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Fairfax High students Mikail Faalasli, left, Dylan Halpern and Anne Norland rehearse a scene from 'Lucky Stiff.'

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A Bit of Germany Comes to Fairfax

Educator Uwe Kind brings his one-of-a-kind language workshop to Fairfax High.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

If world-famous educator Uwe Kind knows one thing, it is that in order for children to learn, they have to have enthusiasm and motivation. Kind pushes his rule to the extreme with his participant-driven foreign-language education program, LingoTech, and the students of several local schools recently found out just what that entails.

Students from Fairfax High School, Lanier Middle School and Paul VI Catholic School's German programs gathered in the Fairfax High School Auditorium Thursday, Nov. 19 for a two-hour performance from Kind that incorporated music, dancing and singing, all in an effort to provide a fun way to learn the language.

"We've had him come here every year for

the past few years," said Rob Williams, a German teacher at Fairfax High School. "He teaches a lot of things that are not in the students' text books, and they love that."

Kind's program consists of a collection of original songs that Kind wrote that contain lyrics that teach the students colloquialisms that are used by children their same age in

Germany. Before Kind plays a song, he reads through all of the lyrics, which are displayed on an overhead projector, with the students, teaching them their meaning and how they are typically used in conversation. Then, he brings students up on stage, teaches them

dance moves to go along with the lyrics, and when the music starts playing, every student and teacher in the auditorium stands and sings and dances along with Kind and the other on stage.

"The gestures help you remember the words and phrases," said Jahnee Milhouse

"The singing and dancing makes it much easier to learn German."

— Rebecca Shapiro, Lanier Middle School, eighth grade

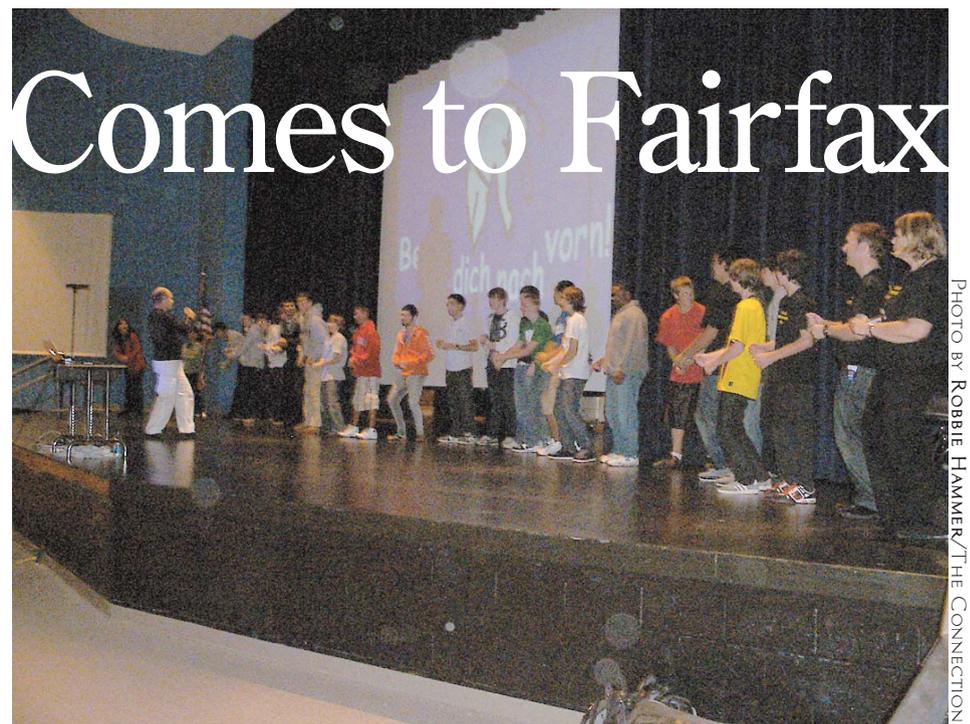


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Uwe Kind brings large groups of students on stage for each song.

of Lanier Middle School. "It's really fun to learn through music."

Kind developed his method over nearly 50 years on a journey that has taken him across the world and introduced him to many notable people. Kind escaped from former East Germany to the United States in 1960, settling in New York City as a German teacher at the New School. While at the school, he developed SingLing, a language learning technique based on popular songs, which he later refined as a graduate student at Harvard University and molded into the program he leads today.

Kind's approach to language education has landed him on Johnny Carson and David Letterman's late-night shows; in Rikers Island to teach inmates and even Big Bird of "Sesame Street."

"The singing and dancing makes it much easier to learn German than just sitting at my desk and reading a textbook," said Rebecca Shapiro, an eighth grader at Lanier Middle School. "It's just really fun and everyone has a great time."

According to Williams, the school has

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Taking No 'Prisoners'

Fairfax native has big break on AMC series 'The Prisoner.'

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Dar Dash has come a long way from Woodson High School. The actor, born and raised in Fairfax and a 1998 graduate of Woodson, recently made his television debut on "The Prisoner," an AMC remake of the 1960s spy series.

Almost all of his family, including parents Mercedes and Dar Dash Sr. and brothers Niki, Ramine, Teja and Marcus, still live in the area, and one of Dar Dash Jr.'s first brushes with fame was a photo in the Connection in the early 1990s, when he was named Carrier of the Month for the Fairfax Connection.

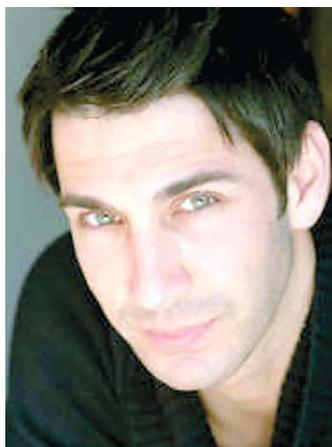
When did you first get interested in acting?

