

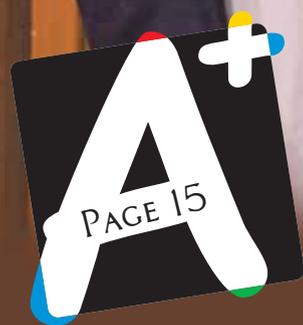
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‘Help Us, Will You Please?’ Residents, businesses beseech City Council for more affordable housing.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

There was standing room only last week when residents and elected officials poured into Fairfax Baptist Church’s fellowship hall to discuss affordable housing in the City of Fairfax. And that church’s pastor, the Rev. Henry Brinton, got right to the point.

“We want our elected officials and us to work on this together – we all have a responsibility,” he said. “It’s for the good of everyone that we have a stock of affordable housing in the City. There’s a great need for senior housing, we see a loss of affordable housing at Layton Hall and we’re worried what the redevelopment of Oak Knoll will do to affordable housing.”

Convening the meeting was VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), a nonprofit coalition of 42 local faith organizations and nonprofits representing about 100,000 people. This summer, it conducted an in-depth survey of more than 150 working families about their work and income.

THE FINDINGS revealed a critical need for housing for families earning between \$25,000 and \$65,000/year. They include nurses, teachers, construction and childcare workers, cooks, waiters and retirees who mostly live and work in the City, but find themselves increasingly priced out of it due to escalating rent costs.

So at the meeting, last Monday, Nov. 10, Brinton asked Fairfax officials to explore using both public and nonprofit land for affordable housing and agree to provide 220 such units to replace those VOICE believes will be lost when older housing is redeveloped. He said the City Council is considering 2,500 new homes proposed for construction here and 220 would be 10 per-



The Rev. Henry Brinton of Fairfax Presbyterian Church, speaks while Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread, listens.



Fatmata and Dennis Kelfala live in the Oak Knoll Apartments, and Dennis discussed the need for affordable housing in the City of Fairfax.

cent of that amount.

“We want a commitment to make redevelopment contingent on providing affordable housing,” said Brinton. “It’s a pro-business stand because our business leaders need a place for their employees to live near where they work, such as at Fairfax Nursing Center and the Greene Turtle. We want this to be the most important issue in the City between now and the next election.”



Robert Bainum, president, Fairfax Nursing Center

Dennis Kelfala does electrical, plumbing, air conditioning work at Fairfax Nursing Center, and lives with his nursing-aide wife and four children in the Oak Knoll Apartments. Seven of his co-workers also live in that complex.

“I migrated from Sierra Leone and, as a low-income employee, I care about affordable housing [remaining] at Oak Knoll,” he said. “I do the maintenance work at the [nearby] nursing center and, if there’s a problem, they need me to be able to get there quickly and fix it for the patients.”

Kelfala called affordable housing “a key motive for us who’ve come from third-world countries to be part of the American dream. I appeal on behalf of all the Oak Knoll residents that the decision-makers make something available for low-income residents like us and make affordable-housing a priority. I’m proud to live in the City of Fairfax and I want to stay here.”

Robert Bainum, Fairfax Nursing Center president and owner, said about 10 of his employee families live at Oak Knoll. “We used to have 20 affordable-housing units near us,” he said. But they were demolished and replaced by 40 expensive townhouses.

Bainum said hundreds of his facility’s elderly patients are from the City of Fairfax but, because of high housing costs, many of his employees must drive an hour to get to work. “It’s hard to get employees when they have to commute so far,” he said. “So we have to keep it affordable.”

ADDRESSING the Council members and Mayor Scott Silverthorne in the audience, Bainum said, “We’ve been here 50 years, and we need our elected officials to help us so our employees can get here quickly, especially in the event of a heat emergency. So help us, will you please?”

Silverthorne said a pledge of a one-for-one replacement of affordable homes is

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City of Fairfax to Tackle Affordable Housing

City of Fairfax will tackle affordable housing for its residents.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Basically, the City of Fairfax’s affordable-housing policy is a work in progress. The City does have a policy but, as its leaders are finding out, it could use some tweaking.

It has a flexible policy that between 5 and 12 percent of the total units built should be designated as affordable. But it makes a difference whether these

homes are earmarked for those making 80 percent of the City’s median income of \$107,000, or 60 percent.

“I’d rather go with 5 percent, but make it meaningful and have the renters’ income be 60 percent of the AMI [Area Median Income],” said Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne. “Eighty percent of the AMI in the City of Fairfax is essentially market rate, and people making 80 percent AMI can afford the rent. The people making 60 percent AMI – roughly \$65,000/year or below – could use the help.”

He said the City Council is currently considering proposals to build 400 new units at Kamp Washington and about 160 at the Oak Knoll Apartments. Other projects proposed by developers would bring that total to 2,500 units, but Silverthorne said he’d be surprised if the City approved them all.

“We’d have to take into account the impact on the roads, schools and City services.”

REDEVELOPMENT of Fairfax Circle was approved in June but, said Silverthorne, “Because we wanted that project built here, we didn’t adhere to our own 5-12-percent policy for affordable housing. So the developer will build less affordable units than we’d like to have seen there. And if we’re serious about upholding our policy, then we need to stand firm and hold developers to it.”

In return for providing affordable housing, developers get to construct more homes at a higher density. However, said Silverthorne, “We have to remain vigilant and work with the development community to make sure both their goals and our goals are met. Developers should be held account-

able to provide affordable housing that actually is affordable.”

Louise Armitage, the City’s Human Services coordinator, compared the affordable-housing policies of nearby jurisdictions to Fairfax’s. In Falls Church, 6.5 percent of all by-right construction must be affordable at 60 percent AMI. In Fairfax and Arlington counties, it’s 6 percent at 60 percent AMI.

“In general, the entire region strives for 60 percent AMI,” she said. “State law says the affordable-housing ordinance doesn’t apply to four-story, or greater, buildings with elevators, but it can be applied to smaller buildings.”

“At the end of the day, it’s a negotiated process,” continued Armitage. “And developers in other jurisdictions under

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Facets Hopes to Raise \$80,000

Fundraising event brings hope and awareness to homelessness and poverty.

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO
THE CONNECTION

Facets of Fairfax held its 15th Annual Taste of Fall fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Sherwood Recreation Center in Fairfax.

Deputy Director Maura Williams said the event is expected to raise \$80,000, which will go toward supporting its programs to end homelessness in Fairfax.

Among the attendees were U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), City of Fairfax Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne, Del. Mark Keam (D-35), and city of Fairfax Councilmembers Janice Miller and Eleanor Schmidt.

Connolly stressed how easy it would be to become homeless, "You're one catastrophic event away, one illness, and all of a sudden you're on the path to homelessness."

Linda Collier found herself in this situation when she suffered an accident last year. After her job refused to give her light work while on disability, she was forced to use her sick leave, which ran out in three months. She was left with no income and no money for rent. She became homeless. After staying with friends and at hotels when she could for more than three months, she heard about Facets while getting food at a church in Herndon.

Her Facets caseworker, Abigail Dunner, helped Collier find resources to help her get back on her feet. Facets provided her with food and clothing and helped her find a place to live. When she got her health back, she was able to take on more shifts at her job, leading to her economic recovery. "I found someone I could talk to who is not looking down on me," she said. "Facets is a



From left, Lina Bedawi, 11; Naana Boateng, 9; Ruba Bedawi, 7; Zoya Khan, 10; of Fairfax entertain guests with a choreographed dance at Facets' 15th Annual Taste of Fall on Saturday, Nov. 15 in Fairfax.



Linda Collier shares her story of homelessness and economic stability during Facets' 15th Annual Taste of Fall event on Saturday, Nov. 15.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) praises the work of Facets in restoring hope and dignity to those experiencing economic hardship during the 15th Annual Taste of Fall event on Saturday, Nov. 15 in Fairfax.



Councilwoman Janice Miller shows her support of Facets during its fall fundraising event on Saturday, Nov. 15 in Fairfax.



