

Robinson drama students pose with their new teacher Megan Thrift. (From left, top) Elijah King, Matthew Cook, Will Weiss, Elizabeth Wat, Megan Thrift, Mady Hanton, Julian Mahon-Kuzin, Cody Clarke, Matt Ross, Justin Weatherbee, (middle) Graciela Perez, Roxy Matten, Andie Matten, (bottom) Hanna Kornell and Hasan Crawford.



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Several groups hold a monthly vigil outside the NRA headquarters in Fairfax on the 14th of each month to remember victims of gun violence in the United States.

# Not Going Away

Citizens for gun legislation hold monthly vigil at NRA headquarters.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO  
THE CONNECTION

The Reston-Herndon Alliance to End Gun Violence met outside the National Rifle Association's headquarters in Fairfax on Sunday, Sept. 14. The group has met there on the fourteenth of every month since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. on Dec. 14, 2012.

They have been a fixture outside the NRA building that Officer B. Batten said that he got a call from NRA asking where the group was that morning.

Joanna Simon, the vigil's organizer, said that when the 14th falls on a weekday, they meet at 10 a.m. but when it falls on a weekend, they meet at 2 p.m., just after church. They were joined by McLean's Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence and the United Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, which is based in Oakton.

The vigil started as a reaction to the shootings at Newtown but has grown to include all victims of gun violence and their families, including the shootings at Virginia Tech and the Navy Yard.

Simon said that one of the group's goals is to inform people of their point of view in an effort to affect who gets elected. They are hoping to get Democrat John Foust elected to the 10th Congressional district against Republican Barbara Comstock.

Ben Zuhl, of the Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence, handed out flyers



**Jim Gilkeson, retired, of Harrisonburg, hopes people will do a lot more thinking about safety, during a vigil outside NRA headquarters in Fairfax on Sunday, Sept. 14.**

detailing the voting record of Virginia politicians on the issue of gun control. He gives Comstock an F for voting consistently against measures to curb the purchase and carrying of guns.

Del. Kenneth R. Plum (D-36th) said that this is about "protecting people." He is a proponent of expanding background checks. "Most people are talking about reasonable gun laws that say we do background checks to make sure that people who buy guns haven't committed violent crimes or they're not mentally ill."

Several drivers honked their horns in support. But there were also drivers who used their horns to express their disagreement or gestured with a thumbs down right before pulling into the NRA parking lot.

## VIEWPOINTS

"What do you hope to accomplish with a monthly vigil?"

— ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO

**Nicole Gillen, Marketing, Fairfax**

"Change does not happen overnight. It's easy to be upset when it first happens; it's harder to keep the message going over time. This is a reminder. It is that continual drumbeat that ultimately people start to listen to. I think this is an important activity."



**Bob Hatfield, Retired, Vienna**

"They bring us together. We represent four, five different advocacy groups. They bring us together around a common event, and they remind the public that we're not going away and that we're honoring, with action, all those who have lost their lives, and their families in the tragedies that we all know about."

**Martina Leinz, President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence**

"I think that it shows the tenacity of this movement and that we are very diverse— all ages, all backgrounds. We represent America and this is a show of force. This is our country and we want it to be a safe place."



**Del. Kenneth R. Plum (D-36)**

"It highlights to the public that the issue is not going away, that the kinds of incidents we've seen over time will happen again. We see, daily, young people getting shot with guns, accidents, playing with guns, situations that we find really abhorrent...there will be another incident where somebody crazy will go out and shoot a bunch of people. We have to continue to say to people that this is gonna happen until we have sensible gun laws that make sure that people who have guns handle them safely, keep them out of children's hands, keep them locked up in their home. And, we also say to people that we need to keep guns out of the hands of people who aren't mentally capable of handling guns."

**Sharon O'Brien, Oakton**

"I think it shows people that even though they're struggling with this in Congress and it seems like sometimes there's not much progress being made, people like us still have this first in our minds. We want to make sure that people driving by, common people, understand that. And if they want to get involved, the issue's not going away because that particular tragedy has faded."





## Board of Supervisors Approves 50+ Community Action Plan

Vote is “the beginning, not the end” for Herrity.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Pat Herrity’s so-called “Silver Tsunami” population in Fairfax County isn’t getting any younger. The data haven’t changed: the amount of people over 50 should increase by 40 percent between 2005 and 2030, and those 70 and older should shoot up 80 percent in the same period.

The Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, together with the Board of Supervisors, first drafted a plan in 2007 to make the county more aging-friendly — to brace for the tsunami. It would take a few more years for the plan to grow teeth.

A major makeover of that initial plan started in 2013, drawing input from a robust public outreach campaign. Herrity then presented the new and improved 50+ Community Action Plan to the Board at their meeting on Sept. 9.

When the item came up for a vote at the Sept. 23 meeting, the motion to adopt the plan passed unanimously.

“It’s been a real journey,” Hunter Mill Supervisor Catherine Hudgins addressed the action plan team being recognized. “You can’t walk out and change in a day, but you can sit and methodically go through what

needs to be done.”

Hudgins emphasized the importance of keeping elderly people within existing communities. “I want the diversity of age,” she said, “it makes us thrive. Not only being served, but by giving back. We want all of that to happen.”

**IN HIS ADDITIONAL REMARKS,** Herrity made the point that the title of the new plan includes the word “Community” for a reason. The six aging-friendly areas

the plan addresses — Transportation, Housing, Safe and Healthy Community, Community Engagement, Services for Older Adults and Family Caregivers, and Long-term Planning — rely heavily on community-driven initiatives with a civic leader but minimal government overhead.

Several of these initiatives are already up and running, according to Herrity. One is a home-sharing concept led by Jim Lindsay, vice president of Adult Companion Care.



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**Individuals who helped develop the 50+ Community Action Plan pose with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.**

“We’re the guinea pig right now,” said Lindsay. “What’s it going to be like, to have us all aging? Once that occurs, man, to be ahead of the curve is a gift.”

“They’ve actually got draft leases — people signed up — with three test cases already,” Herrity said.

Another initiative is a car ride-share and scheduling system being organized by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. “NV rides is moving forward, like gangbusters,” said Herrity.

“That’s what was most exciting today for me,” he continued, “to hear about the progress on the initiatives that we hadn’t even passed yet.”

**CHAIRMAN SHARON BULOVA** praised the “wonderful plan,” calling it “truly a living document” that represents “an ongoing recognition of our changing demographics and communities changing to meet the challenge.”

“Now it’s the time to implement it and track the progress,” said Herrity.

Together with gerontologists from George Mason University, the Commission on Aging will grade the effectiveness of the various initiatives quarterly or annually and report back to the Board.

“While I’m relieved and happy that they were able to get the Community Plan passed, now the real work starts,” said Herrity. “Really this is the beginning, not the end.”

The complete 50+ Community Action plan can be found online in PDF form at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults).

## Students, Parents and Teachers Plea for Later Start Times

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

Students, parents and advocacy groups flooded the School Board’s public comment period with pleas to approve later start times for students next year during Sept. 19 meeting.

The School Board is scheduled to approve later start times at the Oct. 23 meeting.

“Sleep began this journey a decade ago,” said Coalition of the Silence founder Tina Hone.

