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## Party Celebrates New Center

Lake Braddock Homeowner's Association opens new community center with carnival.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

Residents of the Lake Braddock Community were given two treats Sunday, Aug. 31: the opening of a newly refurbished and expanded community center on Ashbourne Road and a carnival celebrating its opening.

Residents of the 1,300-member homeowner association came out Sunday to enjoy good weather, food, beer, moon bounces and a dip in the community pool.

"The idea for this center was three years in the making," said Patty Bryant, president of the Lake Braddock Board of Trustees.

That idea was hatched after residents had expressed complaints about the barren, unattractive look of the center, which had been built in the 1960s and hadn't had a major renovation. The residents faced two problems: money for the renovations and gaining site plan approval from Fairfax County. The association owned a nearby townhouse that it used for its offices. In building significant additions to the cinderblock shell of the former community center, the association no longer needed the townhouse and was able to sell it to a local

contractor. The profit from that sale helped to raise a good chunk of the \$500,000 required for improvements.

"We have a capital reserve fund where we deposit money every year with the purpose of replacing and repairing our capital assets, so able to use that money as well," said Sally Wilklow.

**"The idea for this center was three years in the making."**

**— Patty Bryant, president of the Lake Braddock Community Association Board of Trustees**

**THE END RESULT** was the addition of a new community room, two new bathrooms, a full kitchen, increased office space and added storage rooms. Behind the

center, a new fence surrounds the pool and a mural painted by teacher and resident Meredith Meadows on the back wall of the community room were also added.

After gaining the funding necessary for renovations, the association went through the required red tape with Fairfax County. By the time ground was broken on construction, it was Christmas 2007.

"We probably worked for about a year on site plan approval and the permit process, then we went out to bid for the construction and had about five different contractors [that we looked at]."

Del. Dave Marsden (D-41) made an ap

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PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

**Del. Dave Marsden (D-41) attends the Lake Braddock Community Center's carnival and offers a few words of congratulations.**

## Students Grab Backpacks, Go to School

Schools open doors Tuesday, welcoming students for 2008-09 school year.

BY ESTHER PAK & CIARA RICHARDS  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County students returned to their classrooms Tuesday, Sept. 2, signaling the end of summer and the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. The following is a summary of the changes that were waiting for students at each of the schools that the Burke Connection covers.

### Burke Center

9645 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
703-426-7300  
Enrollment: 85  
Principal: Jill Jakulski  
Web site: [www.fcps.edu/BurkeCenter](http://www.fcps.edu/BurkeCenter)

**Back-to-School Night:** Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Burke Center will be making no changes to the curriculum this year, however, the school will be continuing to develop and expand its existing programs and curriculum.

"We are continuing to grow and develop as a professional learning center," said Principal Jill Jakulski. The school will be focusing on facilitating positive student growth through the use of Positive Behavior Support, developing relationships with the students and continuing to deliver high quality education.

Although no renovations have been made to the school since last spring, the school is

using facilities, such as the old Alternative Learning Center, to meet the needs of the growing student population. Enrollment has risen by about 30 students and is expected at 85 students.

### Cardinal Forest Elementary

8600 Forrester Blvd.  
Springfield, VA 22152  
703-923-5200  
Enrollment: 602  
Principal: Karen Kenna  
[Karen.Kenna@fcps.edu](mailto:Karen.Kenna@fcps.edu)  
Web site: [www.fcps.edu/CardinalForestES](http://www.fcps.edu/CardinalForestES)

**Back-to-School Night:** Grades K-3, Monday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

### Cherry Run Elementary

9732 Ironmaster Drive  
Burke, VA 22015  
703-923-2800

Enrollment: 450  
Principal: Stephen Gossin  
[Steve.Gossin@fcps.edu](mailto:Steve.Gossin@fcps.edu)  
Web site: [www.fcps.edu/CherryRunES](http://www.fcps.edu/CherryRunES)

**Back-to-School Night:** Kindergarten, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 1, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7:05 p.m.; Grade 2, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 8:15 p.m.; Grade 3, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.; Grade 4, Thursday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.; Grade 5, Thursday, Sept. 18, 8:05 p.m.

**New Parent Orientation:** Tuesday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.

Cherry Run Elementary will be expanding its program for gifted students to the fifth grade this year. Additionally, the school will be continuing with Keep in Touch as a means of communication with parents by e-mailing them relevant school information. The school's classrooms have also been

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## Panel on 2007 Shootings

The Democratic Women of Clifton are hosting a panel discussion focusing on the April 2007 Virginia Tech shootings. Titled "Women to Women: Virginia Tech and its Aftermath from a Mother's Perspective", the panel will be Sunday, Sept. 14, 3-5 p.m. at the Clifton Community Hall located at 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. The Democratic Women of Clifton are inviting all Democratic women and their guests to attend.

The following guests will appear on the panel: Carroll Ann Ellis, member of the Virginia Tech panel and director of the Fairfax County Police Department's Victim Services Division; Martina Leinz, Virginia State president of the Million Mom March; Lily Habtu, Virginia Tech survivor and member, Students for Gun Free Schools (SGFS); Mona Samaha, mother of Virginia Tech shooting victim Reema Samaha and co-founder of the Angel Fund; Celeste Peterson, mother of Virginia Tech shooting victim Erin Peterson; Lori Haas, mother of Emily Haas, survivor of the Virginia Tech shootings.

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## Candidates Decline To Debate

Voters may have few opportunities to see how candidates match up side-by-side before the election Nov. 4.

U.S. Senate candidate Mark Warner (D) and Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) have turned down invitations to participate in upcoming televised debates sponsored by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters.

Eleventh district congressional candidate Keith Fimian said he is unaware of any scheduled debate between himself and his opponent, Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D).

Some candidates choose not to participate in a debate if they already have an advantage in the polls, according to Olga Hernandez, president of the Virginia League of Women Voters.

"Sometimes, when candidates are ahead, they perceive they have more to lose than to gain in a debate. So they decide not to participate. But we do not think that is good for voters," said Hernandez. "I think the citizens of Virginia lose out."

Warner's campaign has said his busy schedule could not accommodate the League of Women Voters debate before the election. But Hernandez said the League of Women Voters extended an invitation to both Warner and Republican Jim Gilmore within a week of the Republican convention last May, which confirmed Gilmore would be the Republican Party nominee for U.S. Senate.

"The scheduling matter is ridiculous. He knows he is high up in the polls and he wants to hide his positions and ride that wave to the U.S. Senate seat," said Ana Gamonal, a spokesperson for Gilmore.

The debates which Warner and Wolf have agreed to might not be available to as wide of an audience as those organized by the League of Women Voters.

Warner and Gilmore squared off once before a private audience at The Homestead resort this summer. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the only other debate before the U.S. Senate election Nov. 4.

Though the chamber's event is open to the public, it takes place in middle of a workday and people must pay a fee to attend, said Hernandez. The chamber has also reported that the event is sold out.

"We are putting in a request for C-SPAN [to cover the Fairfax Chamber debate]," said Gamonal, who added that Warner has declined to participate in several other televised appearances with Gilmore.

Wolf has agreed to participate in two debates with his Democratic opponent Judy Feder. He said one will take place before the Prince William County Committee of 100. Another will be located in Loudoun County.

But Wolf – who represents McLean, Great Falls, Herndon, Centreville and Chantilly in Fairfax County – has turned down the opportunity to participate in a Fairfax County debate. The local chapter of the League of Women voters had initially scheduled an appearance between Wolf and Feder Sept. 8.

## NEWS



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

**Congressional candidate Keith Fimian discusses energy policy with Mike Thieman at St. Mary of Sorrows Church Labor Day picnic.**

# Candidate on Energy

**Keith Fimian wants to make sure government doesn't block innovation.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**L**ike many people, Mike Thieman is concerned about the rising costs of heating his house as winter and fall arrives. But the Fairfax resident thought he had found a solution.

Thieman, who lives just outside the City of Fairfax, wanted to install a geothermal heating and cooling system on his property. With the geothermal system, Thieman and his family would be using about 40 percent of the energy that they currently use, he said.

"If I am using 60 percent less energy, it means the local plants have more capacity," he said.

But Thieman ran into some problems when it came to permits for a geothermal system. No one in the government seemed to know what type of permit he would need, he said.

"It was very frustrating. I just kept getting passed from one person to another in Fairfax County government services," said Thieman.

Thieman, a federal government employee, said it would be nice to have less bureaucracy to deal with on such matters. Laws could be easily streamlined to make processes, like acquiring permits, much easier, he said.

**CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE** Keith Fimian agreed with Thieman, when they chatted with at the St. Mary of Sorrows Church Labor Day picnic Sept. 2.

Fimian, a Republican, is running to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) in Virginia's 11th Congressional District. The candidate faces Democratic

opponent and Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly in an election for the open seat Nov. 4.

Fimian said rising energy costs is "one of the issues that most animates residents," He understands why because the candidate has his own concerns about his personal energy and gas bills.

Fimian recently installed ceiling fans in his home to cut down on air conditioning costs. He is also driving an old 1990 Volvo station wagon more than his Denali truck because the Volvo gets far better gas mileage.

But the Republican has faith that innovation and progress could eventually alleviate the current energy crisis in the United States.

"There are wonderful things coming. Really, you can't believe what is coming. Twenty years from now, solar will be the wave of the future," said Fimian to a potential voter on Labor Day.

**"There are wonderful things coming."**  
— Keith Fimian

**FIMIAN** said he has read about nanotechnology that could eventually make a normal-looking roof or window into a solar panel.

The candidate does not doubt it could happen. Fimian's own business, U.S. Inspect, holds several U.S. patents. He also points out that most people own a mobile phone that is a 1,000 times smaller and more powerful than the computers developed 40 years ago.

"In 20 years, we will be able to power everything with solar. If we are smart, the U.S. will lead the charge [in this type of innovation,]" he said.

But Fimian does worry about too much government interference. He said the government could stifle innovation by over-regulating the private industry that is attempting to access new sources of energy.

"A lot of men and women in Congress mean well. But if you have never run a company, it is very hard to know the impact these laws and regulations can have," said Fimian.

