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Benefits families of children with cancer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

When the leaves turn colors and the weather becomes crisp, Halloween soon follows. And that means it's time for the Goblin Gallop. This year's event, the 21st annual, is slated for Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center.

It's a rollicking, fun-filled event that's enjoyable for both the participants and the onlookers. Many of the runners and walkers, plus those cheering them on, wear Halloween costumes; and afterward, there are refreshments and a costume contest.

"But there's more to it than that," said event organizer George Quadrino. "It's a family event with a band, a moonbounce, face painting and a 5K. Yet at the same time, the participants are helping families facing the challenges of having a child diagnosed with cancer."

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

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K race, at 9 a.m.; and the 5K walk, at 9:10 a.m. Entry fees through Oct. 23 are \$33 for the 5K run, \$25 for the 5K walk and \$18 for the 1K fun run. From Oct. 24 on, those fees, respectively, are \$35, \$30 and \$22.

Entrants should add \$5 to each amount if they'd like a long-sleeved, rather than a short-sleeved, T-shirt. Register at www.goblingallop.org. Online registration will remain open until race time.

People may run individually or as part of 5K teams competing against each other. Participants may be on a coed team of at least four people; the categories are organizations, families and friends. The top team in each category will receive fun awards for best team costume, fastest team — adding up the four members' times, and for the team with the most members registered before packet pickup on Oct. 24.

This year's packet pickup is at Potomac River Running, 11895 Grand Commons Ave. in Fairfax Corner. Hours are Oct. 24, from noon-7 p.m., and Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. On race day, it's at the registration table, 7-8:15 a.m.

Fairfax Station's Dixon Hemphill is the race director; and because of its headline sponsor, the race's official name is the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop. Other main sponsors include Don Beyer



Runners take off from the 2013 Goblin Gallop 5K starting line.

Volvo, the Shaffer Charitable Foundation and the law firm of Butzel Long.

"We raised a little over \$30,000 last year," said Quadrino. "It allowed us to help 250 families." About 1,400 people participated in last year's Goblin Gallop. Usually, hundreds of people sign up on race day and, said Quadrino, "Computer registration only takes a moment."

The course is USATF-certified, and prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50 are awarded to the top three, overall, male and female finishers. Prizes are also given to the top three overall finishers in various age categories, including a masters group for those over 40. Every child participating will get a runner's medal.

All competitors will receive a free, commemorative, glow-in-the-dark T-shirt. Decorated with the words, "Goblin Gallop," in white, the shirts are blue and feature a scene of a headless horseman and ghosts in a haunted forest.

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

The route is challenging, but fairly flat, with few hills and all right turns. Potomac River Running will handle scoring and results, and the awards ceremony will be on the stage in front of Coastal Flats. Results will be posted that afternoon at goblingallop.org and potomacriverrunning.com.

AFTER THE RACE, the band Shaky Ground will perform classic rock on the stage, costumes will be judged and awarded



The Munoz sisters, (from left) Valerie, 6, and Emily, 7, in their 2013 Goblin Gallop costumes.

prizes, and participants will enjoy hot dogs, popcorn, breakfast bars, fruit, cookies and beverages.

In addition, more than \$3,000 in door prizes will be given away. Most are donated by local merchants and include football tickets, restaurant meals and gift certificates at running stores. Glory Days Grill is the largest prize-contributor, donating \$1,000 worth of goodies.

Because of the Goblin Gallop, the John Quadrino Foundation is able to make more

The John Quadrino Foundation is able to make more than 250 grants per year, totaling about \$75,000, to families referred by social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children's hospitals.

than 250 grants per year, totaling about \$75,000. The recipient families are referred by pediatric social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children's hospitals, and the grants are given directly to these families.

Because medical bills can be overwhelming, parents of seriously ill children often need help with rent, utility bills or auto repairs. Often, one parent must quit a job to stay home and take care of the child. And a family with no prior financial problems suddenly finds itself in dire straits. That's where the foundation comes in.

"We buy school clothes, help with emergency shelter, buy air-conditioning units for children's rooms and pay the bills to have people's lights turned back on," said Quadrino. "Last year we also bought a specialized bicycle for a 5-year-old boy with special needs. We also buy a fair number of generators. When kids are home on a ventilator, it provides backup electricity if the power goes out."