Fairfax City Mayor R. Scott Silverthorne at Facets' fall fundraising event on Saturday, Nov. 15 in Fairfax.

place to go when life has little to offer."

About 7.7 percent live below the poverty level in Fairfax, where the average home costs \$462,652. Councilwoman Janice Miller said that "People assume that if you lived here for a long time it was not difficult to buy a house...but there are so many needy families." Mayor Silverthorne said that he wants the city council to hold firm, with developers, the policy of allocating 5-12 percent for affordable housing, which has "the most benefit to those most in need."

Connolly praised the efforts of Facets and

similar organizations and partners in contributing to the one-third drop in homeless families and individuals since the establishment of the County's Office to End and Prevent Homelessness in 2008. "Thank you for your commitment to your community. Thank you for the restoration of dignity."

Facets is a nonprofit organization that helps people who need emergency shelter, food and medical needs, with the aim to end the cycle of poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are also available. No long-term commitment and hours are flexible to fit your schedule. We hope you can help. Visit our website at www.scov.org or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 703-281-5086 or email volunteer@scov.org.

The **Kingstowne Center for Active Adults** in Alexandria needs a Van Driver to take participants on outings and an ESL Teacher. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer

Solutions.

Meals on Wheels needs drivers in Chantilly, Clifton, McLean and Falls Church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Substitute drivers needed throughout the county. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Wakefield Senior Center in Annandale** needs a Chair Exercise Instructor, Spanish-speaking interpreters, an Experienced Canasta Player to teach participants, and certified instructors for classes in Ballroom Dance and Pilates. Volunteer instructor positions could lead to part-time employment. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and

click on Volunteer Solutions.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs; urgent need in Reston area.

For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Annandale Adult Day Health Care Center** in Annandale needs Spanish-speaking social companions and a licensed hair stylist to wash, cut and style hair for participants. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria** needs a DJ to provide a

wide array of music from ballroom to line dancing, a Ballroom Dance Instructor and a volunteer with basic carpentry skills to build a "Little Free Library," for people to donate and borrow books from. Center will provide plans and materials. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Sully Senior Center in Centreville** needs a certified personal trainer twice a week, preferably with experience working with older adults. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Korean Meals on Wheels needs Korean-speaking volunteers to deliver

meals Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Centreville, Reston and Annandale. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Volunteers, who are fluent in American Sign Language, are needed in Reston, Herndon and Vienna to provide clients with direct assistance (not interpretation) with computers, grocery shopping, or social visiting.

For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Mayor Discusses Housing Options

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stand that providing affordable housing is a cost of doing business. That's because these jurisdictions have had affordable-housing policies in place since the 1990s. But the City was more affordable, so it wasn't necessary then. So the City Council didn't adopt an affordable-housing policy until last year."



Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne discusses affordable housing.

Now, as Fairfax's older housing complexes head toward redevelopment, affordable housing comes into the picture as a significant issue. "When developers come before the Council, we now have the opportunity to negotiate with them to provide a certain number of affordable-housing units at 60 percent AMI," said Silverthorne.

And, added Armitage, "No less than 6 percent of all the units should be affordable, to be comparable with the surrounding jurisdictions."

AFFORDABILITY is defined as no more than 25 percent of income without utilities, and 30 percent with utilities."

Regarding last week's meeting on this subject, Silverthorne said, "When we implemented the 80 percent AMI last summer, we didn't know how high the new rents would be in the City because the Fairfax Circle rents weren't disclosed until the end of the process."

But the City has other chances, going forward, to implement an affordable-housing policy that actually achieves its desired goal. For example, Novus Fairfax Gateway LLC is currently seeking comments from City staff on its proposal to build a mixed-use project at Kamp Washington that would include 423 multifamily apartments.

Merriment Entertainment

Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" from Virginia Opera at GMU Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Fresh as ever in a world in which "things are seldom what they seem" the irreverent comic musical, "H.M.S. Pinafore" from the franchise of Gilbert and Sullivan will soon dock at the Center for the Arts. It is helmed by the Virginia Opera.

While first setting sail in 1878, "Pinafore" remains a cultural touch stone today with its charm and its bright humor. Even the television hit comedy "How I Married Your Mother" used references from "Pinafore" in an episode this year.

"H.M.S. Pinafore' is a wonderful combination of ingredients including music, movement, dance and singing," said director Nicola Bowie. "Gilbert and Sullivan are marrying irony and satire together in order to poke fun at the establishment of the time and the British Navy." And the pokes remain fresh as ever.

In a recent interview, Bowie indicated, "This is not stand up and sing type opera production." There is plenty of spirited choreography for the over 30 member cast along with unstoppable toe-tapping tunes.

Principal Conductor Adam Turner will provide the musical direction for the Virginia Opera Orchestra of 30 through a jaunty score of nearly two dozen songs.

Margaret Gawrysiak plays a key role as



PHOTO BY LUCID FRAME PRODUCTIONS/COURTESY OF VIRGINIA OPERA

Mezzo-soprano Margaret Gawrysiak as Little Buttercup and baritone Christopher Burchett as Captain Corcoran in Virginia Opera's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Where and When

Virginia Opera presents Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" performed in English at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Ave., Fairfax. Performances: Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. Pre-performance discussion free to ticketholders, held 45 minutes prior to each performance. Tickets: Friday, Dec. 5 are \$44 to \$86 and Saturday, Dec. 6 are \$48 to \$98. Youth Discount: tickets are half price for youth through grade 12. Call 888-945-2468 or visit cfa.gmu.edu.

Little Buttercup. Her love interest, Sir Joseph Porter is opera veteran Jake Gardner. For Gawrysiak, "Pinafore" has a lovely storyline about having "a crush on someone who you think is unattainable. Haven't we all been in love with someone we think we can't have because of their status?" In "Pinafore" a topsy-turvy world can lead to many unexpected turns.

Romantic leads include opera leading

lights soprano Shannon Jennings (as Josephine) and tenor Cullen Gandy (as Ralph Rackstraw). The large cast and chorus includes members of Virginia Opera's Emerging Artists Program.

As a special luxury, the "Pinafore" performances will also provide the opportunity for patrons to view an exhibition titled "Pinafore Craze in America 1878-1879" with original memorabilia from the earliest productions of "H.M.S. Pinafore." The artifacts are from George Mason University benefactors David and Annabelle Stone, who are giving their collection of treasured Gilbert and Sullivan memorabilia to the Mason Libraries' Special Collections. As "Pinafore" lyrics and situations go, "never mind the why and wherefore" at least "never, well hardly ever." Enjoy the buoyant fun of Gilbert and Sullivan. It promises to be a flying circus of appealing musical satire as patrons embrace the bright side of life.

Legislators Come to Lake Braddock Secondary

Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) visited Lake Braddock Secondary School last Tuesday for "Take Your Legislator to School Day," addressing government students at Lake Braddock Secondary School.



Residents Appeal for Affordable Housing

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hard to do. "We dropped the ball by doing less [about affordable housing] at Fairfax Circle than we could have," he said. But Silverthorne assured the crowd that the City's "not going to approve 2,500 new units." He and Councilmen David Meyer and Michael DeMarco then pledged to learn how public and non-

profit land can be used for affordable housing. They also agreed to include affordable-housing guidelines or requirements for developers like those in surrounding jurisdictions in the City's development-approval process. "Affordable housing is also an issue of social justice," said Meyer. "I think 5 or 6 percent of the number of units built should be our goal for affordable housing.

And they should be disbursed throughout the property and remain affordable in perpetuity. I think we can do more – and in a way that's measurable and accountable."

DeMarco said he supports the creation of affordable housing for senior citizens, the workforce and students. "We need to look for creative solutions," he said. "We haven't focused on people who make less than 60-

percent AMI [Area Median Income], and that's where we need to work with a developer on nonprofit to address this issue."

"Our city's economy is supported by our businesses," added Judy Fisher of Fairfax United Methodist Church. "And the workforce to support these businesses must be able to live here."

