

# Portrait of a Graduate Approved

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Two amendments were passed to change some words for the original Portrait of a Graduate resolution. The resolution was passed by the School Board at Thursday's meeting.



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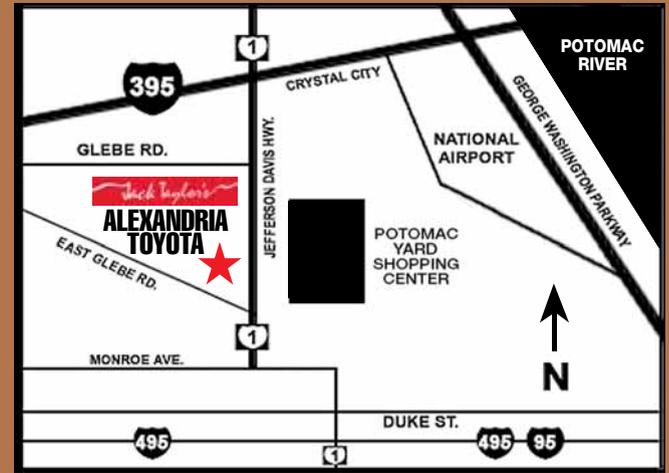
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## Board of Supervisors Approves 50+ Community Action Plan

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



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

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

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.

“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.”

# Portrait of a Graduate Approved

Resolution promises collaborative, critical thinking and ethical graduate.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

The 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 - eth-

ics - 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 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."



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/THE CONNECTION

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

**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."

## Award-winning Author Returns to Springfield

West Springfield graduate discusses his books, signs copies at Richard Byrd Library in Springfield.

BY MARISSA BEALE  
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, Sept. 13, award-winning author, Louis Byrd, returned to Springfield just in time for "Fall for the Book," an annual event that brings authors from across the nation and across the world to Fairfax County to share stories about their work and their experiences. "We're in our 16th year," said Art Taylor, marketing director for "Fall for the Book." The event, which usually lasts about a week, features authors who speak at venues throughout the county, Washington, D.C., and even as far as Bethesda, Md. "The event is made possible by sponsors who offer space, time and money," said Taylor. One challenge to making the event possible is the breadth of the program, said Taylor. However the breadth is what also allows for more people to be a part of the experience, including local authors, like Bayard.

While there are different ways that authors get involved with "Fall for the Book," Bayard's story is somewhat unique. Bayard, who is in D.C. and has

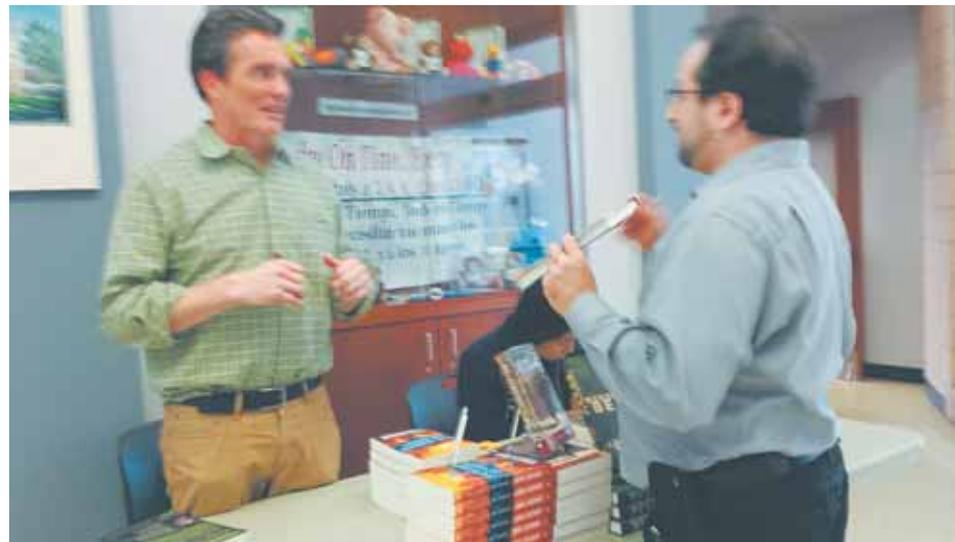


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**Author Louis Bayard (left) signs a copy of a book for a fan.**