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# CAMPS & SCHOOLS

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equipped with white boards in order to use their new projection system. This year's goal is to achieve 100 percent pass rate on this year's Standards of Learning results.

Cherry Run's enrollment has dropped this year and they expect 450 students this year.

## Fairview Elementary

5815 Ox Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039  
703-503-3700  
Enrollment: 585  
Principal: Easter Lancaster  
Easter.Lancaster@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/FairviewES

**Back-to-School Night:** K-6, Monday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Fairview Elementary will be introducing the FLES program (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) to the first grade this year. The language will be conversational Chinese.

"Each year, another grade level will be added, so that by the time these students get to Robinson, they will have excellent preparation for the foreign language course offered there," wrote Principal Lancaster via e-mail to the Connection.

The school will also add a Preschool Autism Class to continue and enhance the autism program already available a Fairview.

Enrollment has been steady for many years, and the school anticipates around 585 students for the first day of school.

For the 2008-09 school year, Fairview will continue to maintain high expectations and achievement for all students. The new mobile HOT Lab (Higher Order Thinking) will be incorporated into the daily instruction to prepare students to be leaders.

To fulfill the third FCPS goal, Responsibility to the Community, Fairview Elementary will also continue to pursue opportunities for students to be involved in service learning. Students last year worked successfully with a Pay it Forward project to support a school in Mississippi still struggling from the Katrina disaster. The school will seek other opportunities to work together and learn to make a positive difference in the community.

## Hunt Valley Elementary

7107 Sydenstricker Road  
Springfield, VA 22152  
703-913-8800  
Enrollment: 580  
Principal: Patricia Small  
E-mail: patricia.small@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/HuntValleyES

**Back-to-School Night:** K-2, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.; Grades 3-6, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.

Hunt Valley Elementary will offer a new intervention and remediation program for students this school year. Principal Patricia Small said the school has hired two additional teachers to provide weekly, one-hour courses to children who failed their Standards of Learning (SOL) exam. In addition, the program will also provide intervention for students with grades low enough to put them in danger of failing for the year.

Enrollment is down from last year, with 580 students, a decrease of about 20, according to Small.

"At this time of the year, we tend not to lose a whole lot [of students], but sometimes we get new families moving in at the last minute," she said.

Small said that since Hunt Valley received a full technological update last year, this year would be

spent integrating those new technologies into the classroom. One example she gave was 12 new Smart Boards that the school purchased.

"Right now, our tech specialist is working with teachers to develop their lesson plans with the smart boards," said Small.

Hunt Valley's roster of teachers remained static, with the exception of new kindergarten teacher Sarah Marks. The school has also expanded its autism program and now has over 15 teachers and six classrooms on hand to assist the more than 30 Hunt Valley students with various forms of autism.

## Kings Glen Elementary

5401 Danbury Forest Drive  
Springfield, VA 22151  
703-239-4000  
Enrollment: 530  
Grade Levels: 4-6  
Principal: Sam Elson  
Sam.Elson@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/KingsGlenES

**Back-to-School Night:** Grades 4-6, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

**Movie Night:** Friday, Sept. 26

**First PTA Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct. 14

Kings Glen Elementary is introducing a new program this year that encourage students' needs in language arts and focus on encouraging reading. The program, called Responsive Teaching through Literacy Class, will be introduced in the schools fourth and fifth grades.

This year's goals are based on last year's School Improvement Plan and will focus on students' needs. The staff is given access to professional development opportunities and encouraged to collaborate with each other in order to create the highest quality of instruction.

The school has hired three new staff members in the special education area and enrollment is expected to remain consistent with previous years.

## Kings Park Elementary

5400 Harrow Way  
Springfield, VA 22151  
703-426-7000  
Enrollment: 711  
Grade Levels: K-3  
Principal: Sarah Skerker  
Sarah.Skerker@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/KingsParkES

**Back-to-School Nights:** K-1, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m.; Grades 2-3, Thursday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.

Kings Park Elementary will continue to emphasize academics, essential life skills and service to the community. "Parents can expect a lot of active learning in the classroom with an emphasis on thinking skills," wrote Principal Sarah Skerker via e-mail to the Connection. The school has also added a math lab to the existing strategies lab to strengthen and improve students' problem-solving skills.

Primary teachers will implement a new math assessment called the Math Reasoning Assessment (MRA). This new assessment will provide valuable input on how students are developing in the area of mathematics.

The new summer school "Jump Start" program had over 60 student participants. The program emphasized reading, writing, and math in preparation for the school year.

Kings Park will also emphasize the importance of getting students in the classroom on time for instruction. "We'd love to have every child in their seat,

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## PEOPLE

# Getting To Know ...

## Ellwood 'Woody' Witt, member of the Community Services Board.

BY ESTHER PAK  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n July 1, the City Council of Fairfax appointed Ellwood "Woody" Witt as the city's representative of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

The CSB is a multi jurisdictional agency and public support network that partners with individuals, families and the community to support Fairfax County and Falls Church residents affected by behavioral health conditions and intellectual disabilities.

Witt is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor Science Industrial Engineering degree. He also holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from The American University. A retired U.S. Army officer, he is currently a management consultant with Witt Consulting Services LLC and The Middlesex Group LLC. He has been a City of Fairfax resident since 1972. He and his wife, Virginia C. Witt, have a son and a daughter.

### How did you first get involved in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board?

I provided testimony to the Fairfax County Board Supervisors and public comments to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board (FACSB) as the vice chair of the Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board (FADSB) over the last year. Both board chairs attended the other board's meeting to jointly coordinate issues we had in common. When the vacancy came up in June 2008 for the City of Fairfax FACSB, I switched boards and am now serving a new three-year term on the FACSB.

### What are some specific issues that you are passionate about?

Supporting individuals with any disabilities, so they can live full productive lives like all of us. I have a special interest in services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

### How would you encourage other members of the community to get actively involved in serving the community?



Ellwood 'Woody' Witt

I am an unpaid volunteer, who has the time now to help our community. I would urge anyone so inclined to volunteer their services to help those most in need.

### PROFILE What can the public do to contribute to the CSB cause?

Continue to support full funding for the many critical services the FACSB provides in our area.

### Favorite aspect about being a part of CSB?

I am excited to start on board and will initially serve the Mental Health and Fiscal committees.

### Any challenges?

Many challenges face us, particularly tight future budgets. Also, long waiting lists for clients needing Medicaid waivers (MR and DD) in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### Previous or other current service/volunteer positions besides CSB?

I am a City of Fairfax Board member, Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board (FA-DSB); 2004 to 2008. I served as the vice chair from 2007 to 2008. I was the FA-DSB representative to Fairfax County Public Schools Advisory Board for Students with Disabilities (ACSD) for the period 2007-08. I completed three years service as a member of the Fairfax Area Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) from 2004 to 2007. Currently, I am serving on the board of the Autism Society of America, Northern Virginia Chapter (ASANV).

### Hobbies?

Stamp collecting, golf.

### Favorite local restaurant or hangout?

Pass on this one. The City of Fairfax is one of the best places I have ever lived in. We have many great places to dine or hang out.

## VIEWPOINTS

In 2008, how important are political conventions?



"I think they're very important, especially when you have unknown candidates like Obama. I gives you a chance to get to know them."

**James Rosson, Vienna**



"Extremely important. It's a way to gain insight into the people by observing them. Also, you learn about the platform."

**Patty Gresecke, Annandale**



"I think they're very important."

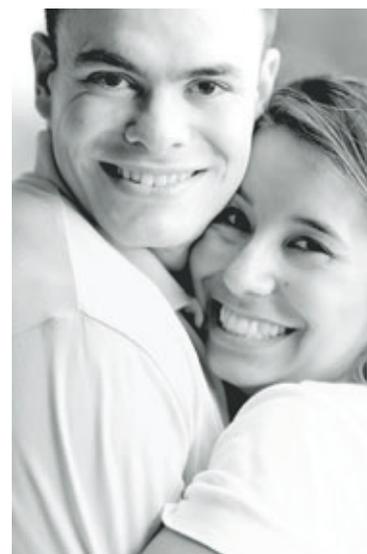
**Michele Levine, Fairfax**



"I think it's very important."

**Liz Bode, Clifton**

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL



## Arce, Mahoney Engaged

**Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Arce of Centreville announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Teresa Arce, to 1st Lt. Daniel Patrick Mahoney IV, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel Mahoney of Burke. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Robinson Secondary, a 2006 graduate of Boston University and is currently working toward her masters in social work from the University of Kansas. The groom is a 2002 graduate of Robinson**

**Secondary and a 2006 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Following the wedding, they will reside in Fort Carson, Colo.**

## CLUBS

**Springfield Acres Garden Club** meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. from September-May in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Presbyterian Church on Bath Street in Springfield. Contact membership chair Esther Wade at 703-451-5619.

**The City of Fairfax Democratic Committee** meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. See [www.fairfaxcitydemocrats.com](http://www.fairfaxcitydemocrats.com).

**Legacy All Stars** offers competitive cheerleading and dance teams, as well as non-competitive cheer and dance classes. Programs are offered for all ages and all experience levels. Visit [www.allstarlegacy.com](http://www.allstarlegacy.com), 571-283-1001.

**Burke Rotary Club** meets each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Brion's Grille across from George Mason University in the University Mall. Membership is by invitation, but visitors are welcome. 703-866-0507.

## PEOPLE NOTES

**Army National Guard Pvt. Ahmad N. Ofogh** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Ofogh is the brother of Sitarah Ofogh of Burke, and 1993 graduate of Lake Braddock.

**Allison T. O'Neill of Burke**, a junior majoring in chemical engineering, has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N. Y.

**Morgan Lindsay Stathem** has received an agricultural scholarship awarded by the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Stathem is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences and is active at the Hidden Pond Nature Park, with the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity. After graduation, she plans on pursuing a career in pediatric physical therapy. Stathem is the daughter David and Jennifer Lincoln of Burke.

