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Did you know that the Fairfax Education Association, Fairfax Zero Tolerance Reform, and the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, are endorsing the SAME CANDIDATES for School Board?

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- **Providence:** Patty Reed • **Dranesville:** Louise Epstein
- **Mason:** Sandy Evans • **Mt. Vernon:** Dan Storck
- **Hunter Mill:** Pat Hynes
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# ELECTION 2011

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## The Price of Influence

People who have business before the Board of Supervisors contribute to incumbents.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS

**W**hy do people give money to candidates for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors?

“People give money in politics to get what they want,” said Stephen Farnsworth, communications professor at George Mason University. “If they weren’t getting what they want they wouldn’t keep giving money.”

From developers to commercial real estate owners and property management companies, the roster of people who have given money to incumbent members of the Board of Supervisors reads like a Planning Commission docket. It’s all legal in Virginia, which has no restrictions on who can give or how much money they can contribute — as long as it’s disclosed. But following the money isn’t always easy.

“I think what voters are really interested in is transparency,” said Lincoln Park Civic Association President Loretta Prencipe. “We really want to understand who is donating. And when campaign contributions are made under entities that aren’t transparent. It raises questions for us.”

Take an entity known as Tysons West Assemblage LLC. The limited liability company is a group of commercial real-estate developers who own land near the new Tysons West Metro station. Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth said that she did not accept campaign contributions when the plan for Tysons Corner was being crafted. But now that the only pending business before the Board of Supervisors is a series of rezoning decisions, all bets are off.

“What is going on at Tysons,” explained Smyth, “is that there are small land owners who consolidate and set up a partnership.”

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE RECORDS** show the limited liability company has given \$5,000 to Supervisor Smyth and \$30,000 to Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. Smyth accepted the money, but says her vote is not for sale.

“They do not get any special favors from me,” said Smyth. “Let me put it that way.”

Some argue that money does buy influence, or at least access. Sue Tolchin is author of *Pinstripe Patronage: Political Favoritism from the Clubhouse to*



**Sharon Bulova**  
*Chairman of the Board of Supervisors*  
total money raised: \$1,016,755  
construction and real estate: \$220,426



**Pat Herry**  
*Springfield District*  
total money raised: \$198,887  
construction and real estate: \$54,900



**Jeff McKay**  
*Lee District*  
total money raised: \$122,018  
construction and real estate: \$49,517



**John Cook**  
*Braddock District*  
total money raised: \$216,681  
construction and real estate: \$46,300



**Penny Gross**  
*Mason District*  
total money raised: \$152,558  
construction and real estate: \$42,885



**Gerry Hyland**  
*Mount Vernon District*  
total money raised: \$219,561  
construction and real estate: \$40,743



**Michael Frey**  
*Sully District*  
total money raised: \$147,237  
construction and real estate: \$35,473



**John Foust**  
*Dranesville District*  
total money raised: \$222,106  
construction and real estate: \$34,784



**Linda Smyth**  
*Providence District*  
total money raised: \$139,765  
construction and real estate: \$14,250



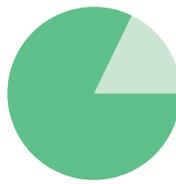
**Catherine Hudgins**  
*Hunter Mill*  
total money raised: \$59,341  
construction and real estate: \$3,625

*2008 to 2011 campaign finance information from the Virginia Public Access Project*

the White House and Beyond. She says it’s unethical for members of the Board of Supervisors to take money from people who have pending or future business in the county.

“On the face of it, it’s unethical,” said Tolchin. “They are paying in effect to get a certain decision.”

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**Democratic Incumbent**  
**Stan Barry**



**Republican challenger**  
**Bill Cooper**

## Barry Faces Cooper for County Sheriff

Four-time incumbent Barry faces challenger Bill Cooper.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**F**airfax County Sheriff Stan Barry (D) will face Republican challenger Bill Cooper this November.

The Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office is responsible for maintaining the county’s Adult Detention Center, providing courthouse security and serving civil law process. The Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office is the largest in Virginia, with more than 600 employees.