During her time on the School Board, she said, sleep deprivation and talks about starting schools at a later time happened every year. Although the matter affects all students, she said it affects many black and Latino students — the students her coalition represents — the most because they are already disadvantaged by their socioeconomic status and prejudices.

Oakton High School senior Erin



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**Supporters of later school start times at the Sept. 19 School Board meeting.**

Cooper said she and her classmates function regularly on six hours of sleep because they cannot have their home-

work done by 9 p.m.

“In my school, this daily grind leads to sleeping in the hallway before school be-

gins, sleeping in class, and constant near-missed car accidents in the parking lots,” she said. “There is very little enthusiasm for school activities, dances or football games because we’re too tired.”

Fairfax County Federation of Teachers President Steve Greenburg said he appreciates that the school administration and board cares about its teachers. He talked directly to students and Student Representative Harris LaTeef during parts of his speech.

“Having to change high school start times because of the past incompetence of whoever had the stupid idea to make high school students go to school that early is not going to be easy,” he said. “Maybe teachers will be inconvenienced by the change. It might not be very fun for some of them. However, they care most about their students and what is right. Please know Mr. LaTeef and all of these students, your high school teachers are heroes for having dealt with this mess for years.”



# Thou Hast it Now: Robinson Speech and Drama

## New teacher replaces 33-year veteran.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**M**egan Thrift's classroom has over 30 doors to lock at the end of the day. There are dressing rooms, a black box theater, main stage entrances and a vault full of stockpiled stage pieces and props from decades of shows. Perhaps there's one for each year her predecessor Chip Rome served as theater director at Robinson Secondary School.

"They're enormous shoes to fill," said Thrift, an Alexandria resident. Rome quite literally wrote the book on teaching theater — a collaboration with other theater teachers Mary Lechter and Zoe Dillard advising first-year teachers on building a program foundation — and remains a legend at the school and around the county.

"I just got an email from the theater teacher at Lake Braddock, just 20 minutes ago," said Thrift. "He said, 'Chip was so helpful to me and we have very similar programs, so if you need any help, come to me and I'm going to be a resource for you like Chip was for me.'"

Robinson Principal Matt Eline insists replacing Rome "isn't possible," but that "You just have to be yourself. You're going to bring different skills and point of view. That's all you can do."

**TO HELP JUDGE** applicants for the position, Eline invited students to sit on the interview panel. "There has to be a really different kind of relationship with the theater teacher and students," he said. "So it was important that the kids had a voice."

Seniors Andie Matten and Sarah Marksteiner were immediately impressed with Thrift. "We automatically connected,"



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**Megan Thrift (center) reads through Shakespeare's "Macbeth" in preparation for shows on Nov. 20-22. (Clockwise from Thrift) Graciela Perez, Isabel Min, Mady Hanton, Mikaela Ried, Hanna Kornell, Roxy Matten, Andie Matten, Matt Ross, Justin Weatherbee, Hasan Crawford, Elijah King, Matthew Cook, Will Weiss and Elizabeth Wat.**

said Matten. "We were able to feed off of each other. That's always something that we're worried about, talking to a director."

Thrift is a "local yokel," graduating from Westfield High School and completing undergraduate and graduate studies at George Mason University. While at GMU the first time, she began working for the Keegan Theatre in Washington, D.C.

After an international tour with Keegan, Thrift moved to North Carolina and focused on light and design with productions around Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill. She later returned to the area and worked with an events company in and around D.C. To better complement her theater education masters classes at GMU, Thrift left the events company and substitute taught.

In 2013, Thrift took over theater duties

abruptly at Key Middle School in Springfield when a faculty member retired early. At that point, she said, "I had no plans for full-time teaching." That was before the Robinson position opened up.

"This is the dream job," Thrift said. "I don't think I could've been more fortunate. Robinson is like Disneyland for teachers."

**THRIFT WAS IMMEDIATELY** blown away by the administrative support and respectful, knowledge-hungry students at the school she described as so big "it's like an airport."

"It's a school culture thing," she said.

This support structure has helped Thrift move quickly to establish her own brand — a program that draws and departs from Rome's tenure.

"I'm trying to insert a professional structure into the way that things run and work us as a company," said Thrift. So far, that's meant completely rebuilding the program website, rebranding as The Rambunctious Theater Company and talking more about the business of show business.

"The kids love that," said Eline. "School should be more like real life experiences and that's what she's trying to do."

"She's a brave soul, with the energy and creativity and ambition to really jump in there and slay the dragon," said Rome, who plans to eavesdrop when he can. "She's going to do great things," he said. "If not, I'm going to get her. She'll be hearing from me."

Rome's mark won't soon leave the program. "There's been a strong tradition of mentorship within the students," Thrift said. "That's something I absolutely love and don't think this department could succeed without. And that was purely Chip."

## AREA ROUNDUPS

### GMU/Community Meeting

George Mason University and the Fairfax community will hold a joint meeting Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Kings Park Library meeting room, 9002 Burke Lake Road in Burke. Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) and City of Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne will both speak.

The agenda will feature an update on the Braddock Road/Route 123 intersection and Kelly Drive drainage construction, the World Police and Fire Games, the opening of the Chain Bridge Road bridge, GMU's Master Plan and Fairfax's downtown charrette.

### Farmers Market on Thursdays

Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot. The Government Center is at 12000 Government Center Pkwy. in Fair Oaks, and the next markets are slated for Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.

### Needed: Used Laptops

Our Daily Bread is in need of a few gently used laptops no more than three years old. They'll enable ODB to have more office volunteers during the busy fall and holiday season. Anyone who'd like to donate a laptop in good condition should contact Mila Cobos at 703-273-8829.

## FREE CAREGIVERS SEMINARS

Fairfax County is offering the following Free Caregiver Seminars in October:

❖ Understanding and Caring for a Person with Dementia. Saturday, Oct. 18, 10-11:30 a.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. For directions: 703-204-4664.

\*Scams and Financial Crimes Against Seniors. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 3-4:30 p.m. Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. For directions: 703-768-6700.

❖ Caregiving 101. Monday, Oct. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. For directions: 703-339-4610.

❖ Six Questions to Consider About Paying for Long-Term Care — WEBINAR. Wednesday, Oct. 29, Noon-1 p.m.

Register beforehand at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/)

[olderadultservices/caregiver.htm](http://olderadultservices/caregiver.htm).

❖ Carfit experts will be at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department parking lot to assist older adults in determining if your car fits you properly for maximum safety. Free program. Wed., Oct. 8, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-255-6360 to register and for more information.

❖ Fairfax County's free Chronic Disease Self-Management Program workshops are held Oct. 15-Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices) or call 703-324-5489, TTY 711.

❖ Fairfax County is providing free Support Groups for Kinship Caregivers. Oct. 21, Oakton Library, 7-8:30 p.m. and Oct. 23, 6:30-8 p.m. Bryant Alternative High School. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/kinship/support-groups.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/kinship/support-groups.htm), or to register call 703-324-5447, TTY 711.

**Medicare 101 presentations** are offered by Fairfax County at the following locations:

❖ Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. — Braddock District Community Room (Next to Kings Park Library), 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Directions: 703-425-9300, TTY 711 (No registration necessary.)

❖ Thursday, Oct. 16, 10-11 a.m. — Unitarian Universalist Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.

Directions: 703-281-0538, TTY 711 (No registration necessary.)