Dar Dash: I think I got my start as Frosty the Snowman [in a school play.] I pretty much skipped over theater in high school because Woodson did mostly musicals and that's not really something I did. When I was about 20, I decided I wanted to go and do an intense Shakespeare course at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, where we studied eight hours a day, every day, for six weeks. After I finished, I stayed in contact with one of my profes-

sors for about a year, who encouraged me to do this full time. He suggested I audition early for some of the conservatories in the U.K., but being an American in London, I was at a bit of a disadvantage. There aren't many parts for Americans in London. Anyway, I auditioned late and only auditioned for two conservatories, but I managed to get into the Arts Education School of London, the same school Julie Andrews and Catherine Zeta Jones attended.

When did you get your start?

I worked for my first two years to refine my skills, doing a lot of in-house productions that no one but the professors saw. By the third year, I was lucky enough to do leads for a few of the American plays. It was fantastic. One of my first major roles was in "The Glass Cage," this forgotten play at the Theatre Royale written by J.B. Priestley that hadn't been per-



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Dar Dash

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Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason), right, presents the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) at a ceremony at Friday, Nov. 20 ceremony at the Waterford in Fair Oaks.

Ormsby Award for Connolly

In a Nov. 20 ceremony, the Fairfax County Park Authority presented the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). The award was presented in recognition of Connolly's record of championing parks, preserving open space, increasing recreational opportunities, and protecting the environment in Fairfax County.

Connolly was a 14-year member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, first as its Providence District supervisor and then as its chairman.



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Oakton resident **Patty Reed** became the newest member of the Fairfax County School Board Nov. 16. Reed represents Providence District.

Reed Sworn In as Providence School Board Member

Oakton resident Patty Reed officially became the newest member of the Fairfax County School Board after taking the oath of office Nov. 16.

Reed represents the Providence District, which includes Vienna, Oakton, Dunn Loring, Merrifield, Fairfax and parts of the county section of Falls Church. She replaces former School Board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, who stepped down last summer after accepting a political appointment from President Barack Obama.

Reed, who has lived in Oakton for 25 years, has one child currently enrolled at Oakton High School and another who recently graduated.

As a candidate, Reed ran with the backing of the Fairfax County Republican Committee and won just under 50 percent of the vote in three-way special election on Nov. 3. During her first School Board meeting, Reed advocated for maintaining a modified calendar at two schools, Graham Road Elementary School and Timber Lane Elementary School, in the Providence District.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Police Arrest Clifton Man

City of Fairfax Police have charged Andreas Ioannou, 48, of the 11900 block of Henderson Court in Clifton, with aggravated sexual battery and abduction. On Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m., a 30-year-old woman told police she was at Aegis Service Corp. in Fairfax when she was assaulted.

According to police, she stated that she'd been held against her will in the firm's office at 3912 University Drive and had been sexually assaulted by an employee of the business. Following the alleged assault, the woman was able to leave the building and subsequently contacted police. She did not require medical treatment.

Following an investigation by Detective Sgt. Steve Bouton of the Criminal Investigations Division, Ioannou was arrested on Friday, Nov. 20. He was held without bond in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Slew of Charges Levied

Things went quickly from bad to worse for a Falls Church man recently and, when the dust cleared, City of Fairfax Police had him in custody, facing a slew of charges. He is Steven Rock, 56, of the 2800 block of Summerfield Road in Falls Church.

Police say that, on Nov. 17 at 10:38 p.m., an officer saw a vehicle run a red light while leaving the Pickett Road Shop

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Rehearsing for the musical 'Lucky Stiff' are, from left, Mikail Faalasli, Anne Norland, Allie Cropp and Josh Rickwald.

'Lucky' Solution to Murder

Fairfax High presents musical 'Lucky Stiff.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

In the musical "Lucky Stiff," Harry Witherspoon is to inherit \$6 million from his dead uncle Tony — with one catch. He must first take his uncle on a trip to Monte Carlo, or the money goes to the Universal Dog Home of Brooklyn.

The story will unfold on the Fairfax High stage, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, at 7:30 p.m. each night, and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance at www.fxplayers.org or \$12 at the door.

It takes place in present-day England, New Jersey and Monte Carlo and features a cast and crew of about 35, plus music by a live combo.

Director Paul Rubenstein said things are going great. "The kids are really into it and are doing a fantastic job. I couldn't be prouder of them," he said. "This play has a little bit of something for everybody. It spoofs the murder-mystery genre and has the same kind of feel as 'A Little Shop of Horrors' and 'Weekend at Bernie's' — the musical. It's very campy."

Portraying Witherspoon is senior Mikail Faalasli. A shoe salesman in his late 20s, he lives in a flat in England. Business is slow and his life's dull and unexciting. "His landladies are creepy and nosy, and the dogs that live there are always biting him, so he hates his life," said Faalasli. "He thinks the shoes he sells have more fun than he does because they go out into the world."

Witherspoon is timid and shy because he's never really gone anywhere, but he agrees to the terms of the will and eventually has fun. Besides leading to the money, he sees the trip as a chance to do something with his life.

"It's my first lead, but Witherspoon's fun to play," said Faalasli. "He's such an uptight character placed in an outlandish situation, and he has to deal with all the chaos." Faalasli said the audience will like the show's fast pace and quick-witted humor that'll keep attendees on their toes. His favorite number is "Good to be Alive," in which he pretends his uncle is alive, in front of other people.

Sophomore Anne Norland plays Annabelle Glick of a shelter called the Universal Dog Home. "She's very determined," said Norland. "The shelter sent her to follow Witherspoon around Monte Carlo. If he makes a mistake of any kind, the money goes to the shelter. For example, if he puts the wrong color flower in his uncle's buttonhole or arrives somewhere too early. His uncle gave him very specific instructions."

Norland said Glick is stiff and doesn't have fun, but her soft side shows in her love of dogs. She's enjoying the role and the songs she sings. "They're varied — fast, slow and jazzy," said Norland. "I especially like 'Speaking French' that has dancing and brings in the Monte Carlo/French theme. And you see Glick's transformation from a stern person to someone who falls in love and changes. But even then, she's comedic, and so is her love scene."