**BARRY** was elected in 1999, and is completing his third term in office. He has been a member of the sheriff’s office for the past 32 years. Barry said over his past three terms, he has enacted a number of programs that save the county money.

“We save the county millions each year with labor programs that we created and are staffed by inmates,” Barry said. “We restructured our training and staffing to save the county more than a million dollars a year in overtime costs. We have had our budget reduced as a result of the recession and still returned \$1.5 million this year, and \$2.5 million last year by being very strict with spending.”

Barry says one of his goals if elected for another term would be to further save money by electronically serving certain kinds of civil process. “We have the technology to do it, we just need to get the courts to allow

us to do it,” he said. “We would still do some services in person, but many of them could be done electronically, with no deputy driving to a location and physically serving.”

Barry has been endorsed by the Virginia Coalition of Police, the Fairfax County Government Employees Union, the Fairfax Coalition of Police and the Fairfax County Deputy Sheriff’s Coalition, among others.

More information is available at [www.fairfaxsheriff.com](http://www.fairfaxsheriff.com).

**COOPER** served with the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office since 1988 until his retirement as a lieutenant in March of this year. During his time with the office, he worked in court security, the Adult Detention Center and the Criminal Justice Academy.

He said if elected, one of his first priorities would be to enforce the more than 4,000 outstanding warrants in the county.

“I would work in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department to get these 4,000 criminals off the streets,” he said. “Because of budget issues, we’ll also work with the FBI, [Immigration and Customs Enforcement], the U.S. Marshals and combine resources to make it budget neutral.”

Cooper says he would make it a goal to increase cooperation with the Fairfax County Police Department to make sure re

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# School Bond Facts, Figures

The \$252 million school bond referendum is on the ballot Nov. 8. Historically, school bonds have a high passage rate in Fairfax County. Each year, the School Board and staff members work with the community to develop an updated five-year capital improvement program (CIP) for schools.

To develop the CIP, the school system looks at changes in expected enrollment, academic programs and facility conditions to determine priorities for new construction, renovations and other capital projects. During the school year, approximately 175,000 students use FCPS facilities daily for academic and extracurricular activities.

Community organizations, such as scouting groups and cultural and civic organizations also use school facilities.

Several factors were considered in determining which schools to include in this year's bond referendum, including:

- ❖ Sustained high enrollment
- ❖ Continued need for temporary classrooms
- ❖ School located in high growth areas
- ❖ Strong growth at kindergarten and primary
- ❖ Demographic characteristics

## What is a bond?

The sale of municipal bonds is a form of long-term borrowing that spreads the cost of major capital improvements over the years facilities are used. This method of financing ensures that current and future users help pay for the improvements.

## Why are bonds needed?

The building and renovation of schools are not financed through the school system's operating funds, but through bonds. Bonds are similar to someone obtaining a mortgage on a residence to spread the cost of home-buying over a number of years.

