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**Team Pink To Walk 60 Miles**

Local women raise funds to fight breast cancer.

By Bonnie Hobbs

Team Pink is pumped and ready to go. Nine women from Fairfax and Clifton will participate in the three-day, 60-mile walk for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The event starts and ends in Washington, D.C., Friday, Oct. 9, to Sunday, Oct. 11.

“A few members wanted to do a breast-cancer walk last year, but then learned each person had to raise $2,300,” said Kay Walters of Clifton Farms. “So we held bake sales and other fund raisers, and everybody’s neighborhoods kept coming forward to help and participate.”

The women are ages 30-50 and have children attending Willow Springs Elementary; one member is a teacher there. To prepare for the walk, they’ve been walking regularly in a variety of places. They’ve walked around Burke Lake, to and from Liberty Middle School for their daughters’ cheerleading practice, along parkways and

Walters isn’t walking, but is boosting the team’s morale. She had a dessert, send-off party for the members, Sunday evening. During the walk, Walters said she is “putting together cheering stations for them and their kids and families, along the way. They wanted to do this to raise awareness and so, hopefully, their kids won’t have to face this. They’ll wear pink T-shirts, and written on the back of each one is, ‘We walk because we can’t walk away.’”

“Jenn Keogh, of the Colchester Road area of Fairfax, heard about the walk for years and wanted to do it, but couldn’t until now. "I had three kids in a row, 21 months apart," she said. "So whenever the walk fell, I was either pregnant or had a newborn. Now my youngest is 4 and, this time, I could actually do the training.”

**Where Art and Music Meet**

Lorton Workhouse Arts Center hosts first Art, Wine and All That Jazz Festival.

By Justin Fanizzi

Shortly after celebrating its one-year anniversary and stating its goal to become a premier arts destination in Northern Virginia, the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center set out to make good on that promise. The Workhouse hosted its first Art, Wine and All That Jazz Festival Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4, welcoming jazz luminaries and several wineries from Virginia and North Carolina to provide a one-stop cultural experience for the Washington, D.C. area. “We wanted to create something to combine the different elements of a place like this,” said Rick Hausler of the Lorton Arts Foundation’s Board of Directors. “What’s happening here is the leading edge of a push into the performing arts over the next 12 months [at the Workhouse] to make it a performing arts destination.”

The festival ran Saturday, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, from 12-8 p.m., with nine live jazz performances in total. The highlight performers were former “Eight is Enough” star and Grammy nominee Betty Buckley; Deanna Bogart, winner of more than 20 Washington Area Music Awards; and 19-year-old Hailey Niswanger, a featured artist at this year’s Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival at the Kennedy Center.

“I think that this is going to be a great venue,” Niswanger said. “It will continue to grow and expand and I hope that it does.”

Festivals like these are things that people really enjoy.” In addition to the music, visitors could taste wine at booths operated by six wineries. The ticket fee included a free souvenir wineglass to use for the wine tasting, and attendees could also purchase glasses and bottles of wine from the wineries present.

To round out the festival’s attractions, the Workhouse kept their buildings open so that visitors could go inside and look at the art on display created by Workhouse resident artists.

“We have always been intrigued with what they do here with the historic buildings, so we thought that [being part of the festival] was something we would like to try,” said Dick Zweber of the Philip Carter Winery of Virginia. “This venue has great potential, and we wanted to be a part of something great.”

Other wineries on hand mentioned that the event was a “great way to get the word out” and also to help those who went to the festival continue to enjoy the area.

To 5 Years

He sexually assaulted female student.

By Bonnie Hobbs

For three hours Friday, Oct. 2, the 11-year-old girl sat between her mother and father in the first row of courtroom 4E in Fairfax County Circuit Court, waiting for her former tutor to be sentenced for sexually assaulting her. It wasn’t easy for her and it wasn’t pleasant but, when his case was finally called, her patience was rewarded. When Rodney Bower left the courtroom, it was in handcuffs, on his way to serve five years in prison.

First, though, the victim, a student at Gunston Elementary, where Bower had taught, took the witness stand and told the court how his actions had affected her. “Every day, I wonder if my life will ever be the same, because I was hurt so badly,” she said. “I wonder if I will be OK.”