Norland said the plot twists will surprise audience members, and they'll like the songs and the different characters. "What's also cool is that not everyone knows this show, so I can do what I want with my character," she said.

Playing Vinnie is senior Josh Rickwald. His sister Rita is trying to find Witherspoon to get the money from him because she was his uncle Tony's lover. Vinnie is "always nervous because of the situations I'm in," said Rickwald. "I hate having an exciting life and want things calm, but my sister's always pestering me."

He's having fun because Vinnie's personality is actually multifaceted and he eventually has a meltdown.

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Third grade teacher Jamie Gadley and some of her students from Eagle View visit the Washington Monument.

Field Trips for Saturday

Eagle View third grade teacher Jamie Gadley hosts a monthly Family Field Trip occurring on Saturdays so that all family members have the opportunity to attend. The majority of the trips are aligned with the curriculum, including Washington Monument (Famous Americans, American Symbols), Lincoln Memorial (Famous Americans, American Symbols), the U.S. Geological Society (Rocks, Minerals, Soils), and the Natural History Museum (Ancient Civilizations, Insects, Mammals). Trips extend learning beyond the classroom and build background knowledge so that students better understand the curriculum. Other trips will be to Frying Pan Farm Park, Eleanor C. Lawrence Park, and the National Air and Space Museum.

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Local Actor Dar Dash Featured in Cable Mini-Series

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formed in 50 years. I found an agent right out of drama school, and he helped me tremendously. The play ("The Glass Cage") got a lot of publicity. I think I had my photo in the Daily Telegraph and The Guardian, which was great. This would've been late 2007, and after that, a few projects seemed to be in the pipeline. I did some work in the West End [London's version of Broadway], mostly plays by American playwrights including one by Mark Henry Levine. But I think, during that time, there were lots of missed and lost opportunities. I had a small part in a Channel 4 show with some locally well-known actors, stand-up comedian types, and I had a part in some commercials, including one for a cider (beer) company.

How did "The Prisoner" come about?

In early 2008, my agent called me about some auditions, including one for this TV program. The first audition was for "The Prisoner" and the next day was with the casting director who does all the 007 movies for a role opposite Al Pacino. There was so much potential for things to go right.

I knew "The Prisoner" was going to be difficult. The casting director did the first read of the script in her home, so I spent

the long weekend before getting prepared for it. I wanted to go in really polished. She warned me, when I went in that, unlike most productions where the director has the final say, the casting decisions would be up to the AMC people in New York, which meant it would take a long time to find out if I got the role.

After the first audition, I got a call from my agent while I was on my way to another audition. This time, I was going to read for the director, Nick Hurran [who directed "Little Black Book" with Holly Hunter and Brittany Murphy]. My tapes were sent off to New York and when I found out I got a callback, I expected to be the only one there. Yeah, that wasn't the case. There was a room full of people, including people you've seen on TV. And the director wasn't there, but it was the same casting director. A few days later, I was told I was her top choice, and the AMC people agreed.

What was shooting like?

We filmed mainly last year (2008), in Cape Town, which has become a very popular place to film, like Vancouver. They turned it into New York City and we filmed in this woman's house. It was mad. The house was decorated from top to bottom, the woman was an interior designer, but I think we only used one room. The house was beautiful, in a brothel-esque way. Will

Kemp played my brother and Isabella Calthorpe played my wife, and we were characters in this soap opera that the main character's family loved. They watched it all the time. They were obsessed with this show and eating wraps. We shot only for about two days, because once the lighting was set up, we were all set.

Tell me a little about your character.

We were all dressed up in '80s gear. The soap opera we were on was set up with a "Dynasty" kind of feel, it was very melodramatic. Isabella, who played my wife, is pregnant with my brother's baby, and when she tells me, she tells me she doesn't love me, she's in love with him. I tell her I know, I knew for years. And then she tells my brother the same thing, and he tells her he's known all along too.

In the middle of this, he says, but what about my wife, isn't that your best friend? Of course, I'm in love with my brother's wife at the same time, so it's very much like the Joan Collins and Linda Evans characters on "Dynasty." It's as melodramatic as it can be, it was great.

What's up next for you?

Well, ITV, which will air "The Prisoner" in the U.K., were originally going to broadcast it in January, but since it was so successful in the U.S., they're pushing it back

a few months to do the same kind of media campaign here. As for my next project, I'm kind of tempted to strike while the iron's hot, but I might decide to wait and go to L.A. for [television] pilot season. I've been offered a role in the touring production of "When Harry Met Sally," but I haven't decided yet.

How does your family feel about all this? Do you come home often?

My parents have come to see me a few times in London, but there are times when they've become a little disillusioned, as have I, but you carry on. I try to do as much as I can, but this career is one in which you don't have much control. I think I'm one of the lucky ones.

I try to come home at least once every year or so, and I'd love to come back and perform at home. The real inspiration for going to London was going to see "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Shakespeare Theater, I think it was 2001 or 2002. I remember thinking this is fantastic, I would love to be able to do what they're doing. My mom used to take me to see stuff at the Folger Shakespeare Theater. I'd love to perform on my old turf.

I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without my family, their support and love and care. A lot of this, I do with them in mind, to give back a little.

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Uwe Kind at Fairfax

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hosted Kind each year since 2004, and due to the overwhelmingly positive reviews from students, they will make an effort to have him return for years to come. Each year, he said, the students who have taken part in Kind's seminar previously look forward to it for months. The students seeing Kind for the first time walk away with a deeper enthusiasm for learning the language.

"I love it," said Sami West, an eighth grader at Lanier. "I think that he's hilarious, and he makes it really easy to learn with the music and the movements. It was really fun, and I'd love to see him again."