'Not Guilty' Pleas in Fairfax Crimes

Jesse Matthew also charged in Hannah Graham case.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION



Matthew

On Oct. 20, a Fairfax County grand jury indicted Jesse L. Matthew Jr. in connection with a 2005 attack on a 26-year-old City of Fairfax woman. Last week, he officially entered his pleas in Circuit Court, and now the case against him is moving forward in the judicial system.

The crime occurred Sept. 24, 2005 around 10 p.m. The victim had just finished grocery shopping at the Jermantown Road Giant Foods store and was on her way home on foot, carrying her groceries, when she was assaulted.

According to City of Fairfax police, the woman lived three or four blocks from the Giant, in the Oxford Row townhouses on Rock Garden Drive. She was walking down her street and had nearly reached her steps when, said police, a man grabbed her from behind and carried her to the park/swimming-pool area. There, he choked and sexually assaulted her and then fled; he was last seen running south toward Fairhaven Court.

Police investigated, but years passed and, although the case remained open, nothing significant hap-

pened until summer 2010, when a positive DNA match was made, tying the murderer of a college student to the Fairfax woman's assailant.

That student was 20-year-old Virginia Tech sophomore Morgan Harrington, who vanished outside a Metallica concert in Charlottesville in October 2009. Morgan's body was found in a pasture three months later; and in summer 2010, authorities linked her killer's DNA to the person who abducted and sexually assaulted the Fairfax woman in September 2005.

According to court records, DNA evidence obtained from one of the Fairfax victim's fingernails after her attack reportedly matches Matthew's DNA. She's currently out of the country, but is expected to return to Virginia to testify against him at his trial.

Matthew, 32, of Charlottesville, is charged with attempted capital murder, abduction with intent to defile and object sexual penetration in connection with her case. Last Friday, he pleaded not guilty to each offense. Judge Dennis Smith then set his trial date for March 9, 2015. Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh is the prosecutor; public defender Dawn Butorac is representing Matthew.

Matthew is also charged in Charlottesville with abduction with intent to defile UVA student Hannah Graham, whose body was found last month.

Authorities say surveillance footage shows Matthew with her shortly before she disappeared on Sept. 13, 2014.

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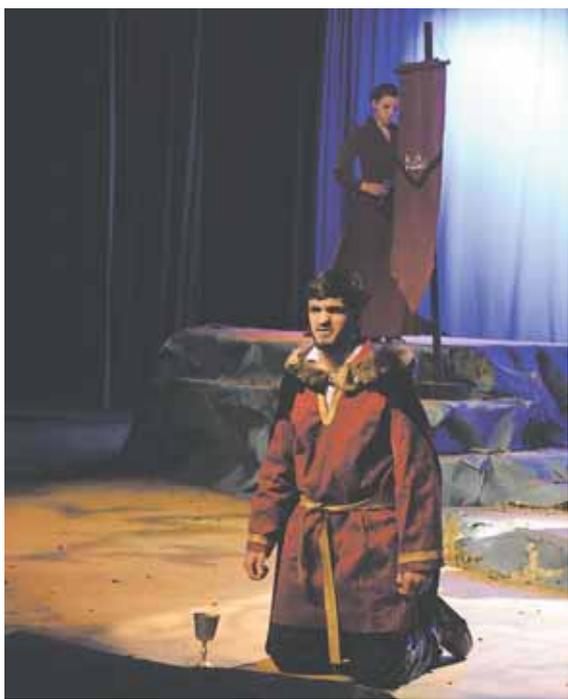
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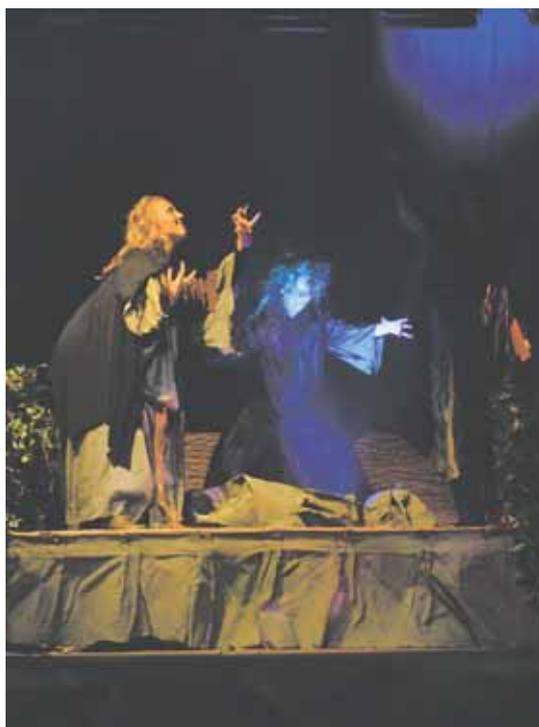
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Macbeth, played by Matt Ross (front), drops to his knees before Lady Macbeth, played by Roxy Matten (back) in Robinson's Rambunctious Theatre Company production of "Macbeth."



The witches get their caldron bubbling to conjure spirits with messages for Macbeth. (From left) Veronica Hays, Alex Lane and Anna McGrath.

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Bubbling Caldron, Rambunctious Theatre

Robinson company puts on Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

Double, double, toil and trouble; fire burn and caldron bubble. The Robinson High School theatre department, newly named Rambunctious Theatre Company, is changing it up with their fall show: Shakespeare's "Macbeth." The show opens Nov. 20 and runs through Nov. 22.

Using the original script written by William Shakespeare in 1606, the Rambunctious Theatre Company is adding twists, interpretations and magic to create a spectacular show. Megan Thrift, the director of "Macbeth" and new high school theatre teacher at Robinson said, "I'm most excited about the magic. The show pulses, shimmers, brims with magic."

Thrift, who took over in September, is starting off her first year with a bang. "Macbeth" is something new and unexpected, and a show that, with much work and planning, will be one to remember.

Matthew Ross, who plays Macbeth in the show, said, "It's a cool show and I think people our age are really going to like it. We're putting it on in a really interest-



Robinson Secondary School's high school theatre department follows Shakespeare's 400-year-old script for their performance of "Macbeth."

ing and new way, and different from all of the other shows that you've seen from Robinson Theatre."

Working alongside the talented cast is a hard-working and dedicated technical crew. Head stage manager Kyle Ronyecs said, "This particular show will rely on the technical side a lot because of the heavy use of magic."

The "techies" of the show are working nonstop to ensure that the audience will be able to fully experience this magic. "Everyone should definitely be excited to see the witches and their magic," said Ronyecs.

"The play has survived for over 400 years and it's still relevant, which is a remarkable feat in and of itself," said Thrift. "But you

should see this play to see what is so human about it: Society has changed exponentially since the 11th century, even since Shakespeare's time. But are we really so different? Art mirrors life, after all."

In addition to the timeless humanity, another big draw is the gore. "The blood and the fighting, the gore, is one of the coolest parts of this show," said Ross. "It's going to be pretty graphic."

"Macbeth" runs Nov. 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 22 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.robinsondrama.org, \$12. Members of the military can receive a 50 percent discount with the code "Military."

— CASSIDY MILNE

Gas Station Is Robbed

City of Fairfax police are looking for the man who robbed a local gas station last Monday, Nov. 10. Police say an employee of the Shell gas station at 3560 Chain Bridge Road reported that night that a man had approached him at the front counter, pulled a handgun and robbed him. The clerk surrendered an undisclosed amount of cash from the register and the man left the station on foot in the direction of Chain Bridge Road and Eaton Place.

Police searched the area with a K-9 unit and a Fairfax County police helicopter, but were unable to locate the suspect. He was described as Hispanic, in his early 20s and clean-shaven. He spoke poor English and wore a black boonie hat, black jacket and dark blue jeans.