The incident occurred sometime between Feb. 1-14, and police were called March 20 to begin investigating. The girl told them Bower, 54, of the 2400 block of Temple Court in Alexandria, touched her inappropriately in her home, while tutoring her.

Bower taught in Fairfax County Public Schools since 2000 and had been at Gunston since 2005. He taught fifth grade and accelerated math but, after his March 23 arrest, he was placed on unpaid leave.

Charged with aggravated sexual battery, he pleaded guilty July 16 in Circuit Court, returning Oct. 2 for sentencing. The only one to testify that day, the victim told Judge Gaylord Finch she’d been receiving weekly therapy for five months and it would continue. When Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Greg Holt asked her if she wanted Bower to go to jail as punishment for what he did to her, she said she did.

“He was your teacher and you were very close to him?” asked Hicks. “Yes,” she replied. “You’d been alone with him a number of times when he never touched you?” asked Hicks. Again, she answered yes.

“It didn’t ruin your life? You had a good summer?” asked Hicks. “Yes,” she replied. But Holt didn’t let Hicks’ assumptions go.

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Local Businesses, Not VDOT, Cut Public Road Grass

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors commended the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses for taking it upon themselves to cut grass in and around Virginia’s state roads.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is responsible for mowing and pruning in the commonwealth’s right of way along the greenery around most county roads and in medians, but recent revenue shortfalls have caused the agency to cut back on mowing.

Virginia’s transportation funding is largely dependent on a statewide gas tax and the fees associated with vehicle sales, both of which have declined sharply in the recent economic downturn.

Though Fairfax County supervisors have continuously complained about the lack of mowing and upkeep along local state thoroughfares, Virginia transportation secretary Pierce Homer indicated that the grass cutting budget could be slashed even more during a presentation to the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance last month.

“If the grass is being maintained properly (in the median or alongside a road), it is probably because of a business or company,” said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) added that some homeowners have taken it upon themselves to mow grass in the right-of-way along Rolling Road and Huntsman Boulevard in his district.

In addition to the Greater Springfield Chamber, McKay, Herrity, Supervisor John Cook (R-Radford) and Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) request Fairfax honor the fol

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Hugo, Conrad Face-Off in 40th

Fixing transportation tops incumbent’s to-do list.

What is the most significant issue facing Northern Virginia?

Transportation. Traffic congestion on our Northern Virginia major roads has gotten progressively worse on my opponent’s watch, costing the average commuter 62 wasted hours and $1,207 per year. We need dedicated funding for Northern Virginia’s roads and mass transit. I propose extending Metro/light rail/dedicated express bus lanes to Centreville from Vienna Metro and expanding lane capacity on major roads such as Route 29. This will reduce congestion, improve local property values and protect the environment.

How would you address this issue?

❖ Develop alternative mass transportation such as dedicated express bus lanes and high-speed rail trains;
❖ Offer tax credits to businesses that develop wide- spread employee telecommuting operations and alternative work schedules, which will reduce rush hour traffic;
❖ Encourage smart growth land use planning to concentrate future urban and suburban development near mass transit hubs;
❖ Work with federal leaders to relocate some federal agencies to Northern Virginia; and
❖ Develop a creative dedicated transportation funding plan.

What qualifies you for the office? What qualities do you bring?

Having served in the military, running a small business and working in the U.S. Congress has given me a well-rounded background. Over the past six years, I’ve worked in a bipartisan manner to accomplish common-sense solutions for problems facing Fairfax County.

What differentiates you from your opponent?

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Lorton Women Sentenced: They Both Cheated the IRS

The Internal Revenue Service takes a dim view of employers who don’t fork over the taxes they withhold from their employees’ paychecks — and two Lorton women learned that the hard way. One is now headed for prison and the other is being confined at home.

Celina V. Lord, 49, was convicted by a federal jury of failing to pay more than $330,000 in taxes withheld from employees’ paychecks. And on Tuesday, Sept. 29, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Judge James C. Cacheris sentenced her to 21 months in prison, followed by three years supervised release.

According to court documents and evidence at trial, Lord was the chief financial officer for ASSC Inc., a company that provided a variety of services such as janitorial supplies, waste management and laundry services.

