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NEWS



The 11th District incumbent Gerry Connolly (left), Burgermeister Greg Burkheart of Vienna (center) and Delegate Mark Keam practice their Deutsche at Vienna's Oktoberfest celebration.



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(From left) Ann Juliano of Bristow, Suzanne Scholte of Falls Church and Janet Gorn of Montclair enjoy the late afternoon sun at a campaign event in Gorn's backyard.

Poll Position Local academics following the 11th Districts race say there's really no substitute for the strength of incumbency.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Despite low public opinion of President Obama and a minimally productive Congress, representative Gerry Connolly has plenty going for him as the incumbent seeking re-election in Virginia's largely democratic 11th district.

Republican challenger Suzanne Scholte and independents Marc Harrold (Libertarian) and Joe Galdo (Green) have been trying to use that unproductivity to their advantage, citing their lack of experience in elected office as affording an advantageous, fresh perspective.

"They're not only not hearing us, they're not taking the time to listen to us," said Scholte. "I think we see that in the partisan shift, the bitterness in how people are dealing with each other."

And though that's not a bad strategy, local academics following the race say there's really no substitute for the strength of incumbency. Especially when you've made yourself as a household name like Connolly has.

"Once he fended off a serious challenger in two separate election cycles, when people thought he was vulnerable, that established

the perception he's one of those hard-to-beat incumbents now," said Mark J. Rozell, acting dean and professor of Public Policy for the George Mason University School of Policy, Government and International Affairs.

Connolly won his first two congressional races by 12 points (2008) and 26 points (2010).

And now that he's stuck around, proven himself a winner, "most voters differentiate between Congress as an institution and their own incumbent member," said Rozell. "It doesn't necessarily weaken any incumbent who may have the favor of his or her constituents," he continued.

Scholte has come after Connolly for being "completely out of touch with people in this district." Connolly has countered that, "there's no excuse for people seeing you as getting distant. I come home every night. When I pick up my dry cleaning I'm in my constituency. When I grab a meal, it's in my constituency."

"And as long as Connolly can present himself as an authentic representative who's out there fighting for his people," said Rozell, "fixing the problems with hyper bipartisan ships, that protects him a good deal."

INCUMBENCY COMES with superior

name recognition and funding, both factors making it that much more difficult for outsiders to pull an upset.

As of an Oct. 15 OpenSecrets.org report, Connolly had raised \$1,886,601, spent \$986,053 and had \$1,768,494 in cash on hand.

Scholte, by contrast, had \$42,856 on hand, raised \$224,457 and spent \$182,601. Harrold was reported with \$6,547 raised, \$4,583 spent and \$1,962 on hand. Galdo wasn't part of the report.

Toni-Michelle Travis, GMU associate professor of Government and Politics, agrees with Rozell that the race is "pretty clear-cut."

"He's doing all the right things, but I wouldn't say he's got the seat indefinitely," she said. Travis cited changing demographics in Northern Virginia as something incumbents shouldn't sleep on in future elections.

According to the Office of Elections, there are 25,122 new voters registered in Fairfax County since Nov. 5, 2013. That figure includes transfers as well first-time registrants.

"Every incumbent's got to be very attentive to it," said Travis. "This could erode, this could begin to change because of the new voters. That's tripped up many, includ-

ing Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, who used to represent Vienna."

Travis believes a shift could come in "sort of purple" Northern Virginia, and issues like immigration have the potential to "become real change" in favor of a challenger, at least one with more election experience.

"It's a training ground," said Travis, "because these things shift in Northern Virginia. Maybe next time [Scholte] might prevail."

As well, Rozell doesn't discount the value of third-party candidates in the electoral process.

"They can force major candidate to address different issues that might get ignored otherwise," he said, "add something important to the debate that's going on."

HARROLD AND GALDO have highlighted the need for more government transparency as well as pragmatic planning for simplifying the tax code, among other issues.

"Unfortunately for them," said Rozell, "voters remain strategic creatures, under the belief that they'd be throwing their vote away otherwise. It somewhat becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy."

Visit Elections.virginia.gov to see the new requirements for voter identification required at the polls on Nov. 4.

Just Days Left for Voting Early, Absentee

Virtually every voter in Virginia is eligible to vote absentee, which includes voting in-person absentee at a variety of locations from now through Saturday, Nov. 1. After that, vote on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4 at your assigned polling place.

There are many reasons that voters are allowed to vote absentee, but the most broad of these applies to almost anyone with a job: "Any person who, in the regular and orderly course of his business, profession, or occupation,

will be at his place of work and commuting to and from his home to his place of work for eleven or more hours of the thirteen that the polls are open (6 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

You can download an absentee ballot and mail it to your local voter registration office, or you can vote "absentee in person."