Hoping for a good turnout for this year's Goblin Gallop, he said, "What's neat about it is that, while people are enjoying themselves, they're also helping a worthy cause."

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

'Use Your Feet to Lend a Hand'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A simple walk can do a great deal of good to help many people, and that's the goal of the yearly Help the Homeless Community Walk. And the 15th annual Help the Homeless Community Walk to aid the homeless in Northern Virginia will be held Saturday, Oct. 25.

Sponsored by Pathway Homes Inc., the one-mile event starts and ends at 4113 Stevenson St. in Fairfax. Entry fees are \$30, adults; and \$20, youth 17 and under. A brief program will be held at 10 a.m., followed by the walk at 10:20 a.m. To register, donate or obtain more information, go to www.pathwayhome.org/events.

The theme of this year's walk is "Use Your Feet to Lend a Hand." In the 14 years that Pathways has hosted this event, it's raised almost \$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.

"We are so excited to present this event each year," said Pathways President and CEO Sylisa Lambert-Woodard. "Our Help the Homeless Walk is a perfect example of how the community comes together to make a difference in the lives of its citizens. We can transform challenges into opportunities. Each of us has an important role to play in giving homeless men and women in the region not just a hand up, but also hope for a better future."



Some participants in last year's Help the Homeless Walk are (standing, from left) Sakin Mire, Brenda Brennan, Elhamy Samuels, Mary Anne Cummins and Nigisti Desta; and (in front) Rahwa Asghedom.

Kathy Albarado, founder and CEO of Helios HR, will be the featured speaker at the opening ceremonies. She serves on the governing board to prevent and end

homelessness in Fairfax and Falls Church.

Since 1999, the nonprofit Pathway Homes has encouraged people of all ages to come together for one day each fall to give back

Help the Homeless
Community Walk is Oct. 25.

to the community this way. One hundred percent of the walk's proceeds, including donations, directly supports the residents of Pathway's homes, plus those who use its associated services.

According to the annual Point in Time survey for 2014, almost 12,000 people in this region don't have a home. And even though Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, and Prince William counties all saw decreases in their amounts of homeless people from last year, the figures actually represent a 3.5-percent increase, region-wide, over the previous year.

"Factor in that statistically, more than 40 percent of those who are homeless are individuals with mental illness or co-occurring conditions, and one begins to understand the serious challenges," said Pathway Homes spokesman Larry Rockwell. "Additionally, data collected in this survey confirms what area homeless agencies observe in practice — that the greatest barrier to ending homelessness in our communities is the lack of fixed, affordable, permanent-housing opportunities."

Founded in 1980, Pathways currently serves more than 425 people in more than 200 residences, ranging from single-family homes and townhouses to condominiums and apartments. Pathways works collaboratively with several community partners to create a wide network of services and supports to best meet people's needs and help end homelessness here.

Bulova Urges Action on Geer Shooting Investigation

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors decided they've exercised enough patience with U.S. Attorney Dana Boente's office. Now more than 13 months after Fairfax County police shot and killed John Geer, standing unarmed in the doorway of his Springfield home, Board chairman Sharon Bulova addressed the silence from Boente. Police have still not named the officer who shot Geer.

In a letter to Boente, dated Sept. 19 and released last week, Bulova first acknowledged the Board's understanding that the attorney's office has had the Geer case and been supposedly investigating it since January 2014.

"Since the shooting occurred," Bulova said in the letter, "our citizens have regularly contacted various members of the Board to communicate their concern and at times displeasure that the criminal investigation into this incident has not yet been completed."

After the shooting on Aug. 29, 2013, the initial investigation by the Fairfax County Police Department was handed off to Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh. Several months and a pair of conflicts of interest (cited by Morrogh) later, the case was transferred to Boente's office.

Fairfax County Police have yet to release any information to the Geer family or the public regarding details of the shooting or



John Geer standing in his doorway, minutes before he was shot by a Fairfax County Police officer.

their own internal investigation. The Department of Justice has been just as forthcoming.

"The Board, however, would like to express to you the importance of a resolution of this matter," Bulova wrote in the letter, "as that will go a long way towards allowing our citizens to have faith in the process by which police shooting incidents are in-

vestigated."