❖ Tuesday, October 28, 9:45-11 a.m. — Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, NE, Vienna.

To register contact Charles Geschiere at 703-938-9050, x. 151; TTY 711

For more information visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices).



## SCHOOL 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.

**Jacob Augelli, an eighth grade student at Robinson Secondary**, finished in fourth place overall in the 2014 United States Geography Olympiad, junior varsity division. The competition consisted of two parts: a written exam and a quiz bowl tournament; Augelli placed sixth in the exam and tied for seventh in the quiz bowl tournament; overall scores were compiled by averaging each competitor's ranking for each part. Over 70 junior varsity students from as far away as Guam competed in the written exam and in a preliminary quiz bowl round, while those with high scores advanced to the final quiz bowl round. Questions ranged in difficulty from naming countries by their capital to identifying obscure islets in the North Atlantic. The top four varsity students earned the right to represent the USA at the 2014 International Geography Olympiad in Krakow, Poland, this summer. The Geography Olympiad was sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and HISTORY, commonly known as the History Channel, which also sponsors the National History Bee and Bowl. For more information on the competition, please visit [www.geographyolympiad.com](http://www.geographyolympiad.com).

The Citadel has recognized **Cadet Martin Krawczak** of Springfield on the school's dean's list for his academic achievement during the spring semester. Recognition on the South Carolina military school's dean's list is reserved for students who were registered for 12 or more semester hours and received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work.

**Yihan Zhou**, Fairfax, earned a place on the Deans Honor Roll at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan., for the spring 2014 semester. Zhou is a junior majoring in general studies. To be eligible, students must have enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester.

**Samantha M. Bell** of Fairfax, received her J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law on May 23. In August, Samantha will become the Judicial Law Clerk to The Honorable Ronald D. Wigler, the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of Essex County. Samantha has been a Student Attorney for the Center of Social Justice at Seton Hall University. She was also a Law Clerk at Krumholz Dillon, P.A., and a litigator for the New York Legal Assistance Group/Clinical Center for Domestic Violence. Samantha graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Spanish Language and Literature, with minors in History, Law, and Society, in 2011. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, with an Honors Degree in Spanish from the Presidential Honors Scholar Program. Her Honor's Thesis was on Rosa Montero's novel, 'Te Trataré Como a Una Reina' (1983), and Pedro Almodovar's film, 'Gender and Space', (1988). Samantha is a graduate of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax. She is the daughter of William and Judith Bell of Fairfax. Samantha currently resides in New York City, NY.

**Corinne (Corrie) McNulty**, of Fairfax Station, graduated Summa Cum Laude on May 17 from Grove City College in Pennsylvania with a degree in middle level Education. She will be teaching 2nd grade in the fall at Dominion Christian School in Oakton, Va.

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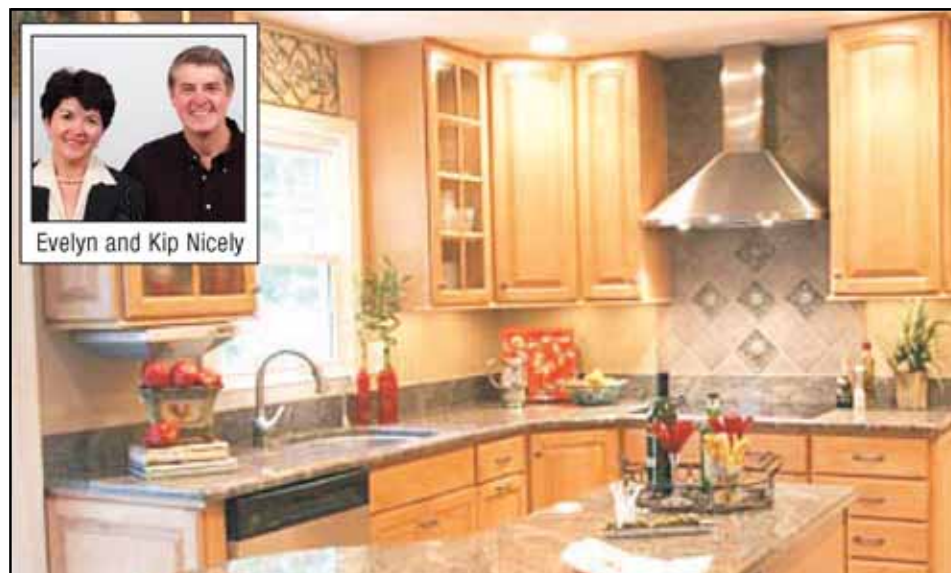
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(From left) Supervisors John Faust, Linda Smyth, Pat Herrity, Chairman Sharon Bulova, John Cook, Penelope Gross, Jeff McKay, Catherine Hudgins, Gerry Hyland, Deputy County Executive of Public Safety Dave Rohrer and County Executive Ed Long.



## Supervisors Break Ground on New Public Safety Headquarters

The Fairfax County Police and Fire Departments are getting a new home. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor John Cook broke ground on what will be a \$142 million, eight-story headquarters.

"I look forward to having the Police and Fire Department staff move into a new, quality facility on the Government Center campus," said Bulova. "This new headquarters offers many improvements and efficiencies that will meet the growing needs of our community and our public safety family."

The 274,000 square-foot building won't be completed until 2016 and the safety officials aren't scheduled to move in until 2017. In the meantime, they'll continue to occupy the Massey building, a 1960s-era structure that was home to all Fairfax County government until 1991.

"After years in a building with a leaking roof and asbestos, this new public safety headquarters will give our police officers and firefighters



Chairman Bulova addresses other Supervisors and the media before the official groundbreaking of the new Public Safety Headquarters.

the tools they need to continue to lead their fields," said Cook.

Funded in large part with Economic Development Authority revenue bonds, the new building will be a "green project" that's designed to meet LEED Silver standards. It will be the first building in the county lit entirely by energy-saving LED bulbs.

— TIM PETERSON



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Matt Smith and son Noah interviewed by FOX 5 at Race for Every Child 2014.

## Burke Family Runs Race for Every Child

The Smith family of Burke – parents Matt and Karen with their children: Avery, 1, Noah, 5, and Carter, 7 – participated in the second annual Race for Every Child to benefit Children's National Health System. There were more than 4,600 participants raising more than \$1 million for Children's National. Matt served on this year's Race Committee.

They participated in the last year's race as a team, "Noah's Heart Heroes," with the emblem of Iron Man in middle of shirt since comic character had heart problem as well and Noah loves Iron Man and superheroes in general. Even though Iron Man did not have the same heart defect as Noah, he developed a strong attachment based on their similarities. And the family participated again this year with the same Iron Man emblem on their t-shirts. The team raised about \$5,000 total this year. They had 18 people on their team, and daughter Carter, 7, ran her first 5K to be supportive and also did 100

yard Kids' Dash.

At 22 weeks doctors detected a hole in Noah's heart and informed parents he would need surgery when born. Noah was born during "blizzard of 2009," and doctors then detected a second rare heart defect. Basically the floor plan of his heart was not in the same position as a normal heart. Noah had his first operation to fix the hole in his heart when he was 13 days old. They waited until he was 18 months to operate on the second defect. Noah's parents were told there was a 10 percent chance his heart could be fixed, so that he could avoid future open heart surgeries (which Noah would need if not successful). Dr. Richard Jonas was able to fix Noah's heart and now all he will require is a new valve when he is in his late teens/early twenties. His diagnosis has only happened a few times in the world. Dr. Jonas' approach was new and innovative and led to journal articles, which will help teach others about how to address something similar.