SCHOOL NOTES

Rachel Vega, daughter of Bonnae Powers of Fairfax and Juan Vega of Vienna. Rachel, a rising junior at the Randolph-Macon Academy was named to the president's list for the fourth quarter of the 2008-09 school year. A grade point average above 4.0 is required to be named to the president's list. Vega also received the following end-of-year awards: the Certificate for Excellence for Spanish Honors III and the Bronze Standard for the National Spanish Exam, Level 3.

Emily K. Schutz of Fairfax High School has been named as a Semifinalist in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Esther J. Froberg of Fairfax has been named as a Semifinalist in the

2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Jessica D. Kidwell of Paul VI High School has been named as a Semifinalist in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Jeremy Burgomaster of Fairfax received a bachelor of arts degree in theatre arts from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences during Virginia Tech's fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 19, 2008, in Cassell Coliseum.

Hope Hudock of Fairfax received a bachelor of arts degree in communication from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences during Virginia Tech's fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 19, 2008.



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EDITORIAL

The numbers are almost certainly higher now, as 2009 draws to a close.

The ongoing recession and loss of jobs are driving an ongoing surge of families turning to food banks here in Northern Virginia. There are more unemployed people in Northern Virginia than in any other part of the state, according to the Virginia Employment Commission. While the employment rate is lower here as a percentage of the population, this area still has by far the largest number of people unemployed.

In August, there were 69,770 unemployed people in Northern Virginia, with an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent. The rate was down from 5.1 percent in July, but up from 3.3 percent in August, 2008.

People have lost their jobs, are unable to find new ones. In some cases people who own homes are stuck, unable to sell their houses because the homes are worth less than they paid for them, and are facing foreclosure as well.

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their savings. They find themselves without being able to put food on the table, and they turn to local food banks, food pantries, churches and other charitable organizations for their most basic needs.

Food pantries around the area have launched additional food drives to try to meet the need.

Many local charities also offer winter coats and holiday gifts, and are also turning to the community to meet the rising needs.

With the holiday season underway, it's time to help.

— MARY KIMM

The Good and the Bad

Bad economic times open up opportunities for government and business.

BY SEN. CHAP PETERSEN
D-35

This past week, the Virginia State Senate gathered in Portsmouth, Va., to review the state's finances and begin planning for the next "bienium" (or two-year budget), which starts on July 1, 2010.

It's a tough time to be a state lawmaker. In Virginia, all the standard economic markers point the same direction as my hood ornament heading down Interstate 95.

However, I won't dwell on negative, which includes a contracting economy, increased Medicaid costs and a structural budget gap of \$4 billion through 2012, because we already know about that.

Instead, in honor of Thanksgiving, I'm

going to focus on the positive in Virginia.

First of all, our Virginia unemployment is 6.2 percent, which is well below the national average. We can thank our strong relationship with the U.S. military and federal government for that benefit.

Second, despite the failing economy, violent crime in Virginia has remained level. As a result, we have stopped building new state prisons and actually decreased spending on corrections by 5 percent over the past two years.

Third, the collapse in the real estate market has at least one positive spin-off in Northern Virginia. As a result of our relative declining wealth, the Commonwealth will increase its relative share for K-12 education in Fairfax County. Loudoun and Prince William counties will see similar pro rata increases.

Fourth, the cost of educating students is holding steady for the first time in many years. The cost of utilities for our public schools is even predicted to decrease, due to declining natural gas prices.

Finally, we continue to maintain a "AAA" bond rating in Virginia. This means we can save money by refinancing our current state debt at the lowest possible rates.

What's the point?

We will down-size our state government to fit the modern economic reality. However, in the new lower-cost environment, government and business have opportunities to rebuild, reinvent and come out on top.

If you have an idea or opinion on the state budget (or anything else), I'd like to know it. Feel free to contact my office at 703-349-3361 or chap@fairfaxsenator.com. Let us know how we can represent you better.

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THINGS TO DO

Lanier Student in Christmas Play

'Amahl and the Night Visitors,' Dec. 5-6.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A Fairfax student is playing the lead in a local production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors." She's Erin Sullivan, 13, an eighth-grader at Lanier Middle School.

The musical will be presented at Centreville Presbyterian Church, Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at www.centrevillepres.com. The church is at 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville. For more information or tickets, call 703-830.

Featuring a cast and crew of 72, the show is double cast and told from the viewpoint of a 10-year-old boy, Amahl. He's disabled and he and his mother live in a hut and have fallen on hard times.

He tells tall tales so, when he sees the Star of Bethlehem and tells her it has a tail as big as a kite and moves like a chariot on fire, she doesn't believe him. Later, he hears the three wise men singing on their way to see baby Jesus. Weary, they stop at the hut, and the

mother doesn't initially believe Amahl when he tells her three kings are there.

They spend the night, and shepherds bring food and entertain them. But after they've gone to sleep, the mother decides to steal the gold they're bringing to the baby. "What I could do for my child with that," she says, but a page stops her.

"Then the kings say she can keep the gold, and they sing an aria saying the child they seek doesn't need gold," said Director Denise Freeland. "But as they're leaving, she says, 'No, take the gold — for such a king, I've waited all my life.' Amahl offers his only possession, his crutch, as a present, and then a miracle happens."

Erin describes Amahl as someone who's "curious and likes to make things up to make his life more enjoyable. He's friendly to people and is a fun character to play. It's cool to be so curious and have a different view of things. Although he has so little, he thinks he has so much. And it's a really nice experience playing the lead."

Her favorite number is "Have You Seen the Child?" sung by the three kings and the mother. "I love the harmony in it and how passionate the mother is about her child," Erin said.

"It's a powerful story and a fabulous reminder of the meaning of the holiday season," said Freeland. "People will be touched, inspired and entertained."

"It's a powerful story and a fabulous reminder of the meaning of the holiday season."