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For more, call 703-222-0776 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

Fairfax High's Homecoming Parade

Fairfax High's Homecoming Parade was Friday, Oct. 24.

The Fairfax High Color Guard leads the parade.



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The Rebel band marching along Old Lee Highway.



AREA ROUNDUPS

Farmers Market Ends Thursday

Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fair Oaks; the season's last market is Oct. 30.

Don't Drink And Drive

This Friday, Oct. 31, at 8 p.m., seven police agencies from Northern Virginia will team up in all jurisdictions to conduct saturation patrols detecting and arresting drunk drivers on Halloween. Called "Extra Eyes for DWI's," the effort will involve police officers and resources from the City of Falls Church, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Town of Vienna, Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, U.S. Park Police and Virginia State Police.

Fairfax City Farmers Market

One farmers market is still open in the City of Fairfax, at the corner of West and Main streets. The

last one of the season is this Saturday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.

Time to Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 a.m.; so before going to bed Saturday night, residents should turn back their clocks and watches one hour.

Term Length On Ballot

On the Nov. 4 ballot for City of Fairfax residents will be an advisory referendum, as follows: Do you support changing the length of the terms of office for City Council members, the Mayor and the members of the School Board from the current two years to four years. Residents will be asked to vote yes or no.

City Council Meeting Nov. 4

The next meeting of the Fairfax

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City Council is Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy. in Fairfax.

'Vision Fairfax Mason' Charrette

The City of Fairfax community and the Mason Nation are invited to attend some or all of a three-day planning workshop, or charrette, Nov. 6-8 by the City of Fairfax and GMU. The event will explore various short- and long-term visions for the City's historic downtown area. It'll deal with several aspects of downtown planning, including transportation, community development/design issues, economic development and housing.

The Nov. 6-7 sessions will be held at the Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. The Nov. 8 session will be held at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. On Nov. 6 at noon, speaker Chris Leinberger will discuss "Back to the Future: Downtown Fairfax Returns as a Walkable Urban Place." The complete agenda is at www.fairfaxva.gov/VisionFairfaxMason.

FoodRaiser at Fairfax High

Our Daily Bread and Food for Others are teaming up to hold their fourth annual Complete the Circle FoodRaiser on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the Practice Field at Fairfax High School (3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax). Admission is \$5 for the event T-shirt (\$10 for XXL shirt) and three food/pantry donation items. Attendees will create an Art for the Sky photo with the food donations forming the outer circle of the photograph. All donations will then be distributed to needy individuals and families who reside throughout Fairfax County. The event will feature live music from the School of Rock Vienna; refreshments, including goodies from Cox Farms; and children's entertainment. Nearly 700 people, including those on 39 teams, are registered to attend the event. All community members are welcome to attend. Information and registration is available at www.CompletetheCircleFX.org, or contact info@odbfairfax.org or 703-273-8829.

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OPINION

Change for the Better in Fairfax County Schools

Later start times, full-day Mondays; who knows, next maybe gifted-and-talented programs for poor students?

Who says big bureaucracies can't make big changes? One year into the tenure of Karen Garza, we have two huge changes that between them impact almost every single student, every family with children in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Last week, the Fairfax County School Board voted to move high school start times all after 8 a.m. beginning next September. Garza, superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, announced this summer the implementation of full-day Mondays, another previously insurmountable task.

A plan emerged that made this possible for under \$5 million (original estimates were wildly and prohibitively higher) while keeping elementary school times the same (or within 5-10 minutes). The goal is to move middle school start times later in the future.

Change comes in mysterious ways. Part of the support for this change comes from the science.

The American Academy of Pediatrics this fall: "A substantial body of research has now demonstrated that delaying school start times is

an effective countermeasure to chronic sleep loss and has a wide range of potential benefits to students with regard to physical and mental health, safety, and academic achievement.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly supports the efforts of school districts to optimize sleep in students and urges high schools and middle schools to aim for start times that allow students the opportunity to achieve optimal levels of sleep (8.5–9.5 hours) and to improve physi-

EDITORIAL

Voting

Every year is Election Year in Virginia, and this year, the ballot is short but important. Turn out to vote for U.S. Senate, member of the House of Representatives, and a few questions.

You can vote absentee in person between now and Saturday, Nov. 1; after that, vote on Election Day, Nov. 4, at your assigned polling place. Bring photo identification with you, the rules have changed.

cal (eg, reduced obesity risk) and mental (eg, lower rates of depression) health, safety (eg, drowsy driving crashes), academic performance, and quality of life."

