



NEWS

Labovitz Sentenced on Misdemeanors

Peter Labovitz, President and CEO of Connection Newspapers, has been sentenced to six months for two misdemeanor counts of failing to fully pay the company's payroll taxes for two quarters in 2007 in a timely manner.

Magistrate Judge John F. Anderson acknowledged Labovitz's long record of leadership in civic and business affairs at a hearing in U.S. District Court in Alexandria on Sept. 27. He cited scores of letters to the court praising Labovitz's commitment to community journalism as head of Connection Newspapers and his years of community service.

Anderson said Labovitz's history of service "weighed heavily" in his decision not to impose a longer sentence, citing "your service to the community, the newspapers and other organizations" and "your support for your family, not just your wife and daughters, but also to your grandchildren." But Anderson said some incarceration was necessary "to give credence to adequate deterrence."

Labovitz will pay more than \$645,000 in restitution.

In a statement in July, when he pled guilty to the misdemeanors, Labovitz took full responsibility and cited economic challenges: "Like all American newspapers, in recent years the Connection Newspapers have faced daunting technological and economic challenges. We have weathered repeated crises that killed or crippled many others in the news media. I am proud that we have kept these vital community voices alive."

Beware of the Clifton Haunted Trail on Oct. 29

The Clifton Haunted Trail is slated for Saturday, Oct. 29, from 7-10 p.m., in the Town of Clifton's Eight-Acre Park. Tickets are \$12, adults; and \$6, children. Sturdy shoes are recommended; snacks and beverages are available. The trail is not recommended for young children. For more information, see www.cliftonhauntedtrail.org.

More than 100 Clifton residents volunteer to put on the Haunted Trail and act in the scenarios that include everything from ghouls, vampires, witches, ghosts, pirates and zombies to crazed men with chainsaws. It's definitely not for the faint of heart.

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Patrons of the arts mingle at the Workhouse in Lorton.



DancEthos performs Oct. 1 at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center.

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Workhouse Offers Fall Fun for All

Numerous events taking place at the Workhouse this October.

By MAYA HOROWITZ
FAIRFAX CONNECTION

The Workhouse in Lorton was operated as a prison for more than 80 years. But since September 2008, it has been run as an arts center, housing exhibition spaces, performing arts facilities, and studios for 150 of the region's artists. Although it is open to the public, the Workhouse is a large complex that continues to be renovated.

"We are one of the largest visual and performing arts centers in the country, certainly in the region," said Camela Speer, director of marketing. "And we house every kind of visual performing and the educational component. We are a historic site that's been adaptively reused. We've taken a blight in the community—the old Workhouse prison—and turned it into a thriving Workhouse center."

"We have something going on just about every weekend," said Scott Fridy, performing arts director. "A lot of the things we do are free and open to the public. We're still trying to get the community. We're kind of brand new still. There's a ton of potential here. We're just excited that we're able to continue to keep it growing."

Starting Sept. 28, the Workhouse will be showing its third annual poetic art juried

exhibition in which artists pair visual art with literature art. The reception will be Oct. 2, from 2-4 p.m.

Also beginning Sept. 28 will be the Soda Chicks- Parallel Paths in Clay. Two master ceramic artists show their work. A closing reception, in which the artists discuss their work, will be on Oct. 21, from 7-9 p.m.

On Oct. 1, from 2-4 p.m., DancEthos and Bob Gibson Big Band will be performing. This is the last concert of the summer that

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— Camela Speer

will be held outdoors in the performing tent.

The 2nd Saturday Art Walk will be on Oct. 8, from 6-9 p.m. This monthly event is a chance to tour the entire facility while enjoying music, art and refreshments.

"A great thing is to come to one of our second Saturdays," said Sarah Shepard, director of visual arts. "It's one of our best attended events."

Speer agreed. "One of the best times to come to the Workhouse is our second Saturday event. Stroll around campus, have a glass of wine, talk to the artists."

On Oct. 15, participate in the ballroom social dance. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a

lesson on this month's featured dance, the foxtrot, followed by open dance time from 8-10:30 p.m.

From Oct. 15 to Nov. 26, "Schoolhouse Rock Live" will be performed in the new youth arts center at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"We are opening a brand new building called the youth arts center," said Fridy. "It is going to be a building dedicated to youth arts involving three classrooms and a brand new 100 seat theater for children's productions."

Additionally on Oct. 15, from 8-10 p.m., there will be Date Night: Chef's Table designed to be a romantic evening involving a cooking lesson. This can be paired with the 7:30 p.m. dance lesson.

The Lorton Arts Foundation is having its annual fund raiser on Oct. 22, from 7 p.m.-12 a.m. It is a campus-wide semi-formal event beginning with a cocktail reception and silent auction, fol-

lowed by dinner and live auction and ending with music and dessert.

Also on Oct. 22, the Virginia Storytelling Alliance is hosting a full day of workshops culminating in a concert at 7:30 p.m. and open mic at 9 p.m.

Starting Oct. 26 and running until Nov. 20, the Maryland Pastel Society presents "Shades of Pastel." The reception will be Nov. 6, from 2-4 p.m.

"It is a great place to come as a couple, as a family, with friends, to see art, experience art and just to have a great time," said Speer.

To learn more about the Workhouse, go to <http://workhousearts.org/>.

Calendar of Events

SEPT. 28-OCT. 23

Third Annual Poetic Art Juried Exhibition. Reception is on Oct. 2.

SEPT. 28-OCT. 23

Soda Chicks- Parallel Paths in Clay. Closing Reception is Oct. 21.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Art Notes: DancEthos and Bob Gibson Big Band

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

2nd Saturday Art Walk

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Ballroom Social Dance-Foxtrot

OCT. 15-NOV. 26

Studio 3 Children's Theatre: Schoolhouse Rock Live

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Date Night: Chef's Table

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Lorton Arts Foundation 10th Anniversary Gala

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Virginia Storytelling Alliance Workshops, Concert and Open Mic

OCT. 26/NOV. 20

Maryland Pastel Society Shades of Pastel Exhibition. Reception is Nov. 6.

NEWS BRIEFS

Parkways in Fast Lane for 'Primary Roads' Status

At the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, the Board voted to ask the state to change the classification of the Fairfax County Parkway and Franconia Springfield Parkway from secondary roads to primary roads.

"Late last year, I requested the Board consider asking Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to make this change to bring the roads' classification more in line with their actual function," said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). "This should lead to an increase in construction and maintenance focus and dollars by VDOT." Herrity said that VDOT officials indicated they will make the change as quickly as possible.

In addition to parkway maintenance, Herrity said VDOT completed a study that entailed a comprehensive review of the Fairfax County Parkway between Route 7 and Interstate 95 to determine what measures could be put in place to decrease the number of median-crossover crashes on the parkway and improve overall safety.

"Of several proposals put forth, one that was actually funded was the addition of a barrier in the median of certain portions of the parkway. The contract for this work is expected to be put out for bids in November," Herrity said. To view the entire study, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/pdf_files/2-23_vdot_presentation.pdf.

Herrity also announced that VDOT will begin paving a section of the parkway between Burke Lake and Lee Chapel roads later this year, and additional sections of the parkway (exact locations not finalized yet) are scheduled to be repaved beginning next spring.

"Some patching work on the parkway has been completed, but the condition of the road remains terrible and continues to deteriorate," Herrity said.

— VICTORIA ROSS

Rabies Awareness Week

In observance of National Rabies Awareness Week 2011, Fairfax County Animal Control Officers urge pet owners to "Protect the ones you love; vaccinate for rabies!" as they continue their local rabies awareness campaign.

So far, two foxes and three raccoons have tested positive for rabies since the inception of the campaign in early September. For more information on rabies, check www.cdc.gov/rabies. For information on vaccinating a pet, including periodic low-cost vaccination clinics, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/rabies.htm>.

To better inform residents about rabid animals in their communities, Animal Control officers are starting a new door-to-door notification process each time a rabid animal is discovered nearby.

Officers will knock on doors to tell residents they should take precautions to protect their family pets from exposure to wildlife when an animal in their neighborhood tested positive for the rabies virus. If no one's home, officers will leave a flyer at the door.

The goal is to prevent human exposure to rabies through education. In addition, residents should report unusual or suspicious wildlife behavior at 703-691-2131. Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the central nervous system and kills almost any mammal or human that gets sick from it.

All dogs 4 months of age and older must also have a dog license; failure to license a dog or inoculate pets against rabies may result in fines of up to \$250. For more information about rabies, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals> or www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DEE/Rabies/.