— Director Denise Freeland



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Dressed in costume are, from left, Rachel Harrington, Erin Sullivan, Nancy MacArthur Smith and Molly Nuss.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 26

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FRIDAY/NOV. 27

Shane Hines and the Trance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

The Grandsons. Roots rock. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$16. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 28

Our Daily Bread Holiday Food Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit Fairfax United Methodist Church www.our-daily-bread.org.

A Chanticleer Christmas. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$24-\$48. Pre-Performance Discussion held 45 minutes prior to the performance. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Boys Will Be Boys, I Saw A Ghost, Used Up, What A Night! and Light Up The Sky. 5:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E.,

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Sick Damage Turkey Stomp with Viking, Young Enough, CJMilli and The Grenade. 10:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$5. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Lipizzaner Stallions 40th Anniversary Tour. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$24.50-\$32.50. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com.

Jazz Pianist John Eaton. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 29

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MONDAY/NOV. 30

Marie Digby and Alpha Rev. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/DEC. 1

AIDS Quilt at GMU on World AIDS Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Mason University, Johnson Center's Dewberry Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. More than 100 panels

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West Springfield High School Tiny Tots Concert. 10 a.m. Familiar nursery and show tunes for 4-5 year olds. Some of their favorite costumed characters will be there to add to the enjoyment. Tickets available at the door. ladesio@verizon.net.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 2

Brooke Waggoner, Adam Levy and Amber Rubarth. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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THURSDAY/DEC. 3

Luke Brindley, Peter Bradley Adams and Rosi Golan. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FX Players Present "Lucky Stiff." Fairfax High School Theatre Department presents the musical "Lucky Stiff" 7:30 p.m., in the school auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. www.fxplayers.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 4

Graham Colton. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java,

227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance/ \$15 day of show. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Opera Recital: "Amahl and the Night Visitors." 8 p.m., at the Harris Theater, George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Purchase tickets at tickets.com or at 888-945-2468.

Memphis 59 "Ragged But Right" CD Release. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Fairfax County Parks and Recreation Department Trip to "Voices of Christmas," at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, Pa. Depart at 9 a.m., return approximately 8 p.m. \$140 per person, includes show, lunch and time for shopping. Call 703-359-2487 to reserve.

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Virginia Opera presents Donizetti's romantic comedy "The Daughter of the Regiment." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$44-\$86. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Our Daily Bread Holiday Food Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit Reston Bible Church.

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Person L, John Nolan and Brian Bonz. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance/ \$12 day of show. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Preventing Diabetes. 10 a.m. at the Diabetes Center, Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, 3700 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. Delay and perhaps prevent Type 2 diabetes with healthier habits during the pre-diabetes stage. Two two-hour classes, in which Certified Diabetes Educators will provide information on physical activity, an improved diet and other positive lifestyle changes. \$50 Registration required. 703-750-8800 or www.inova.org/healthclasses.

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Flatpicking guitarist Doc Watson with banjoist David Holt and grandson Richard Watson, performing "Hills of Home." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Traditional Appalachian roots with a variety of American musical genres including bluegrass, country, gospel and blues. Adults \$21-\$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

The Celebration Singers. 4 p.m. at Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road,

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Northern Virginia Chorale and Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Chorale Holiday Concert. 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. Gwyneth Walker's Rejoice!, John Rutter's Winchester Te Deum, Z. Randall Stroope's All My Heart This Night Rejoices and more, including a brass quintet, percussion and piano. Adults \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Students 12-24 \$10, under age 12 free. www.northernvirginiachorale.org or 703-239-2180.

The 20th Annual Model Train Display. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Many different gauge model trains will be running in the main building, caboose and on the grounds. Enjoy hot chocolate and a gingerbread man. \$5 adults, \$1 children. 703-425-9225.

Festival of Lights and Carols. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Old Town Hall and Kitty Pozer Garden, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax.

Lunch with Santa. Seatings 11:30 a.m.; 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$5 per child, maximum of five tickets per purchase. For ages 12 and under. Tickets available at the Parks and Recreation office, 10455 Armstrong St. and Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Lunch will be Chick-fil-A chicken nuggets, cookies and juice.



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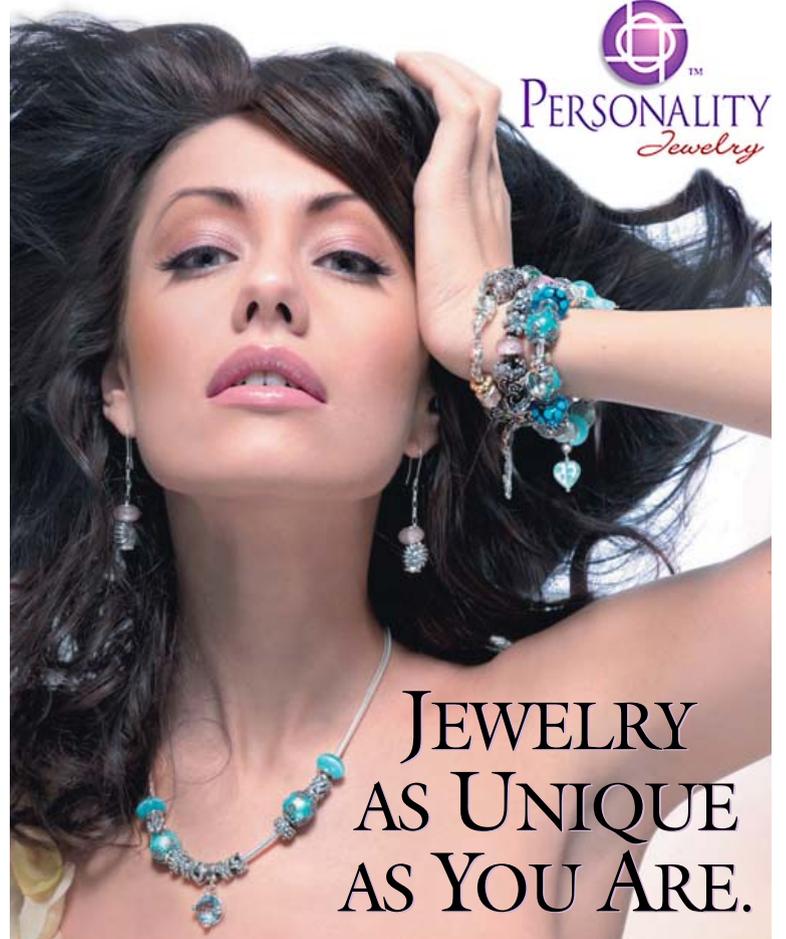
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The Fairfax High School cheerleading squad performs a stunt at the Virginia AAA State Championships in Richmond. This was the first cheerleading State title in the school's history.