We commend the leadership of the advocacy group SLEEP in Fairfax, which never gave up, even in years when this change appeared impossible.

We suspect the key ingredient is new leadership at the top at FCPS, Karen Garza.

A superintendent across the river, Joshua Starr, will have to ask himself what's holding up such changes in Montgomery County Public Schools.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Yes on Transportation Bond Referendum

To the Editor:

On Nov. 4, Fairfax County residents will vote on a Transportation Bond Referendum. The League of Women Voters supports the Bond Referendum and urges voters to approve it.

If accepted, the Bond would fund three types of projects:

❖ Spot Road Improvements: These include adding or lengthening turn lanes; upgrading turn signals and signage; constructing walkways and providing crosswalks; and making popular destinations more accessible.

nations more accessible.

❖ Pedestrian Improvements: These include building missing sidewalk and trail links; adding and improving signalized crosswalks and other pedestrian-friendly intersection improvements.

❖ Bike and Trail Improvements: These include developing new bicycle facilities, constructing trails, adding bicycle parking, and making popular destinations and mass transit more accessible.

These upgrades would increase

the capacity of our transportation network by allowing it to carry more people, whether they drive, walk, bike or take mass transit. Go to fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/ for information about cost, project details and answers to other frequently asked questions.

Here's something else to consider: Fairfax is one of only 32 counties in the United States with a AAA Bond Rating. This allows the County to borrow at lower interest rates. And because Fairfax has access to other funding

sources, this Bond represents only 7 percent of the cost of these improvements.

The League of Women Voters urges you to vote on Nov. 4. And we encourage you to say YES to the Transportation Bond Referendum. We believe that these projects will reduce congestion and make it easier and safer for all of us to get to the places where we need and want to go.

Julia Jones and Helen Kelly,
Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

Vote 'Yes' on Transportation

To the Editor:

We are writing about the Nov. 4 voter referendum on transportation bonds for Fairfax County. The Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is a diverse coalition of individuals and public, community, and business organizations that have joined forces to improve community health by mobilizing resources, increasing awareness, and promoting change.

The Partnership has identified investments in infrastructure that support physical activity as a major priority in its community health

improvement plan. Investments in facilities and pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists benefit everyone through enhancing safety, providing active transportation options, providing opportunities for routine exercise, expanding access to recreational opportunities, and improving quality of life. Improvements funded by the bond will also permit more "Safe Routes to School," or opportunities for children to walk or bike to school.

The goals and objectives of both our plan and the transportation

bond issue are aligned in encouraging a healthy lifestyle through physical activity and improving connectivity throughout the county. Residents who are able to incorporate exercise in their daily lives will incur fewer health care costs and be more productive employees, thereby contributing to the county's economic success. Please support the bond by a "yes" vote on Nov. 4.

Marlene Blum and Julie Knight
Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax/Co-Chairs

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue.

The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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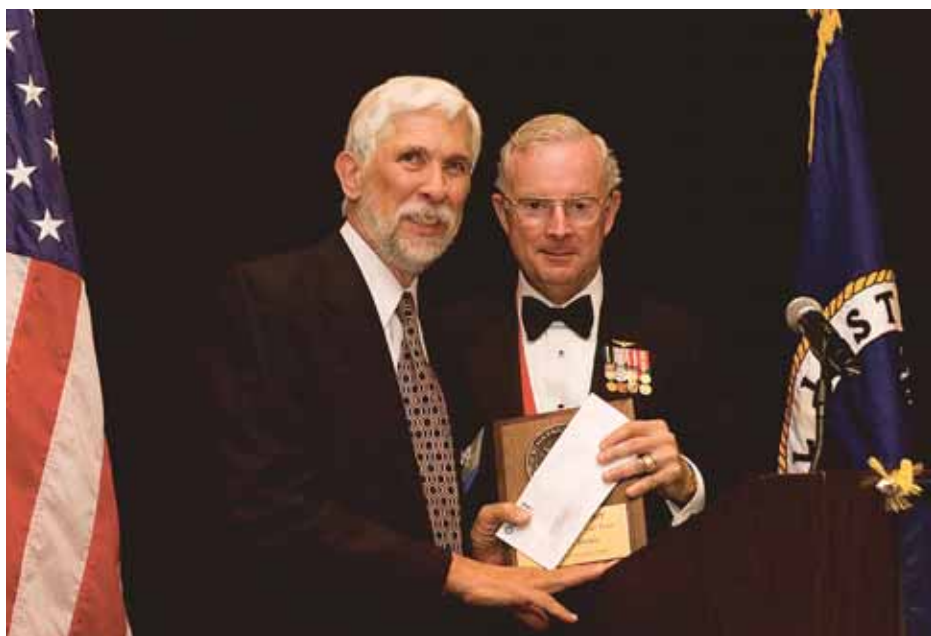


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Alan Rems (on left) receives the 2008 Author of the Year award, plus a \$5,000 prize, from Marine Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Wilkerson, former CEO of the U.S. Naval Institute.