FALL FUN

It's Time for Clifton Day

Forty-Fifth annual festival is Sunday, Oct. 9.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Food, crafts, music and children's activities are all on tap at the 45th annual Clifton Day celebration. It's set for Sunday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; rain date, Oct. 16. Admission is free; parking, \$5/car, with proceeds going to charity.

"It's a great day," said event Chairman Fred Ansick. "We have excellent vendors and lots of variety. If you want to start on your Christmas shopping, this is the place to be. As my 16-year-old daughter Cori would say, 'This is where the cool people hang out.'"

Artisans at Ayre Square on Main Street will demonstrate crafts such as woodcarving, wool spinning, weaving and pottery and basket making. More than 200 arts-and-crafts vendors will sell items including jewelry, candles, plant hangars, glasswork, children's clothing, baskets, ceramics, woodworking products, furniture, mixed media, needlework, quilts, sculpture, metalwork, seasonal decorations and holiday items, sports memorabilia, toys, stained glass, and watercolor and oil paintings.

The Clifton Lions Club will offer hamburgers, hot dogs and barbecue; Clifton Presbyterian Church, both crab-cake meals and brisket meals; Clifton Gentleman's Club, red beans and rice, chili and chili dogs; Cub Scout Packs 1861 and 1104, cotton candy, popcorn, lemonade, cookies, candy and apple cider; Acacia Lodge, pulled pork, bratwurst and Italian sausage.

As for commercial food vendors, Baja Fresh will sell burritos, quesadillas and chicken, fish and shrimp tacos. New this year, Bada Bing will serve cheese steaks from its food truck. "They'll be on Main Street near the Clifton Primitive Baptist Church," said



FILE PHOTOS

Daniel Tomlin, 13, and Nicholas Toenshoff, 11, raise money for the local Boy Scout troop by selling homemade cookies at the 2010 Clifton Day.

Ansick. "We had them at the Clifton Wine Festival, and they were the talk of the day."

Returning for a second year is an Oktoberfest booth catered by Rachelle Slotnick. Located on the stage in front of the Clifton Town Meeting Hall on Chapel Road, it'll offer a-la-carte, German-style food such as bratwurst, kielbasa and sauerkraut, plus a variety of beers.

ALTOGETHER 10 vendors will sell food throughout the town, selling treats including kettle corn and Sno-Cones. Trummer's on Main, The Clifton Store and Peterson's Ice Cream and Dog Pound will be open for business, as will the town shops. A new restaurant, Weston's (formerly the Heart in Hand) hopes to be open by then, as well.

One of the entertainers will be the Unicycle Lady. "She'll be primarily in the park, but will also do some stunts on Main Street," said Ansick. And back by popular demand for his fourth year of performing while strolling through town will be the Banjo Man.

The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Academy will give pony rides by the barn behind Acacia Lodge. It will also provide a pony for petting in the town park off Chapel Street.

The park will host other, fun-filled children's activities, too. Jumpworks will have inflatables and moon bounces. Kerry the Face-Painter will display her talents, as will Sharon the Balloon Artist. In addition, Girl and Boy Scout troops will have eight booths in the park with games such as beanbag toss and safe darts.

Singers, dancers and musicians will perform on the stage on Chapel Road. At 11:30 a.m. is the Boyle School of Irish Dance; noon, Steve Hudson, a combination stand-up comedian and musician who plays piano and guitar; 1:15 p.m., the Rebels, playing classic rock-and-roll and vintage country music; and 2:45 p.m., The City-Dwelling Nature Seekers, performing rock Americana music.

Civil War re-enactors Tony Mead



Clifton resident Richard Russo displays and sells his paintings of the local community at the 2010 Clifton Day.

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FALL FUN



Throughout the month of October, Heather Hill Gardens hosts a Fall Festival, which includes a zip line, play area and petting zoo for children to enjoy.

Getting That Fall Feeling?

Heather Hill Gardens of Fairfax Station hosts Fall Festival during the month of October.

Heather Hill Gardens is hosting a Fall Festival from Oct. 1-31, at its 8111 Ox Road location in Fairfax Station.

The annual Fall Festival features both a Moon Bounce and a mini zip line.

Children can also pick out pumpkins, pet the animals in the petting zoo, play on the

rope swing, hunt for pennies in Penny Paradise, tumble in the Tumble Tube and much more.

The Fall Festival is open Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 703-690-6060

Clifton Day Back for 45th Year

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ows and the 49th Virginia Infantry will be encamped in the yard across from the stage on Chapel Road. And the Blue Star Mothers of America, a nonprofit group that raises money for injured military veterans, will have an information table.

Antiques vendors will be behind Weston's. "One of our antiques vendors has been at Clifton Day for 27 years," said Ansick. Also, the Appalachian Bowhunters Association is putting on a taxidermy display in the Acacia Lodge, and donations will be accepted to help continue the lodge's refurbishing.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be stationed next to the lodge, and those donating a pint of blood will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate for door prizes. Regarding the commercial booths, all the slots are filled; and this year, Paradise Springs Winery will have a booth by the post office.

The Clifton Betterment Association (CBA) puts on Clifton Day and proceeds go to the town's nonprofit groups, including the Clifton Lions Club, Girl and Boy Scouts, Clifton Presbyterian Church, Clifton Gentleman's Club, Clifton Woman's Club,

the CBA and Acacia Lodge. "It's the largest fund-raiser for the local nonprofits," said Ansick.

The VRE train will run to and from Clifton, or festival attendees may park at Clifton Elementary, the floodplain, Kincheloe Road, Newman Road, and Chapel Road at Frosty Meadows. CBA-sponsored shuttles will ferry people to and from Frosty Meadows. For more information, see www.cliftonday.com.

This year's sponsors are The Peterson Cos., Ourisman Toyota, Wetland Studios and Solutions, VRE, Richard R. Russo, AAA, Blackburn Media and the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

In his fifth year as chairman, Ansick said he's happy to do some civic service for Clifton. "I enjoy living here and want to give back to the community," he said. "This is an all-volunteer activity, and we wouldn't be able to put it on without the people of the town, so I really appreciate their support."

Looking forward to a good turnout at this family event, he said, "It's a historic town with lots of atmosphere. It's also a wonderful place to catch some sun and some tunes while enjoying some great food."

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Violin & Guitar Duo appears Oct. 2 at Paradise Springs

From left, Sarah Layman on violin; Judie Lieu on viola; and Jeremy Rissi on cello perform at the Lee-Fendall House in Alexandria last fall.

Music and Wine — A Perfect Pairing

Local musicians, Paradise Springs Winery toast October Harvest Season.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

It's a perfect pairing of taste and talent. Two local businesses will provide fine wine and music every Sunday afternoon in October at Clifton's newly renovated Paradise Springs Winery and Vineyard.

Gracenotes Chamber Music, founded by Sarah Layman of Fairfax Station, will perform an "Afternoon in Paradise" at the winery every Sunday in October from 1:30-5 p.m. as part of the fall harvest celebration.

"We have a variety of music styles for everyone, from classical to Cole Porter, with Broadway and bluegrass in between," said Layman.

Various Gracenotes ensembles will per-

form throughout the month of October, starting with its popular Violin and Guitar Duo on Oct. 2.

Bordering the "Who knows where the next 20 years will take us. I think Jefferson would be pleased," winery co-owner Kirk Wiles said.

Nestled on 36 picturesque acres in a quiet corner of Clifton, the winery contains an historic log cabin, built in the early 1800s, as well as the elegant new tasting room, housed in a peak-roofed red barn.

A 2,000 square foot stone-floored covered patio contains an enormous outdoor fireplace and wrought-iron tables that gives

"It's a beautiful venue for music and wine."

— Paradise Winery co-owner Kirk Wiles

guests a view of the surrounding hills and woods.

When the new tasting facility was completed in May, the historic cabin was used for higher-end wine tasting offered by reservations only, Wiles said. In the 1950s, the original foundation of the cabin was reinforced and trans-

formed into a cellar, complete with a built-in wine rack. The renovation was led by Howard Richter, a

protégé of the Frank Lloyd Wright.

"It's a beautiful venue for music and wine," said Wiles. "There is no admission to the winery for an 'Afternoon in Paradise,' and guests are allowed to enjoy the music, so long as their party enjoys some wine."

Gracenotes Chamber Music, founded by Layman more than a decade ago, performs at weddings, corporate events and fund rais-

Event Details

Gracenotes Chamber Music Live Performances at Paradise Springs Winery and Vineyard, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Every Sunday in October from 1:30-5 p.m.