In an Oct. 10 response, a spokesman from the U.S. Attorney's Office said they have no additional comment in light of Bulova's letter.

John Geer's father Don Geer recently penned a letter of his own, not to Boente, but to Nicholas Beltrante, executive director and founder of the Virginia Citizens

Coalition for Police Accountability. Beltrante was inspired to begin petitioning the Board of Supervisors to appoint a citizens' police oversight board after the 2010 police shooting of David Masters.

"We have now spent 13 frustrating months trying to acquire information as to who, why, etc. John was killed," Don Geer said in the letter. "The Police Department policy of investigating a case, then hiding behind internal rules to avoid releasing information while working to exonerate the shooter is unacceptable. This does not provide justice for the victim, satisfaction for the public or closure for the family."

Geer summarized his account of what happened to his son, and the timeline that followed.

"I fully support the appointment of a Citizens Complaint Review Board that would report to the County Board of Supervisors to provide transparency and accountability for the actions of the Police Department," wrote Geer.

Last month, the Geer family filed a \$12 million wrongful death and gross negligence suit against the Fairfax County Police Department.

For more information on the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, visit www.virginiaccpa.com.

— TIM PETERSON

Look Out for these Scams

City of Fairfax residents are advised to be aware of the following telephone scams that have recently occurred in the area and spread the word to friends, family and senior citizens:

* **DEA Extortion Scam:** Suspects contact citizens via telephone and accuse them of illegally purchasing drugs or medications over the telephone or internet. The suspect claims to be a DEA Agent and tells victims they'll be arrested unless they agree to pay a fine and wire money.

* **Green Dot Scam:** Suspects contact citizens via telephone and say the citizen has committed some type of criminal violation, or they pretend to be a family member in need of monetary help. The suspect then requests that the victim immediately go to a nearby store and purchase Green Dot money cards and provide the number of the cards to the suspect.

* **Jury Duty Scam:** Suspects contact citizens via telephone and say the victim has missed a scheduled day of jury duty. The suspect tells victims they'll be arrested if they don't pay a fine in the form of a Green Dot money card or a wire transfer.

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* Two farmers markets are still open in the City of Fairfax. They'll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

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

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

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

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

Some suggestions:

- ❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

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

best or worst thing that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

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

- ❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

- ❖ News stories from school newspapers.

- ❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

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

Email submissions for the Children's Connection to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location. Please provide the submissions by Monday, Dec. 8.

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

Please send all submissions by Dec. 8. The Children's Connection will publish the week of Dec. 27, 2012.

Halloween Parties, SoberRide

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

out as a holiday connected to increases in drinking and driving.

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

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

For more information visit www.wrap.org

Last Call for Letters

Letters to the editor from local residents about the upcoming election should be received by Friday, Oct. 24 to be considered for publication ahead of Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Letters on candidates, bond questions, election procedure or any other local, election related topics are welcome and encouraged. Letters should be original, and include the writer's full name and address; we will print your town name, not your full address. Letters will be under 200 words and convey opinion with civility. Send letters to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

— MARY KIMM.

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Responding to Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

BY JOE MEYER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

Domestic violence is a prevalent issue in Fairfax County and in some cases, too many cases, even result in fatalities. In fact, approximately 50 percent of the homicides occurring in the community are a direct result of domestic violence.

Relatively low homicide rates in the community overall prove that proactive public safety efforts are effective, but the presence of any domestic violence, regardless of the outcome, can not and should not be tolerated.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization that operates Artemis House, Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.

In a community comprising more than 1 million members,

with just 34 beds, Artemis House regularly stretches beyond capacity to accommodate those in need. Shelter House, Inc. also provides transitional housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence through the Community Housing Resources Program and NOVACO.

Shelter House also operates the Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters where 33 percent of the homeless population experienced domestic violence.

The recently trending hashtag, #WhyIStayed, illustrates the complexities a victim faces when leaving the abuser and these programs are crucial in ensuring safe housing is available. However, these programs alone are not enough to eradicate domestic violence in our community.

Shelter House works alongside law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, probation officers, courts, judges, offender service providers, mental health provid-

ers, homeless services and other human service providers to implement a coordinated community response orchestrated by Fairfax County's Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, and the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Each service component contributes to meeting the unique needs of those fleeing domestic violence.