WWII History and a Mystery Unveiled

Fairfax volunteer's book, "South Pacific Cauldron," is published.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

To patrons of the Fairfax Regional Library, Alan Rems is a familiar face. A 10-year volunteer there, he's in the Virginia Room every Tuesday, helping people with genealogy matters. And last year, he received a pin for putting in 1,000 volunteer hours.

Now, though, he has a book of his own in the library. Called "South Pacific Cauldron," it's about the forgotten WWII battlefields of the South Pacific – as well as a cover-up of a Marine Corps general's death.

His article disclosing this bombshell was first published in "Naval History Magazine" and earned Rems the 2008 Author of the Year award from the U.S. Naval Institute. Yet his book is much more than that.

"It's the only game in town, as far as a complete history of WWII in the South Pacific, including military operations by all branches of the service," he explained. "Other historians have written parts of it, but nobody has put it all together in one book. And most have stopped in early 1944, but lots of interesting things were happening at the tail end of the war, as well."

The book's available on Amazon, in bookstores and in local libraries. And next Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m., Rems will discuss and sign it at the George Mason Regional Library, 70001 Little River Turnpike in Annandale.



Rems

"I'm very happy to share my new and exciting PowerPoint presentation," he said. "It's built mostly around vivid, rarely seen photographs of the Bougainville campaign in the Solomon Islands. I

want to catch people's interest in the book. And even if they don't buy it, they can read it at any of the Fairfax County libraries."

However, Rems, 77, didn't set out to be a writer; he's a retired CPA who calls his second career a "pure fluke." He grew up during WWII, so he always had a special interest in it. Attending a friend's horticultural book talk in Fairfax in 2007, by chance he learned about a WWII general he'd never heard of before and became curious.

"I started researching him and discovered an autobiography of him in the Virginia Room of the Fairfax Library because he was from Northern Virginia," said Rems. "The details of his death intrigued me and led me to investigate further and question the official cause of his death and whether there was a cover-up."

ALONG THE WAY, he became an accomplished writer. Between 2007 and 2013, he published seven articles and wrote two reviews of other people's books in "Naval History Magazine." His own book, published in May, contains 29 chapters, each one telling a complete story.

"I think it's because I wrote those articles for 'Naval History Magazine' that I got accustomed to working that way," said Rems. "I was also getting wonderfully juicy quotes

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News



Children prepare to start the 1K fun run.

Colorful Costumes at Goblin Gallop

The 21st annual Goblin Gallop was Sunday, Oct. 26, at Fairfax Corner.



Caysen Chadha, 6, as a Ninja warrior.



Landon Peacock, 26, of Alexandria, won the 5K race in 15:15. A professional artist, he runs 40 miles/week to stay in shape.



Runners at the start of the 5K race.



The Butterfield siblings, Jaime, 4, and Joslyn, 1.



(From left) are Ryleigh Line and Doug Kaspar.



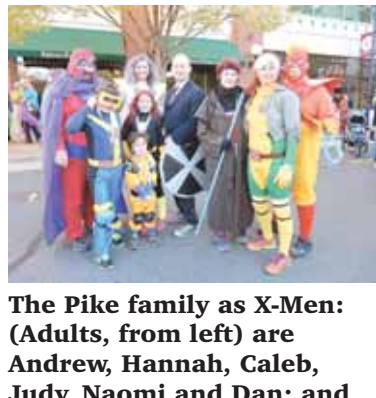
Harry Smith is warm and cozy.



Kim and Brian Haugli and daughter Juli, 4.



(From left) are the Gray brothers, Cillian, 5, and Callum, 2.



The Pike family as X-Men: (Adults, from left) are Andrew, Hannah, Caleb, Judy, Naomi and Dan; and children Aidan, 9, Rowan, 6 and Bishop, 3.

History Unveiled

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when I was doing the research and I made sure each chapter was built around one."

The most pertinent quote of all, he said, is in Chapter 10, "Halsey Knows the Straight Story."

Calling it the book's "most remarkable chapter," Rems said it was based mostly on his own, independent research and "on the most amazing letters in the Marine Corps archives in

Quantico that had never been seen before by anyone other than the correspondents."