- ❖ Oct. 2 – Violin & Guitar Duo
- ❖ Oct. 9 – Gracenotes Chamber Music Ensemble
- ❖ Oct. 16 – String Quartet
- ❖ Oct. 23 – Flute & String Trio
- ❖ Oct. 30 – Gracenotes Chamber Music Ensemble

For more information about the winery, go to www.paradespringswinery.com. For more information about Gracenotes, go to www.GracenotesChamberMusic.com.

ing galas throughout the area. However, Layman said there is nothing like partnering with a fellow Fairfax County business.

"It's exciting to see a venue like Paradise Springs right in our own backyard. Fairfax County is rich in culture, talent and community," said Layman. "We look forward to this unique opportunity."

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.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 29

English Conversation Group

7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520.

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Kingstowne Area Artists Association Art Show and Sale

11-6 p.m. Snyder Center, 6450 South Van Dorn St., Kingstowne. Acrylics, oils, watercolor, mixed media, pastels, photography, pen and ink, digital media and more. Refreshments served. www.kingstowne.org, smelltheroses05@cox.net or

duchessducky@msn.com.

Ninth Annual Community Fun Festival

10 a.m.-2 p.m. St. John's United Methodist Church, 5812 Backlick Road, Springfield. Jr. ferris wheel, moon bounce, ocean slide, pony rides, face painting, games, craft and vendor booths, food, live music and more. 703-560-6655 or www.saintjohnsumc.org/funfair.

The 19th Annual Fall For Fairfax KidsFest

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Interactive and educational programs, entertainment and activities for families with elementary and pre-K children. Free admission. 1-800-880-6629.

SUNDAY/OCT. 2

Kingstowne Area Artists

Association Art Show and Sale. 12-5 p.m. Snyder Center, 6450 South Van Dorn St., Kingstowne. Acrylics, oils, watercolor, mixed media,

pastels, photography, pen and ink, digital media and more. Refreshments served. www.kingstowne.org, smelltheroses05@cox.net or duchessducky@msn.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 6

A Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: "Last Dance of Dr. Disco."

Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Doors open 6:45 p.m., dinner served 7 p.m. \$10. akberting@fcps.edu.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

2nd Saturday Art Walk

6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Archaeology Day: Can You Dig It?

12-4 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Screen for artifacts, clean and mend found

objects, and learn basic skills with the archaeology staff. Hunting for George Mason's Landscape tour at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Regular admission. Friends free. \$25 Family admission. Scout and school groups welcome with advance reservation. 703-550-9220 or www.gunstonhall.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 9

Clifton Day

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Downtown Clifton. Live music and dance, arts and crafts, antiques, Octoberfest, food, market area, Blood Mobile, a Civil War reenactment and more. Children's activities include VRE train rides, pony rides, face painting and activities in the park. Free admission. 703-968-0740 or www.cliftonday.com. Call 800-RideVRE for train schedule.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Cranford Annual Fall Ham and Oyster Dinner

4-7 p.m. Cranford

United Methodist Church, 9912 Old Colchester Road, Lorton. Ham, fried oysters, potato salad, cole slaw, sweet potato casserole, deviled eggs, hush puppies, homemade desserts and more. Takeout available. Proceeds benefit kitchen renovation. 703-339-5382.

Comedian Wanda Sykes. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$35-\$45, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.wandasynes.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

Paper Shredding Event. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. St. Andrew the Apostle School, 6720-B Union Mill Road, Clifton. \$10 per box. www.standrew-clifton.org or www.trueshred.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

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PEOPLE

FCPS Superintendent To Retire in 2013

Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale to retire at end of current contract.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale announced Thursday, Sept. 22 that he would retire in June 2013, at the end of his current contract. Dale, who has been in education for more than 40 years, has been superintendent since July 2004.

As Fairfax County has developed, Dale said he believes Fairfax County Public Schools have become a "destination district," and "there are pressures that come with that."

"People and businesses move here to have access to Fairfax County Public Schools, which brings pressure," he said. "But pressure is what we need to maintain the excellence that has become one of our hallmarks."

Dale served at a time when budgets went down as school enrollment went up. He said while making cuts were tough, it was important for the school system to know its values.

"When it came to making cuts, I asked the board to prioritize their core values," he said. "And what was near and dear to their heart was their quest to serve needy children, knowing that if they're successful, Fairfax County Public Schools will be successful."

He also said the cuts made in the school's central office could have long-term affects.

"By diminishing our central office, we're eliminating opportunities for research and development, and we've always been proud of our research and development," he said. "When you eliminate the ability for R and D, that's going to create a long term challenge for future school boards and superintendents."

In the seven years since Dale took office, technology has been a driving force in education, often requiring rapid changes to curricula. New tools such as Smartboards require teachers that are trained to use them most effectively, he said.

"Also, technology gives kids access to so much information, it falls to us to show them how to sift through and find the right information," he said. "We used to have

encyclopedias, now we have Wikipedia, and there's a huge difference in the accuracy of each."

Dale also said that he considers Fairfax County's growing diversity is an asset.

"I've spoken to high schoolers who come back and say 'college wasn't as diverse as high school,'" Dale said. "I think it allows students to learn so much about the world just from their classmates."

Dale's tenure was not without controversy, as issues such as changing grading scales drew much discussion within the community.

"From my view, changing the grading scale to change the weights of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes helped kids get more merit scholarships," he said.

On Friday morning, Sept. 23, Dale attended the White House when President Barack Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced that states could seek waivers from the No Child Left Behind Act. Dale said he would give the act an A- or B+ in intent, but a D or F because of components that he believed would fail over

time.

"You have that expectation that 100 percent of students on any given day will pass a test, and if they don't, your school is deemed to be failure," he said. "I think Virginia will probably apply for a waiver and create its own accountability."

Dale says future county staff must figure out a way to deal with the expected growth of the county.

"Birth rates are increasing, and we currently have more kids in kindergarten classes than are seniors," he said. "As we go through our plans for future renovations, we'll need to add more space, but not even that might satisfy the need. We could look at building new schools, but we don't have the land."

Dale said he plans to spend his retirement visiting family around the country, golfing and flying a plane he co-owns with several other pilots. While he said he would enjoy his retirement, the four plus decades spent in education were well worth it.

"I thought about going into education when I was in college, and since then, I rarely thought about it as going to work, more like going to school," Dale said. "I never looked at it as a job, but as a passion."

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Women Find a Voice To Tell Their Story

The Goddess Diaries' explores what it means to be a woman.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ
FAIRFAX CONNECTION

Now in its fifth production, "The Goddess Diaries" examines what it means to be a woman through monologues. This year, in its spotlight monologue, two women explore their experience as survivors of abuse by a church youth ministries director.

"The Goddess Diaries' are really special because it's women's stories and women imparting their wisdom with each other," said Kay Campbell, who will be performing her own monologue for the fourth time in the 'Diaries.' "I think it's really important for women to tell their stories. There are a lot of messages about what it means to be a girl or a woman out there. It's easy to get confused about what's important. 'The Diaries' are really funny and compelling and it's a way to share wisdom from one generation to the next."

Playwright Carol Campbell said the idea for 'The Goddess Diaries' came to her after she co-produced the "Vagina Monologues" at her Unitarian Universalist Congregation

a few years ago.

"The incredible bonding that went on with the incredible women that were part of the cast and crew," said Carol Campbell. "There was something magical about it."

However, in creating her play, she was careful not to imitate the "Vagina Monologues" too closely.

"The Goddess Diaries' is something you can bring your mother to," said Carol Campbell. "It's inspired by the 'Vagina Monologues,' but without the 'ew-factor.' Women can participate and see themselves in this production. The 'Va-

gina Monologues' are so distressing. 'The Goddess Diaries' stories are more every day."

She went to her friends and family and asked them to write down a specific monologue about a milestone in their life. Then she compiled the monologues into a "metamorphic year of life" applying to the seasons of womanhood.

"I really identify with the concept of the agricultural year which has to do with the growing season and the harvest season," said Carol Campbell.



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In its fifth year of production, 'The Goddess Diaries' returns to George Mason University's Harris Theatre on Oct. 7 and 8.

Each time of the year comes to represent a time in a woman's life.

Aug. 1 is the first harvest, represented by children. The monologue is about a car ride from Hell in which the children continually ask, "Are we there yet?"

Kay Campbell's monologue, May 1, is about meeting her husband and getting mentally prepared for getting married.