From June 2002 through June 2004, Lord and the company president, Linda R. Smith, 46, failed to pay the Social Security, Medicare and federal income taxes due that had been withheld from the wages of ASSC employees. Lord took on the title of president and managed the day-to-day operations at ASSC for much of that period while Smith was unable to work because of personal and family health problems.

In court, Smith pleaded guilty to one count of failing to account for, collect and pay over employment taxes. However, she cooperated in the government’s investigation, and on Sept. 11, she was sentenced to 12 months home confinement and three years supervised release. Both defendants were also ordered to pay restitution of $776,849.47.

This case was investigated by the IRS Criminal Investigation department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles Connolly, and trial attorney Caryn Mark from the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, prosecuted it in court.

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It’s Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection is key to success.

Last week, the American Cancer Society reported that women diagnosed with breast cancer are seeing increases in survival rates because of early detection, with mortality rates continuing to drop, a trend that began in 1990.

In 2009, I was one of more than 190,000 U.S. women diagnosed with breast cancer.

In June, still in the midst of a regimen of chemotherapy, I walked in the Komen Global Race for the Cure on the National Mall. It wasn’t the first time I had participated in the event, but it was my first time as a breast cancer survivor.

Now finished with my treatment, this is my first October — Breast Cancer Awareness Month — as a member of the club of more than 2.5 million women in the country with a history of breast cancer. And like the majority of women whose breast cancer is detected early, my prognosis is excellent.

Many, many readers and community members reached out to me warmly over the course of the year, and the support from coworkers, community members, breast cancer survivors, family and friends has been amazing and contributed mightily to my health and energy throughout my treatment.

Shameful Disavowal

To the Editor:

I find Bob McDonnell’s (R) attempt to disavow his graduate thesis, written about 20 years ago when he touted it as showing his public stance on the issues, as a breach of ethical and professional standards, and does not necessarily reflect my considered opinion. And besides, I’m just a 34-year-old kid.”

What convinced me that he hasn’t changed his mind was Mr. McDonnell’s trading on his daughter’s military service while claiming that Mr. Deeds (D) had, somehow, insulted him. In the recent gubernatorial candidates’ debate, Mr. Deeds suggested that Mr. McDonnell still believed what he’d said in the thesis. Instead of renouncing his thesis, Mr. McDonnell pretended Mr. Deeds had attacked his relationship with his daughter.

I don’t think Mr. McDonnell’s feigned insult is the same as his denial of long-held and recently ratified ultra-conservative views on the role of women in society. In fact, I believe Mr. McDonnell affirmed those views by using his daughter’s military career as if he owned it.

Linda Jordan
Fairfax Station

Get Involved

Here are a few of many local events in October to support breast cancer awareness.

Walk for Hope, Sunday, Oct. 11, event day registration, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., run/walk begins at 10 a.m.; Sunday, 4k run, 4k walk or 1k walk, Cabin John Regional Park, 7400 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. http://walkforhope.org

Breast Education Day, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, no registration required.

Join the 2009 Komen DC 3-Day for the Cure, which takes place this weekend, but you can still donate, or sign up for the 2010 event at www.theday.org. Thousands will walk 60 miles over three days to raise awareness and money.


The annual Walk to Fight Breast Cancer organized by the City of Alexandria’s Office on Women and Inova Alexandria Hospital

But despite the advances in early detection, treatment and mortality rates, more than 40,000 women will die of breast cancer this year in the U.S.

As you think about breast cancer survivors and feel empathy for those in the midst of treatment, I urge the women reading this to be sure that they are taking care of themselves, for everyone reading this to be sure the women in their lives are as well.

Early detection is the key. Breast cancer is detected early by self-exams, by doctor exams and mammograms. Be sure you show up for all of the above on your own behalf.

— MARY KIMM
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The Entire Story

To the Editor:

I am one of the mother’s interviewed in the much appreciated article “Families Fight for Insurance” [Connection, Oct. 1-7, 2009].

The Autism Summit was a great step in the right direction, but the public needs to continue to hear the “entire story.” I would like to respond to some of the points made in the article.

Autism is first, a medically diagnosed disease which requires both medical and educational intervention. One does not exclude the other. Some insurance companies are not only denying behavioral therapies specifically pre-scribed by M.D.s as “medically necessary,” but also medical treatments such as labs and evaluations.