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# Help Feed Local People

## Complete the Circle FoodRaiser is Nov. 9 at Fairfax High.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

September is Hunger Action Month, and Our Daily Bread (ODB) and Food for Others are trying to help. They're seeking community members to form teams, gather food items and come to the Complete the Circle FoodRaiser on Sunday, Nov. 9, from 1-2:30 p.m., on Fairfax High's practice field.

Participants will create an Art for the Sky picture to be photographed from high in the air by artist Daniel Dancer. Comprising the photo's perimeter will be the food and pantry donations brought that day. There'll also be music, food and entertainment for children.

The event will be held, rain or shine. Participants are encouraged to bring a food-pantry item or grocery gift card.

Some of the greatest needs are canned meat, chili, pasta and fruit; dinner kits with meat; laundry detergent; toiletry items and household cleaning products.

"We had about 800 participants last year and raised 5,700 pounds of food, said ODB spokeswoman Heather Webb. "Our goal for this year is 1,000 participants and 10,000 pounds of food."

All donations collected will be used to feed hungry people in the local area. According to Feeding America, 73,000 people in Fairfax County don't know,

on any given day, if they'll have food to eat – not just enough to eat, but anything, at all.

Groups are encouraged to register their teams by Oct. 10 to be listed on the event t-shirt that will color the Art for the Sky photo. Individuals and families may also register. Walk-ins are welcome, but early registration will help reserve participants' t-shirts.

To register, go to <http://www.CompletetheCircleFX.org>. For more information, contact [info@ODBFairfax.org](mailto:info@ODBFairfax.org) or call 703-273-8829.

"It's incredible to think that, in the wealthy Fairfax County area, there are 73,000 people who don't know where their next meal will come from," said Our Daily Bread Executive Director Lisa Whetzel. "Many of them are children, and it's heartbreaking to think of how their parents must feel when they work so hard to make ends meet, but have to put their kids to bed with empty stomachs."

"Participating in Complete the Circle is a joyful way for community members to come together to be part of the solution to the very real problem of hunger and need in our midst," she continued. "We welcome community members to join us that day and to start planning now to make the event even more meaningful by putting together a team of family, friends, coworkers or group members to participate and running a grocery cart or food drive to help 'Complete the Circle' of giving and sharing."

Agreeing, Food for Others Executive Director Roxanne Rice said, "We're excited to partner for the second year with Our Daily Bread on this stellar FoodRaiser. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals to volunteer their time and, through a small donation, help lift up those in our community who are in need."

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# Deadly Medicaid Debacle

**Literally killing poor people who could have health care, while refusing to give Virginia's economy a boost.**

**T**he poor people of Virginia are so seriously harmed by the actions of the Virginia General Assembly in refusing to expand Medicaid at little additional cost to the Commonwealth that those harmed should have some legal recourse. The damage will cost many lives and the productivity of many.

People who will needlessly die of cancer undetected until it is too late. People whose productive lives will be cut short because of untreated diabetes.

People who will finally qualify for Medicare and Medicaid because they are permanently disabled after stroke or heart attack that could

have been prevented.

Examples of health harm beyond the poor: There are the extra flu cases because a working person who doesn't have health insurance so doesn't get a flu shot also can't afford to be off work and infects other by being at work while sick.

With whooping cough on the rise, people who will be around infants are advised to get a booster shot to protect the infants for whom the disease can be deadly, but if you don't have health coverage, you are unlikely to get the booster.

Vulnerable people, elderly, young children, people with chronic illness, people on chemotherapy, will get sick more than necessary even though they have insurance because of the 200,000-plus people integrated in all aspects of our communities who do not have access to basic health care.

Meanwhile, leaders lament the loss of federal dollars in Virginia due to the sequester and reduced spending on defense, homeland security and other programs.

Here is the one place where Virginia's economy could get a boost. Expanding Medic-

aid would create an estimated 30,000 jobs and pump hundreds of millions of dollars into Virginia's economy. Hospitals support expanding Medicaid which would offset many of the costs of caring for uninsured populations. So far, Virginia has lost out on about \$1 billion that could be creating jobs and making our local economy healthier in addition to protecting health in our communities.

Business groups and chambers of commerce around Virginia, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, support the expansion of Medicaid in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act.

In Virginia, Medicaid eligibility for adults without disability is almost nonexistent, limited to parents with incomes below 51 percent of poverty, or about \$11,900 a year for a family of four, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Adults without dependent children remain ineligible regardless of their income. Refusing to expand Medicaid is hurting all of us, but the most vulnerable are hurting the most.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Connecting to End Homelessness

BY KERRIE WILSON AND  
SARA LEONARD

**W**hen the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors declared a bold goal of ending homelessness, we knew the steepest hill to climb would be securing affordable housing in a high cost-of-living area with an inadequate supply. Beyond that, the need to identify and align a broad variety of services and supports to address the underlying cause of one's homelessness and to prevent it in the future.

Equally important, and unique to the Fairfax plan, was the recognition that this could not be just another government-nonprofit initiative. To prevent and end homelessness in a "community" the size of Fairfax County would require us to engage that community in new ways, not just for immediate resources and support, but in a committed, sustainable campaign to reach that goal.

Connecting people to other members of the community and to the resources that enable them to achieve stability is the core of Cornerstones' mission. Addressing homelessness requires building relationships of trust between community groups, often with disparate views about the other. In the early years of the founding of

Reston and Reston Interfaith (now Cornerstones), it was Embry Rucker who brought people together around this cause and the eventual dedication of a homeless shelter in Reston's town center. Cornerstones has continued in that role, with the vision that our community will join us in ending homelessness, not just managing it.

Cornerstones has confronted challenges in building that understanding many times over the years. In 2013, we were alerted to issues of concern being voiced in the Hunters Woods Shopping Plaza about crime and safety and the perception that these issues were related to homeless individuals gathering there. We were aware of their presence, and that these men and women were made welcome to stay on the property of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church and to utilize facilities at the Reston Community Center—reflective of the community-minded missions of those institutions.

But other members of the community had reservations, citing public displays of drunkenness, vulgar behaviors, and occasional aggressiveness. That linkage is not altogether unfounded, but it is not the entire story either. According to Katie Defoe, the Crime Prevention Officer based in Reston, the



Kerrie Wilson



Sara Leonard

number of reported incidences over the last year involving homeless individuals was very low; rather, they tended to involve disaffected young men under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

How could Cornerstones help in this situation and address the feelings of discontent and insecurity that exist within the community? By connecting people.

Working with the church and community center, we convened a meeting with area residents and homeless persons, business owners, plaza developers, community representatives, local police and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Over the course of the year, Cornerstones has facilitated broader community meetings, thereby creating opportunities for interest groups to meet face to face, voice their concerns, listen to different perspectives, and make suggestions for how to improve relations.