"My monologue explores feelings around

marriage I think many women have," said Kay Campbell. "Feelings of fear about commitment and how it could change me. I use the example of a rite of passage every woman goes through- signing up for a registry. Will I still be able to have an adventure if I have all this stuff weighing down my apartment? But what I'm really worried

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One Goes into 'Seven' Actor stages one-man show of classic film 'The Seven Samurais.'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

A fast-paced, action-packed, wordless epic story with plenty of sounds," said David Gaines of his one-man creation "7 (x1) Samurai." His show is a take on the celebrated movie "The Seven Samurais" later remade into "The Magnificent Seven."

"Without words but with sounds, I will establish the story of a tiny Japanese village plagued by a band of brutal bandits" leading to a spectacular battle that is the climax of the show," Gaines said.

"Everyone understands the fear of being bullied. Everyone dreams of finding someone to help them with the bullies and the bad guys," said Gaines. "Knowing the original Akira Kurosawa movie is not necessary to understand the show. Don't fear if you don't know it."

Gaines will perform his 60-minute "7 (x1) Samurai" as a mixture of

mime, action and non-verbal storytelling. "I do it without visible props such as the expected swords, peppered throughout with rhymic, non-verbal sounds, but not actual words. It is not a mime or clown show done in silence."

A Falls Church native and George Mason University Professor, Gaines will perform dozens of roles in the choreographed physical movements in a special two performance, limited run at George Mason University's Laski Performing Arts venue.

"With all the action, gestures and sound effects it is as if the audience will get to see a live version of a Bugs Bunny cartoon doing 'Kill Bill' with images created in the audience's head," said Gaines.

He performs outfitted in specially designed Japanese style attire, pale white make-up highlighted with color along with two Noh-type masks to provide a visual depiction expressing a character's good or bad nature.

"The masks bring the performance to a higher level of theatricality," said Gaines. "They are so very important to the performance. The masks even help me bring char-



PHOTO BY AUDREY GUERRUCCI

David Gaines switches masks in '7 (x1) Samurai.'

acters to heroic levels." So that the shifting of masks does not stop the action during a performance he "changes masks almost quickly and magically while spinning around from one character to another."

When asked about his early mime and clown schooling, Gaines said he received a post-graduate TJ Watson

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FALL FUN

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4:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available at 1-800-551-SEAT, www.ticketmaster.com; and www.patriotcenter.com, www.disneyonice.com.

Fourth Annual Autumn Arts and Crafts Show. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Over 50 artisans with apparel, art, floral design, glasswork, jewelry, photography, pottery, ornaments, weaving, woodwork, and more. Free Kids Zone. Admission \$3, age 12 and under free. 703-866-0506.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Lorton Senior Center

Advisory Council Craft and Bake Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Senior Center, 7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton. Crafts, food and more. With harp music by Chris VanDyke from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission. 703-550-7195, TTY 711.

CALENDAR

"Howloween" Dog Costume

Contest and Boneyard Hunt. 2-4 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Show off your costume creativity and help your furry friend compete for special prizes and treats. The contest is followed by a walk through the "boneyard" to sniff out treats. All dogs must be leashed and friendly toward other dogs and people of all ages. Advance payment and registration required. \$6 per dog. 703-569-0285.

Clifton Haunted Trail. 7 p.m.

Buckley Park, Address: Chapel Street, Clifton. Let Cliftonites take perverse pleasure in scaring you, there's always the chance that this year you won't scream. \$10.

Fall Festival for Children. 5-7 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Games, prizes, crafts, food, and Haunted Hallway, all in a wholesome safe environment. Costumes welcome. Free admission. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Halloween Goblin Golf and Bonfire. 6-9 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Venture onto the haunted golf course to play a round of golf with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, ride the spooky carousel, and join in storytelling over a cup of hot chocolate around a beach bonfire. Costumes welcome. Advance payment and registration required. \$7 per person. 703-569-0285.

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

Woodlawn Halloween Book Signing: "Ghosts of Alexandria." 3

p.m. Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Alexandria resident and author Michael Pope visits Woodlawn for a Halloween book signing and lecture on "Ghosts of Alexandria." 703-780-4000.

Vicente Fernandez. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Ranchera music. Tickets are \$63-\$143, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. www.patriotcenter.com.

Open-Hearth Cooking Class, Level I. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck.

Employ 18th century hearth cooking techniques and recipes to make period dishes. Offered in partnership with Fairfax County Adult and Community Education. \$119 fee includes tuition and materials. Register for class H103881 at 703-658-1201 or www.fcps.edu/aceclasses. 703-658-1222.

FRIDAY/NOV. 4

Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio with Christy Nockles. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Christian music. Tickets are \$15-\$32, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT. www.christomlin.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

"Safe Defense of a Free State": Veterans' Day Commemoration. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Honor the men and women who protected America, from the struggle for independence to today. Regular admission. Free admission for active military personnel and veterans. 703-550-9220 or www.gunston.hall.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With harpist Yolanda Kondonassis. Mozart's Symphony No. 10, Barber's Adagio for Strings, Ginastera's Harp Concerto, Barber's First Essay for Orchestra, and Schubert's Symphony No. 5. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxesymphony.org.

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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There's Never Been a Better Time to Be a Student in Fairfax County Public Schools!

The Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) bus comes to a stop at the curb in front of the school. The engine continues to hum as the brakes let out a hiss. Standing eagerly at the curb are three smiling staff members waiting to greet the students. Students gather their backpacks and line up in the aisle. The students wait patiently as each child before them carefully navigates the steps off the bus. Their orderly line soon turns into a happy-go-lucky stride as they swing open the door to school, looking forward to seeing their classmates and teachers.



In every classroom, teachers are channeling the enthusiasm of their students and taking them on a journey that will inspire, motivate, and prepare them with knowledge and skills they will need for the future. Everyday, FCPS teachers help their students learn skills that will allow them to succeed in personal, community, and workplace environments and to understand and

participate in the global economy. Teachers adjust their methods and techniques to meet the unique needs of individual students and challenge all students.

Look inside a classroom. An elementary school teacher leads a language arts class discussion on synonyms and antonyms. The teacher is using an interactive white board to demonstrate how the words are similar or opposite. Observe other classrooms where students work quietly in centers, or designated areas of a classroom, allowing for small group instruction and learning.

Visit a middle school and observe 8th grade students in the science lab using computers and probeware to study temperature change during chemical reactions. The geometry class down the hall is hard at work using theorems to determine if lines are parallel.

Take a seat in a high school auditorium where students are participating in a seminar about the Cold War, listening to speakers who share their stories as influential players during the war. In another classroom, students log onto their computers and access their online social studies textbooks that offer extra learning resources and interactive maps to enrich their learning.

Hear a tune coming from the band room down the hall? Open the door and your ears fill with the music of Frank Ticheli's Vesuvius played by the high school concert band. Beginning in grade 4, FCPS students can play an instrument and be part of the band



or orchestra, or even choose to sing in their school's chorus.

For many students, their day does not end with the learning in the classroom. Thousands of FCPS students participate in extracurricular activities which can enhance what they learn in the classroom and also provide important lessons in teamwork, cooperation, and problem solving.

The clapping in the auditorium is coming from yet another sold-out performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Secondary and high schools throughout Fairfax County have established well-known theater programs that produce popular plays and shows.

The athletic fields and gymnasiums at FCPS schools are buzzing with activity most of days of the week as soccer, lacrosse, football, basketball, volleyball, and many more sports teams are

meeting to prepare for their next match.

Students can participate in a wide variety of activities as early as elementary school as members of the safety patrol, student government and school publications. At the middle and high school level, students can choose to get involved with the student newspaper or yearbook, join clubs, run for student government, try out for performance groups and athletics, and become a member of an honor society.

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Greetings from Superintendent Jack Dale



Fairfax County Public Schools is fortunate to have the support of an engaged community, involved parents, talented principals and teachers, and motivated students. Our school system ranks among the best in the nation and throughout this State of the Schools Report, you will see why. We are very proud of the hard work and focus of our staff and students, which have resulted in our extraordinary student achievement gains. But there's always more to do to make sure every one of our students is reaching his or her highest potential—academically and personally.

In moving FCPS forward, we have to help each student find his or her element—the meeting point between natural aptitude and personal passion. Our commitment here in FCPS is to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to achieve at the highest levels and help our students discover what possibilities for passion lie within them.

However, the reality is that while the way we educate students remains somewhat static, our world is changing exponentially. Through lots of great interventions and technology, we educate more students to higher levels of success and often at younger ages, but all within the current model of education. I believe it's time to change the paradigm.

What should our education system look like and be like to prepare our students to create the possibilities and opportunities to succeed in the 21st century? We will start to have these conversations during this school year throughout our community. I invite you to join in that conversation by visiting a special web site we have set up where you can share ideas and comments about what the future should look like for FCPS at <http://fcps.uservoice.com>. Ideas will be posted on the site throughout the year. School system employees, parents, and members of the community are welcome to weigh in on these topics, vote for the ideas they prefer, and include their comments.

