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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.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

**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



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

**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).



# 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."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANIEL DANCER

**This is the Art for the Sky photo created last year.**

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."



**This logo design will be made into a living Art for the Sky photo in October.**

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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.



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

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LINDSEY DOANE

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

Funded in large part with Economic Development Authority rev-

enue bonds, the new building will be a “green project” that’s designed to meet LEED Silver standards.

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— TIM PETERSON

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## Drug Take-Back Saturday

In conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law-enforcement agencies, the City of Fairfax police station will host a drug take-back initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from local homes. It's set for this Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3730 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax.

There'll be a collection site where people may turn in their old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the station.

People may dispose of medication in its original container or not. Residents are advised to remove any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

Intravenous solutions, injectables and syringes will not be accepted, and commercial businesses, pharmacies or other medical facilities may not use this event as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

## Rock the Block!

A free, live music concert and block party will be held Friday, Sept. 26, from 6-9 p.m., on University Drive in Old Town Fairfax. Called Rock the Block!, the event will feature the popular, local band, Leggz, playing covers of favorite hits. City restaurants and merchants will offer food, a beer garden, games and more. Attendees are advised to bring their own chairs.

## Cat Adoption Sept. 27

The City of Fairfax Animal Shelter will host a cat adoption this Saturday, Sept. 27, from noon-3 p.m., at Town and Country Animal Hospital, 9836 Fairfax Blvd. All adoption fees will be 50-percent off.

## Tennis, Basketball Courts Closed

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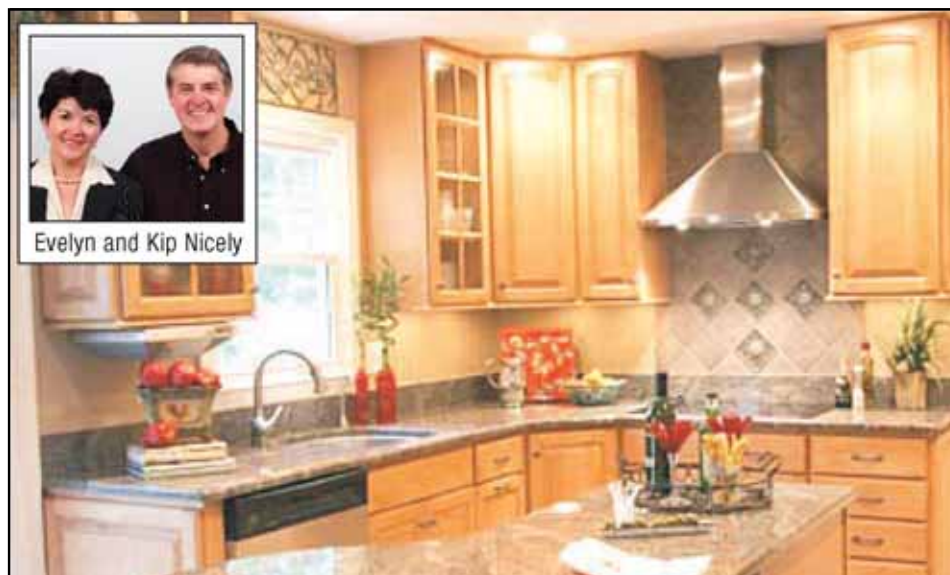
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# OPINION

## 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



Kerrie Wilson



Sara Leonard

Reston, the 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 that will bring police or Hunters Woods task force members to as

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sist.  
Cornerstones hears those concerns and will continue to facilitate a meaningful and productive dialogue between all community members.  
Conversations, and the connections 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.*

## Hitting the Ground Running

To the Editor:  
Barbara Comstock, a candidate for Congress in the 10th District, has a proven record of getting results. During her time in the Virginia General Assembly she has been able to get bipartisan results by being a leader on helping to create jobs, grow the economy, combat Human Trafficking, bring data centers to the area, and pass the Commonwealth's first telework laws.  
It is not surprising that she is the only candidate who has received business endorsements including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Inde-

pendent Businesses, and recently, the National Association of Women Business Owners. Her support comes from many leaders because they know she will hit the ground running on day one and get things accomplished. Barbara has been a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for five years and has worked as a Senior Aide to Congressman Frank Wolf; thus she is very much in tune with the needs of our area. We need someone with her experience, not someone who needs "on-the-job training."

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## FALL FUN



The City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Show is set for Nov. 15-16.