Rebels Claim State Title

Fairfax edges Stone Bridge for first ever State cheerleading title.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax High School senior Dolan Savage's black eye didn't come from a crushing foot ball tackle or from a schoolyard fight. He earned it while competing with the Fairfax competitive cheerleading squad at the Virginia AAA State Championship in Richmond, Va. on Nov. 14.

"We were doing a stunting technique during our routine," Savage said. "One of the girls came twirling down. Her elbow hit me in the eye and broke my orbital bone."

The injury couldn't come at a worse time.

With one routine left in the competition, the Rebels' squad would be without the strength of one of its male teammates as Savage was taken to a nearby hospital.

Head coach Wes Vaughan scrambled to re-arrange the preset routine he had taught his team for months, calling on them to dig deep to the hurdle they now faced.

"I had to collect myself and help pull these kids through [missing a teammate]," Vaughan said. "We had literally minutes to re-do a routine that we had been practicing since the beginning of August. That's three months you have to tweak in 15 minutes."

Vaughan rallied his team around the new routine, knowing it needed to be perfect for the team to have a chance to win, and then the unthinkable happened.

As the judges announced the final scores, Fairfax

edged out rival Stone Bridge High School with a score to 261.5 to claim the first State cheerleading title for the school.

"The adversity for the season as a whole was just crazy," Vaughan said. "We had to compete back-and-forth with Stone Bridge High School and then an injury stood in the way of the team being successful. They were able to overcome it."

The cheerleading title comes on the heels of Fairfax's 2008 State swim and dive title.

"It's massive because Fairfax's first State title was in swim and dive last year," Vaughan said. "To follow that up with the first cheerleading title is just incredible."

Senior cheerleader Keara McCullough said a pivotal moment for her came days before the State competition.

"We had a practice where our coach got on the mats with us," McCullough said. "He was pushing us through the routine. Everyone was putting their heart into the routine and I felt like we could do anything. It gave me chills."

Senior Emily Andrukonis said the team's chemistry all season long gave her hope that they could pull off a title win.

"We wanted to win this for each other, not for ourselves," Andrukonis said. "Lots of other teams have in-fighting and don't get along, but we don't have any of that. We wanted to do this as a team."

Vaughan said he had a "good feeling" the moment he arrived at the school before leaving for the competition in Richmond.

"I told all of the kids to meet at the school at 11 a.m.," he said. "When I showed up at 10 a.m., they were all there, ready to go. It showed me that they

"We had literally minutes to re-do a routine that we had been practicing since the beginning of August."

— Wes Vaughan

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COURTESY PHOTO

Lauren Buford signs her letter of intent to play basketball for Villanova University.

Cavaliers Roll Past South County to Region Finals

With a 28-9 victory against Patriot District rival South County, the W.T. Woodson varsity football team has punched its ticket to the Northern Region AAA Finals.

Running back Jonathon Stokes broke a 66-yard touchdown run in the first quarter to open up the scoring for Woodson and quarterback Connor Reilly followed Stokes' score with a 55-

yard touchdown pass to Colin Dempsey.

South County had trouble breaching the Cavaliers' strong defense as David Jordan scored the lone touchdown for the Stallions in the second quarter.

The Cavaliers will face off with Patriot District foe Lake Braddock at home on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

The Northern Region Finals is a re-match of a budding Patriot District rivalry.

Lake Braddock defeated Robinson 38-7 on Friday, Nov. 20 to earn its spot in the finals. During the regular season, Woodson defeated Lake Braddock 43-42 on Sept. 11.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Buford To Play for Villanova

On Nov. 13, senior Fairfax High School basketball player Lauren Buford signed her National Letter of Intent to play for Villanova University.

Buford led the Rebels last season with an average of 23.6 points per game, topping the Lady Rebels in all statistical categories.

She was a First Team All Region and All Concorde District selection in the 2008-09 season.

The Villanova Wildcats play in the Big East Conference and finished the 2008-09 season with a 19-14 record.

Lisa Brooks Named Scholar All-American at Catholic Univ.

On July 1, The College Swimming Coaches Association of America selected Lisa A. Brooks, now a junior at The Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C., as an Individual Scholar All-American for the 2008-09 Division III swimming season.

Brooks met the women's NCAA qualifying standard for the 100-yard breast stroke with a time of 1:05:15, and swam in the March National Championship at the University of Minnesota.

Brooks set Landmark Conference and CUA records in the 100 and 200 breast stroke the last two years. She is also on the dean's list at CUA, majoring in biology, with a minor in German.

Brooks, a 2007 graduate of Fairfax High School, is a parishioner of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Clifton.

She has swum for Mason Makos, Chase Club Sharks and Fairfax Rebels.

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FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Volunteers are needed Nov. 25 and 27 for the Phoenix Rising Meal Program at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Join in with other churches that serve nutritious bagged meals to homeless people living in the woods, their vehicles, and in motels along the Route One corridor between North Kings Highway and the Fairfax County Parkway in Alexandria. All ages can help prepare and assemble the bag lunches and assist in delivery. Meals will be prepared the meals on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 6:30 p.m., and delivered Friday, Nov. 27, at 5:30 p.m. Phone: 703-971-5151. E-mail: admin@franconiaumc.org; or Web site: <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

Celebrate the holidays at Harvest Church in Kingstowne. Children will perform shepherds, sheep and a savior on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m. "O Come Emmanuel"

will be performed by the Harvest Church choir on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. A traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service is open to all on Thursday, Dec. 24 at p.m. Harvest Church is located at 7401 Beulah St., Kingstowne. Call 703-971-7070 or visit www.harvestchurchag.org for more information.