'Click It or Ticket'

City of Fairfax Police will focus on enforcing seat-belt use, besides all traffic laws, during the 2014 National "Click it or Ticket" campaign. It runs from Friday, Nov. 21, to Thursday, Nov. 27, and drivers violating the requirement to buckle up will be subject to citations carrying a \$25 fine.

While statewide statistics indicate that Virginia's seat-belt use rate has been increasing steadily, approximately 40 percent of the victims involved in fatal traffic crashes each year were unrestrained.

Meet with Del. David Bulova

Del. David Bulova (D-37th) will meet informally with residents Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9-11 a.m., at Main Street Bagel, 10268 Main St. in Fairfax. Constituents are invited to talk about issues of interest and ask questions about legislation affecting their community. The format is casual and no appointments are needed.

Del. Filler-Corn to Hold Office Hours

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41 - Burke, Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Springfield) will hold November office hours at Capital Bagel Bakery (6030 Burke Commons Rd, Burke) from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23. No appointment necessary. Please drop by.

Food Drives in Fairfax

Our Daily Bread and Combined Properties are hosting Food Drives at Courthouse Plaza in Fairfax City, every Saturday from now through Dec. 13, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 10382 Willard Way. A different Fairfax County nonprofit will collect donations of non-perishable food and supplies or grocery gift cards to help feed individuals and families in need during the holiday season.

Organizations that'll benefit from the drives include: FACETS, Marshall Road Elementary Food4Thought Program (weekend food backpacks), Koinonia Foundation, Our Daily Bread, Cunningham Park Elementary School Weekend Backpack Program, Lorton Community Action Center and James Mott Community Assistance Program.

For information, visit www.ODBFairfax.org or contact 703-273-8829 or info@ODBFairfax.org.

Shepherd's Center Needs Volunteer Drivers

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax Burke, serving those 50+ who no longer drive, needs volunteer drivers for trips (Monday - Friday) to medical appointments and Companion Shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. If you can volunteer your time, contact Barry Wickersham at 703-359-2918.

City Council Meets Dec. 2

The Fairfax City Council will hold a work session and special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. in Fairfax.

OBITUARY

Lisa Kay Gardner Brothers, 50, of Fairfax, Dies

Lisa Kay Gardner Brothers, age 50, of Fairfax, passed away on Nov. 5, 2014. Lisa was born in Chillicothe, Ohio on

April 25, 1964 to Charles and Betty Gardner. Lisa attended Fairfax High School, where she went on to marry Christopher Brothers of Burke. Lisa was an artist at heart; sharing her love of



Lisa Kay Gardner Brothers

crafting with others. Her love for animals was well known, having rescued many stray animals from dogs to mice throughout her life. Lisa is survived by her children, Crystal Gardner Pearce, Melissa Gardner Brothers, Johnathon Gardner, grandchildren Bryce, Cameron, and Aiden, mother Betty Gardner Goodwin, father Charles Gardner & stepmother Mary Ann Gardner, siblings Allen Gardner, Dan Gardner, Pam Hubble and Kim Davidson as well as numerous nieces and nephews. On Nov. 14 a private service was held at Newcomer Funeral Home in Dayton, Ohio. Lisa's wonderful contagious spirit, and talents will also be celebrated at a memorial service in Ocean City, Md., in the spring of 2015. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to www.aidsunited.org. Peace be with you.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 21

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SATURDAY/NOV. 22

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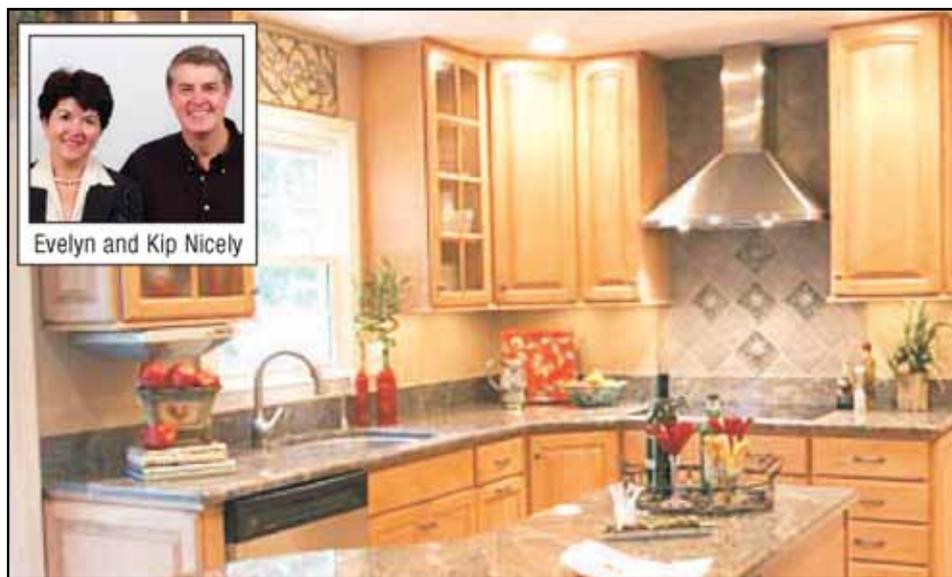
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Why Shop Small? Shop Large Locally

Small business Saturday isn't enough; don't wait until then, and don't stop after that.

There is a joy to shopping in local stores at the holidays, to participating in community traditions and celebrations, to walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that is otherwise unmatched.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon. An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, also called Shop Small. This year that day is Nov. 29.

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive, and communities depend on those businesses as well. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, advocating for improvements, for fire and res-

Celebrate Locally

Bull Run Festival of Lights & Holiday Village, Nov. 19 - Jan. 4, Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville, Monday - Thursday: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Fridays - Sunday and holidays: 5:30 to 10 p.m. call 703-631-0550 Mondays-Thursdays, \$15 per car ; Fridays-Sundays and holidays, \$20 per car. Santa's Enchanted Lights, with more than 40,000 animated lights set to music. Off Interstate 66 in Centreville, on Rt. 29 (Lee Highway).

Christmas at Mount Vernon, Daily, Nov. 28 - Jan. 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 George Washington Memorial Pkwy, Mount Vernon, Regular Estate admission. Themed decorations (including 12 Christmas trees) and historical chocolate-making demonstrations will be offered. Tour the rarely-open third floor of the Mansion and learn how the Washingtons celebrated Christmas. In 1787, George Washington paid 18 shillings to bring a camel to Mount Vernon for the enjoyment of his guests. During Christmas at Mount Vernon, visitors can meet a camel on the grounds.

Black Friday Holiday Celebration at the Workhouse, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., **Workhouse Arts Center**, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, 703-584-2900, free. Explore the artwork of nearly 100 artists, join in interactive demonstrations and find that perfect gift while supporting local artists. Festivities will also include Doughnuts with Santa, fine-art projects for children, and holiday music and theatrical performances throughout the day.

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols, Saturday, Dec. 6. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Come enjoy live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting farm, Ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols for times and locations.

Plantation Christmas, Dec. 6, 2-7 p.m., Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton, 703-550-9220,

cue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally owned retailers. But local families will literally spend millions of dollars to shop and exchange gifts during the next month, spending tens of millions of dollars in a variety of places.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will do some shopping

Admission: \$15 adults, \$5 children (6-18). Let the Christmas Past become part of Christmas Present. Ride in a horse-drawn carriage, sip warm cider by the fire, and sample period food prepared in the hearth kitchen. Return to the 18th century as costumed characters greet visitors in the house and throughout the grounds. Visit with Santa.

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Holiday Horse Drawn Hayrides at Lake Accotink Park, Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, 703-222-4664, \$10 per person (free for 2 and under). Enjoy holiday music and merriment on a horse drawn hayride through the park. Warm up with seasonal treats available for purchase at the snack bar, and settle in to share stories around a toasty campfire. Also visit with Santa and share a wish list. Remember to bring a camera and make it a holiday family photo.