Thank you for your continued support of our school system, our families, and our students!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE PAST YEAR



FCPS Focuses Relentlessly on Student Achievement....

FCPS has established three student achievement goals as a framework to prepare students for the world of college and beyond:

Academics - Students will integrate academic knowledge and 21st century skills, allowing them to succeed in personal, community, and workplace environments and to understand and participate in the global economy.

Essential life skills - Each student will demonstrate the ability to work with others and develop relationships through effective communication, cooperation, negotiation, honesty, and ethical behavior.

Responsibility to the community - Students will demonstrate an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, and rights specific to a democratic society such as expressing ideas, act-

ing responsibly toward self and others, making informed decisions, accepting accountability and consequences for actions, and practicing honesty and treating others with respect.

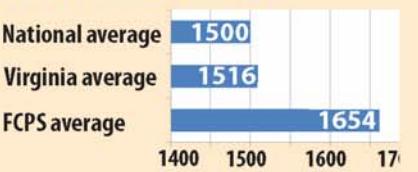
Each year, the School Board receives reports on how the school system is progressing toward reaching each of these goals.

... That Results in High Performance

- For the 2010 Standards of Learning tests, 92 percent of FCPS students passed mathematics and 93 percent of FCPS students passed reading.
- FCPS had the second highest graduation rate (91.2 percent) among the nation's 50 largest school districts.
- 91.7 percent of 2010 graduates are attending post-secondary programs.
- 65 percent of 2010 graduates earned advanced studies diplomas.

- All FCPS schools were in the top 6 percent of all American high schools as measured by their student participation in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams, according to the 2011 Washington Post rankings.
- A record 234 National Merit Scholars semifinalists were named from the class of 2011, the most in FCPS history.
- FCPS students earned more than 7,000 industry certifications during the 2009-10 school year, an increase of 86 percent from the previous year.

SAT Scores (Class of 2011)



THE TALENTS OF FCPS STAFF

FCPS employs 22,980 staff (92.9 percent school based and 7.1 percent non-school based).

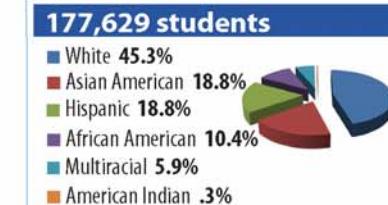
Just as every student brings individual strengths and needs to our classrooms, our teachers and staff bring unique skills and talent to prepare students for the future. More than 9,700 (64 percent) of teachers have master's degrees and more than 360 FCPS teachers are certified by National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential a teacher can earn.

Our principals provide strong leadership and focus on creating collaborative teams that use the best teaching practices to raise the bar



for all students and close the achievement gap. Principals also collaborate throughout the school system to share leadership strategies and success stories.

FCPS has the lowest ratio (0.8 percent) of non-school-based management positions to total school system positions in the entire metropolitan region. So while FCPS enrollment increased by 13,000 from 2007 to 2012, we hired 906 positions in the schools and decreased non-school positions by 130.



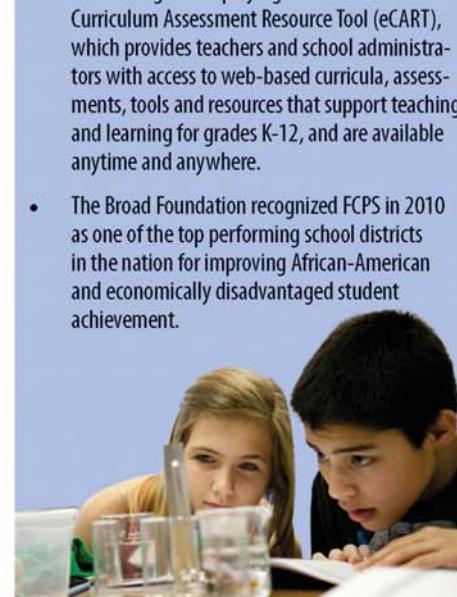
THE FACES OF FCPS STUDENTS 2011-12 Projected Enrollment: 177,629 students

Fairfax County Public Schools is the 11th largest school system in the United States with nearly 200 schools and centers.

Diversity is one of FCPS' greatest strengths and is an important part of creating resilient, caring, and innovative citizens of a global community. Our schools support more than 23,000 students who receive services for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and more than 24,000 students who receive special education services. One in four students (or 45,000) is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, the federal measure of poverty.

More Ways Why FCPS is a World-Class School System

- Closing the achievement gap between black and white students and Hispanic and white students is a priority for FCPS. Over the past three years, the black/white achievement gap on Standards of Learning (SOL) reading tests continues to decline from 13 percent to 10 percent. The Hispanic/white achievement gap on SOL reading tests increased from 10 percent to 11 percent. On SOL math tests, the achievement gap between black students and white students declined from 15 percent to 13 percent. The Hispanic achievement gap also declined from 16 percent three years ago to 11 percent.
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- FCPS students earned more than 7,000 industry certifications during the 2009-10 school year, an increase of 86 percent from the previous year.
- FCPS is one of eight school divisions in Virginia to be recognized with the 2011 Excellence Award from the Virginia Board of Education, which recognizes divisions that exceed minimum state and federal accountability standards and meet or exceed a number of performance indicators. In addition, 98 FCPS schools were honored for Virginia Index of Performance Awards.
- Nine students from FCPS won awards at the 2011 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.
- FCPS received the 2011 CIO 100 Award, recognizing innovative use of technology, from Chief Information Officer magazine. FCPS was honored for creating and deploying the FCPS Electronic Curriculum Assessment Resource Tool (eCART), which provides teachers and school administrators with access to web-based curricula, assessments, tools and resources that support teaching and learning for grades K-12, and are available anytime and anywhere.
- The Broad Foundation recognized FCPS in 2010 as one of the top performing school districts in the nation for improving African-American and economically disadvantaged student achievement.



CHALLENGES AHEAD

Closing the Achievement Gap

While FCPS has made progress on closing the achievement gap, we haven't reached our goal of all students achieving at high levels. School system data show that black and Hispanic students still do not perform academically, as a group, as well as their white and Asian counterparts. A steady focus on best teaching practices, collaborative teams, and using data to drive decisions on teaching and learning strategies will result in the continued narrowing of the gap.



FCPS Manages Its Resources Responsibly

Two primary budgets help to fund the programs and facilities of Fairfax County Public Schools—the annual school operating budget and the Capital Improvement Program budget.

The school operating budget, which is approved by the Fairfax County School Board every year, provides for the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the schools.

In FY 2011, FCPS ranks in the middle of other school districts in the Washington metropolitan area with a cost per pupil of \$12,597, a decrease of \$301, or 2.3 percent, from \$12,898. This decrease was due primarily to a lower county transfer and budget reductions. This represents the third consecutive year of declining per-pupil spending, with an overall decrease of \$810, or 6.0 percent, from FY 2008 to FY 2011.

2011-12 Fiscal Year Operating Budget -- \$2.2 billion



FY 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program -- \$805 million

Student enrollment continues to grow each year. More than 177,629 students attend FCPS, an increase of 2,333 students in one year alone. Enrollment has increased by 13,000 students since 2007. Additional space is needed to accommodate our growing student population and the accompanying normal wear and tear on buildings.

Since 2007, FCPS has built three new schools, renovated 10 schools, and completed three school building additions and eight modular additions. In 2011-12, FCPS is currently building two new schools and renovating 10 others. We will begin renovations on two schools and putting additions on nine other schools this year.



Teacher Compensation

More is demanded of teachers every year. They consistently update their professional training to improve their teaching skills, and are required to keep up with technology changes in their classrooms and new ways of collaborating together to ensure every child succeeds. In FY 2012, FCPS teachers (and all other employees) received their first salary increase in two years. FCPS believes in its teachers and wants to compensate them for the increase in demands of their jobs.

Fairfax County School Board

We Believe in Our Children

- Each child is important and entitled to the opportunity to realize his or her fullest potential.
- High expectations promote high achievement.

We Believe in Our Teachers

- Effective teachers are essential to student success.
- Learning occurs best when instruction is tailored to individual needs.

We Believe in Our Public Education System

- Adults and children thrive in a vibrant, safe, enriching, and respectful environment.
- A well-rounded education enables students to lead fulfilling and culturally rich lives.
- An educated citizenry is critical to sustaining our economy and our system of self-governance.