It’s a shame Mr. Gray did not attend our summit yesterday evening. If he had, he would have learned that counter to his belief, “therapies provided by certified instructors are outside the insurance umbrella,” many states have existing mandates and many insurance companies do provide extensive medical and educational therapies including ABA. Claiming autism is only educational, puts my son’s doctors in a frenzy of disbelief. It also forces parents to fight for specialized therapies for which school employees have no training, but do their best. After my family’s final appeal for more than $15,000 of rejected therapies, our insurance company said we should sue our school district. It is no surprise that our special education teachers are often at their wit’s end.

The article stated, “as not all

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therapies and treatments are effective with all people on the autism spectrum." Personally, I've never seen any medical intervention claim a "guarantee" or equal rates of effectiveness for any disorder. We have the same fair expectation for our children. I think of my mother at 81, with Parkinson's disease, who after a hip accident received unlimited speech, occupational and physical therapies. No one challenged her ability to recover skills depending on age or severity of illness. Yet we reject the notion for our children with the greatest window for growth and even recovery.

The article states, "In autistic children, the therapy is to create new abilities, like speaking or playing with other children." To clarify, large percentages, if not the majority of children diagnosed with autism, have documented normal developmental histories until an unexplained neurological, if you will, "car crash" caused their child to severely regress, losing critical life skills. This can lead to other behavioral issues such as aggressive behaviors, which with intervention could have been averted. Insurance companies are playing the game of semantics to exclude therapies such as, "habilitative or rehabilitative."

Without intervention, autism gets worse. Parents of autistic children don't delude themselves that therapies will guarantee a "cure," we simply want to fulfill our role as responsible parents, to give our children proven interventions, and ultimately give to society a more productive, tax-paying adult.

When my son was diagnosed with leukemia, we received a road map detailing his treatment protocol. We were reassured all his therapies would be covered and had a medical and educational team support us. With autism, parents are left to navigate mostly on their own. Autism untreated, is life threatening.

The Virginia Joint Legislative Audit and ReviewCommission gave it's conclusion loud and clear: mandating insurance to provide proven therapies for autistic children is not only ethically and morally correct, but fiscally prudent. The saddest irony is that the insurance industry will ultimately pay the highest price, as without intervention, these children become adults with severe medical issues due to stress and physical injuries. Legislators, now it's your turn to ask insurance representatives, "I've heard what you can't do, now tell me what you can do."

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Politics

Susan Shedd Conrad (D)

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My opponent regularly votes with the rural Virginia GOP leadership against the transportation needs of his constituents. If I don't fix those transportation funding problems during my first term, don't re-elect me. In addition, I will work to increase public education funding for Northern Virginia and expand absentee voter opportunities for all Virginians.

If you could say one thing to voters, what would it be?

Give me a chance to make a difference. For seven years, we have relied upon my opponent to fix our Northern Virginia transportation woes, but they have only worsened. The 40th District deserves better. Throughout my career, I have been thrown into challenging situations requiring bold action, collaboration and creative problem-solving. I have the vision, knowledge and fortitude to make the tough decisions necessary to resolve the key issues facing Virginia.

Who are your political heroes/influences?

Elizabeth Cady Stanton is a woman I hold in great esteem. Because of her dedication and perseverance, women in the United States won the right to vote and serve as elected officials. I can identify with her as she was a mother, wife, author and activist holding firm to her beliefs saying, “Truth is the only safe ground to stand upon.”

Del. Timothy D. Hugo (R-40)

From Page 4

thing we need is another far left liberal whose only idea is to raise taxes. While my opponent has not proposed much in terms of new initiatives, she has been quick to say that Fairfax families that drive SUVs and mini-vans should pay higher taxes because they cause excessive road wear.

If you could say one thing to voters, what would it be?

I will hold the line on taxes and focus on local issues that benefit my Fairfax County constituents. Also, for Fairfax students, I will continue to fight to limit the high number of out-of-state students (sometimes 40 percent) who enroll at Virginia's elite schools. Currently, many of Fairfax's brightest students are forced to enroll outside of Virginia.

Who are your political heroes/influences?