Measuring the effectiveness of a collaborative response such as this can be challenging, but studies have shown that combining approaches in a coordinated effort reduces future incidents of violence. Collaboration is the solution to increasing victim safety and decreasing future violence in our community and your help is needed to continue our efforts.

Shelter House is participating in The Allstate Foundation's "Purple Purse Challenge," a project that is aimed at raising awareness and building the financial empowerment of domestic violence survivors. The Allstate Foundation part-

ners with leading national and local nonprofits to expand their efforts and Shelter House is honored to have been selected to participate. To learn more about the Purple Purse Challenge and to make a donation, visit www.shelterhouse.org. Contributions go directly to supporting our programs serving survivors of domestic violence. With 1-in-4 women estimated to have experienced domestic violence in her lifetime, expansion is needed to adequately serve those fleeing domestic violence in our community and ultimately work towards ending the occurrence domestic violence altogether. We hope you'll join us in the "Purple Purse Challenge" to help raise funds and awareness as we change the conversation from #WhyIStayed to #HowIHelped."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the 24-hour hotline or Artemis House to discuss: 24 hour hotline/helpline: 703-360-7273, TTY: 703-435-1235 Artemis House: 703-435-4940

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Humor to Hold One's Own As 50 Approaches

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

A singular performer is coming to the area. Annabelle Gurwitch, who co-hosted TV's "Dinner and a Movie," has been seen on a wide variety of television shows including "Seinfeld" and is the author of "I See You Made an Effort: Compliments, Indignities, and Survival Stories from the Edge of 50" will be at the JCC of Northern Virginia. She will be doing her signature comedic riffs on marriage, parenting and insights into turning middle-aged.

"Annabelle Gurwitch is an extraordinary story teller who will inspire and intrigue while you laugh hard" is the way Connie Pesachowitz, President of the JCC, described her. The performance is open to all, both non-members and members of the JCC. "It will be a treat of a performance for the Northern Virginia community," added Pasachowitz.

Gurwitch will bring a comic's perspective to what can happen as one approaches the age of 50. After all, about every seven and a half seconds, someone in America turns 50.

In an interview, Gurwitch spoke of becoming "invisible" after a certain age. "There's the saying 40 is the new 50, but when you're 50, no one who's 40 thinks you're the same age as them unless you've got a lot of tattoos."

If you grew up before the world of social networks thinking "LOL meant Lots of Love and not Laugh Out Loud;" then you're not alone, noted Gurwitch. "No matter what is happening, we need to have a sense of humor as we go through life. Humor is a way to help us cope."

One more comic turn. Gurwitch was on her daily run. She was "feeling pretty good...when a guy coming towards me said Good Job! I smiled at him; then



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Annabelle Gurwitch

Where and When

"An Evening of Comedy with Annabelle Gurwitch" at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), 8900 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Performance: Saturday, Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$23-\$72. For tickets visit: www.jccnvarts.org or call the JCCNV box office at 703-537-3000.

I realized he wasn't saying good job to any of the other younger people running, just me! It was like he was surprised I was still ambulatory!" Something to relate to.

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Child Car Seat Checks

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K-9 Krawl 5K is 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 dogs are welcome in the walk. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FCPD2014K9KRAWL>.

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Kyle and David Matsumoto enjoy Japanese chicken and pork dumplings.



Holding apple-cider doughnut holes are McLean High School teachers Daniella Minetti and Kim Richardson at their Teachers Making Doughnuts stand.



(From left) siblings Lyndsey and Cole Andray man the Fair Trade Winds table.



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THROUGH WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

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THROUGH FRIDAY/NOV. 3

Adventures in Learning. 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. This program is open to all adults age 50 or better. Registrants bring a bag lunch and stay for a full day of classes/activities and socializing, or pick and choose the classes that interest them the most. \$30. www.scfbva.org or 703-323-4788.

THROUGH FRIDAY/OCT. 31

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

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Messiah Church's 30th Annual Bazaar. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Messiah Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Craft and business vendors, vintage items, pumpkin patch, Christmas shop, bake sale, chili luncheon, used book, toy and yard sale. 703-569-9862. www.messiahumc.org.