Come see the Christmas Cantata, "Morning Star," Dec. 13, 11 a.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are handicapped accessible. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Volunteers are needed Dec. 23 and 25 for the Phoenix Rising Meal Program at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Help serve bagged meals to homeless people living along the Route One corridor between North Kings Highway and the Fairfax County Parkway in Alexandria. All ages can help assemble the bag lunches and assist in delivery. Meals will be prepared Wednesday, Dec.

23, at 6:30 p.m., and delivered Friday, Dec. 25, at 5:30 p.m. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Come to Christmas Eve Services Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are handicapped accessible. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Come to the Watch Night Service Dec. 31, at 11 p.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are handicapped accessible. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

United Methodist Men Breakfast is on Saturday Jan. 23, at 8 a.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The men of Franconia UMM (United Methodist Men) will begin another year in ministry to the men of the congregation with their annual kickoff breakfast to plan out the entire year of 2010. All men are welcome. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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ping Center at 9484 Main St. in the City of Fairfax. The officer tried to stop the vehicle, which continued west-bound on Main Street and through the center of the city, with the officer following.

According to police, the driver allegedly turned into a vacant lot at 10900 Main St. and drove in circles while reportedly taunting the first officer and others that had arrived at the scene. His vehicle allegedly made contact with a police cruiser, damaging both vehicles. The driver, later reportedly identified as Rock, then left the lot and the disabled vehicle came to a stop on Fairfax Boulevard, where police arrested him.

Rock was charged with attempted malicious wounding on a police officer, destruction of property on a police vehicle, eluding police, concealed weapon, driving while intoxicated and failure to obey a traffic signal. He was held without bond in the Adult Detention Center.

Burglary, Grand Larceny Charged

As the result of an investigation by City of Fairfax Police Criminal Investigations Division, a 22-year-old Washington, D.C., man was charged in connection with a Sept. 28 burglary. On that date, entry was made into locked bedrooms of a unit in the Foxcroft Colony condominiums in the 9400 block of Fairfax Blvd. and a laptop computer and television set were taken.

On Nov. 16, Det. Edward Scully arrested Brian Avery King of the 1900 block of 18th St., S.E., and charged him with burglary, grand larceny and larceny with intent to sell. King was held in the Adult Detention Center on \$15,000 bond.

Police Offer Child ID Kits

City of Fairfax Police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will offer SafeAssured identification kits, Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD containing their children's digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video showing movement and mannerisms, a general physical description, vital personal information, and a family code word.

Private information is encrypted and accessible only by law enforcement. Missing posters can be created and printed directly from the mini-CD in English, Spanish and French. The SafeAssured ID kits are free, and an appointment is necessary. Call Sgt. Pam Nevlud at 703-385-7966 to make an appointment.

COMMUNITY



From left, Dr. Tess Cappello, dean of Marymount University's School of Health Professions; graduate nursing student and Inova scholar Norman Jacobowitz; Dr. James E. Bundschuh, president of Marymount; BB&T/Inova scholars Nicole Ware and Jamie McGill; J. Knox Singleton, president and CEO of Inova Health System; BB&T/Inova scholar Jill Davidson; Peter A. Arntson, trustee, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, and senior counsel with McCandlish & Lillard, PC; and BB&T/Inova scholar Jason Wood.

'Lucky Stiff' on Rebel Stage

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"I get to develop the character according to my own taste," said Rickwald. "It requires a physical actor, and I like using my whole body to show something." He said the play is unusual, with an "intriguing, sort of bizarre storyline and unique music — not a stereotypical musical."

Senior Allie Cropp portrays Rita. "The word 'repercussion' is not in Rita's vocabulary," said Cropp. "She's so rash that she does whatever she wants. She doesn't really think about how other people feel. She's obnoxious, but not stupid, and there's no limit to what she'll do. I love it because you can't go over-the-top enough with this character. And it's fun to play a scheming, New Jersey girl."

Her favorite song is "Rita's Confession."

"She's essentially telling her brother she's in

trouble and, 'Oh, P.S., so are you,'" said Cropp. As for the audience, she said they'll like the show's energy and catchy songs and the "really great chemistry in the cast. Everyone's remarkable."

Junior Jess Rawls is stage manager and, during performances, she'll call out sound and light cues and speak with the assistant stage managers. "It's the first time I've done it and I enjoy it," she said. "I don't have to memorize any lines, but it's a lot of work. I'm also president of the drama club, the Fairfax Players, so I have two leadership roles at the same time and am finding the balance between being mean and assertive."

Calling the play "eccentric" and "out there," Rawls said the audience will also like the sets. "There are plane, train and Monte Carlo scenes, so it's going to be colorful and bright and will fit well with how much fun the show, itself, is."

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'The Worst Is Over'

GMU economist claims worst has passed.

BY JEFFREY AARON
THE CONNECTION

Lorenzo Abella had a plan last week when he walked into a summit at Best Western designed to help small business survive and thrive.

He was going to stay for one of the scheduled three hours. If he didn't learn anything, "I would politely leave," said the part-owner of Pane e Vino Ristorante in Lorton.

Abella stayed for three hours and then some at the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation's first economic summit appropriately called "Surviving and Thriving in Today's Economy."

Five representatives from local, state, and federal agencies ranging from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce to the Small Business Administration told 115 business owners how they can help their small business and noted economist Dr. Stephen Fuller told them what to expect economically now and in the future.

"The worst is over," Fuller said.

"2010 will be better than 2009 and 2011 will be better than 2010."