**Jonathan Austin Kilbourn** of Burke has been accepted to Hampden-Sydney College and will enroll with a president's award in August 2008. Kilbourn is a graduate of Robinson Secondary School and the son of Donna and Timothy Kilbourn.

**Megan E. Griffith** of Burke has been awarded a master of arts degree in school psychology from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N. C.

# CRIME

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Aug. 29.

## PURSUIT/ ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICER/ ARREST

**Braddock Road/ King David Blvd.**  
Police arrested a woman after a short pursuit on Tuesday, Aug. 26, around 11:21 p.m. A patrol officer attempted to stop the driver of a GMC Sierra pickup truck for traffic charges. The driver did not stop and continued to drive erratically. Several officers followed the vehicle as it turned on Little River Turnpike. The suspect rammed a police car two times before finally coming to rest. The driver, Kimberly J. Gell, 44, of the 6200 block of Garretson St. in Burke, was treated at the scene for a minor injury and then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. She was charged with speed to elude, assault on a police officer, felony destruction of property and driving on a suspended license.

## LARCENIES

- 8500 block of Blackfoot Court.**  
Taurus .40 caliber handgun stolen from residence.
- 6000 block of Burke Commons Road.** Purse stolen from business.
- 5400 block of Chatsworth Court.** Chainsaw stolen from residence.
- 4500 block of Commons Drive.** GPS and cellular phone stolen from vehicle.
- 7900 block of Ethan Allen Lane.** Muffler stolen from vehicle.
- 8500 block of Golden Ridge Court.** Cellular phone stolen from vehicle.
- 8300 block of Harland Drive.** Flag pole stolen from residence.

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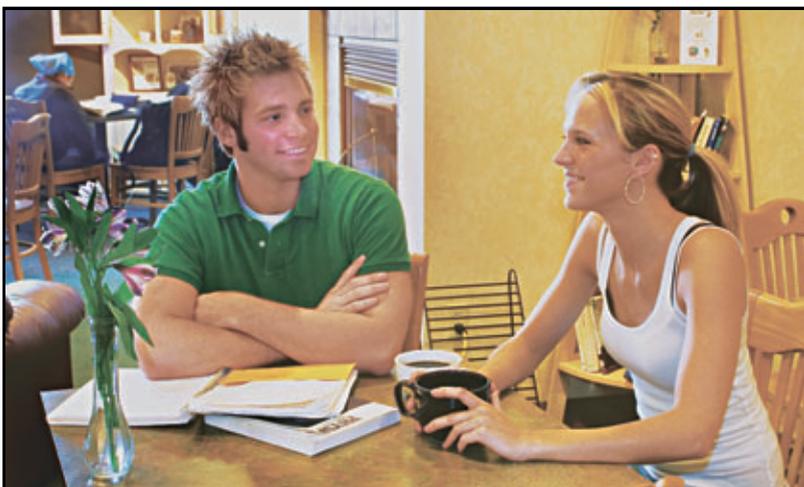
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television commercials and glossy direct mailers to find out more about each candidate. One key tradition involves live candidate debates, which voters can attend in person or watch on television (or YouTube).

Because our three congressional districts are relatively compact, voters should be able to see the candidates debate in person, as well as having the option to watch on video. (Some of these debates amount to little more than joint appearances, but still the candidates answer questions, and voters can learn much from watching this process.)

For statewide races, like the race for governor, voters need access to televised debates.

It's fair to say that all the candidates who will appear on the ballot in Northern Virginia are articulate and confident, and are best served by letting voters know what their positions are on the issues. So why would any of them duck a debate?

Of course no one admits to ducking a debate. There is always a specific reason why one or the other debate won't work.

We urge the candidates to appear in public in multiple venues, with candidates for the House of Representatives scheduling multiple debates so that at least one is accessible to each locality.

And let's admit that we're living in the YouTube era, and let's have every debate appear on television and with replays available.

### What's Life All About

To the Editor:

I am a Democrat because I value education. I believe that is one of the domestic programs Democrats fund heavily.

I was widowed in 1975. At the time, I was raising two sons. Luke was born in 1963 and Arnold was born in 1973. I had to make an important decision. Should I return to Connecticut where I had parents and siblings? Or, should I stay put in Fairfax County? I am an independent person. I had lived away from Connecticut before getting married. I didn't need to go back for emotional reasons. I made the decision to stay put.

My priorities were my children. They both had been tested with above average IQ's. How was I to educate them? I had no money. I was raised in a large family. My mother did not work, my father worked in a factory. There was no extra money to be had there. I had to weigh my options. The programs that Fairfax County had to offer for gifted children at that time were excellent. The programs in Connecticut were not as intense.

My son, Luke, stayed in the public schools he was attending. They gave him accelerated work and allowed me to take him out of school for plays and educational events. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School before it became technical. Luke has a few masters' degrees. He is currently getting another one in counseling. He wants to counsel addicts. He works his business online. I call him a professional student.

My son, Arnold, was admitted to the Fairfax County gifted and talented special schools. He was bused there everyday. It was out of the area where we lived. For

high school, he applied to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology as if he were applying to prep school. This was the same facility from which Luke graduated. He passed the test and was admitted. Even today he questions, "How did I get in there?" Well, Fairfax County had prepared him. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson and went on to the University of Virginia. He has degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. He owns his own business today.

I am forever grateful to Fairfax County for educating my children free of charge. I would not have been able to afford to pay for private schools. If they were not given the proper education, it would have been a waste of two good minds. So, there were bonuses for staying in Fairfax County. I met my current husband. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. I intentionally stayed single for 12 years while I was raising my children. I did not intend to marry again. When my husband talks about Fairfax County raising taxes I say, "Pay them, they educated my sons." Not only am I a Democrat, but I will vote for Barack Obama in November.

**Louise Putnam**  
Fairfax

### Connolly Is a Proven Leader

To the Editor:

I was dismayed to read the letter from Carolyn Needham ["Balancing the Books," Connection, Aug. 21-27, 2008] in which she placed blame for the county's financial problems at the feet of our county leaders. While I share her concern about the county's finan-

cial situation, I do not share her analysis of the causes of that situation or agree with her summation that "the Fairfax County leadership created a terrible deficit for its residents without a clear solution." In fact, Gerry Connolly and the Board of Supervisors have done a remarkably good job under trying circumstances.

Fairfax County has maintained a balanced budget and has not had a growing deficit as implied by Ms. Needham. This year, the county was faced with lower than expected revenues and increased demands for funds from county agencies. The revenue woes of the county are a direct result of the problems with our national economy and, specifically, the housing crisis that has resulted in falling property values. Reduced property values mean there is less revenue for the county. At the same time, inflation has caused the county's costs (especially for fuel) to rise beyond any reasonable forecast. Consequently, our county leaders face tough choices to keep the budget balanced. They must find ways to cut spending to stay within revenue estimates or they must find ways to increase those revenues. I wish our federal government could do that.

Our Board of Supervisors works very hard to manage this county. Under Gerry Connolly's leadership, Fairfax County has been named the best managed county of its size in the nation, is noted for having one of the best school systems in the country, is home to award-winning parks, and has begun a nationally-recognized Green County initiative.

Gerry Connolly deserves a promotion. We need him to take to the national level his expertise in running a successful government.

**Nancy Simmons**  
Fairfax Station

### Kory Backs Connolly

To the Editor:

I have represented Mason District on the Fairfax County School Board for nine years. During that time, I have had the opportunity to work closely with all of the members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the business community, education activists and environmentalists. I have had a chance to learn a lot about how different types of people get things done for the public good.

I want your readers to know that I support Gerry Connolly (D) to become our member of Congress representing the 11th Congressional District. From my work with him, I know that he understands the value of investing in education. He understands the great strength that comes with the diversity we have here. He has shown intelligence, persistence and courage as the head of the largest jurisdiction in Virginia. It has taken his strong leadership to make Fairfax County a national leader in smart environmental and energy policies (the "Cool County" program), to create the 1-penny fund to preserve affordable housing, to expand park land, reduce crime, lower taxes, and make Fairfax the best managed county in America.

We have not always agreed on every issue. But we have always agreed on the importance of open, honest and transparent government. Gerry Connolly has gotten things done here in Fairfax by combining a strong positive vision with smart hard work. I respect what he has done as our chairman. I am proud to live in Fairfax County, and I will be very proud to have Gerry Connolly as my congressman.

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# CRIME

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- 4200 block of Middlebrook St.**  
Money stolen from business.
- 7600 block of Modisto Lane.** Laptop computer stolen from vehicle.
- 8700 block of Newington Commons Road.** Portable stereo stolen from vehicle.
- 6000 block of Scarborough Commons Lane.** Scooter stolen from residence.
- 9000 block of Silverbrook Road.** Purse and wallet stolen from business.
- 7000 block of Spur Road.** GPS stolen from vehicle.

## VEHICLE THEFTS

- 6400 block of Birch Leaf Court.** 2008 Toyota Corolla reported stolen.
- 5700 block of Burke Center Parkway.** 1988 Ford F150 reported stolen.
- 4600 block of John Hancock Court.** 2005 Chevrolet truck reported stolen.
- 8900 block of Park Forest Drive.** 1993 Honda Accord reported stolen.

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through Aug. 29.

## LARCENIES

- 6900 block of Bradlick Shopping Center.** One bottle of vodka stolen from business.
- Bren Mar Drive/ Sheldon Drive.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 4600 block of Brentleigh Court.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 6000 block of Brunswick St.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 5100 block of Celtic Drive.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 5600 block of Clermont Drive.** iPod

- and GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 5200 block of Easton Drive.** Bicycle stolen from residence.
- 6700 block of Frontier Drive.** Four computers stolen from business.
- 6000 block of Grayson St.** Two nail guns and grill stolen from residence.
- 9500 block of Greencastle Lane.** Four bicycles stolen from residence.
- 6100 block of Hibbling Ave.** Stereo stolen from vehicle.
- 5600 block of Norton Road.** Radio stolen from vehicle.
- 9400 block of Richmond Highway.** Beer stolen from business.
- 6200 block of Rose Hill Drive.** Radio stolen from vehicle.
- 6500 block of Springfield Mall.** 14 pairs of sunglasses and 12 Chanel frames stolen from business.
- 6600 block of Telegraph Road.** Gym bag stolen from business.
- 8500 block of Terminal Road.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 5600 block of Vine St.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 6400 block of Warren Point Court.** Briefcase stolen from vehicle.