been a part of "Fall for the Book" before, was booked through a chance encounter. "I became familiar with his work after reading one of his short stories," said Joe Tilton, who helped bring Bayard to the library. It was not until years after reading Bayard's short story that Tilton started volunteering for Richard Byrd Library and thought about getting in touch with the author to see if he

would be a part of "Fall for the Book." "I remembered reading about Springfield Mall in a story he wrote and wanted to see if I could contact him. It was a chance encounter that went really well." Bayard's piece "Survivor" was about his experience auditioning for Rudy the Reindeer at Springfield Mall. The humorous piece was published in *The Worst Noel: Hellish Holiday Tales*,

an anthology.

A product of the Fairfax County Public School system, Bayard attended Washington Irving Middle School and graduated from West Springfield High School. He went on to Princeton University for his B.A., and then to Northwestern University for his M.A. He says he draws on his experiences growing up, all the time. Bayard's visit was sponsored, in part, by Friends of the Richard Byrd Library, and his works include *The School of Night*, *The Black Tower*, *The Pale Blue Eye*, and *Mr. Timothy*. At Richard Byrd on Saturday, he discussed his most recent book, *Roosevelt's Beast*, in which he tells a story about what happens when Roosevelt leaves civilization behind. In the story, Roosevelt and his son, Kermit, have to track down a never-before-seen beast that moves only at night and disembowels its victims. Bayard read selections of his book and had copies of the book on hand for guests to purchase and have autographed.

Bayard says he treats the writing process very much like a job and was inspired to become a writer because of his love of reading. You can find out more about him on his website, at [louisbayard.com](http://louisbayard.com). This year's "Fall for the Book" event lasted from Sept. 11-18. For more information, visit [fallforthebook.org](http://fallforthebook.org).



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Jennifer Basik (right) participated in the annual Direct Selling Day on Capitol Hill.



Jennifer Basik of Springfield

## Springfield Resident Visits Capitol Hill

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, Jennifer Basik of Springfield met with members of Congress in Washington, D.C. as part of the Direct Selling Association's second annual Direct Selling Day on Capitol Hill. The event drew more than 400 direct sellers from 28 companies, 30 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Basik has worked as an independent wine consultant with WineShop At Home for three and half years

and wanted the opportunity to share stories of her business success with legislatures.

"I am a proud military wife and stay at home mom," Basik said. "This business gives me the freedom to be a wife, mom, and business owner at the same time without sacrificing any of those areas of my life. I'd like to thank the DSA and members of Congress for letting our voices be heard and acknowledging our businesses that add such fuel to our economy."

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- Two (2) hole sponsorships

• Opportunity to provide participant giveaways

- Eight (8) golfers

• Color logo on event banner displayed at banquet

- Twelve (12) raffle tickets

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- Signage at registration desk
- Logo on rules sheet

• Sponsor signage on bar, box lunch or beverage carts

- One (1) hole sponsorship

• Opportunity to provide participant giveaways

- Six (6) golfers

• Color logo on event banner displayed at banquet

- Eight (8) raffle tickets

**Silver – \$2,500**

- Signage at golf bag drop
- One (1) hole sponsorship
- Four (4) golfers
- Six (6) raffle tickets

• Color logo on event banner displayed at banquet

- Opportunity to present skills competition awards or raffle prizes

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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 altogether unfounded, but it is not the entire story either. According to Katie Defoe, the Crime Preven-



Kerrie Wilson



Sara Leonard

tion Officer based in Reston, the number of reported incidences over the last year involving homeless individuals was very low; rather, they tended to involve disadvantaged 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 neighbor-

hood 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 shar-

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# LETTERS

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ing 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 assist.