The momentum of the neighborhood meetings has encouraged members to think of new ways to

engage, connect, and commit to playing a part in making Hunters Woods a stronger community. A code of conduct was developed with all stakeholders, laying out benefits and consequences for those visiting the plaza. The church is providing hot lunches for homeless neighbors, with Cornerstones' outreach worker on site to discuss housing and service options.

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board offered volunteer caregiver training in how to approach and support people suffering from mental illness. The police emphasize crime prevention, increasing patrols and response to any call received. Reston Association is focused on improved lighting and trail markings, and the property management company has made significant improvements to the plaza through an extensive redevelopment. Supervisor Hudgins has been there as a committed partner and to identify additional policies and resources her office can bring.

Much still needs to be done. Some people, including elderly residents of the Fellowship House, continue to feel fearful about sharing the plaza based on past experience and despite the development of the tools and procedures

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## LETTER

# Portrait of a Graduate Approved

Resolution promises collaborative, critical thinking and ethical graduate.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Portrait of a Graduate has been drawn. This "portrait" - a part of the plans for the proposed strategic plan - was passed unanimously at Thursday's Fairfax County School Board meeting after the board discussed it for more than an hour.

"I feel like we're finally getting on the right side of history and education policy," said Hunter Mill District board member Pat Hynes.

Two amendments put forth by Braddock District board member Megan McLaughlin and Sully District board member Kathy Smith passed, as well, to wordsmith an effort that FCPS is innovating.

The word "ethical" is added to the third heading "Global Citizen" and "balanced" was taken out of the last heading to focus on "Goal Directed and Resilient Individual."

"There are substantial long term implications for the decision we're about to make," said Springfield District board member Elizabeth Schultz. "While it might seem like, 'What's the big deal,' with one word - ethics - it is a big deal."

She said that the models that students choose, whether celebrities, athletes, politicians and world leaders, sometimes lack ethics.

"If we don't emphasize it, who will?" she asked. "What models do they have for it?"

**SEVEN BOARD MEMBERS** voted for the amendment.

Many believed that the word "balanced" had too many meanings - and was not the right word - for the last heading. Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza noted that the word has changed several times based on the feedback the committee that developed the proposed Portrait created. At one point, "responsible" was replaced by "balanced."

"It may not be the perfect word," said Mason District board member Sandra Evans. "We struggled with this."

She said that among all qualities parents wanted for their children, however, they said health and wellness are critical.

"Without this, we don't get a clear sense that this is a priority," she said.

While debating the second amendment, some School Board members proposed to wait until a future date to vote on the resolution. However, no motion was made.

A sub-amendment to the second amendment to substitute "balance" with caring was not approved, with Evans voting for it. The second amendment as



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**Portrait of a Graduate was approved unanimously by the School Board at Thursday's meeting.**

written was approved by seven board members.

During the public comment period, most of the audience members focused on sleep deprivation among students, a subject board members will discuss when they decide whether to change start times in October. Coalition for the Silent founder and chair Tina Hone said that both Portrait of a Graduate and current school start times highly disfavor minority students - especially those who are already economically disadvantaged.

"The issue has never been that FCPS doesn't have a Portrait of a Graduate," she said at a School Board meeting earlier this month. "The issue is that FCPS only knows how to get some of its students there. By repainting this old portrait, you have avoided the real question. What is the portrait of a school system that can get every child in it - regardless of race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status - to the Promised Land, fairly, equitably and at equally high levels of achievement."

**HONE**, a former School Board member herself, noted that three-quarters of white and Asian students graduate with advanced diplomas while fewer than half of black and Hispanic students are able to make the same achievement. She said these disparities are found every year in every school.

"Stop painting portraits of graduates," she said. "Fix this."

Hynes stated that the Portrait of a Graduate will make sure expectations will be high for all graduates, not just some of them.

"There is no silver bullet for closing the achievement gap," she said.

Also noted was the importance of implementation by administration and teachers to insure the words come alive in each student by the time they cross the stage with a diploma in hand.

"It's pretty near perfect, guys," said School Board Chairman Tamara Derenak Kaufax. "It's good."

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that will bring police or Hunters Woods task force members to assist.

Cornerstones hears those concerns and will continue to facilitate a meaningful and productive dialogue between all community members.

Conversations, and the con-

nections they bring, are important in our work. Case workers approach every discussion with a person who is homeless with questions designed to elicit cause and the way forward. Was it cost of housing? Poor credit or legal issues? Lack of housing near job, school or family? Was it crisis, abuse or illness? Is it your immigration status, age or ability? Was

it lack of education or skills?

Imagine the potential if connected stakeholders—faith, business, civic, nonprofit and government—asked those questions a different way. What could we change together? We can end homelessness; will we?

*Kerrie Wilson is CEO of Cornerstones and Sara Leonard Vice Chair of Cornerstones Board of Directors.*

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**Taste of the Vine Annual Fundraiser.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. This year's featured winery is Naked Mountain Vineyards. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Le Mediterranean Bistro, Al-Maza, Curry Mantra, Cameron's Coffee and Chocolates and Shirley's Catering.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 27 - SUNDAY/NOV. 2

**Cox Farms Fall Festival.** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (5 p.m. in November) 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Giant slides, famous hayrides, rope swings, farm animals & their babies, farm chores, kiddie zone, apples & cider, food, entertainment and over 90 acres of fun. 703-830-4121.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**Reston Multicultural Festival.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A celebration of the diversity and community spirit that is found in Reston, this annual event brings together the people of Reston to celebrate the rich medley of cultures. Visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtml](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/MulticulturalFestival.shtml).

**Charity Wine Life Festival.** 1-5 p.m. Mosaic District, 2905 District Avenue, Fairfax. Your ticket will gain you access to taste over 150 premium and value-driven wines from around the world. Admission: \$45. 703-992-8157.

**Smithsonian's Museum Day Live!** 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. National Firearms Museum, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax. A nationwide event, Museum Day Live! offers visitors the chance to attend programs at no charge by simply presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket at a participating museum or cultural institution.

**Korean Culture Event.** 12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project presents "The Hidden Treasures of Korean Art and Modern Korea," featuring two documentary films, a traditional wedding and a Korean buffet.

**Ninth Annual ARTS by George! Gala.** 5 p.m. Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. This benefit event features a showcase of performances and exhibitions by students and faculty, buffets and beverages, a silent auction of arts-related items and experiences and a dazzling gala performance by Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award winner Patti LuPone. 703-993-4188 or [artsbygeorge.gmu.edu](http://artsbygeorge.gmu.edu).

**69th Annual County Fair.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The fair includes games, booths, barbecue, homemade apple butter, historic church tours, Colonial and Civil War living history re-enactors, organ concerts, live music, pony rides and much more. <http://www.pohick.org>.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

**NatureFest.** 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. Explore various nature stations throughout the park including butterflies, bees, life in the meadow, web of life and much more with live animal shows throughout the day. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

# October

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

**Jewelry and Antiques Road Show.** 10:30 a.m. - Noon. Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon. Registration is required for one free appraisal of one item. Visit [www.HerndonSeniorCenter.org](http://www.HerndonSeniorCenter.org) or call 703-464-6200. No walk-ins accepted.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 2

**3rd Annual Reston Town Center Help the Homeless Walk.** 12 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11959 Market St, Reston. Walk from Mayflowers Floral Design Studio on The Promenade to the Embury Rucker Community Shelter and back. Funds will enable Cornerstones to provide essential resources and services for individuals and families in the community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Visit [www.cornerstonesva.org/events\\_list/htw](http://www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/htw).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 4



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**The Ferris wheel is always popular at the Fairfax Fall Festival. This year's festival is on Saturday, Oct. 11. (Rain date, Oct. 12).**

**Oktoberfest Vienna.** 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Historic Church Street, Vienna. Enjoy beer, wine, food, music, kids activities and more. Visit <http://viennaoktoberfest.org> for more.