Initially, he'd planned to write a book about the Bougainville campaign in the Solomon Islands. "But this startling, new information about the general was a prelude to it," he said. "And when I realized nobody had done a complete history of WWII in the South Pacific, I saw a great opportunity to do so."

Those who've read "South Pacific Cauldron" have praised his writing

style and, said Rems, "People who know their military history have weighed in on what a good book it is. But I wrote it to be read especially by veterans and their families. It's serious history, but with more than enough of interest to attract the average, intelligent reader."

Knowing that career military personnel and military-history buffs would be among his readers, he felt "a serious obligation to tell this story with sufficient detail and ad-

equately authority. This was a war of many, small-scale actions that added up, so I had to tell the story in that detail. I didn't want to broad-brush history."

Another element making this book special, said Rems, is the attention he gives to the Australian military.

"If there's anything we don't know about, it's their critical contribution to the war in New Guinea before enough American troops could get there," he said.

He's spoken about his book on talk radio, at Arlington's Army-Navy Club, at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and at GMU's "Fall for the Book" event in September.

REMS began writing it in late 2009 and finished in mid-2013. Hardest, he said, was the preface, explaining its contents and why people should care about it. His greatest satisfaction was bringing to light "an important piece of

WWII history, in Chapter 10, because of the insight it provides into Admiral [William] Halsey, one of our leading WWII figures."

He was also pleased to highlight the Australians' important contribution to the war in the South Pacific and to "at last be able to construct a cohesive history of this critical battleground of WWII." Basically, added Rems, "It's a damn good book and an exciting story."

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Fairfax Band ensemble.

City of Fairfax Band Turns 45

The band kicks off their 45th season on Nov. 1.

BY MICHELLE VERESINK

In 1969, Nixon was president, men walked on the moon, gas cost 35 cents a gallon, and the war in Vietnam raged on. In Fairfax, a group of musicians came together to play one summer concert as the City celebrated the Fourth of July.

From there the City of Fairfax Band was born. Now kicking off its 45th season, the City of Fairfax Band has expanded to form the City of Fairfax Band Association, boasting nearly 300 members who perform in nine ensembles. The City Band stands as the flagship ensemble for the Association, carrying on a tradition of musical excellence.

One couple who has been with the City Band since that first summer is Rick and Daria Parrell.

Daria had just finished her eighth grade year and then-Fairfax High School band director Matt Hynes thought the group would be a great way for her to start off her high school career. As the years passed, their friends left for college and careers. Daria explains, "Rick and I both went to George Mason University and stayed in the band. After Tom Hill took over, we had him for classes. We knew his daughters, because they were in the high school band with us, and in the City Band at the time. It was easy to stay on."

For the Parrells, the City Band has been a family affair. They had become friends in the band when they were 14, married at 27, and



Robert Pouliot, conductor, of Springfield.

their children Ricky and Natalie have both played in the Band over the years. Ricky was the first child conductor of the Band when he was seven and now serves as a musician in the U.S. Air Force Band. Natalie is a band director in Fairfax County.

Daria says, "Many people have been in the band 30 years or more. This is part of what gives the band its 'heart.' Making music for fun and the friendships that are forged are powerful reasons to keep playing and helping the band."

Rick, who serves as the Band's associate conductor, adds, "We live in a community that has been blessed by the support of the City. I think people should be proud of having one of the finest community bands in the country, and celebrate the rich history of our wonderful City and community who support the arts."

During current conductor Robert Pouliot's tenure, the City Band performed for the National Band Association convention in New Orleans in 1996, hosted the Asso-

ciation of Concert Bands national convention in Fairfax in 2002, received the Sudler Silver Scroll Award from the John Philip Sousa Foundation in 2004, performed with Tony Award-winners Debbie Gravitte and Michael Maguire in 2010, played at the Association of Concert Bands national convention in Allentown, Pa., in 2014, has celebrated 18 years of awarding scholarships to deserving young high school musicians through the Young Artist Competition, and has added an additional adult ensemble called the Main Street Community Band and built a vibrant and successful youth division with Northern Virginia Youth Winds and Northern Virginia Junior Winds.

This season the City Band will present the World Premiere of two pieces, including a new work for chorus and band by Randol Alan Bass on the Christmas text Hodie Christus Natus Est. Pouliot explains, "This piece celebrates our long association with the Fairfax Choral Society on our Christmas

Season Opening

The City Band kicks off their 45th season on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. with their "Heroes, Villains & Legends" concert at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, with host Rich Kleinfeldt. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Students under 18 receive free admission. Season tickets are also available. Visit www.fairfaxband.org for more information.

in Fairfax programs." The Band will also collaborate with Mason Cabaret (representing the George Mason University Musical Theater program) on their March Give Our Regards to Broadway program.