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.*

**Firefighters from station 426 in Edsall Road flank Marvel Universe Live! performers and children of firefighters on Friday, Sept. 12 outside the Patriot Center in Fairfax.**



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**Noah, 3, and Shelita Allen of Fire Station 27, West Springfield come from their home in Largo, Md. to attend the event to honor firefighters before the premier of Marvel Universe Live! at the Patriot Center on Friday, Sept. 12.**

## Superheroes Meet Real Heroes

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO  
THE CONNECTION

**P**erformers of Marvel Universe Live! honored firefighters outside the Patriot Center in Fairfax on Friday, Sept. 12.

Jennifer Rubin, assistant company manager for Marvel Universe Live!, said Feld Entertainment “wanted to do something with the local community to honor the people who serve us everyday.” The company reached out to Fairfax County firefighters and paramedics to put on an event where performers can entertain them and their families before attending the premiere of the show at the Patriot Center.

Capt. Ron Kuley and other members of station 426 joined the performers in welcom-

ing the firefighters and their families.

“It’s about getting our locals [unions] and their families together, giving them a great evening,” said Kuley.

Adam Mungo, of Arlington, attended the event with his brother, Richard Mungo, of station 15 in Chantilly. “I think it’s special that they put this event together, having the firefighters come out and represent their families...I think they’re the real superheroes of the community,” said Adam.

For Capt. William Moreland, public information officer at Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, being a hero just comes with the job. “Our job is to help people in their time of need and if that means risking our lives to save theirs...at the end of the day it’s a dangerous job and that’s what we’re here to do.” He said that firefighters are not likely to say

that they are heroes. “We don’t really relate ourselves to heroes but that’s just how we are,” said Moreland.

Corey Quicken of Frying Pan Station 436 said that superheroes not only save the day but are also role models for people. He said that in addition to helping people, firefighters also educate about fire and safety—such as having working smoke detectors and teaching CPR. “We try to make everybody a better person and make them help everybody else, as well.”

The firefighters’ children and families showed their gratitude and appreciation for the performers in return, presenting them with gifts just before the gates opened for the show.

Marvel Universe Live! will run at the Patriot Center on Sept. 19, 20 and 21.

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## FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

**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 Embry 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/hth](http://www.cornerstonesva.org/events_list/hth).

## 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



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

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.fpov.org/event-685795](http://www.fpov.org/event-685795).

**HerndOG Bark Bash.** 12-3 p.m. Brady 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

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 Halls 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 McCory, 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

**“You’re Such An Animal.”**  
Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gloria Benedetto shares her tribute to the animals she loves. Using several techniques of stippling or painting with inks, pastels, acrylics or watercolor, the suite of work demonstrates the variety of animal portraiture that can be achieved through different mediums and styles.



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**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.

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

**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.

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Gloria Benedetto shares her tribute to the animals she loves by using several techniques of stippling or painting with inks, pastels, acrylics and watercolor. View her exhibit, “You’re Such An Animal,” at the Workhouse Arts Center until Oct. 5.

## 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 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.

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## 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.

**The Living Garden Spaces Symposium.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come discover native plants that support native ecosystems, and learn how to design a layered garden from ground to canopy. \$75. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 484 7201 or call 703-642-5173.

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**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.

**Unos, Dos, Tres – Con Andres!** 2 p.m. Alexandria Library Kingstowne, 6500 Landsdowne, Centre, Alexandria. Do you love to sing, dance, or just tap your toes and sway back and forth to the hot rhythms of Latin America? Let Andres Salguero show you how and register now.

## 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.

**Oktoberfest.** 4 - 6:30 p.m. Lorton Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Chairman Sharon Bulova will hold her 28th annual Oktoberfest. Funds from the Oktoberfest will go towards her re-election campaign in 2015. [FairfaxBulova@aol.com](mailto:FairfaxBulova@aol.com)

## 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.

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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.

**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.

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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 Indelicarto 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.

# Ring Cycle

Lee graduate featured in boxing documentary.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

**C**hristian Vick was a standout basketball player for Robert E. Lee High School, but boxing was really his first sport. A family sport.

His father James worked in boxing promotion for Washington, D.C. boxers Maurice Blocker and Simon Brown, and his great uncle Louie Vick was a heavyweight fighter. And Vick grew up spending every Saturday with his father and brother Zachary, watching bouts of Sugar Ray Leonard and Hector Camacho on the family room floor.