## VEHICLE THEFTS

- 4900 block of Columbia Road.** 1997 Toyota 4Runner reported stolen.
- 6800 block of Ericka Ave.** 2000 Dodge reported stolen.
- 5800 block of Wescott Hills Way.** 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle reported stolen.

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# BURKE CENTRE FESTIVAL

# All Hands On Deck

Burke Conservancy works overtime to prep for annual Burke Festival.

By DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

Residents from the Burke community and beyond can look forward to a weekend of games, rides, cotton candy and wine as the Burke Conservancy hosts its 31st annual fall festival Sept. 13-14.

The festival, which will take place at 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, is expected to draw between from 5,000 to 10,000 people for the two-day event.

Patrick Gloyd, executive director of the Burke Centre Conservancy, said that returning festival goers can expect to see a setup similar to those in previous years with a few minor additions. Mainstay activities like amusement rides, moon bounces, face painting, live bands and a late night wine garden will be available to the public along with traditional festival food like funnel cakes and cotton candy.

Gloyd said the Conservancy was dedicating most of its resources to hammer out the logistics in the weeks preceding the massive event.

"It's all hands on deck in terms of the Conservancy staff," he said.

Six shuttle bus locations stationed along Burke Centre Parkway will provide free transportation to the event. The stops, all intersecting the parkway, are located at: Fairview Elementary School on Ox Road, Oaks Community Center on Oak Leather Drive, Landings Community Center on Cove Landing Road, Terra Centre School on Burke Centre Parkway, Ponds Community Center on Burke Pond Lane and Burke School on Burke Lake Road.

**NEW TO THIS** year's festival will be the addition of misting tents, pet care and recycling stations. Also new is the addition of a showmobile: a shaded, mobile stage provided by Fairfax County for the festival's lineup of live entertainment.

In previous years, said Nancy Sherman, administrator coordinator for the Conser-



A map of the festival grounds at 6060 Burke Centre Parkway.

vancy, the shows took place in a parking lot in the middle of a day. Performers faced the discomfort of the summer's sweltering sun mixed with the pavement's heat absorption. Conservancy officials said they did not think that will be an issue this year.

Businesses, both large and small, have

donated money and provided various activities at the event itself. Cox Communications has set up a mobile theater unit to run cartoons, Great Harvest Bread will be selling pizza, Commonwealth AMG is sponsoring face painting and the Burke Community Church is sponsoring the pony rides.

Some companies, like Creative Windows, have also donated funds for the festival. The Burke Racket and Swim club will have a booth next to the rock climbing wall. Sherman said the club would provide a ser

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Brenden O'Neil, 4, of Burke crosses a monkey bridge at last year's Burke Centre Festival.



Like last year, the 2008 Burke Centre Festival will offer games, rides, food, craft booths and a wine garden for people to enjoy.

# BURKE CENTRE FESTIVAL



Burke residents enjoy the festivities of last year's Burke Centre Festival.

## A Weekend of Fun Awaits

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vice or activity, though it's unknown what they will have available this year.

"Last year they had body mass indexing," she said.

This year's wine garden has a new sponsor. Three Fox Vineyards will offer an assortment of wine and music, with local bands Never Too Late and Rough Draught scheduled to perform. The garden will open at 5 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m.. Wine will stop being served after 8 p.m.

"It's a great opportunity after hustle and bustle of a busy day for neighbors to gather," said Gloyd. "It's

cooler, it's quieter, it's just a good respite for a busy day."

The festival costs around \$30,000 to stage each year. Tickets are only \$1 per person, and Gloyd said that after sponsors fees, gate receipts and proceeds come in, the Conservancy expects to make at least that money back.

After this year's event is over, Gloyd said his staff of over 200 employees and volunteers will rest briefly before they begin work on their next big event: The 2009 Burke Festival.

"Literally, after the last festival has been put away, work begins on next year's festival," he said.



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- Barbara Sheppard Dance.** Saturday, Main Stage.
- Puppet Show presented by the Burke Presbyterian Church.** Kid's Area Stage.
- Carol Boyd Leon.** Opening ceremony

- song leader, Saturday, 10:15 a.m., at the Burke Centre Conservancy flagpole. BCC Flagpole
- Colin Thompson Band.** Southern Rock/Blues. Saturday. Main Stage.
- Dance Zone.** Sunday. Main Stage

- Julie Clark.** Professional Folk Artist. Sunday. Main Stage.
- Last Known Soul.** Contemporary and Classic Rock. Saturday. Main Stage.
- Luke Brindley.** Sunday. Main Stage
- Never Too Late.** Saturday evening. Wine Garden Stage.
- Robinson Dance Team.** Dance. Sunday. Main Stage.
- Rough Draught.** Folk. Saturday evening. Wine Garden Stage.
- Spectra.** Authentic Rock. Saturday. Main Stage.



Luke Brindley

- Fistful of Fifties.** Oldies Music. Main Stage
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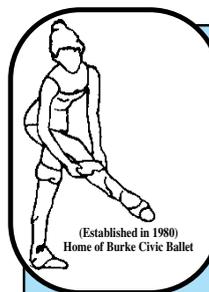


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## THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

**Genealogy Databases.** 7 p.m. Search for ancestors using the library's genealogy databases. Age 13 and up. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

**The National Capital Area Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** invites area sailors and power boaters to the Leukemia Cup Regatta. 12 p.m. Races will take place throughout the day. Spectator boats will be available to take people out, \$10 per person. Registration fees vary per boat. Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St., Alexandria. Call Loree Lipstein at 703-960-1100, or visit [www.leukemiakup.org/nca](http://www.leukemiakup.org/nca).

**Lunch Bunnies.** 12 p.m. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

**Photo Display.** Burke resident and photographer Barry Westergreen will be displaying his work 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Sugarloaf Craft Festival, Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas. 410-528-5400.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

**Book Signing.** Ellen Posner has written a book of poetry, and in her effort to pay it forward, she has decided to donate all sales of her book, minus printing costs, to Capital Hospice, which helped the author's mother during her final days. She will be having a book signing at the Burke Starbucks on Burke Center Parkway from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Burke Starbucks, 5749 Burke Center Pkwy, Burke.

## 4Paws Rescue Team Cat

**Adoptions.** 12-4 p.m. Fairfax Petco at 10708 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

**Microsoft Excel.** 2:30 p.m. Introduction to creating spreadsheets. Age 13 and up. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

**John Bannon, Artist Demonstration.** 12-3 p.m., at Green Acres Community Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

**Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Dog Days. 12-4 p.m.** Participating parks include Bull Run Water Park in Centreville, Downpour Water Park at Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, Great Waves at Cameron Run Regional Park in Alexandria, Pirate's Cove at Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton and Upton Hill Regional Park in Arlington. Admission is \$5 per dog. Dog owners must fill out a liability waiver and dog must have a current license and rabies vaccination. For more information, including directions to any of the facilities, visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

**AARP Dulles Chapter hosts a Classic Car Show,** from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in downtown Herndon near the Municipal Center and Town Hall. The Car Show proceeds will provide scholarship support to Nurse Practitioners specializing in Geriatric Nursing at George Mason University. Free admission, auction, raffles, food and more. To register your car, become a sponsor for this event or for more information email [president@aarpdulles.org](mailto:president@aarpdulles.org) or visit [www.AARPDulles.org/classic](http://www.AARPDulles.org/classic).

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 12-3 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

**Folksinger Joe Jencks will be joined by Grammy Award winner Jon Carroll in a concert** 7 p.m., at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Suggested contribution of \$10 at the door. 703-644-0889 or visit [www.accotinkuuc.org](http://www.accotinkuuc.org).

**Christian Rock Band Chasen** performs a free concert 11 a.m., at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 8

**9/11 Remembrance Ceremony** following morning session of the Board of Supervisors' regular meeting, approximately 12 p.m., at the 9/11 Memorial Grove behind the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The rain site for the ceremony will be the Government Center Forum. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2008/161.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2008/161.htm).

**The Ashley Fister Cole Foundation sixth annual Driving for Surviving Melanoma Charity Golf Classic.** 1 p.m. at Stonewall Golf Club on Lake Manassas, 15601 Turtle Point Drive, Gainesville. All net proceeds from this year's tournament will help fund the trial study programs at the University of Texas' MD Anderson Cancer Center. Play golf with free-range balls, a cart, greens fee, lunch, unlimited beverages on the course and dinner, \$175. Hole sponsors with signs and a message on one of the tee boxes, \$200. Visit [www.ashleyfistercolefoundation.org](http://www.ashleyfistercolefoundation.org).