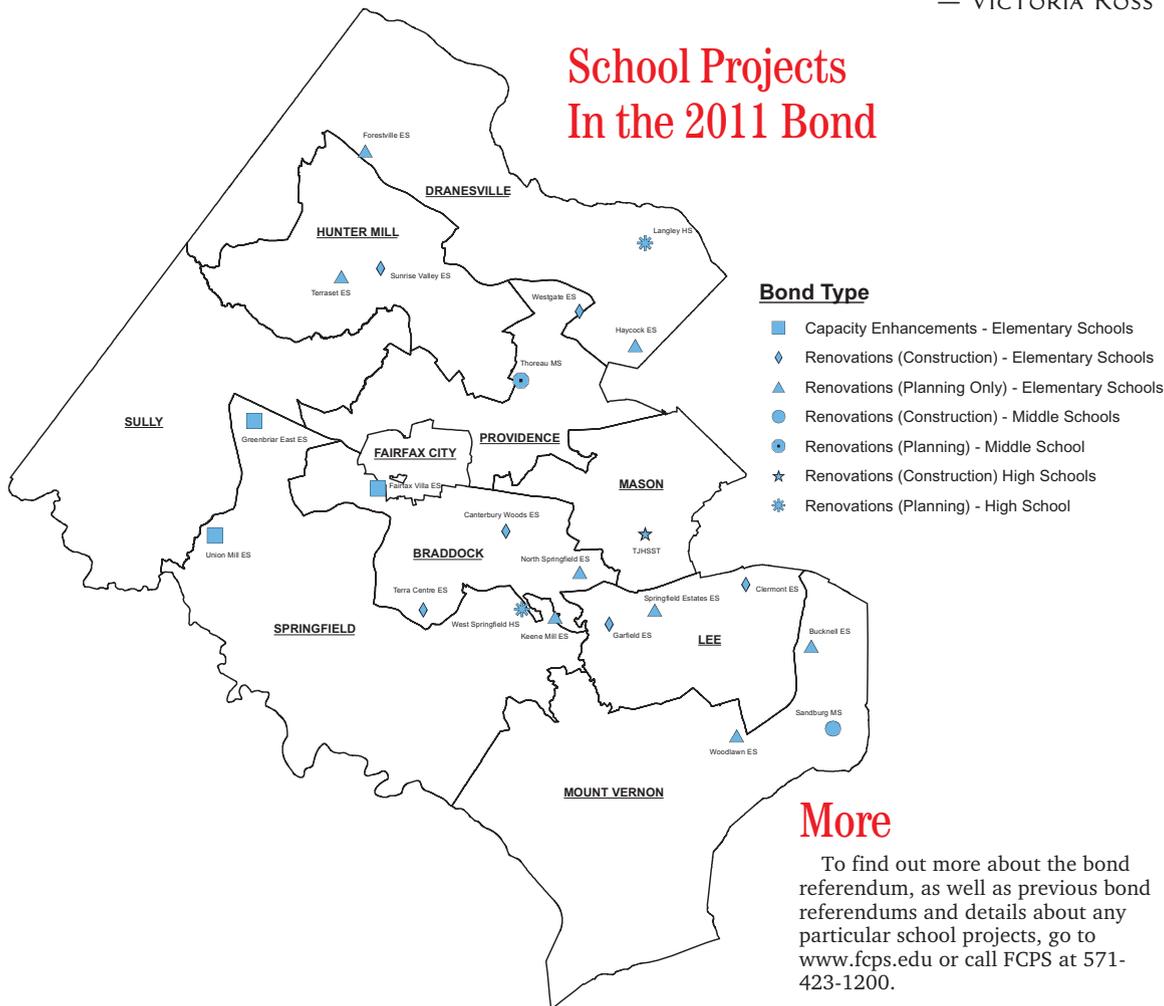
## Why a referendum?

The law requires that voters approve bonds since they are a future obligation for taxpayers.

## Why renovate our schools?

School facilities wear out over time, and they also become outdated, both technologically and instructionally. Funding for the renovation at Thomas Jefferson High School is included in the bond as well as planning funds for the renovation of Langley and West Springfield High Schools.

— VICTORIA ROSS



## More

To find out more about the bond referendum, as well as previous bond referendums and details about any particular school projects, go to [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) or call FCPS at 571-423-1200.

<b>Capacity Enhancements (Additions and other modifications)</b>	<b>\$13,688,696</b>
Fairfax Villa Elementary School, Fairfax	\$3,129,294
Greenbrier East Elementary School, Fairfax	\$3,889,687
Union Mill Elementary School, Clifton	\$3,419,725
Modular Relocations	\$3,250,000
<b>High School Renovation</b>	<b>\$90,575,065</b>
Thomas Jefferson, Alexandria (construction)	\$84,625,065
West Springfield, Springfield (planning)	\$5,950,000
<b>Middle School Renovation</b>	<b>\$96,225,065</b>
Sandburg, Mount Vernon (construction)	\$44,293,958
Thoreau, Vienna (planning)	\$2,175,000