The live fights and documentaries captured his attention and ignited a lifelong passion for the sport, and for examining athletes through multimedia.

"It's one thing to read a Wikipedia page or a profile in Sports Illustrated," said Vick, who currently lives in Boston. "But another to actually watch something with people who knew this person, were there, had direct access to firsthand sources — you learn intricate things about them. These are our superheroes."

**BOXING SUPERHEROES** have been a constant driving force in Vick's career. When he began working as a journalist after graduating from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, he covered boxing for BleacherReport.com.

"He was never afraid to ask tough questions of [Great Falls boxer] Jimmy [Lange]," said Brian Bishop. Bishop works in public relations for Brotman Winter Fried, a division of Sage Communications, and has been a sounding board for Vick. "He doesn't take no for an answer — very aggressive in his nature, but a likeable guy, so it's a good combination."

These are traits Vick said he developed growing up in Springfield. "It was just wonderful place to cultivate a man, and gave me moral fiber that to this day, people still can't believe."

Vick's first self-published book, "The Triumph and Tragedy of Riddick Bowe", is a biography of one of the sport's sweet — if flawed — scientists.

Now Vick is jumping off the page with pugilism, appearing on an episode of a documentary series for the channel TVONE called "Celebrity Crime files." The Oct. 20 show "Contenders to Pretenders: Heavyweight Champions Behind Bars" features Vick discussing his biography subject Bowe, as well as two other champions who went on to become convicted criminals.

"Christian's expertise was invaluable to this project," Lawrence Givens, executive producer of the episode, said in a statement. "His vast knowledge of boxing and its history is more than evident. His passion for the sport is unmistakable and contagious."

After BleacherReport.com, Vick's reporting resume ballooned with covering the Washington Redskins rookie camp, DC United, Georgetown basketball, major league baseball and the NFL — notably the Aaron Hernandez trial.

Much of the work was for a media platform Vick helped found in 2012, an internet and radio forum called Sports Debate. He was eventually able to get a foot in the door with ESPN radio, but the effort has been otherwise self-sufficient.

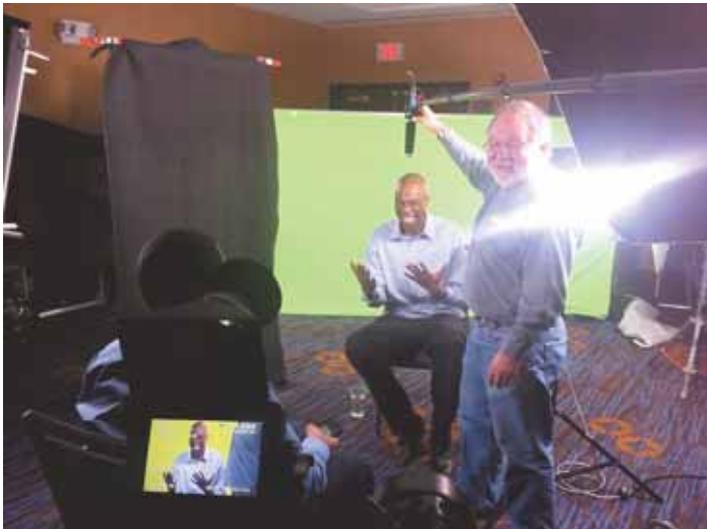


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**Christian Vick (center) sits before a green screen while filming an episode of "Celebrity Crime Files" set to air Oct. 20.**

"The journey's been pretty hard-fought," Vick said. "I was never a columnist, never picked up by a major publication." He also had to overcome a learning disability that affects written expression. "It's been a process to say the least."

After being turned down for a TV anchor position in Boston, Vick decided to re-evaluate his career path.

Getting onscreen had been a goal since he first saw classic films like "The Bar" and "Chariots of Fire." So Vick stepped away from sports reporting and dedicated himself to learning about the business and practice of filmmaking. He read books on his own, started working on story treatments and took classes in the Boston area.