**Calling all Guys.** 7 p.m. Book discussion group for boys. Call for title. Age 9-12 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

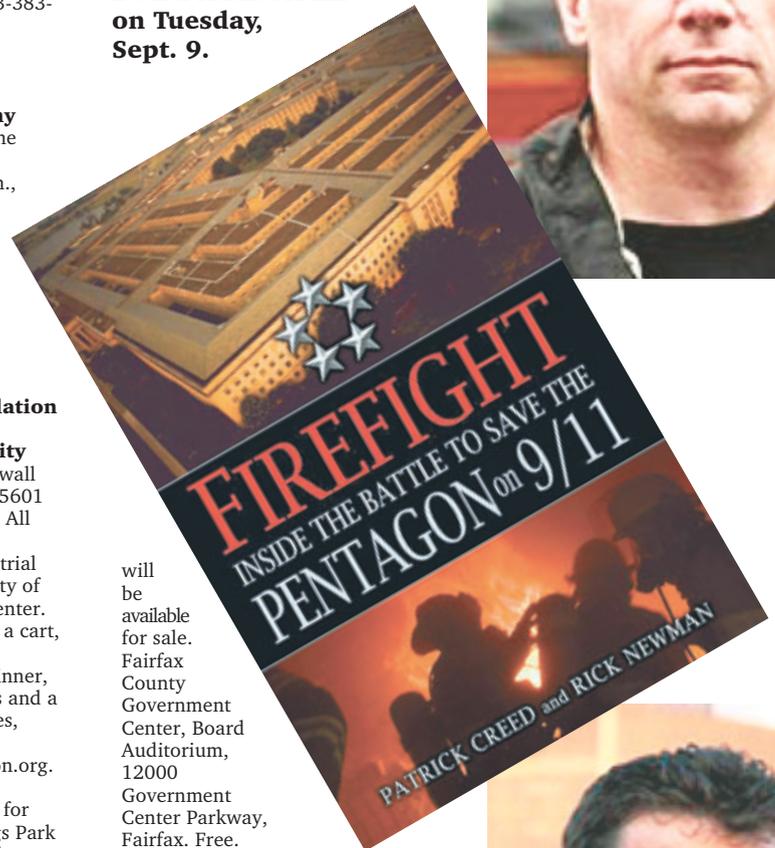
**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 6:30-9 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

**Adult summer Reading Program Closing Celebration.** 7 p.m. Join for book discussions, refreshments and prizes. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

**Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11 book signing.** 7:30 p.m. Authors Patrick Creed and Rick Newman discuss their book "Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11." Books

**Authors Patrick Creed, right, and Rick Newman, lower right, discuss and sign their book "Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11" at the Fairfax County Government Center Board Auditorium on Tuesday, Sept. 9.**



will be available for sale. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. 703-324-8428.

**eAudiobooks.** 7 p.m. Learn to download audiobooks and podcasts to MP3 players, iPods and computers. Adults. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

**Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group.** 7:15 p.m. Adults. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

**Book Discussion Group.** "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder. 1 p.m. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

**As for Apple.** 7 p.m. Stories and activities about apples. Age 3-6 with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

**Science and Stories.** 4 p.m. Stories and simple science experiments. Age 4-6 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

**Teddy Bear Time.** 10:30 a.m. Bring your teddy bear and share stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

**Time for Twos: Pass the Peas Please.** 10:15 a.m. Stories, activities and fingerplays about fruits and vegetables. Age 24-35 months with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**King Teddy at the Old Town Hall,** 3999 University Drive, Fairfax.



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**Teen book chat.** 7:30 p.m. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Age 12-16 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

**Faculty Showcase Recital.** 8 p.m. Free. Harris Theater, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8794.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**Burke Centre Festival.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., plus a wine garden 5-8 p.m. Focus on recycling, with a canned food collection, recycling area to drop off old cell phones and eyeglasses, free children's activities, a misting tent and pet watering sites, arts and crafts show, antiques and food vendors, live entertainment,



**The National Capital Area Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society invites area sailors and power boaters to the Leukemia Cup Regatta on Saturday, Sept. 6. The National Capital Area Chapter Honorary Skipper, Tyler DeMille, will be participating in the Regatta in his first experience outside his home since he was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia when he was 8 months old.**



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pony rides, hay rides, moon bounces, face painting, wildlife show and more. Free shuttle bus to and from the festival, with stops along Burke Centre Parkway; additional parking at Knollwood Community Church. 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Call 703-978-2928 or visit [www.burkecentreweb.com](http://www.burkecentreweb.com).

**The W.T. Woodson Marching Band and Color Guard** will visit area homes from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. As part of the annual tag day fund raiser, band and color guard members in full uniform go door-to-door in the Woodson community asking for donations. Proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms, music, and instruments for the Woodson band programs, and enable the band and color guard to travel to competitions.

**Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is sponsoring the Third Annual ASMBS "Walk from Obesity"** at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax. 8 a.m. This local event is part of a national program to raise awareness of the life-threatening disease of obesity. Proceeds benefit the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery for Education, Research & Prevention. Registration is \$25.00. Door prizes and samples. Register online at [www.walkfromobesity.com](http://www.walkfromobesity.com) or onsite at 7 a.m. 703-391-3783.

**47th Annual Model Soldier Show.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Model soldiers, sci-fi/fantasy crafters, plastic models and over 100 vendors with figure kits, toy soldiers, Russian-painted figures, fantasy figures, plastic models, books, videos, music and militaria. Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Adults \$7, Children under 12 free. 703-938-6361 or [www.geocities.com/ncmss/](http://www.geocities.com/ncmss/).



**Folksinger Joe Jencks will be in a concert on Thursday, Sept. 7, at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church.**

**Chuseok: Stories and activities about the Korean harvest moon festival.** 10:30 p.m. Age 2-5 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

**Irish Music and Dancing.** The O'Neill-Malcom Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will host its first Ceili of the season at 7:30 p.m., with a beginner's workshop at 7 p.m. Including ceili and set dancing, with a demonstration of traditional Irish step dancing. Music by the Bog Wanderers. Admission is \$12 for CCE members; \$15 for non-members. Discounts for students and families.

The CCE Ceilis second Saturday of the month at Green Acres, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. 703-490-5207 or [www.ccepotomac.org](http://www.ccepotomac.org).

**Choralis select chamber ensemble concert.** 7 p.m. Penderecki, Tavener, Whitacre, and more. Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 East Broad St., Falls Church. Tickets \$25-\$35, students 22 and under w/ ID \$5; under 12 free. Free parking. [www.choralis.org](http://www.choralis.org) or 703 237-2499.

**SUNDAY/SEPT. 14**

**Thirty Years and Counting: Archaeology in Fairfax County,** with Elizabeth A. Crowell, Ph.D., Manager of Cultural Resources, Fairfax County Park Authority. 2 p.m.; free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).

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# CAMPS & SCHOOLS

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ready to go, by 8:20 each morning," wrote Skerker.

A new trailer has been added this year to accommodate the increasing enrollment.

For the upcoming school year, Kings Park remains committed to providing daily extra academic support for any student, especially in math and language arts. The school also continues to encourage parents to get involved in the school and volunteer to help a child with his or her academics. A key goal for the upcoming year will be to teach students the importance of caring for the environment by instructing them in re-using and recycling resources.

Skerker made several new hires for the upcoming school year including an extra part-time reading specialist to ensure that all students receive adequate support in literacy. "We are excited to hire some teachers who also live in the Kings Park neighborhood," wrote Principal Skerker.

## Lake Braddock Secondary

9200 Burke Lake Road  
Burke, VA 22015  
703-426-1000  
Enrollment: 3,834  
Principal: Dave Thomas  
David.Thomas@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/LakeBraddockSS  
**Back-to-School Night:** Grades 7-8, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.; Grades 9-12, Monday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

Lake Braddock Secondary School has made two significant changes to its schedule and programs this year. First, it has implemented "Teacher Collaboration Time." High school students will be dismissed at 1:45 on Tuesday afternoons, while middle school students will have a life and study skills seminar.

"This will afford teachers from both middle and high schools the chance to work together in a collaborative manner to foster the development of our professional learning communities," wrote Associate Principal Thomas Garber in an e-mail.

Second, the school is adding the "Bruin Block." This is a one-hour period within the school day during which students can receive extra help from teachers or makeup work. It also allows for peer collaboration and tutoring among classmates. This year's goal is to continue plans for school improvement and encourage the success of all students.

Lake Braddock's renovations are completed and a new television production studio has been added to the facility, enabling the school to offer a broadcast journalism class. Additionally, a new electronic sign has been added to the front entrance to display announcements to the community.

Currently, enrollment is expected to be 2,544 students in the high school and 1,290 students in the middle school. The school usually adds between 30 and 40 new staff members each year. "Given the reputation of our school as a 'Newsweek Top 100'

school and the quality of our instructional programs, there is no shortage of applicants for vacancies in our building," wrote Garber.

## Laurel Ridge Elementary

10110 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Fairfax, VA 22032  
703-426-3700  
Enrollment: 840  
Principal: Larry Burke  
Larry.Burke@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/LaurelRidgeES/  
**Back-to-School Night:** Kindergarten, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.; Grades 1-3, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Laurel Ridge Elementary has just expanded to include full-day kindergarten. It will also continue as a Spanish Partial Immersion site in FCPS. As part of enhancing the instruction of students, the school will be getting interactive white boards for every classroom.

"We continue our efforts to identify specific student needs, making every effort to ensure success for every child," wrote Principal Larry Burke in an e-mail.

Enrollment has increased at Laurel Ridge and about 840 students are expected on the first day. Additionally, over 10 new staff members have been hired.

## Orange Hunt Elementary

6820 Sydenstricker Road  
Springfield, VA 22153

703-913-6800  
Enrollment: 820  
Principal: Judy Ryan  
Judy.Ryan@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/OrangeHuntES  
**Back-to-School Night:** Kindergarten (a.m.) Grade 1, Monday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.; Kindergarten (p.m.) Grade 2, Monday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 3, Monday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m.; Grade 4, Monday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 5, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m.; Grade 6, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Orange Hunt Elementary will not have any curriculum changes or new programs this year. However, it will be continuing with its Strategies Lab, which encourages problem solving through instructional games.

"Our focus is consistent with the FCPS/School Board Strategic Goals ... academics, essential life skills and responsibility to the community," wrote Principal Judy Ryan via e-mail to the Connection.

The school's enrollment is consistent with previous years at about 815 to 820 students. Orange Hunt will also welcome a new teacher and a new assistant principal.

## Ravenworth Elementary

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Enrollment: 525

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Principal: Pam O'Connor

pam.oconnor@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/RavensworthES

**Back-to-School Night:** Resource Teachers, Thursday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m.; K-6, Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

**PTA Ice Cream Social:** Tuesday, Sept 9, 6:30 p.m.

Ravensworth Elementary teachers in grades three and four received training over the summer to implement the Responsive Classroom philosophy in their classrooms. The school will also continue to build upon the theme "My business is kids."

Along with four new staff members, the school anticipates an enrollment of about 525 students, approximately 15 more than last year.

### Robinson Secondary

5035 Sideburn Road

Fairfax, VA 22032

703-426-2100

Enrollment: 4,000

Principal: Dan Meier

Dan.Meier@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS/

**Back-to-School Night:** Grades 7-8, Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m.; grades 9-12, Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.