<b>Elementary School Renovations</b>	<b>\$97,744,389</b>
Canterbury Woods, Annandale (Construction)	\$14,894,268
Clermont, Alexandria (Planning/Construction)	\$13,608,872
Sunrise Valley, Reston (Planning/Construction)	\$16,215,447
Garfield, Springfield (Planning/Construction)	\$14,158,593
Terra Centre, Burke (Planning/Construction)	\$16,614,596
Westgate, McLean (Planning/Construction)	\$14,221,431
Terraset, Reston (Planning)	\$1,053,799
Haycock, Fall Church (Planning)	\$960,703
Woodlawn, Mount Vernon (Planning)	\$1,189,450
Forestville, Great Falls (Planning)	\$1,165,000
North Springfield, Springfield (Planning)	\$899,000
Springfield Estates, Springfield (Planning)	\$723,444
Keene Mill, Springfield (Planning)	\$908,010
Bucknell, Mount Vernon (Planning)	\$1,131,776

## WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

### Child Found Unharmed after Kidnapping, Car Theft

Fairfax County police continue to search for the suspect in a kidnapping and car theft that took place in a quiet residential neighborhood in Franconia on Sunday, Oct. 23.

According to police, a mother was visiting a friend in the 7500 block of Murillo Street around 4 p.m. for a Halloween party. She left her sleeping 2-year-old son in the back seat of her 2006 Honda Pilot, with the engine running. The car was stolen while the mother briefly stepped inside the home.

When she returned to the car, she saw it being driven down the street. A neighbor jumped in her own car, and found the Honda and unharmed child abandoned nearby at the intersection of Backlick Road and Leesville Boulevard within minutes of the report.

"We are still seeking the public's help in finding the suspect," said police spokesperson Lucy Caldwell. "This kind of thing doesn't happen often here, but it underscores the fact that you should never leave your child unattended or your car running. It was extremely frightening for this family."

The suspect is described as a white male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus message to CRIMES/274637, or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

"Odds are the suspect did not realize the child was in the back, and clearly abandoned the vehicle once he did notice the child. But until we make an arrest, we don't know his intentions," Caldwell said.

### Officer Arrested for DWI

An off-duty Fairfax County police officer was involved in a single vehicle crash on Zion Drive on Monday, Oct. 24 shortly after 3 a.m. The officer was the sole occupant of his personal vehicle when it struck a utility pole near the intersection of Grovewood Way.

A 41-year-old officer, who was not injured, was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He has been placed on administrative leave pending an internal investigation, according to police.

### Have a Safe Halloween

Fairfax County police are advising parents how to keep their children safe, Monday night, Oct. 31, while they're out trick-or-treating on Halloween. Make sure children cross the street with an adult, walk on sidewalks or paths, cross the street at corners, obey traffic signals and crosswalk signs, and watch for cars that may be turning or backing up.

Children should also wear reflective costumes or carry lights to make sure motorists can see them. Motorists should drive slowly, stay alert and remember that neighborhoods will be full of young children in both large and small groups.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### THURSDAY/OCT. 27

**Braddock District Supervisor Candidate Debates.** 7:30 p.m. Ravensworth Elementary School, 5411 Nutting Drive, Springfield. John Cook and Janet Oleszek will engage in a 60 minute debate, featuring 3 minute opening and closing statements, and questions from the audience through cards passed to moderator. Each candidate will also have up to two rebuttal opportunities. Independent candidate Carey Campbell will be invited to participate. 571-502-5292 or 571-312-7426.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 29

**Life Line Screening.** Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508

Hoes Road, Springfield. Screenings for bone density and osteoporosis, cholesterol and glucose, blocked arteries and more. Packages from \$139. Registration required at 1-800-697-9721 or [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

### TUESDAY/NOV. 1

**Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Brown Bag Seminar.** 12 p.m. Community Business Partnership, 7001 Loisdale Road, 2nd Floor, Springfield. Bring your lunch to CBP the first Tuesday of the month and learn best practices for the small and mid-size workplace. Free for Greater Springfield Chamber members and \$10 for non-members. [www.springfieldchamber.org](http://www.springfieldchamber.org).

# NEWS

Rehearsing a scene from "Steel Magnolias" are (from left) Ruth MacBean, Kate Ives, Kathy Young, Amanda Harvey, Suzy McCarthy and Catherine Kyriakakis.