Friday Morning Music Club. 11 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. A community of music lovers and musicians, the Friday Morning Music Club has promoted classical music for over 120 years. Free. For more information, visit www.fairfaxarts.org or call 703-352-ARTS.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 17

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Genealogy Help Desk. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Bring family history stumpers to the experts. Accomplished genealogists and library staff will be on hand to assist. Adults. 703-293-6227.

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Dog Adoption. 12-3 p.m. Petco,

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Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Call 703-817-9444 or visit www.hart90.org/

“On Air: Music through the Decades.” 2 & 7:30 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Vienna-Falls Chorus presents a concert with an all-out feast for the senses with lights, stage decorations, dancing and humor. For tickets call 703-242-SING or go to www.viennafalls.org. General admission is \$22, \$17 for seniors, groups and children.

2014 Workhouse Arts Center Gala. 6:30 p.m. Workhouse, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Benefits the programs at the Workhouse Arts Center, which serves more than 75,000 visitors each year. Contact Moria Nisbet, 703-584-2986.

Annual Children’s Concert. 2 p.m. Lake Braddock Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Admission: \$2 donation or two canned food items per person. Donations benefit ECHO, a local organization serving families in need. Come in costume. Visit lakebraddockchorus.squarespace.com.

A Toast to the Animals. 1:30-5:30 p.m. Award-winning wine, music, silent auction and more. Supporting the Humane Society of Fairfax County. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Tickets: \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door, available online: <http://hsfc.org/>

Springfield Town Center Childrens’ Court Opening. 1 p.m. Springfield Town Center, 6500 Springfield Mall, Springfield. Entertainment for children provided

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“Not Fade Away: A Memoir of Senses Lost and Found.” 2 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. When Rebecca Alexander was 12, her parents were told that she would be completely blind before she turned 30. “Not Fade Away” is Rebecca’s first book. General admission tickets: \$11, \$9 for J members and seniors (65+), \$7 for those under 30. 703-537-3000. boxoffice@jccnv.org. www.jccnvarts.org.

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The Private School Admissions Process

Local educators offer insider tips on how to select and get your child admitted to the perfect school.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While this school year might still feel new, some parents are already thinking about next fall. Or if they're not, they should be. For parents who are considering sending their children to one of the area's private schools for the 2015-2016 school year, the application process should be underway.

"Now is the time to begin the independent school admission process for the 2015-2016 academic year," said Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Application deadlines vary by school, but generally fall between mid-December and late January.

"Parents often start the process by exploring school websites and speaking with trusted friends who have personal experience with specific schools. Doing your research may be time-consuming, but what

could be more important than finding the right educational fit for your child?"

Use this time to peruse school websites and get to know the schools you think might be a good fit for your child. "Go beyond the admission [web] pages," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Read a school's magazine or its weekly parent memo. Follow a school's Facebook page or Twitter feed. Looking at a school through varied lenses will provide a better sense of culture at the school.

"Talk as a family about what would be the best kind of school for your child," she continued. "Coed versus single gender, traditional versus progressive, suburban versus urban, no uniform versus uniform, kindergarten through second versus kindergarten through eighth versus kindergarten through 12th."



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Visiting prospective schools will give parents and students a sense of the institution's atmosphere and culture.

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to be happy and successful in school. "Keep your mind open," said Mulligan. "The spectrum of excellent schools in our area is broad, enabling parents to think beyond name recognition and focus on right fit when selecting a school."

There are a few factors for parents to consider: "Does a school's mission resonate with your family's values?" asks Dunning. "Will the curriculum challenge your child's strengths and support him or her in other areas?"

PARENTS AND STUDENTS should begin by creating a list of schools where they plan to apply and start contacting their top choices. "The most important piece of advice for a family is to visit the school website often. That is full of interesting stories about a school," said Ann Richardson Miller, director of admission and financial aid at The Madeira School in McLean.

"Once you've narrowed down your choices, make plans to visit the schools. Tours have started, and there will be additional opportunities such as open houses, student visiting days, and curriculum nights," said Dunning. "It is impor-

tant to experience the culture of the school to get an accurate picture. Each independent school has its own distinctive mission, and you will feel it as soon as you step onto campus."

Miller says open houses can help reduce the potential anxiety a student might have about other parts of the application process, such as an interview or standardized test, which are often requirements for private school admissions. She also suggests attending a school play or athletic event. "Those are great ways to see a school community."