A Christmas Carol, Saturday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Art Room, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Solo performance. NYC actor / playwright, Greg Oliver Bodine performs his one-man performance of Charles Dickens. Children over 10 and adults. General admission \$15 / \$10 Seniors and Students. www.artful.ly/store/events/4306.

online. Many will answer the call of the big box. But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores. Spend some time shopping in your own community, and also plan an excursion to a nearby town to check out the local businesses and holiday spirit there.

The Connection is participating in Shop Small 2014, email sales@connectionnewspapers.com to find out more.

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Ten Days in Diplomacy

BY MARGOT BADEN
JUNIOR/ W.T. WOODSON HIGH

"OK, everybody, I got the call! The buses are coming! I repeat, The buses are coming!"

With those words, an excited cheer rises among the giant mob of American students, our nervousness and excitement feeding off of each other, spreading through the crowd like an electrical impulse. All 40 pairs of eyes are now more than ever focused downhill, at the very end of the street, where we know the buses carrying the Japanese students will soon make their appearance. Seconds later, the unmistakable groan of diesel engines reaches our straining ears before the huge

Woodson High junior reflects on her experiences with High School Diplomats program at Princeton.

white coaches emerge and begin their journey up the long hill.

A cry goes up from the crowd, and, rehearsed cheers forgotten, we begin to sprint down the hill, letting out uncoordinated whoops of excitement. As the buses approach, our voices raise in volume, the drivers answering our cheers with loud honks. Finally, the coaches pull to the side of the street and we mob the slow-opening doors, the undistinguishable cheering of the Americans now morphing into desperate calls.

"Tatsuki!"
"Yuto!"
"Momoka!"
"Hitomi!" I scream at the top of my lungs, waving my sign high above my head, her name artfully scribbled on it in big purple and blue letters, as the Japanese students begin pouring out of the buses. It's absolute chaos, students frantically weaving their way around each other, desperately trying to find their roommates, 80 different names being called out simultaneously. Hugs, hive-fives,

and cries of recognition and ecstatic laughter begin to fill the crowded space. I scramble around the happily hugging roommates, still searching for my friend, calling out her name again and again.

"Hitomi, where are you?" I call again, and this time, receive an answer.

"Margot!" I hear from behind me. I quickly whirl around and come face-to-face with my roommate.

"Hitomi!!" I cry, racing to her as we hug.

NOW FINALLY UNITED with our Japanese roommates, everyone begins to partake in a frantic evening of dashing around and introducing our roommates to each other, remembering faces, butchering Japanese names with our pronunciations, beginning

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Woodson Senior a High School Diplomat

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friendships, all the while hardly believing that we were all, finally, here together at Princeton, and that the program we had all looked forward to for so long had finally begun. And while we all knew that it was to be a unique experience, I don't think anyone really understood that first night how much these next 10 days would change us.

This past summer, I partook in an amazing program, High School Diplomats at Princeton University, where both American and Japanese rising juniors and seniors spent 10 days making friendships, learning about one another's cultures, and further developing their leadership skills.

We shared American traditions through Spirit Days; some of my favorite memories of those days included watching a horror movie and learning the Thriller dance on Halloween, going to Prom with a Japanese boy, line dancing on Independence Day, and singing our hearts out on Karaoke Night on Rock Star Day. American students also learned about Japanese culture through daily language classes and other activities. For example, on Bunka no Hi, the Japanese Day of Culture, Americans participated in Japanese

games and traditions and even got to wear formal Japanese yukatas in the festival. I especially enjoyed trying sushi and making origami, participating in a tea ceremony, learning both traditional and J-pop dances, and painting Japanese kanji on fans.

One of the most memorable aspects of the program was Diplomat Talks Day, when American and Japanese students discussed global issues such as poverty, gender equality, and nuclear weapons. Throughout the program, students also taught their counterparts about topics relating to their home country, such as regional characteristics, government, education, and social issues, through interactive presentations.

Something that I really loved about High School Diplomats was that it was a remarkably free and accepting environment. Each and every participant was so welcoming and fun, and more than willing to show their crazy side for the Spirit Day activities. At lunch, I could sit next to any student and have a pleasant and engaging conversation. Throughout the program, students made innumerable connections with the other diplomats, regardless of whether they were American or Japanese. And the relationships we formed with our roommates are incredibly spe-

cial and deep, something that I cannot even begin to explain.

As a bonus, as a student living in the metro D.C. area, I had the option to host my Japanese roommate in my home for the three day pre-program Homestay portion. This was really a wonderful experience, opening up our home to a student from a different country and being her guide to how our American family lives. I also had the benefit of getting to know my roommate before the Princeton experience began, which I found very helpful. I would highly recommend applying for this program if you are a sophomore or junior who seeks a unique experience in which there is unlimited opportunity for personal growth, new friendships, and further understanding of diplomacy.

NEXT SUMMER, the program runs from July 28-Aug. 8 at Princeton University. Applications, transcripts, and teacher recommendations must be postmarked by Jan. 7. An interview is part of the final selection process. All 40 American students who are chosen for High School Diplomats receive a full scholarship: transportation, room, board, activities and tuition/fees. For more information, visit www.highschooldiplomats.com and click on HSD in America.



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Viewpoints: What do you like to do during fall and before the start of the holidays?

BY ABIGAIL CONSTANTINO

As the foliage reached its peak, Fairfax County residents turned to their favorite fall activities before the mad rush of the holidays. At the Burke Farmers Market, which runs until Nov. 22, John and Nancy Menke, of Burke,

found a way to keep the fresh and local fruits and vegetables they love throughout the year. "We can things. We pickle green beans, make applesauce," said Nancy. But for others, fall is a way to stay ahead. "I look for Christmas presents," said Jean Leshko, of Burke, who went to the Fairfax Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 15.

John, lawyer, and Nancy Menke, jewelry designer, Burke:

"We like coming to the farmers market. We can things. We pickle green beans, make apple sauce. We have all the stuff from the farmers market throughout the year. We love the farmers market here in Burke."



Dorene Ernst, retired, Burke:

"We walk on the trails a lot. In Burke, we have pathways and we like to do that. Watch football."



Anastasia, 10, Burke:

"Climb trees. Jump in leaves."



Jennifer Kosko, administrator, Burke:

"Rake all the leaves in the backyard and make a huge pile and let our Siberian husky dog, Cooper, go jumping and rolling and running around. That's our entertainment to watch him."



JoAnn McKinnon, stay-at-home-mom, Burke:

"We go apple picking and make applesauce."

Jake, 5, Burke:
"Jump in the leaves."



Kim Luckabaugh, substitute teacher, Fairfax City:

"The [holiday] craft show is an absolute must-do. I haven't missed this in probably 10 years. We enjoy baking a lot of the pumpkin spice scents, the apple things, the pumpkin things, the cookies, the pies. And as much of a chore as the leaves are, and I don't care how old the kids are, you get the big pile of leaves raked up and even the teenager will jump in."



Shannon Smith, sign language interpreter, Fairfax City:

"Get coffee."



Mackenze Orr, GMU student, Fairfax:

"Fall Fest was fun."



Myra Harshman, retired, Fairfax:

"Rake leaves. This year we might be shoveling snow. Do crafts."



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFT GUIDE



Judy Ryan of Fairfax with her gift collection by Brighton, which includes clocks ranging from \$36 to \$50 and Christmas jewelry.



Judy Ryan of Fairfax offers silk-blend oblong scarves for \$29, Expressions handbags for \$75, and sterling silver jewelry for \$60 to \$85.

Gift-Giving Made Easy at Judy Ryan of Fairfax

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

For fine apparel, home accents, and gift ideas that are already pre-mixed and matched for you, look no further than Judy Ryan of Fairfax in the Twinbrooke Shopping Center off Braddock Road. Located in the same Fairfax location for 26 years, Ryan makes 10 annual trips to New York City to find the hottest runway looks but tailors them to the tastes of Fairfax County women.

"We aim to make people smile," said Ryan of Annandale, who has an RN degree. "Everybody who works here is engaged in assisting the customer to find the right thing — whether it's something simple to accent an outfit — all the way to the complete outfit."