We Believe in Our Community

- A dynamic partnership among students, parents, teachers, staff members, and the community is critical to exceptional student achievement.
- Our diversity creates resilient, open, and innovative citizens of the global community.



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Getting to Know Us

Middle School Teacher Jamie Sawatzky



For Rocky Run Middle School history teacher Jamie Sawatzky, every new school year is like the opening day of baseball season. The year is a fresh start, a chance to work with a new group of students and help each of them hit an academic homerun.

Sawatzky, the Fairfax County Public Schools 2011 Teacher of the Year, brings history lessons to life for seventh graders at his school. Not only do his students learn about historical events, they participate in role play exercises to reinforce the lesson. For example, his students are assigned a position to debate the merits and expenses of the Social Security program while studying the New Deal or they each assume the identity of an immigrant arriving at Ellis Island.

Sawatzky also serves as a coach in FCPS' Great Beginnings, a comprehensive program that provides support to new teachers through mentoring and professional learning opportunities.

"It is an extensive program designed to inspire teachers who are new to FCPS," he said. "The level of excitement in the new teachers is just great. Fairfax County recognizes that teaching is a profession and they provide the resources to help us on that journey."

Sawatzky has been teaching for 12 years. He is also the recipient of The Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for educational excellence.

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High School Senior E. J. Coleman III



E.J. Coleman's week is similar to many other high school seniors. He's an active member of the Mount Vernon High School debate team, the National Honor Society, the Men of Vision and Purpose program and many other clubs. He is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program at his school and he serves as a Battalion commander in the Marine Corps JROTC. He's even a licensed pilot. But the one thing that sets him apart from other seniors? He's the student representative to the Fairfax County School Board.

Coleman said he wanted to serve on the School Board because he is interested in politics.

"I saw it as a way for me to help other students in Fairfax County Public Schools in a more direct way. Before I was elected to the position I spoke at different public hearings and that was a way to help other students. This position allows me to have more of a positive impact on a larger group of my peers," he said.

Coleman has served as class president and was elected Governor at Boy's State last summer. His experience at Boy's State gave him the opportunity to meet students from around the country.

"I'm especially proud to say that Fairfax County Public Schools is one of the best school systems in the country and that it has been recognized internationally," he said. "I am also proud of the fact that some of the best students in the country would give me the honor of representing them on the school board."

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FALL FUN Goddess

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about is having a husband. It's a metaphor."

Interspersed throughout the monologues are musical interludes. This year, the focus is on African drumming and dance. This is one example of how "The Goddess Diaries" have grown and changed over time.

"I'm the playwriting but I now consider myself a curator," said Carol Campbell. "I take new stories but I swap out the old and keep some of the favorites. Each year it grows, it changes, it stays fresh with us."

This is the second time "The Goddess Diaries" are being performed at the Harris Theatre at George Mason University. They end the "Turn off the Violence" week at the university.

"Every dollar raised goes to the Victims of Violence Fund at Mason which provides emotional help as well as financial help to women who have faced domestic and sexual abuse," said Carol Campbell.

Something special about this year's production is the spotlight monologue, written by two survivors of sexual abuse at a local church.

Cindy Hamblen, one of the survivors, went public with her story in the Washington Post and USA today. Carol Campbell heard the story and contacted Hamblen through Stacy Jones, Hamblen's cousin, who happens to be the director of "The Goddess Diaries."

Hamblen had seen the "Diaries" before. "It was very serendipitous," she said. "It was very fateful. [Stacy Jones] called me and said, 'you're doing it,' and I said, 'OK.'"

Hamblen's monologue was co-written by another survivor of sexual abuse by the same youth ministries director. Their "dueling monologue" focuses on the fact that their stories are intertwined but both women thought they were the only one involved with the youth minister. The women are now close friends. The other survivor will not be performing and chooses to remain anonymous. Her part will be cast.

"For seven years I did not know that she was abused right along side me," said Hamblen. "For seven years there was a weird silence between us. He put that wedge between us. I believe it's because he knew what he was doing was wrong. But we got the last laugh. Because by pushing us apart it only brought us closer to

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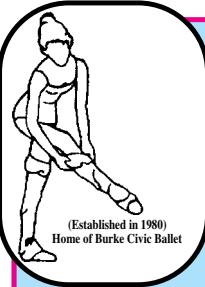
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FALL FUN Samurai

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Fellowship in the 1970s that allowed him to be trained at the renowned Ecole Jacques Lecoq in Paris where he "learned the poetry of theater without words including the grammar and challenges in developing non-verbal storytelling." Gaines has performed the 7 (x1) Samurai" in venues throughout the world and won numerous awards. In 2008, he received "best solo performance award" at the DC Capitol Fringe Festival.

For Ken Elson, chair of the GMU Department of Theater, Gaines' performance is "a great opportunity for audiences to enjoy themselves and see a dynamic and distinct piece of physical theater. It really is a masterpiece."

Where and When

Performances of '7 (x1) Samurai,' are Oct. 14 and 15, at 8 p.m., at TheatreSpace, Laski Performing Arts Building, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia. Tickets are \$30. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu or www. This is a Friends of Theater Mason Special Event, which benefits scholarships.

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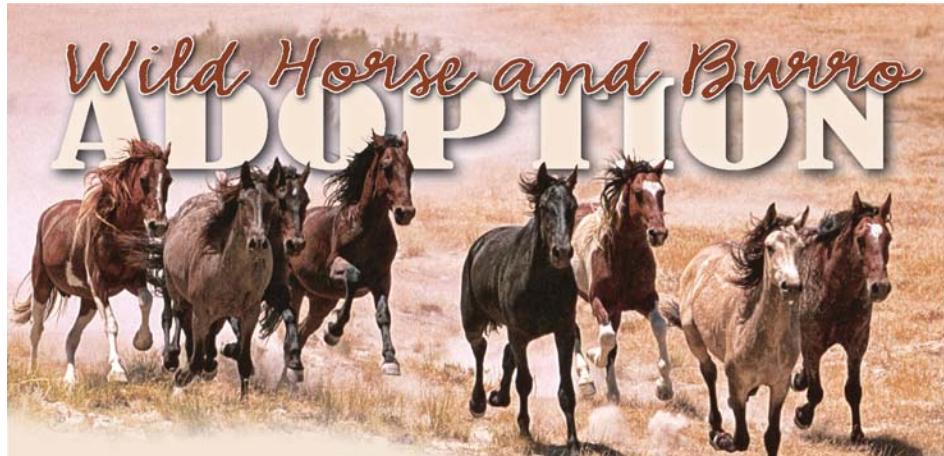
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Can We Do It All?

GMU student balances school, work and music in pursuit of his dream.

BY STEPHANIE LANHAM
THE CONNECTION

With all of life's distractions, how can one accomplish their dreams? Many young adults living in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area are in constant juggle with what they should do, what they want to do and what the need to do.

Finding balance between an overwhelming assortment of responsibilities and activities can be quite difficult. These typically range from school to extracurricular activities to even working a full or part-time job.

Taking classes at a nearby campus like George Mason University is the norm for most. One particular student worth mentioning is Kamal Kalifa, a senior at George

Mason University.

Kalifa is a triple studies student majoring in communications with a concentration in media production and criticism, along with two minors, one in conflict analysis and the other in psychology. He is currently enrolled in an extremely heavy load this semester, at a maximum of 18 credits.

Kalifa is also the bassist of a pop-rock band called Escape the Armada. He understands the importance of school, alongside his not-so-traditional rock

star career path.

"School is extremely important for both me and my band as well," he said. "I have learned a tremendous amount from my classes and am able to incorporate them towards the band."

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"The musicians who tend to stray away from college have it all wrong."

— Kamal Kalifa



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George Mason University senior Kamal Kalifa

'The Goddess Diaries'

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gether and made us strong. If there's a silver lining, it's the unconditional love and support I've found with her."

Carol Campbell thinks this monologue is particularly meaningful. "I think they know by doing this it's helping other girls not have to go through this," said Carol Campbell. "It's saying trust your instincts. Look at what can happen and be aware."

Kay Campbell agreed.

"It can be very impactful for other people to hear the stories," said Kay Campbell. "It helps people understand more fully and be more empathetic when they hear them acted out through theatre."

For Hamblen, sharing her story is empowering for both herself and others. Hamblen described the abuse in two stages, first from the youth minister then the neglect and disbelief from the congregation.

"There were so many years I didn't have a voice," said Hamblen. "I can only imagine what it would have been like to hear someone tell a story like this during those years. Now that I've found my voice there's no reason for me to put it away again."

She has found camaraderie with the other "goddesses" in the play.