Abraham Lincoln. Everyone talks about his great efforts during the Civil War. But, his personal determination and persistence prior to the war is an inspiration. Prior to his election as president, Lincoln faced repeated personal, business and political setbacks. Yet, each time he demonstrated a resilient character that allowed him to persevere despite adversity.
Community

Barn Dancers

Clifton residents grabbed their cowboy hats, denim and boots Saturday night, Oct. 3 and moseyed on down to the CBA barn for an old-fashioned barn dance. It was a fund raiser for the Clifton Betterment Association, and a dance caller showed them how to do basic square dancing.

From left, Linda and Blair Diseati and Rebecca and Win Gardner enjoy themselves at the dance.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 10
Children’s Consignment Sale sponsored by Spring-Mor Cooperative Preschool. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at Arcotuki Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Children’s clothing and furniture, baby toys, books and videos, maternity and nursing clothes and more. Due to space constraints, shoppers with strollers are not permitted. www.spring-mar.org or 703-239-1213.

TUESDAY/OCT. 13
Computer Tutoring. 10:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landwood Centre, Alexandria. The Lemon Tree: an Afternoon of Literature and Book Club. 10:30 a.m., at J. G. Nucks Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. "Observing” the laws of gravity, including those surrounding the Black Hole, on the signs of the dead and the return of the dead. 6:30 p.m., at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call Inova for details; 877-895-5284. Adults. No registration required.

TUESDAY/OCT. 13
Silver Screen Society: Piano trio performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center’s Grand Tier III. Tickets are $42, $34, $21. The Center for the Arts complex is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

TUESDAY/OCT. 13
Gaynor of The Roadducks. 7 p.m. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. $18 in advance, $20 at the door. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 15
Eesey Weesny Spiders. 10:30 a.m. Burke Community Center, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Spook and shrieks at story time. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 15
November 2009 Calendar for Schools. 6:30 p.m., at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Join us for stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-973-0020.


Another Woman with Bob Gaynor of The Roaducks. 7 p.m. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Age 21 and up. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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Robinson Rifle Team looks to repeat as smallbore National Champions in 2010.

By Reed S. Albers
The Connection

Robinson Secondary School senior and dual-sport athlete Nathan Davison could have used the “I’m too tired” excuse if he wanted to get out of his 6 a.m. practice with the rifle team. After playing a full game as an offensive lineman for the Rams’ varsity football team, who could blame Davison if all he wanted was a Saturday morning’s rest?

But while Davison’s teammates were sleeping in after their 28-21 victory against Lake Braddock Secondary School, Davison crawled out of bed at 5 a.m. to train in his other athletic commitment.

“It’s just a good clean, fun activity.”
— Head Coach Bob Hardy

As a member of the Robinson Rifle Team, Davison meets his teammates and coaches at the National Rifle Association Headquarters in Fairfax each Saturday morning to train for the upcoming season.

“It’s very hard to wake up and get out here for practice,” the offensive lineman said, yawning in between words. “I want to get better and better [at shooting], so I come out here regardless of how tired I am.” Despite the sleepy haze Davison appears to be in, he awakens and rejuvenates when placed behind the sights of his air rifle.

The senior is an expert marksman and while he’s a major part of the Robinson football team, college scouts are more enamored with his shooting ability.

“I’m being looked at by West Point for the rifle team,” Davison said. “I want to get better and show improvement each time they talk to me. That’s why I can get out here [when I’m tired].”

Davison isn’t alone in battling yawns and the desire to sleep for the chance to practice and earn a scholarship through rifle shooting. He’s just one of 15 marksmen and women on the team.

The rifle team, which has been existence since the school opened in 1971, is one of Robinson’s most successful sporting clubs. The team won the 2009 National Rifle Association Junior Sectional Indoor National Championship last season and many of its members are scholar athletes.

“It’s just a good clean, fun activity,” said Head Coach Bob Hardy. “We’ve been successful in competitions and our kids are strong academically.”

The rifle team currently has a 206-23 record in smallbore (.22 cal) rifle and a 16-3 record in air rifle competitions.

Rifle Team member Katie Gibson talks with Head Coach Bob Hardy about trying to group her shots closer together. Hardy has been the Rifle Team’s coach for 26 years.