Touching Bases: Tuesday, Nov. 11

When Robinson Secondary opened its doors on Tuesday, Sept. 2, faculty and staff welcomed almost 4,000 students, which is a greater number than originally projected, according to Principal Dan Meier. Robinson will also welcome 31 new teachers, including Marty Riddle, the new director of student activities.

For the first time, IB Design and Technology will be offered at Robinson Secondary. Also, the recently added Chinese and Criminal Justice courses continue to grow in popularity with students, wrote

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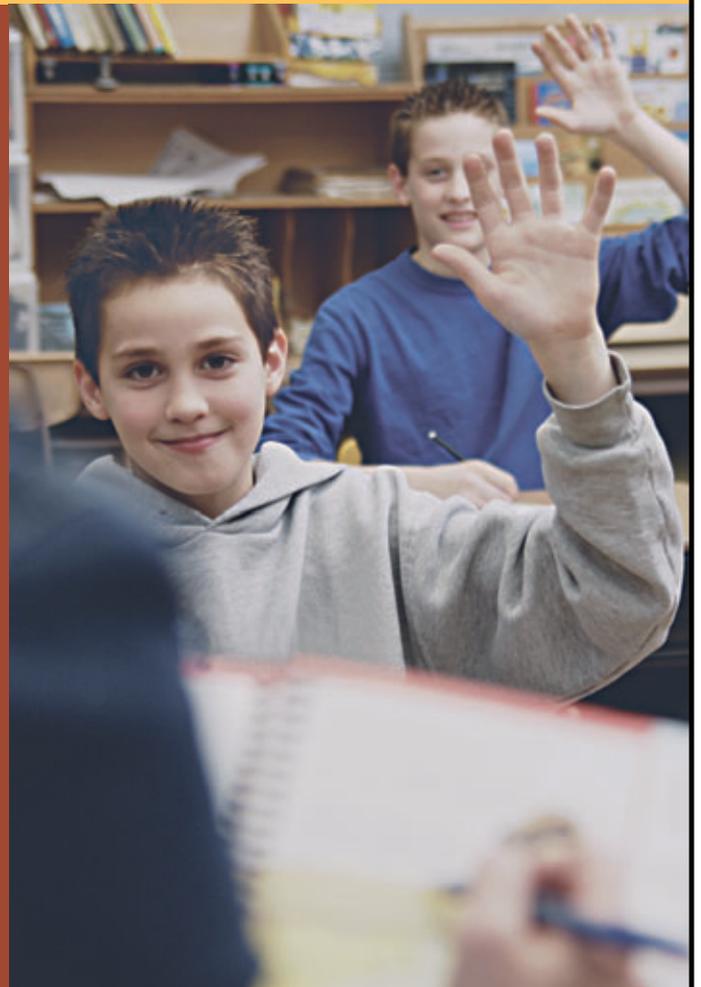
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## HOMES



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Teens face off in the gladiator joust arena at the Lake Braddock Community Association carnival Sunday, Aug. 31.

# Homeowners Open Center

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pearance Sunday, thanking the crowd and congratulating them on the new community center. Parents spent the day enjoying Michelob and Bud Light provided Segan Mason and Mason, a moon bounce provided by Green Dot Realtor Sam Jacknin as well as cash donations from Nationwide Insurance and Jeffrey Trash Service. GHA Realty provided a choice of three different cruises to a raffle winner. For the children's activities, games, face painting, moon bounces and a gladiator joust arena were made available. Members of the Lake Braddock Lakers swim team were on hand to serve as volunteers, life guards and helpers.

Officials from the association said the new size and space of the center would allow them to host everything from Super Bowl parties to Board of Trustee meetings to engagement parties.

Wilklow said the association has already received interest from community members about using the property in the near future.

"We got a lot of very positive responses. People were just glad to see the community turn out like that," said Wilklow. "Think people feel really good that we're investing in our community and they appreciate the facelift."



Patty Bryant, left, Lake Braddock Community Association Board of Trustee president, poses with her predecessor Sally Wilklow outside the newly built community room.

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**GriefShare.** Each Thursday 7-9 p.m. at Agape House. Seminar and support group for people grieving a loss. Each of the 13 sessions includes a video and small group discussion. Join at any time; new series begins Sept. 4 through Dec. 4 (excluding Nov. 27). Child care provided on request. Sydenstricker United Methodist Church Agape House, 7230 Sydenstricker Road, Springfield. To register, call 703-451-9021, 703-569-1595 or 703 644-0959.

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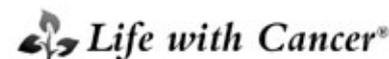
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# Fimian Addresses Energy

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The candidate said the government should have little involvement in new technologies.

"My sense is the free market would be better equipped to discover the solutions we need to solve these problems," said Fimian.

The government could take other actions to help people with rising energy costs. As a member of Congress, Fimian would vote to open up several areas — including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and areas off the coast of the United States — to drilling for oil and natural gas.

"For us not to have access to our own energy is profoundly irresponsible," said Fimian.

The candidate would also support trying to access the oil out of shale in the Rocky Mountains. He also called the United States "the Saudi Arabia of coal" and said the country should be making better use of this resource.

Fimian added that he had heard nuclear power could also be harnessed more safely now and should be looked at as a potential source of energy.

"All of this adds up to energy independence and energy security if we want it," said Fimian.

"You have to drill your way out of his situation," he added.

With regards to environmental issues, Fimian said he was not convinced that global warming was taking place as a result of human activities and machines.

"Though I am not an expert, reputable experts have

said it is not necessarily man-made," said Fimian.

He also added that the public should not assume electric cars are superior to gasoline-powered cars.

"Just to assume that it is a better way to go because it seems better," is not appropriate, said Fimian.

Fimian said he is opposed to use of alternative fuels that are not viable. For example, companies should not be required to use fuels based on corn ethanol because its use "has only raised the cost of fuel and food prices.

**SEVERAL PEOPLE** Fimian approached on Labor Day agreed with his thoughts about energy issues, particularly on the issue of opening up more American territory to drilling.

"We need to open up all the avenues to energy and drill. The only restrictions we have are self-imposed," said Darrel Whitcomb, a Fimian supporter.

Whitcomb added that he didn't think the government should clamp down on people's personal practices.

"The American people will make the adjustments necessary to deal with this problem on their own," said Whitcomb.

But not everyone thinks the government should stay clear of regulating energy.

While filling up his sedan in McLean, Kwang Kim, who lives in Vienna, said the government should control gas prices by controlling big oil companies.

"There is something to the taxation of big oil companies. That is something the government could do and should do," said Kwang.

## FAITH NOTES

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**Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Sept. 7, Service at 9:30 a.m.** "Dialogue Sermon" and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 10:30 a.m. Festival of Ministries. A scavenger hunt to learn more about how we are the hands and feet of Jesus. Potluck lunch will take place, with the church providing sandwiches and drinks and individuals providing a side dish or dessert. Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax. 703-273-5300 or [fpc@fairfaxpresby.com](mailto:fpc@fairfaxpresby.com).

**A "Patriot Day Prayer Gathering"** will take place Thursday, Sept. 11, 12-1 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Fairfax Government Parkway, Fairfax. The prayer gathering is sponsored by Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax, and other Fairfax County churches. 703-383-1170.

**Fellowship Baptist Church Awana Clubs**, a weekly Bible centered program for age 3 through grade 6 begins Sunday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m., at Fellowship Baptist Church, 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5151 or visit [www.honoringGod.org](http://www.honoringGod.org).

**Fairfax Presbyterian Church** will return to two services on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., with a sermon by Henry Brinton,

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**St. Marks Coptic Orthodox Church is hosting an Egyptian Bazaar**, on Saturday Sept. 20 and Sunday Sept. 21, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Egyptian food and music, children's games and rides; car wash; antique furniture; jewelry and imported goods for sale. Church and school tours available. St. Marks Coptic Orthodox Church, 11911 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Call 703-591-4444.

**The Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Cursillo offers opportunities to learn about this lay movement** on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Raymond of Penafort Parish, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield; and Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Parish, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Visit [www.arlingtoncursillo.org](http://www.arlingtoncursillo.org) or call 703-863-3940.

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**The Business & Professional Women (BPW) of Greater Fairfax** begin a new season of monthly dinner meetings. On Monday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m., at la Madeline Bakery & Café in Tysons Corner. The guest will be Kristina Bouweiri, president and CEO of Reston Limousine. Reserve with Sandy Amato at [smamato@comcast.net](mailto:smamato@comcast.net) or 703-405-2631 by Sept. 5.

**The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will host a black-tie Membership Gala on Friday, Oct. 3** at the Waterford at Springfield. The gala will provide an opportunity for businesses to learn about the Chamber and give current members another venue to make and develop business connections and relations with area business owners and executives. Gala tickets are \$125 per guest. Call to reserve, 703-923-7611. For more about the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce visit [www.springfieldchamber.org](http://www.springfieldchamber.org).

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# Preparing for the Worst

Northern Virginia hospitals upgrade their disaster response systems.

By DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

Planning for a disaster in Washington D.C. became a top priority after the Sept. 11 attacks. But those who focus only on the federal city when planning for a disaster are missing the point, Dr. Dan Hanfling said.

"The attack on the Pentagon was in Northern Virginia," Hanfling said. "Of the five anthrax cases, three were diagnosed in Northern Virginia. If you tease out the details of what happened, it wasn't Washington D.C. that was attacked. It was Northern Virginia."

Hanfling is director of emergency management and disaster medicine for Northern Virginia's Inova Hospitals. He is also involved with the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, a group that advocates for emergency preparedness in local hospitals.

The group was created by a coalition of 12 Northern Virginia hospitals shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks. The hospitals pool their resources to plan for a major disaster, natural or non-natural, in the region.

"Northern Virginia has the Pentagon and a number of CIA facilities. ... We see ourselves as a target in and of itself," said Zachary Corrigan, executive director of the alliance.