Ryan updates her inventory daily — for size 2-16 customers who range from high school age to 80-year-olds. For apparel, her shop showcases the likes of Joseph Ribkoff, Jag Jeans, Sisters, Karen Kane, Tribal and Conrad C. She's best known for her presentation of whole outfits as well as finishing touches to an outfit — such as jewelry and scarves.

The Homestyle Collection offers gifts for the home, the hostess, the seasons, the baby and the child. You'll find Zutano for baby and toddler, Michel Design Works for the kitchen and bath, Stonewall Kitchen for the gourmet, gifts for the wine lover and a wide variety of decorative accessories. Other home accents are by Tag, Andrea by Sadek, Sullivans, Kikkerland and Rockflowerpaper.

"She always has the most unique things," said Patricia Rollins of Al-



Judy Ryan of Fairfax sells coordinated gifts in matching Christmas themes of foaming hand soap, candles and soaps for \$9.95, with ceramic deer at \$12.95 and penguins for \$18.



Judy Ryan of Fairfax offers stylish shawls for \$59, leather gloves for \$49, and create-your-own Brighton charm bracelets for \$80.



Judy Ryan of Fairfax sells Stonewall kitchen products like Lemon Pepper Oil from \$4.50 to \$28.95, Tea Forte samplers, and other gourmet food products and matching napkins.

exandria. "They're always well made and timeless. I've had some of her clothes for eight years, but they never go out of style, and I always get compliments." "Customers tell us that coming

"I tell everybody to come here. It's my favorite store," said Pam Hirsch of Annandale. "I always find something for myself, and then some. There's always different kind of clothing — from dressy to casual. Judy has very good taste. Her shopping sprees are wonderful."

Twice a year Ryan does in-store fashion shows with professional models, trunk shows, and a recent fundraising tea party for breast cancer research. She also reaches out to local schools by participating in their fun fairs, silent auctions and all-night grad parties. "We try to give back to the community because we wouldn't be here without them," said Ryan.

The Christmas Holiday Breakfast will kick off the holidays on the first Saturday in December starting at 8 a.m., where everything in the shop is discounted until 2 p.m. It includes a continental breakfast with champagne and mimosas where her husband serves the food in a tuxedo. "People look forward to it every year," she said.

Small Business Saturday is coming up on Saturday, Nov. 29, where American Express is involved by giving back; when customers use their credit cards, they get \$10 credit back.

There's also a 3/50 Project to encourage people to go to three local businesses a month and spend \$50 there.

When you shop locally, the sales tax goes back to Fairfax County for roads, parks and schools. For customer's birthday month, they get \$25 off coupons.

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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 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.

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 Stree, Fairfax. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 703-385-8414.

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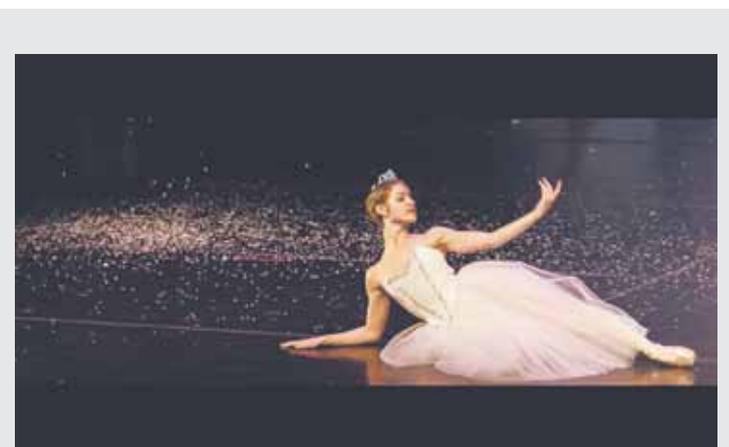
"The Curious Savage." 7:30 p.m. Sunday performance at 2:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run Road, Fairfax. This comedy tells the story of Mrs. Ethel Savage, a widow whose step-children commit her to a sanatorium in order to get their hands on the \$10 million her recently-deceased husband left her. There she meets a variety of social misfits, who eventually appear more sane than those outside the walls of the institution. Tickets are: \$5 for students and \$10 for Adults, available at the door, or online at www.fxplayers.org. For more information, call 703-219-2351.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 21-22

"Fiddler on the Roof JR." Friday: 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 5 p.m. The Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge, 9612 Fernedge Lane, Lorton. Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with tradition in the face of changing social mores. The show features some of the most memorable roles in the musical theatre canon. Seating is limited. For tickets and information, please visit their website at NVPlayers.com. For group tickets or special needs and assistance, please call 703-866-3546.

Used Book Sale. Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Road, Burke. A great selection of books to read and gift for the holidays.

"Mixed Nut (Nutcracker)" Performance. 12:30 p.m. Lanier Middle School, 3801 Germantown Road, Fairfax. As an annual tradition, the Dance classes at Fairfax Academy



Bring your family along to watch Tchaikovsky's holiday masterpiece, "The Nutcracker," playing on Nov. 29-30 at Woodson High School in Fairfax.

NOTEWORTHY NOVEMBER EVENTS

Special family-friendly events going on this month that will put you in the holiday spirit.

FRIDAY/NOV. 21

Holiday and Gift Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come and find all types of books for giving during the holidays. All ages.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Thanksgiving Table Arrangement. 1:30-3:30 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come and make a centerpiece for turkey day with a fresh pumpkin. Admissions: \$35 per person plus \$25 supply fee.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 22-23

23rd Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. More than 20 dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, jewelry, meteorites, crystals, demonstrations, exhibits, door prizes, kids' mini-mines, learning activities and more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

CROP Walk. 1:15 p.m. Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Distance 6K/3.7 miles with a shorter option. Nonperishable food will

will be performing their version of the Nutcracker called the "Mixed Nut" for the fourth year in a row. It features both selections from the original Tchaikovsky score, as well as the Duke Ellington jazz rendition.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Asian Style Miniature Dish Garden. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come and learn to create an Asian garden scene where "East meets West." Admissions: \$45 (plus \$20 supply fee). Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

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Family Fun: Turkey Hunt. 1-2 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn the history of the turkey, it's importance to early Americans and track it through the Green Spring Gardens' grounds. Make table decorations to bring home. Admissions: \$6. Register online at

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FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Black Friday Holiday Celebration at the Workhouse. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Explore the artwork of nearly 100 artists, join in interactive demonstrations and find that perfect gift while supporting local artists. Festivities will also include Doughnuts with Santa, fine-art projects for children, and holiday music and theatrical performances throughout the day. Free. 703-584-2900. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 29

Small Business Saturday and Tree Lighting. Tree lighting at 5 p.m. Mosaic District, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. Get a head-start on holiday shopping at a mix of small, local retailers, then stay for Mosaic's holiday tree lighting and sing-along in Strawberry Park. www.mosaicdistrict.com.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring. 703-642-5173.

Holiday and Gift Book Sale. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come to find all types of books for giving during the holidays. All ages.

Wag a Tale. 10:30, 10:45, 11 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Register to read to one of our therapy dogs. Ages 5-12. 703-339-4610.

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MONDAY/NOV. 24

Music and Movin' with Miss Susan. 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Cosponsored by Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Ages 6 months-5 years with adult.

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Rainbow Readers. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Early Literacy story time with stories and songs for children ages 3 to 5 years old with adult. 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Build your child's early literacy skills with stories, songs and play! Age 1-2 with adult. 703-249-1520.