"It's very empowering to know that I have all these other women standing behind me encouraging me to speak and speak loudly," said Hamblen. "It's the opposite of some of the encounters I've had before."

Hamblen said the healing process since she went public has been intense. She spent the summer working in the Ukraine at an orphan care ministry. She said it was revitalizing to help others and not be the one who needed the help. She is involved in a new church in Clifton.

"The story is not as raw as it used to be," said Hamblen. "I'm able to look back and learn from it now. ... This is who I am and this is what I've done and this is what's been a part of me. There's no hiding from it anymore. I'm not afraid or ashamed of what happened to me. I'm proud that I survived."

"The Goddess Diaries" will be performed Oct. 7 and 8, at 7:30 pm at GMU's Harris Theatre. For tickets and more information, go to www.goddessdiaries.org.



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OPINION

Overabundance

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Now in some neighborhoods, it can be a bit surprising if you don't see half a dozen deer in a mile at dusk. With the automobile the only active predator, and a remarkable 24-hour buffet set on nearly every block, the deer population is growing. Along with the growing deer population come serious impacts on people, as well as the deer and other plants and creatures.

If you drive in suburban Washington, chances are you know someone who has hit a deer, or had a deer hit them while driving. This has proved to be fatal for the driver in a small number of cases, but nearly always results in death or serious injury for the deer, plus often thousands of dollars in damage to the vehicle.

Lyme disease is an increasing problem, which can have serious health consequences if untreated. Lyme disease is often overlooked as a diagnosis.

The large deer population is hard on other flora and fauna. Not only do the deer consume vegetable gardens and landscaping, they damage habitat needed by other wildlife and impact native plants and young trees.

But even as we admit that something needs to be done about the deer population, it's difficult for many to embrace hunting in urban/suburban areas. Some residents have safety concerns, some are concerned about the suffering of the deer.

EDITORIAL

Last year, Fairfax County's archery program killed 452 deer in 11 county parks, more than half the 815 deer killed through the county's deer management program on parkland. Last year marked the most deer killed since the deer management program began in 1998. Sharpshooting operations, conducted at 15 parks by Fairfax County police, killed another 226 deer. Managed hunts killed 137 deer at four parks.

Bow hunting allowed on private property is also part of county efforts to keep the deer population in check. With the deer population likely more than 25,000, it's not clear that such numbers will make enough of an impact.

Fairfax County will again use bow hunting, sharp shooting and managed hunts from now through March 2012 in efforts to control the population of deer. The sharpshooting and managed hunts will be conducted at selected park sites throughout the county.

Bow hunting began last weekend and will run until February in parks in every part of Fairfax County: Lake Accotink and Accotink Stream Valley park in Springfield; Wakefield Park in Annandale, Eakin Park in Fairfax, Laurel Hill Park and golf course in Lorton, Pohick Stream Valley, South Run Stream Valley and Lake Mercer in Springfield; Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Station, Confederate Fortifications Historic Site and Johnny Moore Stream Valley Park near Clifton; Eleanor C. Lawrence Park and Cub Run Stream Valley Park in Chantilly;

Sully Woodlands Park and Sully Historic Site; Colvin Run Stream Valley and Difficult Run Stream Valley parks, along with Riverbend Park in Great Falls; Difficult Run Stream Valley and Clark's Crossing parks in Vienna; Sugarland Run Stream Valley park in Herndon, and Huntley Meadows in Mount Vernon. Bow hunting is also used at Fort Belvoir, Mason Neck, and on private property. It is a continuous program with bow hunting allowed six days a week from just before dawn until sunset.

Managed hunts will go forward in two county park authority parks, Sully Woodlands on Nov. 17 and Jan. 12, and Scotts Run Dec. 14-16.

More research is needed. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) sponsored legislation that would direct more funding to develop a better test for Lyme disease. There are methods under study to apply some insecticide to deer to kill the ticks that spread Lyme disease. Some breakthrough method of curbing reproduction would be a welcome addition to deer management.

What are your thoughts? Have you seen bow hunters in the parks you frequent? Do you have an anecdote to relate about deer? We also welcome your photos.

MARY KIMM,

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Vote 'Yes' On School Bond

To the Editor:

Many of our public schools desperately need to be updated so our children have the classrooms and equipment they need to thrive. All Fairfax County citizens can play a role in making this a reality by voting "yes" on the school bond referendum on Nov. 8. The school bond provides low-interest funding to improve more than 20 schools across Fairfax County, with no increase in our tax bills, and without jeopardizing the county's AAA bond rating.

Supporting the school bond means supporting technology upgrades, roof replacements, HVAC replacement, athletic infrastructure, ADA upgrades, security improvements and more. And with interest rates and construction costs at historic lows, there has never been a better opportunity to invest in our schools. With many of

the multi-national companies in Fairfax County citing our world-class schools a reason why they decided to locate here, investment in our schools is also an investment in our economic future.

Supporting the school bond referendum is a great opportunity to support the future of Fairfax County. Vote "yes" on Nov. 8.

Randy Becker
Fairfax Citizens for Better
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Incumbent Fails Values Test

To the Editor:

Exactly 3 months prior to the inauguration on Dec. 13, I advised the Board of Supervisors to address public safety. According to public safety advocates, Fairfax County needs to properly staff our ladder trucks with at least four firefighters. The incumbent chairman [Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)] has us standing alone as our nation's only large locality who

fails to meet this standard. We are accountable to our community as an integral component of our national capital region.

The speaker immediately before me was Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) advocating for 100 children to be removed from a pre-school waiting list of 3,000 children throughout Fairfax County living in poverty.

As a candidate for Fairfax County chairman, I work with community leaders like Del. Surovell who stand up for our community's highest priorities and give voice to children, to people in need.

What is the excuse the incumbent chairman gives firefighters and children? Funding. Who is responsible for funding? The Board of Supervisors. How much would it cost to create 42 needed firefighter jobs in this economy? About \$4.2 million. Pre-school? About \$830,000 for 100 children, not counting matching state support.

What did the incumbent chairman do instead? She hoarded \$28.69 million for unspecified use in 2013. She did this two days af-

ter we commemorated the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

Does President Obama (D) know what our incumbent chairman did? A million choices like this hold back our economic growth. I support public safety, smart job creation and early childhood education throughout Fairfax County.

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Musician Masters Art of Balance

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"The musicians who tend to stray away from college have it all wrong," Kalifa said. "They are assuming they can either play music or go to school, but it's that balance that truly makes a difference." Being involved in both school and a band are imperative to his wants and dreams. They go hand-in-hand with what he wants to do later in life.

"My major currently benefits the band and will in future endeavors as well," he said. "As my concentration being media production and criticism, I have learned the foundation of video, audio and radio production."

Not only does Kalifa focus on his wants, but he also finds time to help out at his family's business, a local flower shop, working an additional 30 hours a week.

Kamal usually has late nights, until 4 a.m., studying for his classes. Between classes, he finds time to meet with his band twice a week, once for practice and another time for brand management and business.

The band works together as a team, as each of member pursues his personal, as well as the band's collective goals. Kalifa gains support from the other

band members and manager by implementing a task delegation operation. This helps with everything, including online marketing to studio time.

As part of his goals, Kalifa is also interested in advertising. "I have learned what to look for, where to network to and how to design advertising campaigns as well as how to market our music. It's very similar to having an internship at a company, except it's a company that you personally own and learn first-hand," he said.

Finding the right balance is key to accomplishing life's numerous responsibilities, whether it is achieving a degree or chasing your dream.

As a postscript, Kalifa is currently finishing up his last semester at George Mason University, while also getting ready for his band's album, Monster, to be released on Oct. 4.

The album will be available on iTunes, Amazon, Rhapsody and other major online music sites. Escape the Armada has performed at various local venues, as well as venues along the East Coast. The band has also performed with Shanell from Young Money Entertainment, who also sponsors artists such as Lil Wayne, Drake, and Nicki Minaj. For more information on Escape the Armada, visit www.escapeharmada.com.