It's this kind of coordinated effort, not just among hospitals but among cities, counties and states, that is crucial to preparing for a major catastrophic event, local emergency management officials said.

"If there's another major emergency like 9/11, it doesn't impact just one jurisdiction," Fairfax County spokesperson Brian Worthy said. "It had an impact on all the jurisdictions regionally. That's why the region is taking a very coordinated response."

**EARLIER THIS MONTH**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security gave \$60 million to Washington-area jurisdictions for medical and law enforcement projects to detect and respond to terrorist attacks.

Almost \$4 million of that grant will go to area hospitals to increase their ability to handle large surges of patients. With this grant, local hospitals will be able to treat 300 critically injured patients with no external help for three days after a disaster. The grant will go towards purchasing surplus medical supplies and towards devis-



Dr. Hanfling



Corrigan

The emergency department at Inova Fairfax Hospital

ing a staffing plan in the event of a disaster. Corrigan said that making a plan to have enough doctors and nurses on call for a potential disaster is the most difficult part of disaster planning for hospitals.

Inova Fairfax Hospital has the biggest ER in Northern Virginia, said James Sides, disaster preparedness coordinator there. "We're using those funds regionally to fund burn and trauma training. One of our ongoing projects is to really create a capacity to deal with large-scale burn and trauma across the region. We all work together to really figure out what our needs are at each facility and then across the region."

"Being such a large hospital makes it easier [to plan for disasters]," Sides said. "We play a key role in the region. We would be one of the main facilities to receive patients especially since we're the only Level 1 Trauma center in Northern Virginia," meaning Fairfax Inova would receive the most serious trauma patients.

The grant will also go towards upgrading the region's ability to handle large numbers of burn victims, Corrigan said. Washington Hospital Center in the District has the only dedicated burn unit in the region.

"If we had hundreds of burn patients," he said, "non-burn centers will have to provide burn care for an extended time. We're going to be training clinicians who don't do burn care to do a level of burn care for three days."

"When it comes to burn and trauma, the first three days of care will really define what the patient's life looks like," he said. "Not only for the next week but for years."

**THE HOMELAND** Security money will also provide new software to allow emergency rooms to track the real-time location of ambulances from every hospital in the region. According to a DHS statement, ERs will be able to monitor the treatment capacities at every local hospital.

"If you have a major incident," Worthy said, "You'd probably need more than one hospital to respond so that would require coordination."

"If you look at any risk modeling with respect to WMD and pick your favorite corner in downtown D.C., all of the conventional wisdom suggests that the bad stuff goes north and east," Hanfling said. "The citizens of D.C. will be fleeing to Northern Virginia."

This means that Northern Virginia hospitals, especially the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington and Inova Alexandria Hospital, will be the first responders to a major disaster in the area.

Currently, Inova Alexandria hospital has the ability to handle a surge of up to 127 patients over its normal capacity, according to Greg Brison, the director of emergency management at Inova Alexandria. "That's a third more than when we have a full house," Brison said. "We can do that in 30 minutes."

He also said that if Inova Alexandria's water supply is cut off, which happened during Hurricane Isabel in 2003, the hospital has fresh drinking water on site that will last for 24 hours. "We try to be self-sufficient so we don't have to contact FEMA," Brison said.

**BRISON** was at Inova Alexandria during the Sept. 11 attacks. After the Virginia Hospital Center, formerly known as Arlington Hospital, quickly filled up with victims, Inova Alexandria began to see a surge of patients.

"It was quiet here," he said. "There wasn't any panic. ... When the real thing happens and you've got professional people who are well-educated, it all just kicks into gear."

The attacks of Sept. 11 changed the way health officials in this area and throughout the country think about planning for emergencies. But Hanfling said that emergency planners are also learning from more recent disasters.

"Think about the Astrodome after Katrina or the Superdome during Katrina," he said. "There was no formal way of taking care of people there." As a result of Hurricane Katrina and its ensuing public health crisis, the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance is working with government officials to secure public space for medical care in the event of a large-scale disaster, Hanfling

## Ice Storms and Other Challenges

Dr. John Sverha was at Virginia Hospital Center, then known as Arlington Hospital, when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred at the Pentagon. He said that he and his colleagues were able to handle the surge of victims effectively thanks to a well-rehearsed disaster plan and extra staff who came in that day to lend a hand.

But the situations that really challenge his ER are days with severe weather, Sverha, the head of the hospital's emergency medicine department, said. Earlier this year, an ice storm brought 90 patients into his ER within three to four hours.

"We were very busy, there were a lot of people scurrying around," he said. "An ice storm is something that is known to create an extremely busy emergency department, almost exponentially more than a snow storm. We always get on edge when we hear that there might be freezing rain. We really go into a different mode."

Disaster planning is important for any hospital. But the issues that most ERs deal with on a day-to-day basis don't involve catastrophic events.

Virginia Hospital Center's emergency room is often at capacity with patients spilling over into the waiting room, Sverha said. "Our goal is to have our waiting room empty as much as possible," he said.

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital's Dr. Douglas Smith said that the biggest challenge for his ER is the changing nature of the medical business.

Because many patients who need emergency psychiatric care don't have insurance and can't pay their medical bills, ERs across the country have eliminated many of their beds for psychiatric patients, Smith, Inova Fair Oaks' chief of the emergency department, said.

"Psychiatric hospitals are closed because they don't pay," he said. "There just aren't enough psych beds so getting [patients] somewhere is challenging."

He also said that getting specialists to treat patients in an ER is difficult because many specialist doctors are in private practice. "Every time you see a laser center, that's an ophthalmologist that's not working in a hospital," Smith said. "That's the business of outpatient surgery."

The issues that Inova Fair Oaks faces are unique because of its suburban location, Smith said. "This is a higher-end hospital because of the community we're in," he said. "We don't have a lot of homeless or IV drug users."

Inova Alexandria Hospital faces these issues differently than its Fair Oaks counterpart, said Dr. Martin Brown, the chief of emergency medicine at the Alexandria hospital.

Brown said that getting a specialist to his ER is fairly easy because Inova Alexandria is such a large hospital. While it doesn't have its own psychiatric ward, Brown said that treating psychiatric patients is not too difficult because they can be easily transferred to a new psychiatric facility at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

According to Brown, the biggest challenge facing the Inova Alexandria ER is a lack of beds. "There are times when the hospital is crowded and patients who need to be upstairs are still waiting for a bed," he said. "We have a task force looking at that."

Brown also said that a new wing that is currently under construction will add more space to his ER, which currently treats 150 patients a day. This new part of the building is badly needed, Brown said, because "The demand for emergency services continues to increase."

said. Doctors and policy makers are beginning to have conversations about what level of care should be expected in these types of situations after several medical ethics scandals that emerged from Katrina.

"As doctors, we're on the front lines," Hanfling said. "We're put in the untenable situation of having to make real time decisions of life or death ... The medical community writ large needs to be on the same page with regards as to how we're making those decisions."

# Rams Run Past Bruins in Opener

Robinson picks up 237 yards on the ground, despite a size disadvantage

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson coach Mark Bendorf wasn't exactly oozing confidence while his team warmed up for its season opener against cross town rival Lake Braddock Thursday night, Aug. 28. This was surprising given the Rams have dominated the series of late, winning the last eight matchups between the two teams.

While maintaining a watchful eye on his troops during pregame drills, Bendorf said he was concerned that his inexperienced offensive and defensive lines, which have just one returning starter each, wouldn't be able to handle the girth Lake Braddock brought to the trenches with eight players listed at 260 pounds or heavier.

But after Robinson piled up 237 yards on the ground and allowed just one first down in the first half en route to a 26-7 win over the Bruins, it's safe to say Bendorf may have underestimated the capabilities of his young squad.

"You are always nervous because there were a lot of guys out there where it was their first time playing under the big lights," Bendorf said afterward. "But I was very happy with how they responded. I knew we were going to make mistakes, but the thing we've been preaching to them is play with great effort and play with great intensity. I think we continued to do that."



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Robinson senior Alex Murray rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns in the Rams 26-7 victory over Lake Braddock last Thursday night.**

Considering the Rams are such a young squad up front, it can't hurt that their entire backfield has been through the proverbial football fire. It showed against Lake Braddock.

Senior running back Alex Murray churned out 115 yards and two touchdowns, averaging close to six yards per carry. Senior quarterback Timmy Meier threw for 86 yards and a touchdown, while adding 46 yards on the ground. Senior tailback Wynton Fox, who will split touches with Murray this season, also contributed 70 yards on the ground. All three are returning starters from last year's playoff team.

The score would not have been so lopsided had Lake Braddock gotten its bearings more quickly in each half. The Bruins' defense gave up 13 quick points in the first

half and sophomore quarterback Michael Nebrich threw an interception on the third play from scrimmage to start the second half. It was returned for a touchdown by Robinson cornerback Johnny McDevitt, making the score 19-0 following a failed two-point conversion.

But to Nebrich's credit, the young signal caller rebounded on Lake Braddock's ensuing drive, marching the Bruins down the field and throwing a 10-yard touchdown pass to tight end Mike Resitar to make the score 19-7 midway through the third quarter. Resitar, a junior, also had a 30-yard catch-and-run earlier in the possession, and finished with three catches for 50 yards.

On Robinson's next possession, Bendorf's pregame fears were realized when Lake Braddock recovered a fumbled snap from

"I think tonight we showed we're a pretty good team."

— Alex Murray, Robinson running back

center. The Bruins then marched all the way down to the Rams' one-yard line only to cough up the ball as well. For Lake Braddock coach Jim Poythress, it was maddening and encouraging all at the same time.

"Of course, the last thing we said to them on the sideline was 'Don't fumble,'" Poythress said of the goal line play. "I guess we just jinxed them. But we have a lot of good young kids. We're going to give people a lot of trouble. I'm not predicting a state championship, but I think we'll win some football games."

From there, Murray took over, bursting down the sideline for a 58-yard run to tilt field position back in Robinson's favor. He then crushed any hope of a Lake Braddock comeback on the Rams' next possession with his second touchdown run of the night.