He and partner Nicholas Haskard formed the Vick and Nick Productions company at the end of 2013, and are planning to film a pair of documentaries back-to-back in 2015: one on Reggie Lewis and one on Bobby Orr.

For Vick's sister Wendy, the transition to filmmaker "was definitely always going to happen."

Wendy worked at the Springfield Mall movie theater, where the siblings would watch countless movies together. Their mother is a film buff and sister Crystal ended up working on scripts in Los Angeles.

"We are a film family," she said. "He has that film history in his head, an amazing imagination and power with the written word."

**MOST IMPORTANT**, though, for Vick's work with athletes in both journalism and documentary filmmaking, is his personable nature. "He's able to really connect with other athletes," said Wendy.

"I understand what it's like on both sides of the fence — as a journalist and as an athlete," said Vick. "I see dreams get crushed and come true. Not being drafted and having my career end abruptly, I have a sense for glory and loss. I felt it. That will help me depict it onscreen."

After playing four years on scholarship at Quinnipiac, Vick graduated and played overseas with teams in Portugal, Austria and Finland before coming home and signing a standard contract to play in the NBA's D-league.

"Most of the time when you're known for sports, that's all you're known for," said Wendy. "But that isn't all he was, or ever will be."

Vick's updated website is sportsdebateuniverse.com/blog.

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### THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**BOO-Stravaganza.** 6-8 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2309 West Ox Road, Herndon. Come to the Indoor Arena Barn dressed in your favorite costume anytime between 6 and 8 p.m. Enjoy fun, games, and a wagon ride. Finish the evening with treats and a small pumpkin. Reservations required. \$10/child. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/>

### FRIDAY/OCT. 24 - SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**Workhouse Arts Center Haunted Trail.** 7 - 10 p.m. 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. During an exclusive event for six hair-raising nights only, visitors can walk the Haunted Trail with friends and family. Visitors will experience the macabre outdoor scenes in the lesser traveled areas of the historic prison campus and enjoy special effects, live scare actors and a nightmarish, immersive storyline about a growing horde of infected drones. Evening trail, \$10; daytime trail, \$5.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Volunteer Fest 2014.** A region-wide day of community service that mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time or resources to do on their own. Visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/non-profits/volunteerfest.php) for times and locations.

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

**Air and Scare.** 2-7 p.m. Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. See the spooky side of air and space at the annual Halloween event. Arrive in costume for safe indoor trick-or-treating, creepy crafts, spooky science experiments and other Halloween-themed activities. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/air-and-scare/>.

**Marcia Ball.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy-nominated pianist and singer/songwriter will give a concert at Wolf Trap. Tickets: \$35-\$40. For more information, visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Jack-o'-lantern Carving Workshop.** 1 - 3 p.m.

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come learn creative and technical ways to make jack-o'-lanterns, create them and take them home with you afterwards. For ages 13-adult. Admissions: \$35. Register online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring>. 703-642-5173.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25 -26

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra presents Copland and Stravinsky.** 8 p.m. George Mason University's Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Classical performance by the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. <http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org>

## November

### SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**The Robinson Marketplace.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit [www.robinsonptsa.org](http://www.robinsonptsa.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 8

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Luke Frazier.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. I'll Be Seeing You - experience an unfolding love story based on actual letters written during World War II, including songs of the era by Gershwin, Kern, Carmichael, Ellington and more. Tickets: <http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org/>

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19 - SUNDAY/JAN. 4

**Lights Festival.** 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Almost two and a half miles of light displays and a Holiday Village to celebrate the season. Visit [www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com](http://www.bullrunfestivaloflights.com).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 22

**Turkey Trot 5K Race.** 4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. The course takes you through Herndon Centennial Golf Course grass and paved paths, parts of the W&OD paved trail and vehicular paved road. All canned food will be donated to LINK. Visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov)

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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, Lorton. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults.

**English Conversation Group.** 5:15 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults.

**Library Tech Help.** 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Get your library-related electronic resource questions answered. Includes help with eBooks and compatible devices.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Practice speaking English with others and improve your skills.

### 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).



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