Nathan Davison, center, a member of the Robinson football team, adjusts his sighting. Davison played in the Rams’ football game on Oct. 2, but woke up in time for the Rifle Team’s 6 a.m. practice the next morning.

THE RIFLE TEAM is a winter sport that runs from December to March, but Hardy credits the team’s recent national championship title and other accomplishments to the members’ commitment to off-season practice.

“The kids come out here and work really hard,” the 26-year coaching veteran said. “I’m always impressed by how [passionate] the kids are about the sport.”

Passionate might describe the team’s enthusiasm for rifle shooting, but participating in the club is expensive.

“We have the blessing of the school,” Hardy said. “But we don’t have any funding from the county or Robinson.”

Hardy said that the team has two club-
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Edison Victorious in ‘Battle of the Birds’

Mother-daughter coaching rivalry takes main stage in ‘battle.’

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n some parents’ lives, a moment oc-
curs when they realize they can no-
counter defeat their children in the games they used to win for much of their children’s lives.

For Ginger White, 45, head coach of the Edison High School field hockey team, that moment was pushed back at least one more year as her team defeated Hayfield Secondary School’s field hockey team, coached by her 25-year-old daughter Lauren White, 1-

The Oct. 2 match was dubbed the “Battle of the Birds,” because of the schools’ mas-
cots the Edison Eagles (4-8) and the Hayfield Hawks (4-8).

The game was a meeting of, former but now reunited, National District rivals.

But the marquee matchup was the friendly mother-and-daughter rivalry.

Before the game, Lauren White led her mother 2-1 in previous meetings, but this was the first time that the two teams had played each other as district rivals.

“It’s a friendly rivalry because it’s my mom,” Lauren White said. “But I wanted to win.”

Lauren White said that neither side re-
sorted to gamesmanship, but her mother did play a small joke when she asked the an-
nouncer to remind her daughter of her alma

“I told the announcer to say that she was a 2005 Edison graduate,” Ginger White said. “It was my way of saying, ‘You’re still ours.’”

Ginger White said that she was unaware of her mother’s pre-game tactic, but said that her mother was on the wrong team as well.

“She graduated from Hayfield in 1982 and played on the field hockey team,” Lauren White said.

With the joining of the Whites over the years, the Eagles took the field in front of a crowd that Lauren White said her players described as “what you would normally see for football games.”

Although both teams are currently in re-

building years, the match was not a one-

“Battle of the Birds’ is definitely what it was,” Ginger White said. “It was a great game between two evenly matched teams. It’s also a big rivalry because Hayfield is [back in the National District] and it’s only going to get bigger.”

For the first half, the game was a defensive stalemate with both teams failing to solve their opponents’ goalie.

But what’s a good rivalry without a dra-

tic finish to motivate

next year’s team?

The Eagles pro-

vided that when se-

ior Britney Weber scored the game-win-

ning goal with two minutes left in the game.

“It was a great play,” Ginger White said. “(Weber) scored after a breakaway and it put us up 1-0.”

The drama didn’t end with Weber’s goal. After time expired, the Eagles committed a penalty in the shooting circle, giving the Hawks a chance to tie the game.

“We had a penalty corner when time ex-

pired so we had a chance,” Lauren White said. “It was a real nail biter for the fans.”

The Hawks’ first penalty corner chance failed to score, but the Eagles committed another penalty in the shooting circle, giv-

ing Hayfield another chance.

“I thought we would go to overtime [when they got the second corner],” Ginger White said.

“The game really turned out to be a battle.”

Unfortunately for Hayfield, its second chance was cleared out of the shooting circle, ending the game.

“Our biggest problem has been scoring,” Lauren White said. “It’s something we’ve been working on all season long.”

Despite the series between the Whites now tied at 2-2, Lauren White said she is anxious to experience the “Battle of the Birds” atmosphere again.

“I’ve never seen that many people at a field hockey game. It was a great experience.”

— Lauren White, Hayfield field hockey coach

Reilly’s Two Passing TDs Lead Woodson Over Westfield

The W.T. Woodson varsity football team improved to 6-1 after its 28-7 victory against Concorde District powerhouse Westfield High School.

Senior quarterback Connor Reilly led the team with 196 pass-

ing yards, 39 rushing yards and two passing touchdowns.