**Swing Dance.** 7:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. An evening of swing dancing and great music! Each event begins with a half hour swing dance lesson by Gottaswing, followed by a dance at 8 p.m. Admission fee of \$15 can be paid at the door with cash or credit card.

**Jazz Masters with John Eaton: "The Master: The Glorious Songs of Jerome Kern."** 1 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Jazz pianist, musicologist, and humorist John Eaton brings his popular continuing education program to The Alden. Jazz Masters with John Eaton is an entertaining and insightful afternoon that combines Eaton's peerless knowledge of the Great American Songbook, hilarious commentary, and elegant, ultra-tasteful renditions of jazz standards, both popular and obscure. Admission: \$10/\$5 MCC district residents

**October Kid's Club "Pet Parade."** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tysons Corner Center Outdoor Plaza, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Learn all about pets. Come dressed as your favorite pet and get a special treat from Tysons Corner Center. This event will also feature fun crafts, activities, music and snacks.

**Holiday Fair.** 2 - 7 p.m. Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon. Hundreds of witches, turkeys, snowmen, and much more for the holidays. There is no admission fee. Please visit [www.HerndonSeniorCenter.org](http://www.HerndonSeniorCenter.org) or call 703-464-6200.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT 4 - 5

**Halloween Wagon Rides.** 5-8 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. A narrated wagon ride along a trail filled with family-oriented thrills, chills, and adventures. At the end of the ride, s'mores and hot apple cider will be provided. Admission \$8.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 5

**McLean Project for the Arts ArtFest.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. McLean Central Park, 468 Dolley

Madison Blvd., McLean. The park is transformed into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of a diverse group of 50 juried artists. Visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org).

**19th Annual Paws for a Cause 3K Walk.** 12 p.m. Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Paws for a Cause benefits Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Inc., an all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing pet visitation to residents of nursing homes and hospitals since 1987. Visit [www.fpow.org/event-685795](http://www.fpow.org/event-685795).

**HernDOG Bark Bash.** 12-3 p.m. Bready Park, Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Doggy demonstrations, competitions, an off-leash area, adoption event and wide variety of dog themed vendors will be on site. <http://herndon-va.gov/>

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 11-12

**Oktoberfest Reston.** Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy food, wine, beer, live entertainment, a carnival and the Anthem Great Pumpkin 5K at Northern Virginia's largest fall festival. Visit [www.oktoberfestreston.com](http://www.oktoberfestreston.com).

**Herndon Fine Arts Festival.** Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Downtown Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Experience paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, ceramics, glass, mixed-media, woodworking - and more.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 11

**38th Annual Fairfax Fall Festival.** 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. What started out as a small market for artisans has grown to a festival with over 400 arts, crafts and food vendors, children's activities and entertainment for all ages. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fall-festival).

**Burke History Day.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, 9501 Old Burke Lake Road, Burke. This year's Burke History Day will feature exhibits, activities, presentations, and children's activities about the diverse types of transportation that have played a role in the settlement and day-to-day life from pre-Colonial to present time. Visitors will learn about railroads and steam engines, bi-planes and jet runways, buggies and early automobiles, subways and canal boats.

**McLean Volunteer Fire Department Open House.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. McLean Volunteer Fire



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**The Unicycle Lady entertains at Clifton Day last year. This year's Clifton Day will be on Oct. 12.**

Department, 1455 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Live rescue demonstrations, fire safety education, and other fun activities for the whole family.

**Fall Leaf Collecting and Art for Kids.** 9 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. This children's program starts with a walk to collect beautiful fall leaves and to discover how leaves change color. Back at the Visitor's Center while sipping on apple cider, the children will use these leaves to create animal artwork. The program fee is \$5 per child, and reservations are required. Space is limited to 20 children. Children younger than age 5 are required to be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome to join in on the walk and assist with the craft—regular garden admission applies. For reservations, call 703-255-3631 x103 or [jmaloney@nvrpa.org](mailto:jmaloney@nvrpa.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**Clifton Day.** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Town of Clifton, Main Street and Chapel Road, Clifton. Paradise Springs will be holding court in the "Wine Garden" in the square at the corner of Main Street and Chapel Road. Wine Tastings, Grape Stomping, wines by the glass, or bottles to take home all will be offered throughout the day. Join in for a glass or two and enjoy wine produced right here in the town of Clifton.

## THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 16-NOV. 1

**Great Pumpkin Gathering.** 6-10 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Artisan pumpkin carvers showcase a dazzling display of pumpkin art beyond your wildest imagining. Visit [www.tysonspartnership.org](http://www.tysonspartnership.org).

## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 16-19

**Fall Carnival Fun on the Farm.** Frying Pan Farm Park, 2309 West Ox Road, Herndon. Games and rides, tasty food fair and beverages for sale. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/>

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-19

**19th Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Art & Craft Festival.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center,





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**A troupe of Cambodian dancers perform on the World Stage at the Reston Multicultural Festival on Sept. 28, 2013. This year's festival will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27.**

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**11th Annual Great Falls Studios Art Tour.** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Great Falls Community Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Experience ongoing demonstrations, some hands on, and engage in conversations focusing on process and inspiration. The tour is meant to be educational, a celebration of community creativity. It does, though, offer guests the opportunity to purchase exceptional local art.

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Historic Hallows Eve.** 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with storytelling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

**Northern Virginia Fall Brewfest.** 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Food, drinks and live music. <http://www.novabrewfest.com/>

**Halloween Family Fun Day.** 12 - 2 p.m. The CenterStage, 2310 Colt Neck Road, Reston. Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy sensational performances perfect for the whole family. Peter McCorry, a famed one-man band, will put children in the Halloween spirit at 12:15 p.m., followed by a wonderful performance at 1:15 p.m. by Bob Brown's Puppets in Monster Madness. Little ghosts and goblins up to the age of 8 will try their skill at

winning candy and prizes when they play carnival games.

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 18-19

**Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Warm yourself by the fires and enjoy the splendor of autumn with crisp local apples, warm savory meat pies and hearty breads, or let Market Fair entertainers, tradesmen and the militia amuse and educate you. Visit [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org).

**Tyson's Harvest Festival.** 12-6 p.m. 1800 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Stroll through the arts and crafts booths and taste some of the fun flavors of fall. Visit <http://tysonspartnership.org/event-calendar/tysons-harvest-festival>.

**Farm Harvest Days.** Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2309 West Ox Road, Herndon. Watch the cider press in action, milk a goat, shell corn, peel apples, meet the farm animals and see traditional farm demonstrations.