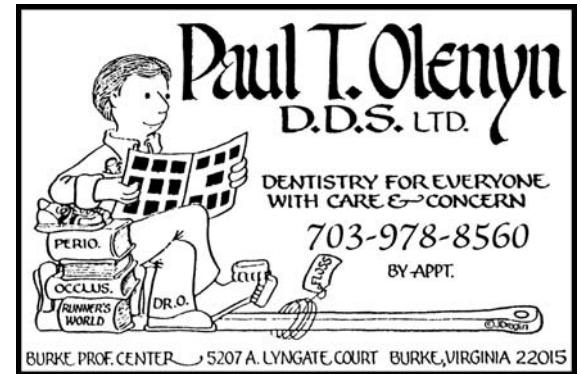
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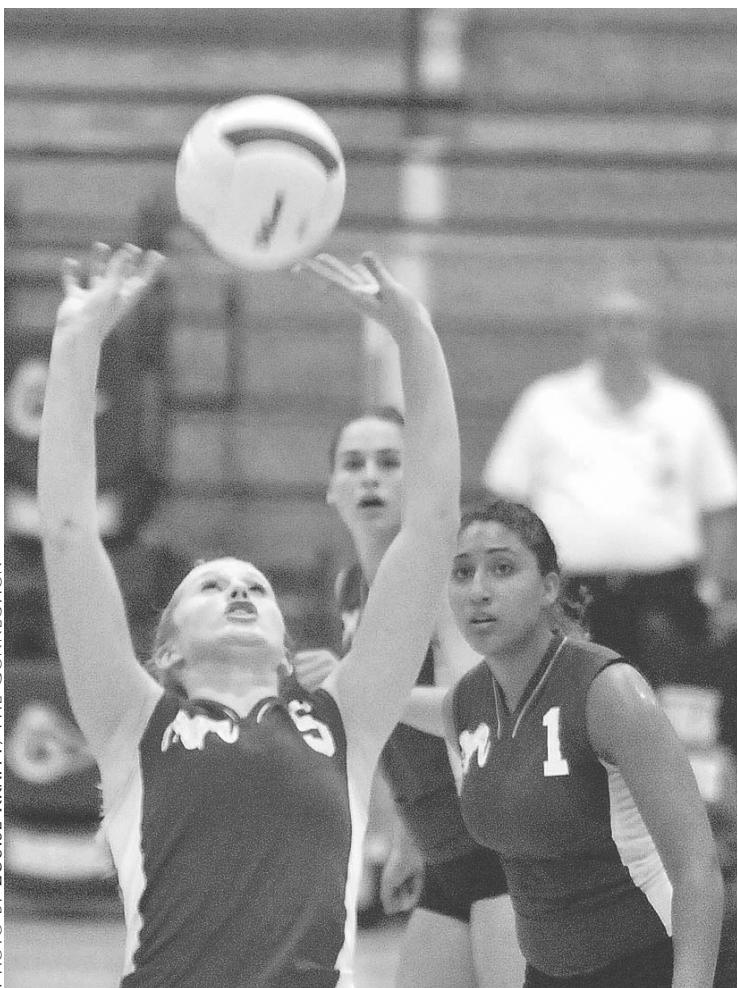


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Robinson's Sarah Miller sets the ball during a Sept. 22 match against West Springfield.

Rye's 23 Kills Propel Rams

Robinson senior helping ease the loss of star Murach.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Last season, Robinson middle/opposite hitter Chance Rye earned second-team all-Concorde District honors while benefiting from the attention to which opponents paid Rams two-time all-state outside hitter Susie Murach.

This season, Murach is a freshman on the Wingate University volleyball team and Rye, now a senior at Robinson, has become the Rams' top offensive threat and the focal point of Robinson opponents. On Sept. 22 against West Springfield, Rye showed she's up to the task.

Rye put down 23 kills and the Rams overcame a late deficit to defeat the Spartans 3-2 (22-25, 25-9, 24-26, 25-13, 15-11) at Robinson Secondary School. The Rams trailed 10-6 in the deciding fifth game, but responded by scoring nine of the game's final 10 points to pull out the win.

"It's amazing how this group has come together team chemistry-wise," Robinson head coach Jill

Pearson said. "They bought into the team-first philosophy and everyone ... understands their roles."

Robinson entered the match with a 2-2 record and ranked No. 6 in the Northern Region. Rye is one of just three seniors on the Rams' roster and she led the way with an impressive performance at the net.

"Obviously Chance, as I think most teams are figuring out, is our go-to girl," Pearson said. "She has a lot of experience through club and can make big plays and can step up when she needs to."

Rye, who said she is trying to take on a leadership role, deferred praise to the entire team for coming from behind to beat the Spartans. Sophomore Cara Cunningham tallied nine kills for Robinson. Senior

Brenna Dolan had six kills, and juniors Anna Kulbaski and Somya Leskanich each had four. Senior Paige Brindley had five aces.

"We all trust each other and we all believe we can put the ball down," Rye said. "Susie was an awesome player and we really miss her, but our whole team just picks each other up. We don't have just one player supporting us, we have everybody there."

After beating West Springfield, which entered the match ranked No. 3 in the region, Robinson defeated Langley, 3-2, and lost to Woodson, 3-2, on Sept. 24. The Rams also lost to Stone Bridge, 3-0, on Sept. 27. Robinson will host Lake Braddock on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 5:15 p.m.

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— Robinson senior Chance Rye

Area Cross Country Teams Shine at Oatlands

McGorty captures first place in boys' race; Kolonich earns third in girls' race.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The annual midseason Oatlands Invitational high school cross country meet took place Sept. 17 at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg. Numerous schools from the Northern Region participated in the huge showcase event.

In the varsity "A" boys' meet, consisting of 46 teams, Chantilly High, led by junior Sean McGorty, earned a second place overall finish with 197 team points, finishing behind champion Albemarle High (146 points) of Charlottesville. Other Northern Region teams competing in the "A" boys' race included fourth place Oakton (265), 11th place Jefferson High (282) of Alexandria, 15th place Hayfield, and 20th place Stone Bridge. South County

finished 26th and Annandale 28th. Madison, Westfield, Langley, Fairfax, and Marshall High Schools were also among the schools that competed.

Chantilly's McGorty captured the individual title with a time of 15 minutes, 30 seconds, finishing ahead of second place finisher Ahmed Bile, a senior from Annandale. Chantilly junior Logan Miller also had an outstanding race with a third place finish at 15:49. South County senior Jeff Puhek finished 10th place overall.

Three-hundred sixteen runners in all participated in the boys' race. Other good outings from Northern Region runners included: Stone Bridge sophomore Brady Guertin (23rd); Marshall High sophomore Mackenzie Haight (41st); Westfield High junior Jeff Edmondson (47th); Chantilly sophomore Peter Malander (also 47th); Oakton seniors Greg Petruncio (33rd), Pratik Singh (37th), Chris Jewell (52nd),

and Patrick Eberhart (55th); and Hayfield High's Jacob Miller (58th).

In the girls' "A" race, McLean, Madison, and Jefferson High Schools finished eighth, ninth, and 10th, respectively, in a field of 41 teams. Other Northern Region schools finishing in the top 25 were Oakton (15th), Washington-Lee (16th), Langley (17th), and Stone Bridge (22nd).

Top area individual finishers, included: Lee sophomore Bailey Kolonich (3rd place); Jefferson senior Katherine Sheridan (22nd); Oakton sophomore Hailey Dougherty (25th); Westfield senior Leidy Arias (32nd); McLean junior Hannah Dimmick (36th); South County junior Mary Cate Scully (40th); Madison freshman Amanda Swaak (45th); Langley senior Mary Fouse (50th); and McLean senior Alexa Tabackman (51st).

In the varsity "B" boys' race, Oakton finished sixth overall among 66 teams. Also among the top 25 teams were 11th place Centreville, 12th place Jefferson, and 14th place McLean. Top local individual finishers were: Centreville junior Chan Young-Lee (19th place); Lee High sophomore Biruk

Amare (23rd); Oakton sophomore Jack Stoney (43rd); Jefferson's Elliot Simon (45th); and McLean senior Jason Richards (46th).

In the varsity "B" girls' race, Chantilly High captured the team title with 81 points, finishing ahead of second place Briar Woods of Ashburn and third place Centreville High. Oakton (seventh place) and Hayfield (eighth) finished among the top 10 as well.

Oakton freshmen Allie Klimkiewicz captured the individual title with a first place finish.

Chantilly had three runners finish in the top 10. They were junior Kendall Crowe (fifth), freshman Xaveria Hawvemarle (sixth), and senior Carolyn Carlson (10th).

Centreville runners Rebecca Vinter, a junior, and freshman Jackie O'Shea finished eighth and ninth, respectively, while teammate Joanna Ahn, a freshman, was 23rd overall.

Hayfield sophomore Abigail Power finished 14th.

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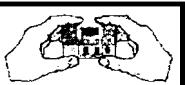
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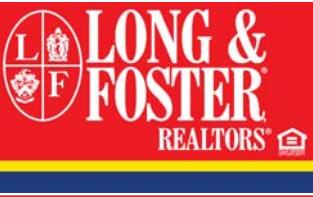
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