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Doris Jenkins' landscape oil paintings and Betty Baumgartner's watercolors, acrylics and fine art photography combine for a colorful "Scape Sensation."

The exhibit is on the second floor of the Old Town Hall at 3999 University Drive in Fairfax and is open Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. A complimentary reception will be held Oct. 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Old Town Hall and is open to the public. Visit www.fairfaxartleague.com.



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SPORTS

Successful Switch

Woodson's Reed thriving at outside hitter following change in approach.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Woodson volleyball team was in control of Monday's match against Oakton when Cavalier head coach Len Palaschak took out some of his starters, including senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed, in order to give playing time to some of his reserves.

Oakton, which trailed 21-9 at one point during the fourth set, started to creep back into the contest. When the Cougars cut the deficit to 22-16, Palaschak called timeout and put Reed, a team captain, back on the floor. Reed promptly put away a cross-court kill to stop the bleeding.

Reed's hitting talents produced a team-high 12 kills, a .407 attack percentage and helped the Cavaliers to a 3-1 (25-18, 17-25, 25-11, 25-20) victory on Oct. 13 at Oakton High School. Reed also had four aces on a night when Woodson totaled 18.

REED'S AGGRESSION at the net helped the Cavaliers bounce back from a rough stretch that included three losses in four matches. Reed, however, hasn't always possessed an offensive mentality. Following a position switch as a junior, she maintained a defensive approach when Woodson needed her to attack. As time passed, Reed became an aggressor and the Cavaliers have benefited since.

Reed was Woodson's libero during her freshman and sophomore seasons, twice earning second-team all-district honors. When Reed was a junior, Palaschak asked her to move from her defensive position to outside hitter. Reed wasn't happy about the idea, but the Cavaliers needed some help with their attack.

"We had a problem a couple years ago with outside hitters not being able to hit balls on the court and [not] placing the ball well," Palaschak said. "... [Reed and I] had a long talk about it because as a freshman and a sophomore, she was second-team all-district as a libero. She would have been [a] first-team [libero], probably, last year, [but] she did this for the team."

Along with a lack of experience playing outside hitter, Reed had to overcome her lack of size. At 5 feet 6, Reed is short for a net player. However, Reed said her focus on conditioning and experience playing beach volleyball boosts her endurance and increases her jumping ability.

"Without [beach volleyball]," Reed said, "I don't think I could have made the transition at all."

While Reed had the physical ability to



Woodson outside hitter Mackenzie Reed had 12 kills against Oakton on Oct. 13.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

"Without [beach volleyball], I don't think I could have made the transition at all."

— Woodson senior outside hitter Mackenzie Reed

succeed at outside hitter, she lacked the aggression needed to reach her potential. She still had a defensive mentality while playing an offensive position.

"I was more of a defensive player in the front row," Reed said. "I didn't really want to transition to hit. I wanted to take every ball."

While beach volleyball helped Reed with certain elements of playing outside hitter, it hindered, in a way, her approach to attacking. The kind of well-placed finesse shots that succeed in 2-on-2 beach volleyball don't work as often in a game of 6-on-6 inside a gymnasium.

"Every year, we have a little transition she has to make from playing beach to coming back to the court," Palaschak said. "On the beach, you're used to placing balls a lot and you can see that sometimes when she'll do her approach. She'll do her last two steps and try to place balls and it's hard to do with six players on the court. We have to get her to do that transition and rip the ball, which she was doing very nicely [against Oakton on Monday]."

Reed would eventually figure out her new position, earning first-team all-conference honors as an outside hitter during her junior season in 2013.

"Last year, we had teams setting up their defense just to play her," Palaschak said. "They'd come out and watch her play and they'd set up their defense against her."

Now a senior, Reed continues to improve. "[I'm] more comfortable, definitely," she said. "I've embraced the position this year. I like it because it's more exciting getting kills."

Senior libero and North Carolina A&T State commit Keniah Rivera, also a team

captain, said she notices a change in Reed.

"She's a great player," Rivera said. "She's very smart. She knows where to put the ball. ... There's a huge difference [from last season]. She hits harder, she's more confident in herself. Last year, as the transition went she was kind of nervous, she didn't want to make a mistake."