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22-MONDAY/OCT. 27

**Disney On Ice Presents Frozen.** Patriot Center, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Feld Entertainment, Inc. announces that its 34<sup>th</sup> Disney On Ice spectacular will bring to life the Academy Award-winning and number one animated feature film of all time, Disney's Frozen. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

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## THURSDAY/SEPT.25-SATURDAY/OCT.4

**Wake Up Call.** Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. A new collection of contemporary art curated by The Bunnyman Bridge Collective. <http://www.epicurecafe.org/>

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT.23-WEDNESDAY/DEC.31

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

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT.23-SUNDAY/FEB.8

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

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 26 - FRIDAY/OCT. 3

**Gogo Grandmothers Kickoff.** Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Worship dance performances by Children of the Light. Keynote speaker: Leslie Lewis, U.S. Coordinator of Gogo Grandmothers. Learn more about Africa and the Gogos. AIDS in Africa has orphaned over a million children



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**The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir will perform at George Mason University's Center for the Arts on Oct. 4.**

who are being raised by their grandparents (called Gogos). The Gogo Grandmothers ministry provides prayer and care. Refreshments will be served. Call Cynthia, 703-569-0095.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

**Rock the Block! #TGIFairfax.** 6-9 p.m. Old Town Fairfax, University Drive between North and Main Street, Fairfax. Come celebrate the summer concert series and block party in the heart of Fairfax with

music by LEGGZ. 703-385-7858.

**S.T.E.M. Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Center Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Each month we will focus on one of the STEM subjects with stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers. Age 4-5 with adult.

## Taste of the Vine Annual

**Fundraiser.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, Virginia. This year's featured winery is Naked Mountain Vineyards.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Le Mediterranean Bistro, Al-Maza, Curry Mantra, Cameron's Coffee and Chocolates and Shirley's Catering.

**Fun Flicks.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch free movies based on sweet children's books. See "Swimmy, Frederick and Fish is Fish" by Leo Lionni.

## SATURDAY/SEPT.27-SUNDAY/SEPT.28

**Live Onstage: Alice in Wonderland.** 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton.

Featuring songs based on the poetry from the original text, the Cheshire Cat, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit and the rest of the cast will be on hand as Alice adventures through Wonderland. Admissions: \$8-\$12. [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org). 703-584-2900.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

### Master Gardeners - Plant Clinic.

10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will host plant clinics each Saturday morning through the summer to answer your gardening questions. Adults.

### Korean Culture Event.

12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project presents "The Hidden Treasures of Korean Art and Modern Korea," featuring two documentary films, a traditional wedding and a Korean buffet.

### Ninth Annual ARTS by George!

**Gala.** 5 p.m. Center for the Arts, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. This benefit event features a showcase of performances and exhibitions by students and faculty, buffets and beverages, a silent auction of arts-related items and experiences and a dazzling gala performance by Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award winner Patti LuPone.

703-993-4188 or [artsbygeorge.gmu.edu](http://artsbygeorge.gmu.edu).

### 34th Annual Fall Mosby Civil War

**Bus Tour.** 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Truro Parish, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax. The longest continuously running tour hosted by the Mosby Historical Society in America today. Tour guides Don Hakenson, Gregg Dudding and Eric Buckland will go on this day-long excursion, visiting various sites from the Civil War period including Millwood, the Old Chapel and execution sites. For more information or to reserve a seat,

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contact Don Hakenson, dhakenson@verizon.net. Admissions \$65-\$75. 703-971-4984.

**69<sup>th</sup> Annual County Fair.** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The fair includes games, booths, barbecue, homemade apple butter, historic church tours, Colonial and Civil War living history re-enactors, organ concerts, live music, pony rides and much more. <http://www.pohick.org>.

**Concerts from Kirkwood.** 3 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. A series of free concerts presented by Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, begins its 2014 – 2015 season. Free.

**Harley Mania.** 1 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Receive free first-hand motorcycle riding tips and safety rules by the Fairfax Harley Owners Group.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

**Fall Plant Sale.** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Earth Sangha, Wild Plant Nursery Cloud Drive, Springfield.

**Free Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1 – 4 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Calling all “fully grown” gardeners to join the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 29

**39 Clues Book Club.** 4 p.m. Burke Center Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The 39 Clues series follows Amy Cahill and her brother Dan as they travel the world to hunt for Clues. The first adventure is The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan. Activities and discussion. Ages 9-12.

**Bedtime Stories: No More Jumping on the Bed!** 7 p.m.

Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Turn your Monday night into an evening of stories, songs, and activities. Put on your jammies and come on over to the library for this free event.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

**Pokemon Club.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring your Pokémon trading cards to trade or play the Pokémon game. Age 6-12.

**Tai Chi.** 10 a.m. Burke Center Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join this series of Tai Chi classes coached by Dante Gilmer. Register for one or more of the six sessions. Adults.

**Free Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1 – 4 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Calling all “fully grown” gardeners to join the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association.

**E-Magazines @ Your Local Library.** 7 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. To all readers age 13 to 103, this is your time in life to start accessing digital magazines for free. Zoom in and learn the ins and outs on how to use “Zinio.”

## FRIDAY/OCT. 3

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## SATURDAY/OCT. 4

**The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir.** 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir will perform a variety of songs from

different cultures and traditional African songs. \$28-\$46. 888-945-2468.

## MONDAY/OCT. 6

**‘Fore’ the Kids Golf Tournament.**

Registration 9:30 a.m., shotgun start 11 a.m. at International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Club programs for underprivileged, at-risk youth in Fairfax County, including academic enrichment, athletics, health and wellness, character and leadership development, the arts, and career development. Individual golfers, \$250; foursomes, \$900. Includes greens fees, cart, driving range, post tournament awards dinner, boxed lunch, contests, raffles, prizes, live and silent auction. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/forethekids2014> for more. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Amir Capriles at [amir.capriles@microsoft.com](mailto:amir.capriles@microsoft.com) or 703-362-6970.

**Move & Groove with Mr. Skip.**

10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Mr. Skip, who is all about music and movement, sings original and classic kids songs like Old McDonald to the five and under crowd. He gets the kids off their seats and moving. For more information, visit [www.fairfaxarts.org](http://www.fairfaxarts.org) or call 703-352-ARTS.

## MONDAY/OCT. 6 – FRIDAY/OCT. 31

**Pumpkin Patch.** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Pumpkins are available from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily until Oct. 31, when the patch closes at 6 p.m. 703-569-9862.



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Stephen Powell as Sweeney Todd and Phyllis Pancella as Mrs. Lovett in Virginia Opera's production of “Sweeney Todd” playing at George Mason University's Center for the Arts on Oct. 11 – 12.

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**The Greater Little Zion Baptist Church** in Fairfax is hosting its annual Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The theme for 2014 is "Prevention to Prosperity" (3 John 1:2) and the purpose of this Health Fair is to provide a free innovative and comprehensive program that addresses the major health needs and financial awareness our community at large.

This event is free and offers a number of free health screenings, and health wellness and financial seminars conducted by various industry professionals. In addition, there will be a Kid's Corner with a moon bounce, arts and crafts, face painting and aerobics demonstrations. Door prizes and healthy snacks will be given throughout the event. The Health Fair is open to the public and it will be an educational, informative, and fun-filled event for all ages. Greater Little Zion Baptist Church is located at 10185 Zion Drive in Fairfax. [www.glzbc.org](http://www.glzbc.org)

**Fairfax Baptist Temple**, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or [www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org).

**The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center**, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan

Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

**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 8:30 and 10 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 at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspringfield.org](http://www.fbcspringfield.org).