# Crafts, Festivals And Dancing

## A sampling of local, fun events this fall.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**B**elow is a partial listing of some fun and exciting autumn events happening in the local area:

### Sept. 27:

The third annual Fair Lakes Fall Fest will be held this Saturday, Sept. 27, from 1-4 p.m., across from Dick's and Kohl's at 12450 Fair Lakes Circle. This family-friendly event includes food, carnival games, inflatable slides, live entertainment, crafts, a "junior survivor" obstacle course, cartoon characters, a petting zoo and a living rainforest animal show.

### Oct. 4-5:

The annual Fall For Fairfax KidsFest will be held Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 4-5, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center parkway. Hours are Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission is free. There'll be interactive and educational programs, entertainment and children's activities. It's especially geared for families with elementary and pre-K aged children.

### Oct 6:

The Virginia Opera presents "Duets & Arias," Oct. 6, at 7 p.m., at the Sherwood Community Center.

### Oct 10:

The Old Town Hall Performance Series pre-

sents the Amici Vocal Ensemble on Oct. 10, at 8 p.m., at 3999 University Drive.

### Oct. 11:

The Fairfax Fall Festival, held throughout the streets of downtown Fairfax, will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There'll be crafts, food vendors and food trucks, music, children's rides, four stages of live entertainment and, new this year, lumberjack competitions. (Rain date, Oct. 12).

### Oct. 11:

Encore Theatrical Arts Project of Chantilly will be among 10 dance companies performing in the fifth annual Fairfax County Dance Coalition Gala Showcase. "A Celebration of Dance" is slated for Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the theater of NOVA's Annandale campus. Ballet, jazz, tap, modern, hip hop and international dances will be presented. Tickets are \$23 in advance at [www.fairfaxcountydance.org/gala.htm](http://www.fairfaxcountydance.org/gala.htm) or \$25 at the door.

### Oct. 12:

The 47<sup>th</sup> annual Clifton Day festival is Sunday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Rain date, Oct. 19). The family-friendly fun includes crafts, food, antiques, jugglers, bagpipe players, a unicyclist, music, pony rides, Civil War reenactments and children's activities. For VRE train schedule and parking information, go to [www.cliftonday.com](http://www.cliftonday.com).

### Oct 16:

The Old Town Hall Gallery will host an



Performers from Encore Theatrical Arts Project of Chantilly will participate in the Fairfax County Dance Coalition Gala Showcase.

Artists Reception, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m.

### Oct. 18:

The Fairfax County Police Department's annual K-9 Krawl 5K is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the county Government Center's parking lot C. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by a K-9 demonstration at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K walk at 9 a.m. This event was created to bring awareness to the connection between animal cruelty and the link to domestic violence, and people are welcome to walk with their dogs. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCPD2014K9KRAWL>

### Oct 24:

The Old Town Hall Performance Series presents the United States Navy Band's Skipjack Quartet, Oct. 24, at 8 p.m.

### Oct. 25:

The 15th annual Help the Homeless Community Walk to aid the homeless in Northern Virginia will be held Saturday morning, Oct. 25. The walk begins and ends at 4113 Stevenson St. in Fairfax. Entry fees are \$30, adults; and \$20, youth 17 and under. The program starts at 10 a.m., followed by the walk at 10:20 a.m. A registration form and more information are at [www.pathwayhome.org/events](http://www.pathwayhome.org/events).

Sponsored by Pathway Homes, "Use Your Feet to Lend a Hand" is the theme of this year's event. Pathways has hosted this fall event for 14 years, raising nearly \$400,000 to directly fund the critical housing needs of people with mental illness. Nearly 200 people participated in last year's walk, raising \$25,000.

### Oct. 26:

The 21st annual Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop 5K is set for Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. 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.

There's fun for the whole family with a moonbounce, hot dogs, popcorn and a band. Many of the participants and those cheer-



Snowmen decorations may be purchased at the City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Show.

ing them on wear Halloween costumes, and prizes are given to the best costumes.

Proceeds go to the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer. Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Registration and entry-fee information are at <http://www.goblingallop.org/race.html>.

### Nov 1:

The City of Fairfax Band presents "Heroes, Villains & Legends," on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m., at Fairfax High, 3501 Rebel Run.

### Nov. 8:

The 22nd annual Holiday Happenings Craft Show will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St. in Fairfax.

### Nov 13:

The Old Town Hall Gallery will host an Artists Reception, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m.

### Nov 14:

The Old Town Hall Performance Series presents the Beau Soir Trio, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m.

### Nov. 15-16:

The 28th annual City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Show is slated for Saturday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Fairfax High School,

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Handmade pottery is among the offerings at the City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Show.