REED'S 12-KILL PERFORMANCE against Oakton on Monday helped Woodson improve its overall record to 9-6. Woodson's Jen Sabolsky finished with nine kills against the Cougars. Mary Ellen Gill had eight and Lenna Roman finished with seven. Leah Farmer dished 17 assists and Sophia Mackin finished with 11.

Reed, Angelica Jennin and Sarah Mueller each had four aces. Sabolsky and Mackin each had three.

"We needed this," Palaschak said. "We just have not found a chemistry on the floor yet. It was nice to watch that tonight. We know that this is the lineup we need to use, but they just need to get that chemistry going. ... We just need to find that groove on the floor. This is the first time we've really had some excitement playing like this."

The Cavaliers faced Lake Braddock on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. Woodson will travel to face West Potomac at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, and Robinson on Tuesday.

Woodson has its sights set on competing for a Conference 7 championship. When the Cavaliers need a kill along the way, they will likely look to their converted libero.

"She was getting good, long, four-step approaches here [against Oakton] and getting a lot of power behind the ball," Palaschak said. "She was crushing balls."



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Robinson senior Patrick Myers placed 13th in the boys' varsity race at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11 at Bull Run Regional Park.

Top 15

Robinson's Myers places 13th hours after taking SATs.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Taking the SATs can be a nerve-racking time in a student's life as he/she prepares for life after high school. It would be understandable if someone wanted to spend the rest of the day relaxing after experiencing a heavy dose of pressure.

On the other hand, there are student/athletes like Robinson senior Patrick Myers. His post-SAT activities included a brief nap and running a personal-best time at Bull Run Regional Park.

Myers placed 13th at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 11, earning a medal with a top-15 finish. He posted a course-PR time of 16:38 while battling muddy conditions.

"It wasn't my best race today," Myers said. "I think it's partially because of the mud, partially because I didn't have my teammates out there running with me today. Other than that, I think I did OK."

Myers' Saturday started with taking the SATs at Westfield High School, which lasted from 8:30-10:30 a.m. From there, Myers started preparing for the race.

"I went home and took a short nap, sort of got myself ready," he said. "[I] had a quick snack, and then got on out here to watch my teammates a little bit and get ready."

Loudoun Valley's Andrew Hunter won the event with a time of 15:44. Millbrook's Tyler Cox-Philyaw finished runner-up with a time of 16:05, followed by Chantilly's Ryan McGorty (16:11).

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According to the Lease by and between (2023) Andrew Kochanski and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit, the manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: shelves, van seat, tubs, ect. Items will be sold or otherwise disposed of on Friday October 24, 2014 @ 12:00pm at 11325 Lee Hwy Fairfax VA 22030 to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes.

According to the Lease by and between (4120) R. Martens and TKG-StorageMart and its related parties, assigns and affiliates in order to perfect the Lien on the goods contained in their storage unit, the manager has cut the lock on their unit and upon cursory inspection the unit was found to contain: boxes, vacuum, clothes, ect. Items will be sold or otherwise disposed of on Friday October 24, 2014 @ 12:00pm at 11325 Lee Hwy Fairfax VA 22030 to satisfy owner's lien in accordance with state statutes.

Obituary

Randolph "Randy" Brooks, age 94, died Tues., Oct. 7, 2014, at Integris Hospice House in Okla. City, OK. He was born June 28, 1920 in Rogers, N.M. to Thomas Harvey and Effie May (Marshall) Brooks. Randy graduated from Rogers High School in 1938. Soon after graduation, Randy began his lifelong career in aviation by enrolling in Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK. He received his A & P license and an offer to teach while he earned his single-engine and helicopter ratings at Spartan School in Tulsa, OK.

