat-filled trunks; dinner provided by the church. RSVP at [info@elcvienna.org](mailto:info@elcvienna.org).

**Surrounded by Monsters.** 7 p.m., at Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Experimental noise band plays three days after their new album Novella is released. 703-569-5940.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

**Halloween Pet Parade.** 4-4:45 p.m., at the parking lot by Grandmothers Back Room, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Come with a costumed, leashed pet in tow and parade. Judging is at 4:30 p.m., with prizes for special categories; pets must be cleared from area by 4:40 p.m. [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Spook.html](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/Spook.html).

**The Annual Spooktacular.** 5-7 p.m., at Great Falls Village Centre Green, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Trick-or-treat with area businesses in the heart of town. Children ages 12-and-under (6th grade) go in the Great Falls Haunted House. [www.celebrategreatfalls.org/](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/)

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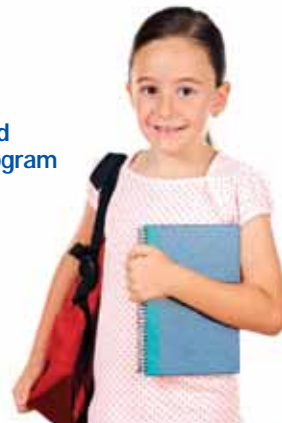
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# Sports



Fairfax sophomore Charlotte Duke (4) scored the only goal in a 1-0 victory against Lake Braddock in the first round of regionals on Oct. 23 at Fairfax High School.



Senior midfielder Sam Zelenack and the Fairfax field hockey team are two wins from a state tournament berth.



Lake Braddock's Jennifer Castillo defends Fairfax's Cori Black during the teams' Oct. 23 matchup.

Photos by Chris Buchen

## Fairfax Beats Lake Braddock in Regionals

### Sophomore Duke scores lone goal for Rebels.

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

**T**here was no celebratory pile-up from members of the Fairfax field hockey team. No one dumped the contents of a water cooler on Rebels head coach Amber Beaudoin and no players were lifted on top of shoulders and carried off the field.

When the final whistle sounded, signifying victory against Lake Braddock on Tuesday in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament, the Rebels were reserved in their celebration. After four consecutive Liberty District championships and four straight seasons with at least one win at regionals, head coach Amber Beaudoin said the team's elder athletes are in search of something greater than what beating the Bruins could provide.

Fairfax defeated Lake Braddock, 1-0, on Oct. 23 at Fairfax High School. Sophomore forward Charlotte Duke scored the game's lone goal with 2:25 remaining in the first half, helping the Rebels advance to the quarterfinals where they will face Herndon at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

**BEATING THE BRUINS** was the Rebels' first step toward reaching their goal of a state tournament berth, which would likely involve defeating South County in the region semifinals. South County knocked Fairfax out of the regional tournament each of the last three years, ending the Rebels' 2009 and 2011 seasons in the semifinals and



Fairfax senior Shannon Cosgrove reaches for the ball against Lake Braddock on Oct. 23.

their 2010 campaign in the quarterfinals.

South County faces Oakton in this year's quarterfinal round.

"Particularly the seniors; they've won four district titles in a row. There's really not much else left for them [to accomplish], and the hurdle of their entire high school career in hockey is we want to beat South County," Beaudoin said. "Every game before [the potential South County matchup], it's exciting, it's challenging, it's where they want to be, but they have their eye on the prize."

Tuesday's first step wasn't an easy one for Fairfax, which faced a Lake Braddock team that entered regionals as the Patriot District's No. 4 seed despite excelling during the regular season. After starting 0-2, the Bruins won 13 of their final 14 regular season games.

"I definitely felt relieved [after beating the Bruins] because it was kind of a fluke that they were the fourth seed in the Patriot District," Fairfax senior Shannon Cosgrove said. "They're always a top-four team. We were really nervous about playing them in the first place. Pulling through in the end, we were really relieved."

Lake Braddock couldn't have been thrilled with the matchup, either. After entering the Patriot District tournament as the No. 2 seed, the Bruins lost to No. 3 South County in the semifinals and No. 4 T.C. Williams upset No. 1 West Springfield, meaning Lake Braddock finished fourth. The result was a matchup with a Fairfax team that had lost only one game all season.

"We all knew they were a really good team and we knew we had to come out strong," Lake Braddock senior and Patriot District Player of the Year Maria Jose Pastor said. "It wasn't going to be an easy first round, but we were just thinking that if we got through this, it couldn't get tougher than this until [the] semifinals."

Lake Braddock wasn't able to get past Fairfax due in part to missed opportunities. The Bruins had 15 penalty corners, compared to eight for the Rebels, but failed to score.

Lake Braddock head coach Amy Worrest said the Bruins relied too heavily on Pastor to create.

"It's unfortunate for [Pastor] that she didn't get to go on to show some other coaches in the region what she's capable of," Worrest



Lake Braddock junior Vanessa Girata was a first-team all-Patriot District selection this season.

said. "She's the best all-around hockey player that I've ever seen. One player can't do it all. Not to say that she's the whole team, it's just the other girls sometimes settle in a little bit once they get comfortable with her with the ball."