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### Dec. 7:

Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center will present "Christmas in Camp," a Civil War Living History, on Sunday, Dec. 7, from noon-4 p.m. It's at 3610 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax. Admission is free.

Discuss Civil War-era holiday customs, make Victorian ornaments and participate in camp drills with Company D, 17<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, "Fairfax Rifles" C.S.A. Guided tours of the historic Blenheim house will also be given.

### Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21:

Encore Theatrical Arts Project's new holiday musical, "Three Days 'Til Christmas," takes the stage at NOVA's Annandale campus. Performances are Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21. Tickets are \$19, students and senior citizens; and \$23, adults, for this colorful, family-friendly show and may be purchased at <http://www.encore-tap.org/>.

### Dec. 20:

Celebrate Christmas in Fairfax with the Fairfax Choral Society and the City of Fairfax Band on Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., at

Fairfax High, 3501 Rebel Run. Admission is free.

This annual concert will feature an assortment of seasonal favorites, plus the world premiere of a new musical selection by Radol Alan Bass. Tickets must be purchased in advance at <http://www.fairfaxband.org/support/tickets.php>.

### Dec. 6:

The annual Clifton Christmas Parade on Horseback, Christmas-tree lighting ceremony and homes tour are set for Saturday, Dec. 6. The parade begins at 2 p.m.

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# 'ARTS by George!' to Kick Off New Season

An exciting evening of arts and entertainment for a great cause at Mason.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

**K**ick-off the local arts and entertainment season celebrating the arts and benefiting student scholarships at this year's George Mason University "ARTS by George!" gala. The evening includes showcases by Mason's College of Visual and Performing (CVPA) arts students, a silent auction of arts-related items and experiences and topped-off with the performance of musical headliner Patti LuPone, a rare recipient of the Tony, Grammy and Olivier Awards. "ARTS by George!" has raised "more than \$1 million for student scholarships and support for the Great Performances at Mason series," said Brian Marcus, associate dean, Development & Alumni Affairs, CVPA. It is a "signature event." Meaghan Busch, a Mason School of Art graduate, said the "ARTS" gala is "an opportunity to give back to a school that I received so much from...The professors were always available with an open ear, supportive of the students in whatever direction they choose to go in and genuinely care about their students." Busch is donating an



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## George Mason University's School of Music students singing opera at the 2013 "ARTS by George!"

artwork for the silent auction. "Donating a piece of art and expressing my gratitude and love of my school is the least I can do."

The meaning of scholarships to attend Mason's College of Visual and Performing Arts is keenly felt by Erika Langmeyer. She is a Mason dance graduate currently dancing with Moira Dance Company. Langmeyer added that "the inspiring George Mason teachers and mentors were so important...I felt the professors were invested in me and my success, I was just so fortunate that I

could pursue my dream".

The annual celebration is a "showcase to inspire arts management students," said Claire Huscheile, Program Director, Arts Management at Mason. Managing the business aspects of the arts is a key aspect in the "behind the scenes activities that take place for visual or performing arts" to come before an audience. Claire Kelly, Director of Exhibitions, National Portrait Gallery credits her professional arts management achievements in no small part to her "edu-

## Where and When

"ARTS by George!" at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Gala is Sept. 27 starting at 5 p.m. Events and performances at de Laski Performing Arts Building, Harris Theatre and the "ARTS by George" tent located next to the performing arts building. Tickets for "ARTS By George!" (includes student showcases, food, beverages, Patti LuPone gala concert and champagne and dessert reception onstage) are \$250/person. Contact Deborah Páez Hoesly at [dpaez@gmu.edu](mailto:dpaez@gmu.edu), call 703-993-4188 or visit [www.artsbygeorge.gmu.edu](http://www.artsbygeorge.gmu.edu) to order tickets and/or inquire about sponsorship opportunities and benefits.

"ARTS by George!" schedule:

- 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Showcases in visual arts, music, dance, theater, computer game design, film and video studies, arts management throughout the de Laski Performing Arts Building and Harris Theatre.
- 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Creative cuisine and fine wine bars
- 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Silent auction of arts-related items and experiences
- 8 p.m. - Concert Hall performance by Patti LuPone
- 9:45 p.m. - Champagne and desert reception with Patti LuPone

cation and experiences at Mason."

"Mason has an industry leading arts faculty in everything from music, dance and theater to visual arts, film and computer gaming. And it attracts hugely talented students that will become the future generation of artists, arts managers and teachers," said Mark Shugoll, co-chair with Merrill Shugall, of this year's "ARTS by George!"

"Many students could not afford to attend the university without the scholarships funded by this event," Mark Shugoll said.