**THE WIN** extended Robinson's winning streak over its neighborhood rival to nine games. But with upcoming games against defending Division 5 state champion Stone Bridge and perennial powerhouse West Springfield in the next two weeks, Robinson will have more skeptics to prove wrong than just its nervous head coach. It's a task the Rams appear ready to take on.

"We just have to come out and keep getting stronger as a team," Murray said. "I think tonight we showed we're a pretty good team and could do something here this season."

## Tough Way To Start a Season

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

**U**pon taking control of the Lake Braddock volleyball program in 2007, Michael and Erin Clark — a husband and wife coaching tandem, though Erin is listed as the head coach — didn't know a lot about the opponents that their team would face. Centreville, Robinson, Chantilly and Madison could've been Canadian Football League teams and they likely wouldn't have known the difference.

But after opening the season with four consecutive losses at a tournament in Richmond and with losses to the Wildcats, Rams, Chargers and Warhawks, Michael and Erin Clark had a talk.

"We were both like," Erin remembered thinking, "I don't know ... is every team

like this?"

As it turned out, every team wasn't like the first eight Lake Braddock faced. After the difficult start, Lake Braddock won five of seven Patriot District contests and finished tied for first place. As the district tournament's second seed because of a tiebreaker, Lake Braddock even reached the district semifinals and the Northern Region tournament.

**IN 2008**, the Bruins opened their latest jaunt through quicksand with a 3-0 home loss (25-15, 25-8, 25-17) to Centreville on Tuesday night. According to their coach, not all attention should be focused on the wins and losses of such a young team.

"Centreville is a great team and we went in knowing that we were probably going to struggle," said Erin Clark, whose team lost eight seniors after last season's 9-9 mark.

"But what I really, really liked from our girls was just the heart that they kept the entire time. That's a team I'm willing to coach all year long."

Lake Braddock was done in by a pivotal 7-0 run for Centreville in the opening game, though sophomore Logan Russell and freshman Imani Gabrielle Hudson both turned in stellar efforts. In the second game, Lake Braddock fell behind early and was never able to threaten. Still, facing a 2-0 deficit, the Bruins weren't done.

The Clarks' team capitalized on several Centreville errors in Game 3 and at one point won a lengthy volley to pull within three at 19-16. Another sophomore, Danielle Ager, flipped a shot over to win the well-deserved point, but Centreville closed with a 6-1 run for the win.

In addition to the burden of taking on loaded teams like Centreville, Clark returns

**Bruins volleyball opens with difficult first two weeks.**

just three seniors from last year's team: libero Rachel Nebrich, outside hitter Megan Murphy and middle hitter Miranda Whittaker. Lake Braddock also features four juniors, four sophomores and a freshman on its varsity squad.

After Thursday's match against Robinson, the Bruins will face Chantilly and Madison the following week — for the last time, according to Erin Clark. At the start of next season, the would-be junior coaches will set their own schedule, presumably to not start with four of the Northern Region's top teams.

"To be honest, I think it's good for us to play hard teams that are out of our district so we can experience big challenges prior to when it really counts," Murphy said.

# CAMPS & SCHOOLS

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Meier in an e-mail.

Over the summer, a new LED message board was added at the middle school end of the hallway. This is in addition to the two that were installed last year in the high school. "There has been another major push to increase the amount of technology for student and teacher use," wrote Meier.

This year, a committee will study methods to incorporate teacher collaboration time and student remediation time into the regular school day schedule.

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## West Springfield High School

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WestSpringfieldHS  
**Back-to-School Night:** Grades 9-12, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

West Springfield High School will have two schedule changes this year. Spartan Time takes place during the school day and allows students to work with teachers, catch up on work and work with their peers.

"Our staff is confident that Spartan Time will help all students improve academically," wrote Principal Paul A. Wardinski in an e-mail to the Connection. Spartan Time ties in with the school's goal for Student Academic Success.

This will be the second year that the Senior Capstone Project will be implemented, allowing seniors to plan and carry out their own community service project. This will be the third year for the Teacher Leadership Development Grant, which allows for over 25 projects throughout the school lead by teacher teams and academic curriculum teams. Additionally, a new PTSA Organization called SOAR (Spartans Organized for Action on Renovation) has formed.

This year, West Springfield will welcome

a new assistant principal, Jennifer Knox; a new director of student activities, Andy Muir; a new administrative assistant to the principal, Suzanne Taber; two new student government sponsors, Betsy Fawsett and JT Alukonis; several new coaches; 15 teachers; and five other staff members. Enrollment this year is slightly over what was expected and is currently at 2,255 students.

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Principal: Constance Goodman  
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**Back-to-School Night:** Kindergarten (a.m.), Grades 1-3, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.; Kindergarten (p.m.), Grades 4-6, Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

White Oaks Elementary has added a full-day kindergarten program this year in order to develop and expand the kindergarten experience. The school will be continuing to focus on assessment for learning and use it to evaluate instructional programs and add to the school improvement plan. Additionally, it will be used to examine individual needs and promote learning. Principal Constance Goodman wrote via e-mail, "We want all of our learners to be reflective, critical thinkers in charge of their own learning."

White Oaks will also continue with its positive behavior program and will be adding a proactive bullying prevention program to encourage respectful behavior. The school will also be expanding the White Oaks Recycling Program.

A new modular wing has been opened at White Oaks, allowing for 10 additional classrooms, several offices and a teacher's workroom. This solves the problem of overcrowding and will allow the school to get rid of its temporary trailers.

## Woodson High School

9525 Main St.  
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Principal: Jeff Yost  
Jeff.Yost@fcps.edu  
Web site: www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/  
**Back-to-School Night:** Grades 9-12, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m.

W.T. Woodson High School will be continuing its strong Advanced Placement Program, along with its programs for deaf or hard of hearing students and students will learning and emotional disabilities. The school will be equipped with new classrooms and facilities once the whole-school renovations are fully completed.

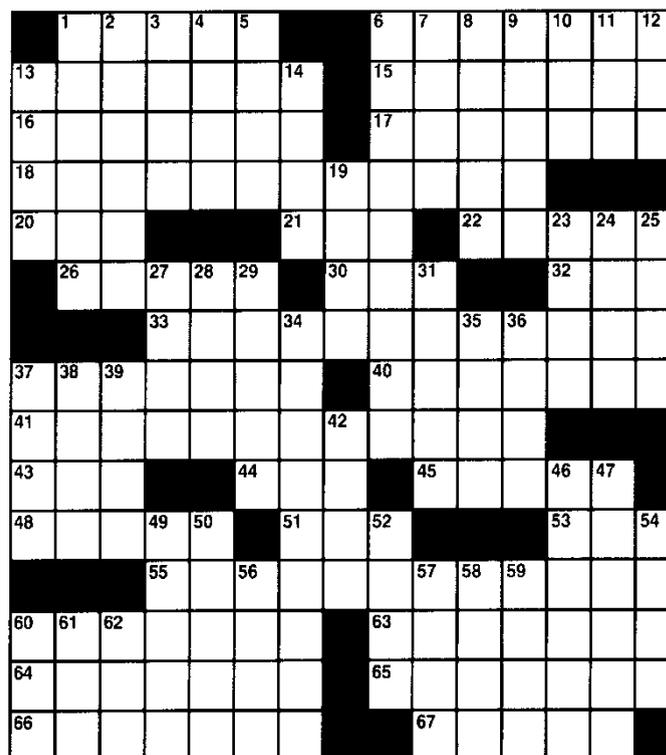
This year's goals aim to take more of a team approach to assisting students. "The concept of Woodson as a family not just a place to learn," wrote Principal Jeff Yost in an e-mail to the Connection. "Outreach to the community, both to the pyramid feeder schools and elderly in our community."

Enrollment is expected at 2,090 students and 15 new members have joined the staff.

# NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

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- 53 Like a Burnsian mouse

- 55 Poor Yorick was a fellow of this, said Hamlet
- 60 "The Thorn Birds" novelist McCullough
- 63 Flippant response to a rebuke
- 64 Not dead
- 65 Ballade's trio
- 66 New shoots
- 67 1967 Chemistry Nobel

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- 25 Tan and others
- 27 Vaulted room
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- 61 Day \_\_\_\_\_
- 62 Smashed

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- 5 As is fitting
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- 7 Enthralled
- 8 Kind of warrior
- 9 Then: Fr.
- 10 Year in Basil II's rule
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- 12 Neighbor of Turk.
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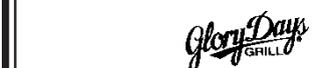
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**Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.**

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 107-4-11-12-C

Commonly known as 9556 Hagel Circle, Lorton, Virginia 22079.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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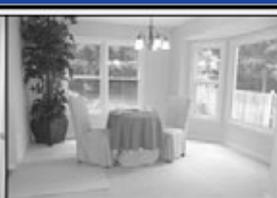
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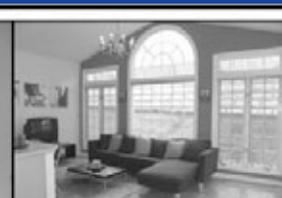
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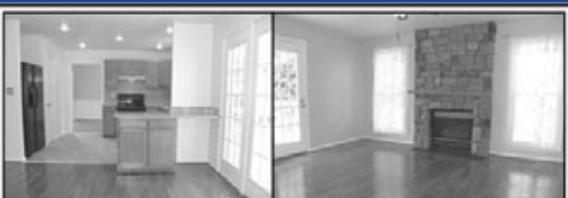
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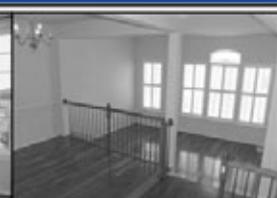
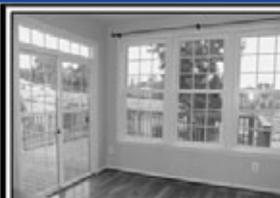
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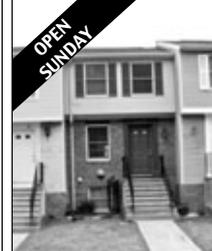
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