Along with Pastor, senior forward Taylor Livick and junior defender Vanessa Girata were named first team all-Patriot District. Senior forward Rachel Wimer was the team's leading goal scorer with 14.

"I'm just proud of my girls," Worrest said. "We had a good season, we had a successful season and we just couldn't get it together."

With Lake Braddock failing to capitalize on offense, Fairfax needed just one goal to earn the win. Duke scored late in the first half, moments after senior midfielder Sam Zelenack hit the left post with a shot.

"I think always after we score we get more confident," Duke said. "We start passing around [and] we realize that it's our game. We definitely started playing our game instead of their game after that."

Cosgrove, Zelenack, junior midfielder Sara Allen and sopho-

more defender Meg Robertson were selected to the all-Liberty District first team. Beaudoin was named Coach of the Year.

Before Fairfax can arrive at its goal of qualifying for states, the Rebels must defeat Herndon in the quarterfinals. The Rebels beat the Hornets, 4-0, on Sept. 15 in the championship game of the Herndon Invitational.

"It's really hard to beat a team twice," Zelenack said. "We know that."

**WITH THE WIN** against Lake Braddock, Fairfax improved to 18-1. The Rebels have outscored their opponents 55-5. Fairfax's lone defeat was a 3-0 loss to Westfield on Sept. 24. Westfield, the Concorde District champion, is 16-0 against Northern Region foes, outscoring those opponents 87-3. Fairfax would not have to face Westfield again until the region championship game. By that point, the Rebels would have already secured a state berth.

Is going to states a realistic goal for Fairfax?

"Yeah," Cosgrove said. "We just have to beat South County, who knocks us out every year..."



# News

Jeff Pregman, general manager of Two Poor Teachers, shows off just a few of the items on display in the company's mobile showroom.

Photo by  
Andrea Worker/  
The Connection



## Two Poor Teachers Expand in Area

**A kitchen and bath remodeling company brings a one-stop-shop right to customers' front doors.**

By Andrea Worker  
The Connection

**O**n a sunny afternoon in the parking lot of a Fairfax County shopping center, Jeff Pregman is giving a tour of his mobile showroom, a \$100,000 former bookmobile that now houses an impressive selection of tiles, counter tops, faucets, flooring, light fixtures and more. Pregman is the general manager of Two Poor Teachers, a Class A contracting company founded in 1999 that specializes in kitchen and bath remodeling. The tour is interrupted on several occasions over the course of an hour by folks peering in the windows or knocking on the door. "I love it," says Pregman. "People see this big vehicle that says it's a design center. They come up to see what's what and they are blown away by what's inside. We do get a bit of business this way." Judging by the way the curious visitors walked away with business cards and even a scheduled appointment, Pregman isn't kidding.

**THE COMPANY** is the vision of Ken Nies and Tom Pennell, both of whom were Fairfax County teachers when they collaborated to start what was originally a sideline business. As their vision grew, Nies retired from teaching to serve as the hands-on owner, while Pennell still teaches and works with the company part time. Pregman came into the company first as a satisfied customer. "I was a government contractor," he said. "Ken and his crew did my bathroom remodel. We got on, needless to say, and two years later Ken recruited me to run the operation. It was a bit of a leap, but basically a no-brainer to go in with a quality outfit like this."

So, how has business been going, especially in these tougher economic times? "Pretty good," Pregman happily declares. "2011 was our best revenue year." Pregman attributes the success of Two Poor Teachers to a number of factors, not the least of which is a fanatical commitment to start and stop dates. "People and Process," Pregman firmly states. "We have a loyal, well-trained crew. Most have been with us for years, some from the

beginning. They know what they are doing and we are all on the same page. No subcontractors. We can control the quality of our work. Add in the 'process' that the company has developed over the years, and we can schedule properly and start when we say we will and be finished when we said we would."

The addition of the mobile show room in 2011 has taken things to a new level for the Two Poor Teachers gang. "As you can see," says Pregman, "it's obviously great advertising, especially when strategically parked in places like this. But what really excites people is that for many of the jobs, we bring a one-stop-shop right to their front door." Perhaps the biggest benefit to the potential client is having this treasure chest of design possibilities right there to mix and match with what's already in place. And no running from store to store, choosing, rejecting, returning, picking something else and starting the process all over again.

Two Poor Teachers handles about 350 bathroom jobs, more than 20 kitchens, and 10-15 basements per year. Pregman says a kitchen can be designed and priced in about two hours. "Most kitchen jobs are completed in two weeks, bathrooms within one week," according to Pregman. "When the work gets started, I love when the client is home," he said. "A partnership between the customer and the company makes things go smoothly. It certainly helps avoid the dreaded 'change order' and the extra charges that come with them. I know companies that say that that is where they make their money. That is just not our philosophy. Do the best job. Keep to the budget. I'm pretty sure that's why we get about 60-70 percent of our business through referrals."

**TWO POOR TEACHERS' PLANS** for the future include another mobile showroom and a larger physical display place, as well. If you are looking for a free quote and design advice for a home improvement project, contact them at 703-969-1179, or at their website [twopoorteachers.com](http://twopoorteachers.com). And if you see the showroom on wheels, don't be shy. Pregman says you're welcome. "Come on in and have a look."

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