## A Classic Message Play

Providence Players of Fairfax present "Of Mice and Men."

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

**O**ne of Nobel Prize recipient John Steinbeck's most acclaimed works, "Of Mice and Men," is coming to the James Lee Community Center Theatre. The Providence Players production will chronicle two traveling, migrant ranch workers who are on the road, seeking out better lives at the height of the Great Depression. They are fleeing a sketchy past, but still have a dream to own land.

One of the two men is physically strong, but with intellectual disabilities, the other is the guardian who looks out for both of them, or at least he tries. "Of Mice and Men" had its Broadway premiere in 1937. It was revived on Broadway only a few months ago.

For Providence director John Coscia "Of Mice and Men" is a labor of love about a book many may know, but may

## Where and When

Providence Players of Fairfax present "Of Mice and Men" at James Lee Community Center Theatre, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Performances Oct. 3-18. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Oct. 5 and 12. Tickets: \$17-\$20. For information and tickets visit [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org) or call 703-425-6782.

have not seen on stage. "We can relate to the people and situations depicted in the play. They could be our grandparents or parents who lived during such incredible tough times; the Great Depression. Yet they found a way to survive and made lives better for the generations that followed them."

"This play is an inspiring powerful story about people who are struggling under the most dire circumstances. Yet even during the Depression they have their dreams. They still dare to dream," said Providence newcomer Julie Janson who plays a key character, a pioneer woman and wife. "The characters show their human spirit and toughness."

Mike Donahue, who plays George, spoke about the play's look "at the need to con-



PHOTO BY CHIP HERTZOG/COURTESY OF PROVIDENCE PLAYERS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

## Kyle Keene in his Providence Players stage debut with Michael Donahue in the Steinbeck Classic "Of Mice and Men."

nect to other human beings; to not be alone even if feeling vulnerable. We must rise above loneliness to interact with others and feel alive." At a recent rehearsal a lively dog named Pagaan was going through the paces rehearsing for an appearance on stage. A well-detailed set full of worn wood and working hand tools was nearing completion. It was as if a real ranch bunkhouse was parachuted into the James Lee Theatre.

The title "Of Mice and Men" is taken from Robert Burns' poem "To a Mouse," describing how a field mouse's world is destroyed by a plow. It reads: "The best laid schemes of mice and men/Often go awry."

Inviting audiences to "Of Mice and Men," Coscia said, "This is a book that many of us read, now you can see it live on stage. I hope you come away moved."



# ENTERTAINMENT

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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 - 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

**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.

**Genealogy Help Desk.** 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Bring your family history



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

stumbers to the experts. Accomplished genealogists and library staff will be on hand to assist you. Ask at the Virginia Room desk or call 703-293-6227. Teens and Adults.

**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.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**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.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.

City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults.

**Tales to Tails.** 10:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Need practice reading. Read aloud to a friendly, trained therapy dog. Ages 6-12.

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### 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.

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**Amici Vocal Ensemble - An Evening of Opera Arias.** 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Amici Vocal Ensemble is made up of Jeongseon Choi (piano), Jennie Yeonjin Kim (soprano), and James Jongsik Joo (tenor). They present "An Evening of Opera Arias," which consists of love songs and love duets from major operas by Verdi, Puccini and Gounod. [www.fairfaxarts.org](http://www.fairfaxarts.org); 703-352-ARTS.

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Children pose with Bob the Builder at last year's event.



Attendees munch on snacks during last year's festival.

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## City of Fairfax PUBLIC NOTICE

The deadline to register to vote in the November 4, 2014 General & Special Election is Tuesday, October 14, 2014. Qualified City of Fairfax residents may register at the General Registrar's Office located the Sisson House, 10455 Armstrong Street during normal business hours of 8:30am - 5pm.

# It's Almost Time for Fairfax Fall Festival

**Crafts, food, music,  
children's rides and  
lumberjacks.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

There's something for everyone at the Fairfax Fall Festival. This year's event is slated for Saturday, Oct. 11 (rain date, Oct. 12), from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and offers everything from crafts to food, music, children's activities, rides, four stages of entertainment and lumberjacks.

During the festival, the downtown streets in the City of Fairfax are closed to traffic. Instead, booths and displays will line both sides of Main Street, University Drive and Sager Avenue.

There'll be more than 400 vendors, including juried crafts people selling a variety of handmade items such as jewelry, quilts, toys, vases, woodcrafts, needlework, photography, dolls, wind chimes, baskets and pottery. And besides the traditional food vendors, a contingent of specialty food trucks will also be on hand.