Pouliot says, "The Band has proven itself to be an asset to the Fairfax community through our continuing efforts to provide low cost, high quality, family-friendly entertainment offerings to the community, while also giving community musicians a chance to develop their skills through providing a performance outlet."

Jean-Pierre Auffret, who serves as Chairman of the Board, is thankful to the City of Fairfax and regional community for 45 years of continued support. "With three and four generations of residents having attended the annual concert season and community events such as Christmas in Fairfax and July 4th celebration – and now benefiting through our increasing music education and youth initiatives – we are looking forward to continuing to provide top caliber enjoyable music performances and innovative music education for future generations to come."

Michelle Veresink is a clarinet player in the Main Street Community Band.

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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 WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

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

THROUGH SUNDAY/FEB. 8, 2015

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

FRIDAY/OCT. 31-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.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

St. Peter's in the Woods Pumpkin Patch. 5911 Fairview Woods Dr., Fairfax Station. St. Peter's in the Woods Annual Pumpkin Patch is a community outreach fundraiser. Pumpkins and Gourds of all sizes available for purchase. Come buy a pumpkin and help support community outreach.

Genealogy Help Desk. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Bring family history stumps to the experts. Accomplished genealogists and library staff will be on hand to assist. Ask at the Virginia Room desk or call 703-293-6227, option 6. Adults, Teens.

The National Acrobats of the People's Republic of China: Cirque Peking. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With a combination of traditional and modern music, colorful sets, and imaginative props, SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 11

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SATURDAY/NOV. 1-MONDAY/JAN. 19, 2015

Dada Re-Discovered. Building W-16 Vulcan Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Dada Re-Discovered explores how contemporary media and ideas can filter past Dada concepts and artwork. The exhibit will feature sound, video, performance and other visual mixed media. 703-584-2900. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1-MONDAY/DEC. 15

FCPS Art Teachers Exhibition. Building W-16 McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. FCPS art teachers display their art. 703-584-2900. www.workhousearts.org.

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.

Free Choral Event: Duruflé's Requiem Mass. 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's in the Woods Church, 5911 Fairview Woods Drive, Fairfax Station. Performed by the choirs of St. Peter's in the Woods, St. John's McLean, and students of GMU. www.stpetersinthewoods.org

SATURDAY/NOV. 1-SUNDAY/NOV. 2

Cabaret Series: Heroes Cabaret. 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Songs and music of heroes and anti-heroes. 703-584-2900. www.workhousearts.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 2

Nate Hausmann Author Talk. 2 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. J.talks event. Author with autism shares his story. \$11/\$9/\$7. 703-323-0880.

New Orleans Legends: Featuring the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Allen Toussaint. 7 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Join us for an evening of music. The legendary jazz and New Orleans R&B pianist Allen Toussaint recently received the highly prestigious National Medal of Arts by President Obama in recognition of his seminal influence on New Orleans music. Tickets: \$29-\$48.

MONDAY/NOV. 3

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 or call 703-352-ARTS.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 5

F-150 "Drive the Future of Tough" Consumer Event. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ted Britt Ford, 11165 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Customers can test-drive the new 2015 F-150. 703-218-4644.

Book Signing. 7 p.m. George Mason Regional Library, 70001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Author Alan Rems, a 10-year volunteer at the Fairfax Regional Library, will discuss and sign his book, "South Pacific Cauldron." Enhancing his presentation with vivid, rarely seen photographs, he'll talk about the forgotten WWII battlefields of the South Pacific, especially Bougainville, where the Allies and Japan fought for nearly two years.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Martha Graham Dance Company. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$28-\$46. For more information call 888-945-2468.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. New Hope Church, 6905 Ox Road, Lorton. Begin your holiday shopping early. Crafts, artwork, holiday items, inspirational items, soaps/scrubs, jewelry, baked goods, jams/jellies, candies/nuts/fudge, raffles, stuffed animals, food, etc. Free. Doris Lama, 703-644-0139/571-234-7322.

I'll be Seeing You with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Based on actual letters from Mr. Frazier's family written during World War II, the evening includes songs of the era by Gershwin, Kern, Carmichael, Ellington, and more. Tickets \$25, \$45, \$60. Students ages 6-25: free fairfaxsymphony.org

Fairfax County's 10th Annual History Conference. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The theme of the conference is "Fire, Flight & Fury!" The War of 1812 in Fairfax County-200 years later.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra presents "I'll Be Seeing You" by Luke Frazier. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. For more information call 888-945-2468.