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BONNIE HOBBS/  
THE CONNECTION



## 'Steel Magnolias' at Lord of Life

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Before "Steel Magnolias" became a hit movie, it was a play, and the Lord of Life Players are bringing it to local audiences.

It'll be performed Friday-Saturday, Nov. 4-5, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m., at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive (off Union Mill Road) in Clifton. Tickets are \$10 at 703-425-1306 and at the door, if any are left. Homemade refreshments will be served during intermission.

"This play takes you on a rollercoaster between tears and gut-wrenching laughter," said Director Paul Denfeld. "Because playwright Robert Harling based his brilliantly written script on his sister's experience and involves the whole gamut of emotion, it's incumbent upon the actors to portray that genuinely and realistically."

And with the six actresses in this show, he said, it's no problem. "They're a talented group that's made my job easy," said Denfeld. "They're not amateurs. The other night, I got goose bumps listening to them rehearse."

**THE PLAY** is set in 1980s Louisiana and takes place in Truvy's Beauty Spot over a span of two years. "Lots of people know the movie, so they'll be able to relate to it," said Denfeld.

"They'll see these six women grow, develop and each conquer their own, personal issue. Through birth, death and their friendship with each other, the audience will see them support each other through life."

Little Rocky Run's Suzy McCarthy portrays Truvy. "She's a beauty-shop philosopher," said McCarthy. "She knows everybody in town and their business, and she dispenses advice to everyone. Her husband enclosed their carport so she could run her beauty shop and support him. She's the eternal optimist and romantic, and she's the glue that holds everyone together."

McCarthy's enjoying her role and "working with all these wonderful people. It's challenging because I have a lot of lines and I really have to focus. But Truvy's just a happy person and an interesting character. She's full of fun and likes to see the good in everyone."

The play differs from the movie in that the husbands and boyfriends aren't in this version. Instead, the women talk about them. "We have to paint the picture of them through the dialogue," said McCarthy. "It's a beloved story that touches everyone's hearts; it's a slice of life about 'steel magnolias' who find the strength they need through friends and family."

Amanda Harvey of Herndon plays Annelle, Truvy's young assistant. "She's been through some tough things and goes through an extraordinary transformation, over the course of the play, in an attempt to deal with them," said Harvey. "She comes off as sub-

missive and skittish, but has a definite strength that comes out when necessary. And it does so in such a way as to really change the course of things for her."

Harvey likes how Annelle goes from "being twitchy and anxious to comfortable with herself to pregnant and preoccupied with her religion." She said the audience will like the fact that, "even in the depth of despair, the characters are able to find levity in their situation."

Portraying Shelby is Herndon's Catherine Kyriakakis. "She's bright, sassy and fiercely independent, but extremely close to her mother and longs for her approval and support," said Kyriakakis. "She has diabetes, but longs to be a mother and is willing to risk her life to give birth, despite her doctor's warning."

"I love this part; it's been such a fun experience," said Kyriakakis. "Working with Ruth, who plays Shelby's mother, has really helped me grow as an actor. And because of that, we'll portray a genuine mother-daughter relationship."

Ruth MacBean of Burke plays Shelby's mother, M'Lynn. "She's a professional business woman, very together, and protective of her daughter," said MacBean. "She holds her feelings in and is always worrying about her daughter's health."

**OF ALL THE CHARACTERS**, said MacBean, "M'Lynn gets to go really deep into her emotions.

And it's great doing an ensemble like this with six people; it's rewarding because you get to know them and the characters so well."

Portraying Ouiser (Weezer), the town grump, is Springfield's Kate Ives. "She's in her late 60s and wealthy, and she's known her best friend, Clairee, her whole life," said Ives. "She's had 'two worthless husbands and the three most ungrateful children ever conceived.' Like many crusty people, deep down she's got a soft heart and will do anything for the people she loves."

Ives is enjoying playing her because "she has some of the best lines in the play. She says things that others are thinking, but are too polite to say. She's also not a fashion plate, so I've had fun putting together gloriously frumpy outfits."