Randy met and married Thelma Swanson in 1942. During WWII he served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. After serving his country, Randy returned to Tulsa, OK, and Spartan School of Aeronautics. Later he joined Sinclair Oil Company's Aviation Department. After they merged with Atlantic Richfield, Randy chose not to transfer to California but went with FAA as an Aviation Inspector in the southwest region. In 1983 he transferred to FAA Academy where he was a course manager on Helicopters, Compliance and Enforcement. Randy retired from FAA in 1990 but worked as a consultant for the Department of Energy until 2004. Randy was a recipient of the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award and the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. Each award category requires a minimum of 50 years documented distinguished service. He was a lifetime member of EAA and a charter member of EAA Chapter 10 in Tulsa, OK. Since 1983, Randy has lived in Yukon, OK, and served his Lord and Savior as a member of Canadian Valley Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, brothers, Cecil and Britt Brooks, baby daughter Debbie and two wives, Thelma and Shirley. Survivors include his wife Margette, son Larry Brooks and wife Judy of Fairfax, VA; grandson, Matt Brooks of Fairfax, VA; daughter Marilynne Robertson and husband Ron (who Randy considered a son more than a son-in-law) of Flower Mound, TX; granddaughter Stephanie Kirkham and husband Scott and their children Slade and Sophie Kirkham of Dallas, TX; stepson Steven Balch and wife Lisa of Garner, N.C.; grandchildren Stephen and Stephanie Balch, Aaron, Stephen, and Zach Taylor; stepdaughter Barbara Balch-Hernandez of Van Buren, AR, and granddaughters Marissa, Myriah, Malia and Maelle; sisters-in-law Margaret Pinion of Winslow, AR, Helen Deal and husband Herb of West Pittsburg, PA, Anita Tidwell of Del City, OK, Karen Perkins and husband Jim of Bonanza, AR, and Joyce Holt and husband James of Hackett, AR, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in New Mexico and Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Integris Hospice House, 13920 Quailbrook Dr., Okla. City, OK 73112. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Fri., Oct. 10, 2014, at the Yanda & Son Funeral Home Chapel, with interment following at the Yukon Cemetery, Yukon. Online condolences may be signed at www.yandafuneral.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Yanda & Son Funeral Home, Yukon, OK.



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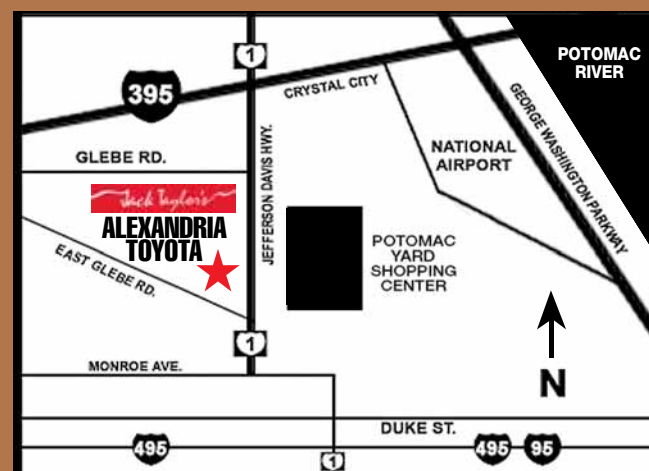
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Perfectly sited on 1 acre, this brick home has been beautifully remodeled and updated throughout! Open floor plan, gorgeous kitchen and baths, sparkling hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, fully finished walk-out lower level and fabulous landscaping including deck and stone patio are just a few of the features.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Fairfax Station **\$675,000**
Bright, shiny 4 BR Det with 2 car garage on quiet cul-de-sac. Superb condition new hardwood floors, granite, and tile main. Fresh WW carpet bedroom level & paint throughout. Ready for the new owner.
Steve Wharton 703-627-0103



Sterling **\$306,000**
Terrific End Unit Townhouse in Parkside at Dulles. 1500 sq. ft. in this 3 BR/3 BA home.
Jon Sampson 703-307-4357



Lorton **\$725,000**
Former Model Home with Extensive Upgrades. New Designer Gourmet Kitchen with top-of-the-line Stainless Steel Appliances, 2 Ovens & Custom Cabinetry. Open Floor Plan makes entertaining effortless. Two Beautiful Gas Fireplaces. Rear Covered Porch, Slate Patio & Kitchen Deck along with incredible Privacy make this home a solid 10!
John & Jen Boyce 703-425-5646



Fairfax **\$535,000**
Nicely updated 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in sought after Kings Park West. Kitchen has attractive cabinetry w/granite, stainless appliances, gas cooking & breakfast bar adjoining dining room. Patio off Kitchen & DR makes for some great outdoor meals! Upgraded baths, hardwoods, sitting room with access to patio & quiet backyard. Close to VRE, Metrobus, schools & shopping.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421

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