— Dr. Stephen Fuller, economist

"2009 was the worst year of this current business cycle. The economic environment is improving, but it will be a long haul before we feel good," he said.

Fuller likened 2009 as one of the worst economic years since the Great Depression. Retail businesses will feel a recovering a little more slowly because they're more impacted by unemployment, he said. They have to wait until growth occurs and more disposable income is generated.

The 69-year-old economist predicted that "2010 will be better than 2009 and 2011 will be better than 2010. Early 2011 we will have replaced everything we lost and 2011-12 will look like a normal year."

Among other illustrations, Fuller credits Enron, Madoff, and greed as the culprits in the downfall in the economy. "Greed took over and people took more and more risk. People threw wisdom out the door." But now "consumers are discovering maybe they don't need four flat screens TVs, maybe not even one," he said.

THE SFDC'S GOAL for this first-ever summit was to make small business owners aware of the services agencies

provide and put a face with a name, according to Loretta Mayfield, SFDC's marketing manager.

Howard Newman was one of those Richmond Highway business owners who met with Dave Fuller, the Business Services manager with the Virginia Department of Business Assistance.

Newman, who has owned Fast Signs of Alexandria, learned how he could make his company more attractive to the state almost overnight by making changes in how he markets his products to government.

"We expanded the range of our products by being more comprehensive," he said.

In short, Fast Signs has the capability of producing say widget AA1 but governments need widget AA2. Newman has always had the capacity for producing AA2 but didn't market his firm for the capability. Now that he has expanded his product line, he has made his business more appealing to government contractors.

"It was very instructive. I didn't expect that to happen," said the owner of the 18-year-old business.

The state's representative gave Newman "great ideas to work for VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation). People were anxious to help small businesses become as viable as possible."

Newman has owned the business since 1999. This past year he has had to layoff one employee of five and reduced the number of hours the four remaining employees work.

Newman admits that marketing and advertising budgets are the first to go in any business that is suffering financially. "People aren't able to buy. If they don't advertise, we don't produce. Small businesses are hanging on by the skin of their teeth, but if you give up, you're toast," he said.

Abella is responsible for the financial-end of his three-year-old family-owned restaurant in Lorton.

The summit was "timely because I'm trying to refinance some of our debt to move ahead and make it through these times," he said.

And he appears to be moving in the right direction. A bank representative was present at the summit and Abella met with him days afterward.

"That's the kind of quick response needed," he said. But in order to qualify for loans guaranteed by the SBA, Abella is going to have to hurry in order to meet the agency's Dec. 31 deadline. "I'm racing against the clock," he said, but confident he can provide his business plan and other paperwork on time.

SFDC is a public/private non-profit economic development corporation designed to provide assistance to existing and potential business on Richmond Highway with expertise in locations, demographics, property inventory, and financing information. It receives an annual budget of \$192,000 from Fairfax County.

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Bob Hauser, center, and head coach Jack Clark, left, pose for a photo during Hauser's signing ceremony.

Hauser Bucknell Bound

W.T. Woodson senior Bob Hauser signed his National Letter of Intent to wrestle for Bucknell University on Nov. 12.

Bucknell University is located in Lewisburg, Pa., and is a member of the Pa-

triot League. Hauser is the current Liberty District Champion at 119 pounds and is the No. 1 ranked 119-pound wrestler in the Northern Region for the 2009-10 season.

"It's a program that is on the rise, and I really like the coaches there," Hauser said.

Rebel Cheer Champions

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really wanted this. All I had to do was get them on the mats."

Squad members hope the title dispels misconceptions that cheerleading is only about pom-poms and football games.

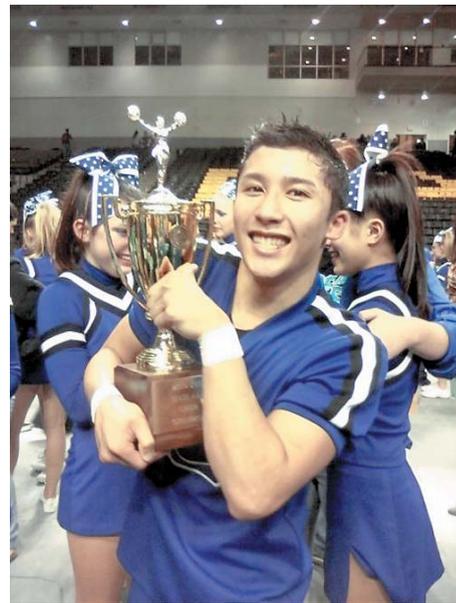
"You're judged on dance, stunting, cheering, jumping and tumbling," McCullough said. "You score points on each category out of 300. It's really quite intense and our school has become really supportive of [cheerleading] being a sport."

Vaughn said he hopes the title will raise awareness in the area for the sport as well.

"People question if cheerleading is truly a sport," Vaughn said. "But winning a title helps justify how valid a sport it is really is. It helps create excitement for the sport, too."

Senior McCullough said she's happy to leave behind a winning legacy for future squads.

"I hope other teams look at our title and want to do better," she said. "It means so much to win the first title here. I think the younger kids will look up to us."



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Junior Tue Nguyen holds the State Championship trophy following Fairfax's victory. The Rebels edged out rival Stone Bridge high school for the title.

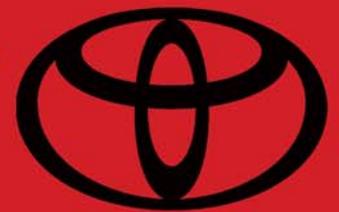
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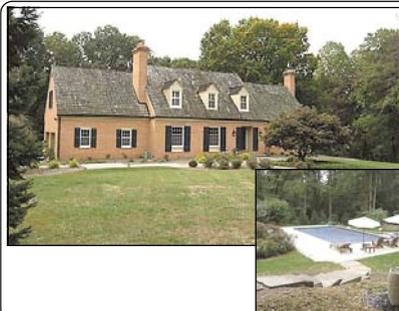


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