Kathy Young of Little Rocky Run plays Clairee. "She's the smart aleck of the bunch," said Young. "She's the wealthy, eccentric widow of the mayor, and she loved being the mayor's wife. But when she was, she had to hold her tongue; but now, she doesn't have to. She's warm and goodhearted, and she and Ouiser have a lovely friendship."

Young loves playing Clairee because of her witty lines. For example, said Young, "At one point Clairee says, 'The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to accessorize.' When things get too serious, she's the comic relief. Paul [Denfeld] put so much thought into the characters, and I love working with these fantastic women."

## Braddock Candidates Announce Final Debates

10 debates a record for Braddock campaigns.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and his Democratic challenger Janet Oleszek jointly announced the final three debates in a series of 10 debates between the candidates for the Braddock District Supervisor seat. The number of debates is a record in the Braddock District. "These debates have been well attended, a testament to our en-

gaged Braddock citizens who care deeply about our community. I look forward to our continuing dialogue," Cook said.

"I'd like to thank the public for the great attendance at our first seven debates," Oleszek said. "John and I have provided a clear contrast for voters and I very much appreciate working with his campaign to make these 10 debates happen."

### Final Debates

**THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 7:30 P.M.**

Ravensworth Elementary School, 5411 Nutting Drive, Springfield  
Hosted by Ravensworth Civic Association  
Moderator: Jim Hickey

60 minute debate, featuring 3 minute opening and closing statements, and questions from the audience (through cards passed to moderator) where each candidate will have 90 seconds to answer. Each candidate will also have up to two rebuttal opportunities for up to 60 seconds each.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2, 7 P.M.**

Kings Park Elem. School, 5400 Harrow Way, Springfield  
Hosted by Kings Park Civic Association  
Moderator: Ellen Oppenheim

60 minute debate, featuring 3 minute opening and closing statements, and questions from the audience (through cards passed to moderator) where each candidate will have 90 seconds to answer. Each candidate will also

have up to two rebuttal opportunities for up to 60 seconds each.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3, 8 P.M.**

Landings Community Center, 6001 Cove Landing Road, Burke  
Hosted by Burke Centre Conservancy  
Moderator: David C. Jones, Jr.

60 minute debate, featuring questions between the candidates. Each candidate will have two questions for each of their opponents. During each question, the candidate asking the question will have one minute to ask their question. The candidate receiving the question will have two minutes to respond. The candidate not asking or receiving that question will have one minute to also respond. Finally, the candidate who asked the question will have one minute to rebut and wrap up their question. Independent candidate Carey Campbell will be invited to participate in these debates.

### COLLEGE NOTES

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**Joshua R. Hafer** of Springfield has been selected to receive the Susquehanna Engineering & Manufacturing Society-Gravell Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman at Millersville University of Pennsylvania based on academic merit and commitment in an industry and technology program.

**Connor Chroman, Victoria McGowen, Susanna Mostaghim and Alex Vanden Berghe**, students from West Springfield High School were four of 49 rising high school seniors from across the Commonwealth selected to take part in

the Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) academy.

The academy was held June 25-July 1 at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., and was hosted by NASA Langley in partnership with the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

The Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium (GAAS) Scholarship committee announced on Aug. 1 that Springfield resident **Samantha Feldbauer** is the recipient of a 2011 GAAS scholarship funded by a donation from the Gates Corporation. GAAS scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 to students that are enrolled in a full-time college-level program or a certified automotive technical program. Feldbauer will be attending NVCC in Annandale.

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Immanuel Bible Church occupies a prominent position at the intersection of Backlick and Braddock roads in Springfield. From the roof, a view of the renovated Backlick Shopping Center.



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Ralph Weitz, Immanuel's stewardship pastor and building committee chairman shows Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) the 58-foot-high atrium space at a special dinner on Oct. 20.

## Springfield Church Celebrates Major Expansion

Immanuel Bible to host open house on Nov. 13.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

For nearly 30 years, Immanuel Bible Church occupied a prominent corner at the intersection of Backlick and Braddock roads. But many people didn't know what the sprawling building was.