THURSDAY/NOV. 27

Thanksgiving Day Church Service. 11 a.m. Christian Science Church, 3725 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Bring family, kids, and friends (before feast and football games) for Bible readings, music, and sharing stories of gratitude and healing. www.thinkdifferentlyfairfax.com

SATURDAY/NOV. 29

Seraphic Fire Christmas: Carols by Candlelight. 8 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$30-\$50. Begin celebrating the holiday season with this revered a cappella ensemble. This critically acclaimed group comes to the Center for the first time to present a dazzling holiday performance — a candlelight Christmas concert with a popular mix

of Gregorian chant, carols, motets, and contemporary favorites.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 29-30

"The Nutcracker." Saturday: 2 & 7 p.m. Sunday: 2 p.m. Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax. Members of the Fairfax Ballet's Company, along with students from the Russell School of Ballet and special guest artists from around the world, will dance to Tchaikovsky's opulent holiday masterpiece. Group discounts are available for qualifying organizations with 10 or more guests. Email events@fairfaxballet.com or call 703-439-9788 for more information. Tickets are available for purchase at <http://fairfaxnutcracker2014.brownpapertickets.com/>. Tickets will also be available at the door beginning one hour before each show.

MONDAY/DEC. 1

Children's Performance Series: Mr. Skip. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Start the week off with Mr. Skip, who is all about music and movement, sings original and classic kids songs like Old MacDonald to the 5 and under crowd. He gets the kids off their seats and moving. Free but donations are accepted. 703-385-2712.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 2-3

Tiny Tots Concert. Tuesday: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. The Robert E. Lee High School Band and Drama Department announce their annual Tiny Tots Concert featuring favorite children's characters.

Reservations are required for the morning performances but not for the evening performance. Admission is \$2. For information or reservations call 703-971-2229 or email the Lee High School Band at LeeHSBand_TinyTots@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Come enjoy live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting farm, Ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols for times and locations.

Plantation Christmas. 2-7 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. 2-7 p.m. Ride in a horse-drawn carriage, sip warm cider by the fire, and sample period food prepared in the hearth kitchen. Return to the 18th century as costumed characters greet you in the house and throughout the grounds. Admission: \$15 adults, \$5 children (6-18).

Shepherd Christmas Showcase. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. Over 30 vendors will be offering a wonderful selection of jewelry, toys, handbags, home decor, kitchen ware, skin care, Christmas decorations and much more. A raffle, cafe and gourmet bake shop will also be featured. For questions or additional information, call 703-323-5400 or email jhwilcox@aol.com.

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Fairfax Academy students will be performing their version of the Nutcracker on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Lanier Middle School at 12:30 p.m.

Fairfax Academy Presents Alternate Version of the 'Nutcracker'

Students in the Dance classes at Fairfax Academy will be performing their version of the Nutcracker, called Mixed Nut, in one public performance on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Lanier Middle School at 12:30 p.m. Fairfax Academy is one of six high school academies in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

This is the fourth consecutive year that Mixed Nut is being performed by Fairfax Academy students. The performance features selections from the original Tchaikovsky score as well as the Duke Ellington jazz rendition.

Fairfax Academy Dance instructor Andrea Heining explains that the performance is a contemporary take on the classic, fusing the traditional music with contemporary jazz. The performance will include swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers, and kicking candy canes. New to the show this year is a hip-hop scene choreographed by Fairfax Academy alumna Melrose Pyne.

Tickets for the public performance on Nov. 22 are \$5; FCPS employees can receive one free ticket when they present their FCPS identification badge.


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Art Guild of Clifton's Holiday Art Show and Sale. 2-6 p.m. Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Enjoy shopping for quality, original art, made entirely by Clifton artists. Also featuring work of student members and this year's winners of "Reflections" contest. www.artguildofclifton.org

Clifton Holiday Homes Tour and Tree Lighting. 4-7 p.m. Historic Town of Clifton, 12704 Chapel Road, Clifton. Tour some of the local Clifton homes in the historic district and enjoy the town Christmas tree lighting and caroling afterward in the Square. Tickets for tour: \$25 adult/\$10 child.

Historic Pohick Church Candlelight Dinner. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Featured will be musical entertainment and a catered dinner of assorted hors d'oeuvres, beef tenderloin, roast chicken, side dishes and several desserts. Tickets are \$75 a person. www.pohick.org. RSVP by Nov. 22 to Charlotte Knipling at 703-946-1031.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 6-7
25th Annual Holiday Train Show Festival. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 12-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Model trains on display and running will include Z, N, HO, LEGO, O, Standard and G scales. Door prize drawing for a new Lionel Scout train set. Bring your broken trains to "The Train Doctor." Antique cars on display, weather permitting. Gift shop will be open. Santa may make a visit that weekend. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and over, \$5. For more information, www.fairfax-station.org, 703-425-9225.

SUNDAY/DEC. 7
Gardeners Holiday Open House. 12-4 p.m. 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Come to an open house hosted by Friends of Green Spring for gardeners of all ages to get in the holiday mood, including a children's puppet show. Admissions: \$3 (puppet show only). 703-642-5173.

"Christmas in Camp." 12-4 p.m. 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Discuss Civil War-era holiday customs, make Victorian ornaments, and participate in camp drills with Company D, 17th VA Infantry, "Fairfax Rifles" C.S.A. Guided tours of Historic Blenheim House.

JCCNV 34th Annual Fundraising Gala - Journey Through Time: Chronicling Our Past, Celebrating our Present, Creating our Future. 6 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The evening program features international entertainer Daniel Cainer. Trustee Members celebrating five years of giving will be honored, and the Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Award for Special Needs will be presented to Jerry Hulick. Gourmet kosher dinner. Tickets \$218+. www.jccnv.org, 703-323-0880.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3-SUNDAY/DEC. 7
Snow Day. 10:30 a.m. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. One cold December morning, a young girl named Skip wakes up to find the entire neighborhood covered in a thick, dazzling blanket of white snow. \$8. 703-967-0437 or www.artsonthehorizon.org.

Tara Nappi and Josh Gwilliam of Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria, share information with parents at The Exceptional Schools Fair.



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

An Exceptional Education

Exceptional Schools Fair offers parents a chance to learn more about schools for their children with special needs.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Maureen Kleinman wandered from booth to booth, speaking with representatives from schools that cater to students who have special needs. She asked questions about each school's resources and environment.

"I have been home schooling my daughter for 5 years," said Kleinman, an Arlington mother. Her daughter is 11 years old and her son is 9. "I want to find a school where my daughter's educational needs will be met, but also where her social and emotional needs will be met."

Kleinman was one of hundreds of local parents who attended the eighth annual Exceptional Schools Fair. The event is considered a clearinghouse for the region, a place where parents of children think and learn differently (regardless of their disability) can come and find the schools that are right for their children.

More than 30 schools from the mid-Atlantic region sent representatives to show what their schools have to offer and answer questions from parents. The event was held at American University in D.C., November 16.

The fair was founded by Bekah Atkinson, director of admissions at the Sienna School, to provide a resource for parents whose lives literally changed overnight, or the moment they learned their children have a special need. The fair is a forum for parents to explore educational options for their children. Atkinson is clear, however, that it is not a forum for diagnosis or advice, but simply a helpful resource for parents



Muriel Jeddlicka (left), admissions director of Oakwood School in Annandale, was on hand at The Exceptional Schools Fair to share information with parents.

who are facing an unknown future for their children, educationally, financially and emotionally.

"We have families coming from all over," said Tara Nappi, director of teacher education and curriculum development at Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria. "They are looking for a place where their children feel safe."

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— Tara Nappi, Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria

EVENT ORGANIZERS described the fair as an empowering day for parents who may feel isolated by their child's diagnosis.

"The Exceptional Schools Fair is a moment for families to see and learn that they have options; that they are not, in fact, isolated; that there are professional educators who are passionate about what they do in their school," said Atkinson.

"Whether [the need] is academic or social, it's so incredibly important that you work with professionals who understand your child and who are willing to collaborate with other professionals like speech therapists, occupational therapists and psychologists," said Lois McCabe, head of school for the Diener School in Potomac, Md.

For more information on schools that were part of The Exceptional Schools Fair, visit www.exceptionalschoolsfair.com.

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Lake Braddock Boys' XC Wins State Championship

Corbett wins 6A individual title, Murphy is girls' runner-up.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

In search of his first cross country state championship, Lake Braddock senior Alex Corbett entered Saturday's state meet as Group 6A's best runner on its best team.