As for entertainment, the Main Stage and beer garden will present bands from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

❖ The Main Stage lineup includes:

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – The Reflex (a 1980s tribute band)  
2:30-5 p.m. – Bruce in the USA (a musical history of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band)

❖ The Country Stage and beer garden presents:

11 a.m.-noon – The Kevin MaC Band  
1:30-3:30 p.m. – SouthPaw

❖ The Festival Stage will feature:

Noon – Main Street Community Band

1:15 p.m. – Woodson High Drama

2:15 p.m. – Fairfax Choral Society

3:15 p.m. – Shepard's Pie

❖ The Children's Stage will offer:

10 a.m. – School of Rock

11:45 a.m. – Turley the Magician

12:30 and 2 p.m. – Chuck F (a juggler)

2:30 p.m. – Blue Sky Puppet "Jester's Box"

3:20 p.m. – Reptiles Alive!

4 p.m. – Sophia Music Studio

There's no entrance fee to attend the Fall Festival, but there'll be fees for certain rides and children's activities. However, the amusement rides will run until 8 p.m. And Fire Station 3 on University Drive will welcome the public to its open house.

New this year is the All-American Lumberjack Show and Interactive Lumberjack Camp. Sponsored by JL Tree Service, professional lumberjacks will compete in 11 different events throughout the day while festival-goers cheer them on.

Attendees will be able to see the lumberjacks' skills wielding everything from axes to modified racing chainsaws to cross-cut saws. There'll even be water events and to audience participation. Show times are 10:30 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m., and the lumberjack camp is set for 3:30 p.m.

To reach the festival, people may park at Fairfax High and GMU and take shuttle buses to and from the event. Handicapped parking will be at the parking lots at City Hall, Main Street and East Street, as well as at 4041 University Drive. Festival sponsors include Fair City Mall, radio station 97.1 and WASH FM. For more information, call 703-385-7858 or go to [www.FairfaxFallFestival.com](http://www.FairfaxFallFestival.com).

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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

**L**ake 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.

The Broncos will play a tough Dulles South on Saturday, Sept. 27, in Aldie.



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9416. The deadline for submissions is the Friday  
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### FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m. Kings  
Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke.  
Practice your English conversation skills.

**Basic Computer Skills Training.** 1 p.m. Kings  
Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke.  
Learn basic computer skills with our one-on-one  
technology volunteers. Adults.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting.** 10:30  
a.m. Burke Center Library, 5935 Freds Oak  
Road, Burke. Board members meet biweekly to  
plan and implement projects and programs that  
will enhance library services for teens. Ages 13-18.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

**Multi-Family Yard Sale.** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Daniels  
Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway,  
Fairfax. Sales benefit Fairfax High School Crew  
Team. Rain or shine.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 29

**Burke Historical Society Meeting.** 4:30 p.m.  
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee  
Chapel Road, Burke. Shelley Mastran and Lynn  
Lilienthal, the Reston Historic Trust's current  
and former chair, respectively, will speak on the  
history of Reston.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Richard  
Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street,  
Springfield. Practice and improve your English.  
Adults.

**Morning English Conversation Group.** 10:30  
a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway,  
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**The Greater Little Zion Baptist Church** in  
Fairfax is hosting its annual Health Fair on Satur-  
day, Oct. 4, 2014, 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.

## WEEK IN FAIRFAX

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mately Wednesday, Oct 8. Other tennis  
courts are available at: Providence Park,  
10715 West Drive; and Kutner Park, 3901  
Jermantown Road. The basketball court at  
Ranger Road is also now closed for refur-  
bishment from until about Oct 8. The clos-  
est court is at Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee  
Highway.

## Lamb Center Fundraiser

The Lamb Center is hosting its annual  
Celebration Banquet on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at  
The Waterford at Fair Oaks. Registration  
begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m.  
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**Library Tech Help.** 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Library,  
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**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of  
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### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

**Meet and Greet 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.**  
7 -9 p.m. Clifton Town Hall, 12641 Chapel Hill  
Road, Clifton.

**West Springfield Civic Association Meeting.**  
7:30 p.m. West Springfield Elementary School,  
6802 Deland Avenue, Springfield. The speaker  
will be Suzanne Scholte, Republican candidate  
for the 11th Congressional District.

### MONDAY/OCT. 6

**Red Cross Blood Donation.** 3-7:30 p.m.  
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee  
Chapel Rd., Burke. To make an appointment to  
donate blood, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-  
800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

**Fairfax County Sheriff Stacy Kincaid.** 1 p.m.  
American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst  
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