Woodson’s defense held the Bulldogs to seven points and was lead by sacks from James Johnson and Tim Herberg.

The Cavaliers’ next game is on Oct. 9 against West Potomac High School.

Rams Tennis To Host Tourney

The Robinson Tennis Team will be hosting a the Fall Tennis Classic on Saturday, Oct 17 at Robinson Secondary School.

The tournament will be in a shootout format over one day featuring consolation rounds and mini-sets.

Age divisions will be boys and girls 12 and under, boys and girls 14 and under and high school boys and girls.

The entry fee is $25 per person and checks should be made out to Robinson Boosters Club.

To enter or for more information, contact Robinson Tennis Coach Paul Fisher at paul@oal.com or 703-503-9317.

Woodson Athletic Boosters

The W.T. Woodson Athletic Boosters organization is looking to raise $1.5 million to enhance the school’s athletic programs and facilities.

The group’s goal is to provide more opportunities to student athletes, students in physical education programs and families living in the Woodson community. More information about do-

nating can be found at www.wtwoodsonsports.org.
Robinson Rifle Team

From Page 12

“Hardy said that club has managed to stay safe by keeping guns unloaded when not in use, strict enforcement of not bringing the firearms to school and proper use of the weaponry to avoid injury. Despite the team’s accomplishments, some misconceptions surround the club.

“People think we twist guns like a drill team,” junior Alanna Linton said. “I tell them that we actually shoot the guns. Then they think that [we’re] training to be sniper killers.”

Many team members joined out of curiosity about the sport. “It’s a varsity letter and it sounded like a fun activity,” senior Terri Gallagher said.

Junior Lauren Alman, a team captain, said she enjoys the team’s camaraderie. “I never thought I’d be in [Rifle Club], but I tried a bunch out of curiosity about the sport. “What makes rifle team so much fun is that it’s like a family. We just have fun with each other and we all get along.”

The family-bonding isn’t just between the students, it also extends to their coach. “I love these kids like they are my [patron members] when I was in the Army,” Hardy, a retired lieutenant colonel, said. “It’s always a pleasure to wake up and shoot with the team.”

“Hardy said rifles, but those interested in joining the club must be able to provide their own weaponry. According to Hardy, an air-rifle can cost from $800 to $1,500, and that’s if a student is lucky enough to find a used rifle.

The investment climbs higher when one adds in the costs of a shooting jacket and various scopes and sighting equipment. “It can be $1,500 to $2,500 for everything,” Hardy said. “Fortunately, the club doesn’t have to pay to practice at the NRA range.

“We practice here on a hand-shake,” Hardy said. “When we lost our old practice spot at Fort Belvoir, I came here and explained our situation. I told them I didn’t have any money, but [the NRA] took us in and allows us to use the range during off-hours.”

Combined with the rifle team’s recent success is the impeccable safety record the team has earned throughout its existence. “We’ve never had an injury [involving the guns] and we make sure to teach the kids safety first,” Hardy said. “Safety is our No. 1 concern. Before the team so much fun is keeping guns unloaded when not in use, strict enforcement of not bringing the rifles to school and proper use of the weaponry to avoid injury.

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portunities, as they allow the wineries to
promote their brands to the Northern Vir-
ginia market. In some cases, like that of the
Vineyards of the Scuppernong, based in Co-
port, the festival provided the oppor-
tunity to introduce a product altogether.

“This festival was our first real move into
this marketplace,” said winery owner
Richard Romano. “The only way to sell it is
to have people taste it, so this is a great
marketing tool.”

The success of this inaugural event
showed Workhouse officials that the festi-
val could become an annual tradition, Work-
house Director of Development Rich
Wolford said he would have it like it to be-
come more than just an annual celebration.

“I think we will have more events like this
and we want to be able to use this setting
to bring music and entertainment to the
people,” Wolford said. “We will probably
have more events like this than just one
annual event.”

Former Teacher in Jail

unanswered. “Children are resilient, but
no one knows how it’ll affect her [in the long run],” said the prosecutor. “It runs
deep; this event will always be inside [the victim]. Her inability to trust adults, espe-
cially men, will stay with her.”

Clearly, said Holt, Bower was a man in a
position of trust, a school teacher who vio-
lated that status by what he did to the girl.
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