**Clifton Presbyterian Church**, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

**St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church**, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or [www.st-andrew.org](http://www.st-andrew.org).

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or [www.poplc.org](http://www.poplc.org).

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

**JCCNV Mother's Circle program**, for women who are not Jewish but are raising Jewish children. Free education in Jewish rituals, practices and values, while respecting the participant's choice to retain her own religious identity. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Contact Laurie Albert, 703-537-3064 or [LaurieA@jccnv.org](mailto:LaurieA@jccnv.org).

**Franconia United Methodist Church**, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or [admin@franconiaumc.org](mailto:admin@franconiaumc.org) or [www.franconiaumc.org](http://www.franconiaumc.org).

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# Bruins Win Silver Bracket at Rebel Volleyball Invitational

**Fairfax's Powers, Pittman earn all-tournament honors.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock volleyball coach Aubrey Eaton said the Bruins' quality of play of late has resembled the effort they put forth in practice.

On Sept. 20, that effort was enough for Lake Braddock to win the silver bracket (consolation) championship during the 2014 Rebel Volleyball Invitational at Fairfax High School. Eaton, however, thinks the Bruins can do better.

"I thought we performed inconsistently," she said. "I'm proud that we won the silver bracket, but overall I thought we played very inconsistently. ... We have to do better at practicing at the level of intensity that we want to play, because right now the way that we play is exactly how we practice — a little bit down."

Lake Braddock finished third out of four teams in Pool A. The Bruins lost to South Lakes (2-1) and Madison (2-0), and beat Islamic Saudi Academy (2-0), earning Lake Braddock a bye in the silver bracket semifinals. The Bruins faced ISA for a second time in the final, beating the Falcons, 2-1.

Junior libero Tara Wulf and senior outside hitter Rachel Tuck earned spots on the all-tournament team.

"[Tuck] is my utility player," Eaton said. "I can put her just about anywhere on the court and she will perform. ... Kara has played consistently well and I look to see her do even bigger things as we move into conference play."

Eaton said sophomore setter Maddy Sita also played well.

The rest of the all-tournament team included: Savannah Powers (Fairfax), Taris Pittman (Fairfax), Kendal Hall (Madison), Chandler Rouse (Madison), Rachel Abelson (South Lakes), Melody Caloyannides (South Lakes), Michelle Laker (Yorktown), Catherine Vaccaro (Yorktown), Lubna Mostafa (ISA), Hoda Mahmoud (ISA), Kalia Batistas (Patriot), and Alexa Gore (Patriot).



**Lake Braddock junior Faith Briden rises up for a kill attempt during the Rebel Volleyball Invitational on Sept. 20 at Fairfax High School.**

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



**Lake Braddock senior Rachel Tuck was named to the all-tournament team at the 2014 Rebel Volleyball Invitational on Sept. 20.**

Wulf, Tuck and senior middle hitter Jenn Stoddard are Lake Braddock team captains. Lake Braddock defeated Centreville, 3-1,



**Fairfax junior Taris Pittman earned a spot on the all-tournament team during the 2014 Rebel Volleyball Invitational.**

on Tuesday, improving the Bruins' record to 10-6, including 5-2 in non-tournament matches.

The Bruins will travel to face Mount Vernon at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29.

## Fairfax Coach Freiheit Confident in Rebels

Fairfax's performance during the 2014 Rebel Volleyball Invitational on Sept. 20 was not the team's best effort, head coach Tyler Freiheit said. However, the Rebels' performance during a match against South County four days earlier has Freiheit pumped about the 2014 season.

Fairfax swept South County, 3-0 on Sept. 16, improving the Rebels' record to 3-1. The Stallions recently improved to 14-2 this season after winning their own tournament on Sept. 20.

How have the Rebels played this season? "Phenomenal," Freiheit said. "We're right where we want to be and that win against South County showed huge progress. We're going to do really well this year."

During the Rebel Invitational, Fairfax finished runner-up in Pool B before losing to eventual champion Madison in the goal bracket semifinals.

Junior outside hitter Savannah Powers and junior right side Taris Pittman earned all-tournament team honors. Freiheit also praised junior libero Alexandra Wolfe.

"Savannah and Taris can't be stopped," Freiheit said. "... Alex is a digging machine. She's pretty much the leader on the court."

The rest of the all-tournament team included: Tara Wulf (Lake Braddock), Rachel Tuck (Lake Braddock), Kendal Hall (Madison), Chandler Rouse (Madison), Rachel Abelson (South Lakes), Melody Caloyannides (South Lakes), Michelle Laker (Yorktown), Catherine Vaccaro (Yorktown), Lubna Mostafa (ISA), Hoda Mahmoud (ISA), Kalia Batistas (Patriot), and Alexa Gore (Patriot).

Fairfax will travel to face Yorktown at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29.

"The Liberty Conference is up in the air," Freiheit said. "[Defending 6A state champion] Langley has had some injuries. ... Especially after seeing Madison with their whole squad and we were playing down, I think it's anybody's conference."

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

### LAKE BRADDOCK FOOTBALL BEATS WESTFIELD

One week after a rivalry loss to Robinson, the Lake Braddock football team bounced back with a 36-23 victory over Westfield on Sept. 19 in a rematch of last season's 6A North region semifinals. The Bruins (3-1) will travel to face Annandale at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 26.

### WEST SPRINGFIELD IMPROVES TO 3-1

The West Springfield football team defeated Lee 34-13 on Sept. 19, improving the Spartans' record to 6-4. West Springfield will host Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

### ROBINSON FOOTBALL REMAINS UNDEFEATED

The Robinson football team thumped Mount Vernon, 35-7, on

Sept. 19, improving the Rams' record to 4-0. Robinson has outscored its opponents 142-42 through four games. The Rams will host Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

### SOUTH COUNTY FOOTBALL IMPROVES

The South County football team knocked off Chantilly 34-14 on Sept. 19. The Stallions remain undefeated at 4-0. South County will travel to face Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

### IMPRESSIVE DEFENSIVE SHOWING CAPS 34-0 WIN FOR VIENNA BRONCOS

A stingy defense and hard-nosed blocking capped an impressive night at Waters Field for the 110-pound Vienna American Broncos during Vienna's annual "Black Out" celebration. The Broncos, a team composed of players from Burke, Vienna, Chantilly, Reston and Great Falls, beat the Braddock Road Hurricanes 34-0 behind a defense that allowed minus-1 total yards on 27 at-

tempts. Joey Murray had a huge game at defense end, imposing his will on four solo tackles and two assists. Jared Cole had three solo tackles and one assist. Michael Leone directed a defensive backfield that allowed two screen completions all night for minus-6 yards. His massive tackle on one screen caused a significant turnover.

Vienna started the night with a 25-yard touchdown run by Jared Cole, quickly followed by an 18-yard touchdown run by David Wallis. Quarterback Colin O'Connor delivered a 17-yard touchdown pass to Cole later in the half. Justin Duenkel hit a 29-yard field goal to cap off a 27-0 half after also connecting on all two-point extra point attempts. Michael Indelicato took a 25-yard run into the end zone early in the third quarter.

Jacobs Oliver, Tanner Hughes, and Duenkel all had fumble recoveries while Jack Taylor netted two important recoveries as well for a total of five turnovers.

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