"People would come here wondering if we are a community center or a synagogue, because they would see the name Immanuel. It wasn't always clear," said Rev. Steve Holley, Immanuel's pastor of ministries since 2000. The 4,000 member independent evangelical congregation is one of the largest in Northern Virginia.

For the first time in the church's 30-year-history, a 36-foot-high cross now rises 111 feet above the ground and is illuminated at night, clearly identifying the building as a Christian church.

"I would say people know who we are now," Holley said.

The cross is part of a two-year expansion project that will ultimately add 33,000 square feet to the building. The centerpiece of the project is its 58-foot-high, 7,800-square-foot atrium, one of Northern Virginia's largest interior open spaces.

On Thursday, Oct. 20, the church celebrated the local architectural, engineering, construction and maintenance firms with a dinner in the new atrium. Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) was honored for her cooperation in the endeavor.

The cross and structural steel for the atrium were manufactured by Hamilton Iron Works of Woodbridge. The general contractor for the expansion is Jack Bays, Inc. of McLean.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Rev. Steve Holley points to Immanuel Bible Church's new spire and 36-foot-tall cross that tops the church's expansion efforts.

Helbing Lipp Ltd. Architects and Engineers of Vienna designed the expanded new facilities, which also include significant new classroom office space and a remodeled Family Life Center and gym.

In addition to dozens of outreach ministries, Immanuel also has a Christian school for elementary and middle school students. On a recent Tuesday afternoon, the new classrooms were filled with students studying history, English and, in one science class, human cheek cells.

Chris Cartwright, the middle school director, said the students are excited about the new learning spaces, including the state-of-the-art science labs. "They love the new class-

rooms," Cartwright said. "The new space is great for helping develop fellowship. It's empowering us to create new ministries and make a difference."

Holley, who lives in Burke with his wife and four children, became Immanuel's youth pastor in 1982. Before becoming youth pastor, Holley taught social studies and history at Lake Braddock Secondary School for seven years.

"I've seen the church grow quite a bit in the past 30 years," Holley said. "For us, the expansion gives us the opportunity to minister in a greater way. It enables us to continue our outreach and serve as a base for the commu-



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

The 58-foot-high new atrium is the centerpiece of Immanuel Bible Church's expansion.

Holley said the church has hosted numerous community events, including Governor Robert McDonnell's task force on Lyme disease last spring. With the new atrium space, Holley said the church will be able to serve as a place for weddings and corporate events.

Following the theme "Foundation for the Future," the church will officially commemorate its expansion on Sunday, Nov. 13 with a community-wide open house and celebration. The event will feature prominent Christian speaker Dr. Crawford Loritts.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on Immanuel Bible Church, go to [www.immanuelbible.net](http://www.immanuelbible.net).



DANIEL DANCER

750 community members participated in Our Daily Bread's Complete the Circle Food Drive last week.

## Part of the 'Big Picture' to Fight Hunger

**M**ore than 750 people gathered in the City of Fairfax last week to participate in Our Daily Bread's Complete the Circle Community Event and Food Drive. They created a "living picture" photographed from 80 feet above by artist Daniel Dancer of Art for the Sky.

"Participants brought nearly 3,000 pounds of food pantry donations, which form the outer circle of the photo," said Heather Webb with ODB. "Our food pantry was empty before the event, so food collected at the event is already being distributed to hungry families in the Fairfax County area."

Our Daily Bread provides emergency food and fi-

ancial assistance, financial mentoring and budget classes, holiday assistance and back to school assistance to residents of Fairfax County, including the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and the towns of Herndon and Vienna.

ODB is currently seeking volunteers to sponsor needy families for the holidays to provide Thanksgiving and December Holiday meals and gifts for children in December. More information on registering is available at: [www.ODBFairfax.org/Holiday](http://www.ODBFairfax.org/Holiday). All information on Complete the Circle and the Holiday Program is available at the website, [www.ODBFairfax.org](http://www.ODBFairfax.org).

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# OPINION

## Research, Think, Vote

General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting is still available.

It's just a local election, why does it matter?

Every member of the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate is up for reelection, with some significant open seats in Northern Virginia.