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Guests can tour seven unique studio buildings, mix and mingle with artists, buy original works of art, experience ever-changing exhibitions and meet featured artists, all while enjoying light refreshments and music. Free. 703-584-2900. www.workhousearts.org.

Fairfax County - 10th Annual History Conference "Fire, Flight & Fury - The War of 1812 200 Years Later." 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Speakers will present the history of the War of 1812 and its impact on Fairfax County. Admission registration is \$20. No registrations will be accepted at the door. A continental breakfast, deli lunch and conference materials will be included. Local historical organizations and authors will have displays. Registration forms are available at: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/histcomm/event.htm



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THURSDAY/OCT. 30

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Library Tech Help. 6 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Get library-related electronic resources questions answered. Includes help with eBooks and compatible devices. Adults. Bring library card, eBook reader and laptop. 703-293-6227.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1-SATURDAY/NOV. 22

NVRC Collecting Blankets for Refugees.

Several Fairfax County locations. Northern Virginia Regional Commission will collect blankets to help Syrian refugees. For more information, go to www.helpsyrianrefugees.net/

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

Recycling Event. noon-5 p.m. Petco, 13053 Lee

Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Recycle outdated electronics and save a dog's life. Questions on what to bring, info@aforeverhome.org. www.facebook.com/events/362845497196002/

SATURDAY/NOV. 15.

NAACP Branch Election. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 9002

Burke Lake Road, Burke (behind Kings Park Library). Election of branch officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee. To vote in the branch election, you must be a member in good standing and branch membership must be dated before Oct. 16, 2014. A form of ID is required. 703-591-4488.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Twenty-five students from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named 2015 National Achievement Scholarship program semifinalists in an academic competition for Black American high school students conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students represent 12 high schools in FCPS.

The semifinalists are:

- ❖ Annandale High School: Yonatan Ayele.
- ❖ Edison High School: Maxine Morgan and Shalom Yiblet.
- ❖ Fairfax High School: William Sampong.
- ❖ Hayfield Secondary School: Camryn Bishop, Reese Cloud, and Dominique Edwards.
- ❖ Lake Braddock Secondary School: Leul Berhane-Meskel and Kinaya Hassane.
- ❖ Langley High School: Leah Yirga.
- ❖ Madison High School: Rachel Bostick, Jesse Ernest, and Benjamin Jackson.
- ❖ Marshall High School: Natascha Whyte.
- ❖ South County High School: Maya Armstrong and Olivia Jones.
- ❖ Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST): Azeez Abdikarim, Arielle Ampeh, Rebecca Clark-Callender, Theodore Richardson, Hannah Wied, and Rollin Woodford.
- ❖ West Potomac High School: Zoe Smith.
- ❖ Woodson High School: Robert Cuyjet and Daniel Pryce.

The semifinalists will compete for more than 800 Achievement Scholarship awards, worth \$2.5 million, to be awarded next spring. The awards will be supported by corporations, professional organizations, foundations, and funds from the NMSC. To be considered for a scholarship, semifinalists must advance to the finalist level by fulfilling additional requirements.

Jacob Augelli, an eighth grade student at Robinson Secondary, finished in fourth place overall in the 2014 United States Geography Olympiad, junior varsity division. The competition consisted of two parts: a written exam and a quiz

THURSDAY/DEC. 4-SUNDAY/DEC. 7

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Online Scavenger Hunt. Visit Fairfax tasks those interested in becoming "citizen ambassadors" to the county (those informed on fun, creative weekend outings in the area) to find two Fairfax County Ambassador icons hidden throughout the fxva.com website in order to join the ambassador team; those who find all five hidden pins will receive a complimentary gift. www.fxva.com/online-ambassador.

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Tuesday and/or Thursday classes in a heated pool designed to work on balance and core muscles for injury prevention. \$10. 703-667-9800.

American Red Cross CPR, First Aid and AED. Various times, at 2720 State Route 699, Suite 200, Fairfax. One-year certification, digital or print materials and continued education on Mondays through Thursday and Saturday. \$70-110. www.redcrossna.org.

Dementia Care Givers Support Groups.

Various times, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The groups are for those caring for someone with dementia or for those interested in learning more about providing care giving to a person with a disorder that affects memory and cognition and may impact behavior and physical abilities. 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Cadet Carson Giammaria, son of Rick and Kim Giammaria of Lorton, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on May 28. Giammaria graduated from Hayfield Secondary School in 2010. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in Engineering Psychology. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Armor branch and will report to Fort Benning, GA., to attend Ranger School. Upon completion, he will be stationed in Germany.