In 2013, Corbett finished runner-up in the individual competition while the Bruins placed second in the team standings, finishing a mere two points behind Chantilly. This year, Corbett and the Lake Braddock boys' team won the Conference 7 and 6A North region races and were favored to win it all at states.

CORBETT, however, didn't find comfort in lofty expectations or positive prognostication.

"Over my high school career, I'm kind of used to being the underdog," Corbett said, "so coming in as the team and individual favorite, I actually didn't really like that that much. I just tried not to think about it."

While Corbett prefers underdog status, being the favorite Saturday didn't stop him or the Bruins from bringing home the hardware.

Corbett won the individual championship and the Lake Braddock boys' team captured their first state title since 1987 with a dominant performance on Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

Corbett crossed the finish line with a time of 15:08.

"I'm so proud of that kid," head coach Michael Mangan said.

Eleven seconds later, fellow Bruin Kevin Monogue placed second at 15:19. Junior Colin Schaefer also earned all-state honors for Lake Braddock, placing seventh with a time of 15:39.

Lake Braddock finished with a score of 41. West Springfield finished runner-up



Lake Braddock senior Alex Corbett won the 6A boys' individual state championship with a time of 15:08 on Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

with a total of 92. Two-time defending state champion Chantilly placed third with a score of 105, followed by Oakton (124), Robinson (146) and Cosby (177).

"Coming in here, there was a little bit of pressure on me and my team," Corbett said. "We did everything this season we had to do to get this done. We came here to do business and we got it done."

Lake Braddock junior Ben Fogg finished 18th with a time of 16:10, and sophomore Evan Chase was 28th (16:24).

"One of the last things we talked about [prior to the race] was, this is business," Mangan said. "We have done all our investing, we picked all the right stocks, we think, we've done all that and now it's time to cash in on our investment. This is just business."

One year after falling two points shy of a title, the Bruins took pair of business, capturing the second boys' team state championship in program history.

"We waited 365 days," Mangan said, "to fix what happened last year."



Lake Braddock sophomore Kate Murphy placed second in the 6A girls' race on Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

THE LAKE BRADDOCK GIRLS' TEAM finished runner-up behind Oakton, which repeated as state champs.

Oakton finished with a score of 44, followed by Lake Braddock (58), Madison (83), Patriot (96), Ocean Lakes (164), Cosby (184), West Springfield (185), Robinson (187), Forest Park (256), Stafford (258), Western Branch (262) and Tallwood (293).

"We ran lights out," Mangan said, "Oakton was just really good today."

Lake Braddock sophomore Kate Murphy placed second with a time of 17:54, finishing 11 seconds behind Patriot sophomore and state champion Rachel McArthur (17:43).

"We went out in the [first] mile pretty fast," Murphy said. "I felt good [after the first] mile and I was like, why not go for it? There's nothing stopping me."

Murphy made a name for herself as a freshman during track season, but needed some work to be a successful cross country runner, Mangan said. After recording a time

of 20:10 at the 2013 state cross country meet, Murphy shaved 2 minutes, 16 seconds as a sophomore.

"She really became a player in track, but cross country is different," Mangan said. "We knew she's good, but it took a little while for her to realize how you do this. ... She's done a great job of learning."

Lake Braddock junior Daly Ferguson placed seventh with a time of 18:25, earning all-state honors. Just two years earlier, Ferguson was struggling as a ninth-grader. She ran the slowest time of all Lake Braddock freshmen at the 2012 Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park.

"She was not good," Mangan said. "She has made herself into a first-team all-state kid. She has no extreme talent, [but] she has ... toughness. ... [I'm] so proud of what she did. That's just phenomenal."

"We have done all our investing, we picked all the right stocks, we think, we've done all that and now it's time to cash in on our investment. This is just business."

— Lake Braddock XC coach Michael Mangan

"... As a freshman, she was horrible, to the point that her mom even told her it was OK if she didn't want to do it anymore."

Lake Braddock freshman Sarah Daniels finished 17th (18:49), junior Sonya Butseva finished 19th (19:00) and senior Sarah Riley took 20th (19:03).

Next up for Bruin harriers is the Nike Southeast regional meet on Nov. 29 in Cary, N.C.

Favorites Dominate in Football Playoffs

Seven of the top-eight seeds won during the first round of the 6A North region football playoffs on Nov. 14.

No. 1 Centreville, the defending state champion, blasted No. 16 Stonewall Jackson, 56-14. No. 2 Westfield beat No. 15 Langley 47-20.

No. 3 Lake Braddock beat No. 14 Oakton by 30, 44-14. No. 4 Battlefield defeated No. 13 Annandale 49-20. No. 5 South County continued to pour on the points, beating No. 12 Robinson 50-23.

No. 5 South County continued to roll up

the points, beating No. 12 Robinson 50-23. No. 6 West Springfield defeated No. 11 Washington-Lee 38-20.

No. 10 Chantilly upset No. 7 Chantilly 49-35, and No. 8 Patriot thumped No. 9 Yorktown 48-21.

Centreville (9-2) will host Patriot (9-2) in the region quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21. Westfield (10-1) will host Chantilly (6-5) at 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock (9-2) will host West Springfield (9-2) and South County (10-1) will travel to face Battlefield (10-1)



The West Springfield defense takes down Washington-Lee running back Daquay Harris during the teams' first-round playoff matchup on Friday.

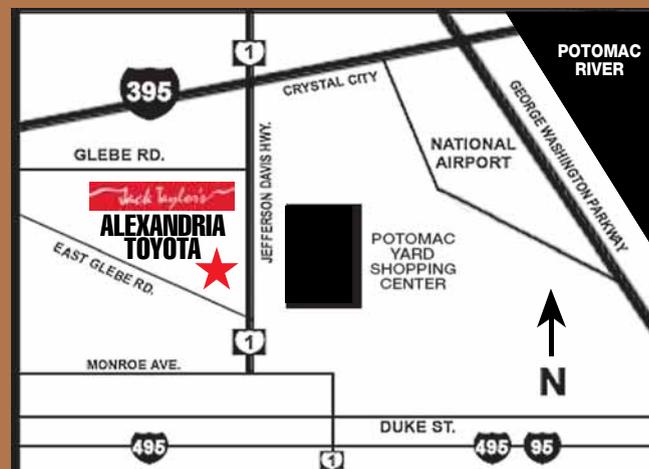
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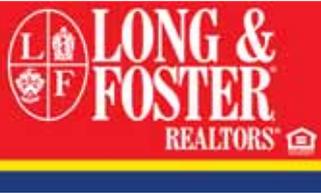
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Fairfax \$529,900
Charming 4 Level Split
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Fairfax \$550,000
Great outdoor & indoor space! Comfortable Colonial with 4BR/2.5BA, gas fireplace, beautiful main level ceramic tile flooring, hardwoods on UL, & remodeled kitchen. A great slate patio, front porch with swing, & nice fully fenced backyard with over-sized shed add to the wonderful outdoor space. Plus, new roof, vinyl siding, triple pane windows, new HVAC (gas heat) and more! Close to schools with Metrobus on the corner.



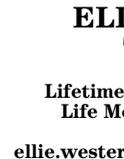
Burke \$615,000
Classic Colonial
Spacious 5 BR, 3.5 BA with finished LL Rec Room. Updated kitchen and baths with granite counters. Hardwood floor in Foyer, Kitchen & Breakfast Rooms.



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Burke Centre \$415,000
This town home has 3 finished levels, 3 bedrooms, and 3.5 bathrooms. The home has been updated, new HVAC and over 1,500 square feet of living space.



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Fairfax Sunroom \$503,900
The beautiful sunroom on the main level is just one of the many wonderful reasons to own this home. Gleaming hardwood on two levels, brand new carpet on the bedroom and rec room level, breathtaking back yard, patio and decking and a one car garage in the Woodson HS district.

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