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SPORTS



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax field hockey team won its sixth consecutive Liberty District/Conference 6 championship on Oct. 27.



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Fairfax senior Charlotte Duke, left, scored a goal against Madison in the Conference 6 tournament championship game on Oct. 27 at Fairfax High School.

Fairfax Field Hockey Wins Sixth Straight Title

Rebels beat Madison to capture Conference 6 championship.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

When time expired in the first half of Monday's Conference 6 field hockey tournament final, the goose eggs on the scoreboard initially signified Madison had escaped the opening 30 minutes unscathed against five-time defending champion Fairfax.

"Almost," Fairfax senior Charlotte Duke said after the game.

While time ran out, play would continue as Fairfax had earned a penalty corner in the closing seconds. The Rebels capitalized when senior defender Mackenzie Burnett found the back of the cage for the third time this season, giving Fairfax a 1-0 advantage.

"Before [head coach Amber Beaudoin] told us all to press up, I was thinking to myself, time is out, how great would it be to put one in and go into the second half with a leg up," Burnett said. "It just happened that I got to the ball and I turned and I felt the goalie on me and I just placed it. I feel that that really gave us a push in the second half."

Duke added an insurance goal in the sec-



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Senior captain Cori Black and the Fairfax field hockey team defeated Madison 2-0 on Oct. 27.

ond half and Fairfax won its sixth consecutive Liberty District/Conference 6 championship with a 2-0 victory on Oct. 27 at Fairfax High School.

The Rebels got off to a slow start against the Warhawks during their regular-season meeting on Oct. 9, but eventually scored a pair of second-half goals to win, 2-0. On Monday, the teams were again on the verge of entering the second half locked in a scoreless tie, but Burnett's goal gave the Rebels

a boost entering the break.

"I think we knew that if we didn't score then," Duke said, "then it would be a bad halftime for us and [Madison] would have more confidence knowing that they survived half the game without us scoring, once again."

The Rebels started their championship run when Burnett was in the seventh grade. No. 21 didn't want the streak to end on her watch.

"It's our six-peat, so it felt like more pressure," Burnett said, "because you didn't want to be the team to break the streak."

Does this title feel any different than the previous five?

"They're all different," Beaudoin said. "They're different kids, they have different personalities. This group is a group of fighters. ... We've had injuries all year and people just step in and they play. I love this group."

The Rebels fought their way to a 16-3 record this season with a roster loaded with talented and experienced seniors. Last year, the Rebels finished region runner-up and earned a berth in the state tournament. This year, Fairfax hopes to make another deep postseason run. The Rebels faced Robinson, the No. 4 seed from Conference 5, in the opening round on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

"We have a lot of pride in our school and our team," Burnett said, "and we [want] to show that out on the field."

Fairfax's Burnett, forward Duke, senior forward Trisha Le, senior midfielder Olivia Cummings, and senior defender Cori Black each earned first-team all-conference honors. Junior midfielder Victoria Brzezynski, senior midfielder Meg Robertson and sophomore defender Molly Tenerelli were named to the all-conference second team.

The winner of Wednesday's Fairfax/Robinson game will face the winner of Battlefield/Lake Braddock in the region quarterfinals on Thursday, Oct. 30.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

SoCo Football Demolishes Woodson

The South County football team remained undefeated with a 69-6 drubbing of Woodson on Oct. 24.

The Stallions (8-0) have outscored their last four opponents 252-51, scoring at least 56 points each game and surpassing 60 three times.

South County will host Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

Lake Braddock Thumps T.C. Williams

After suffering its second two-point loss of the season, the Lake Braddock football team responded with a 52-7 victory over T.C. Williams on Oct. 24, improving its record to 6-2.

The Bruins two losses came against West Springfield (16-14) and Robinson (19-17).

Lake Braddock will travel to face undefeated South County on Friday, Oct. 31.

West Springfield Improves to 6-2

The West Springfield football team beat Annandale 35-10 on Oct. 24, giving the Spartans three straight wins and six in their last seven games.

West Springfield will travel to face T.C. Williams at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1 before concluding the regular season with a Nov. 7 home game against Woodson.

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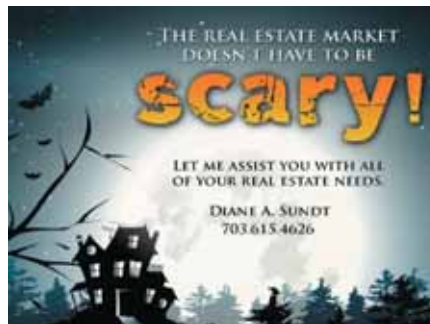
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