The Virginia General Assembly decides what to do with the state income tax and other revenue, most of it generated here in Northern Virginia, most of it spent elsewhere. It's fair for wealthier parts of the state to help pay for services in poorer parts of the state, but the Virginia General Assembly denies localities in Northern Virginia the right to make most decisions that affect residents here. In Virginia, local government has only exactly the power given to it by the General Assembly. The right to open schools when it makes sense for each locality? No. The right to regulate safety, like where guns can be carried? No. The right to choose to raise revenue locally through taxes other than real estate and property taxes? Not really.

How about School Board? You say you don't have children in the schools, so why bother to figure out what all the strident posturing and dozens of candidates are talking about? Consider that in Fairfax County, the school system spends about \$2 billion (with a B) a year, more than half of the revenue collected by Fairfax County government overall. Also consider that Fairfax County's reputation for excellent schools is no small factor in its more-vibrant-than-national-average economy.

You can discover more reasons on our website, [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com).

You can vote early, "absentee in person," from now until Nov. 5 if you think that there is any chance you could be away from home for 10 hours on Election Day. Remember that some people spent 10 hours on the GW Parkway one

day last winter, and it took nearly as long for many people to make it home on Primary Election Day, which was also the day of the earthquake.

Some important dates to remember:

- ❖ Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.
- ❖ Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to

## Adult Planning for Halloween Parties

Halloween parties for grown-ups often involve alcohol; SoberRide offers safe way home.

Halloween is not just for children any more, apparently. Halloween weekend is a time for celebration for adults as well as trick-or-treaters, now a significant holiday, especially for young adults.

So while the adult-sized vampires, zombies and possibly even Mitt Romney look-a-likes will roam our towns this weekend are great fun, "The scary fact is that nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths occurring during Halloween are caused by drunk drivers," said Kurt Erickson, president of the McLean-based Washington Regional Alcohol Program.

So plan your costume, plan your rendezvous with friends, plan the menu, venue and festivities, but also plan your safe way home if you'll be consuming alcohol. Assign a designated driver, take public transportation, plan your party in a place where friends can stay until they're sober enough to drive.

If all that falls through, the SoberRide program can help keep impaired drivers off the

road.

The SoberRide program will offer free cab rides to could-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 29, beginning at 10 p.m. 6 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30. During this eight-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home. Go to [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com).

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 52,376 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths consistently lower than the national average.

— MARY KIMM,  
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Stan Barry.

Jeffrey C. McKay  
Supervisor (D-Lee District)

## County Needs Bulova's Leadership

To the Editor:

The race for chairman of the Board of Supervisors offers Fairfax County residents a chance to vote for perhaps the most outstanding public servant we have in Fairfax County, Sharon Bulova.

At a time when politics in general has been riven with acrimony, Ms. Bulova stands out as an accomplished leader, able to bring

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## A Non-issue In Sheriff Race

To the Editor:

This is what I hate about politics—the exploitation of non-issues to demonize a dedicated public servant. It's an ugly business and it puts another nail in the coffin of good government. That's what the race for Fairfax County sheriff has become.

Let me tell you about my experience. As a Fairfax County Supervisor, I have worked closely with Sheriff Barry over the past four years. He's saved taxpayers millions of dollars through his innovative programs. His Community Labor Force assigns teams of non-violent inmates to work on County public works projects such as graffiti removal, blight abatement, snow removal, bus stop maintenance, and even mowing of medians. That's saved taxpayers \$1.5 million a year. Sheriff Barry recently expanded this program to the County's Stormwater Management Division to maintain and repair key county storm water structures.

Additionally, Sheriff Barry has made responsible reductions to the Sheriff's Department during the worst recession of our generation, returning \$2.5 million last year and \$1.5 million this year to county taxpayers. His privatizing of the jail and the kitchen has saved us another million. He understands how to respond to the worst recession of this generation.

He's recovered more than \$2 million for the county by booting cars of tax scofflaws and collecting delinquent parking fines and he's successfully grown our federal grant collections by more than \$8

million.

Sheriff Barry has a history of community involvement. Take a look at just a few of the ways he helps our communities. There's the annual Shop with a Sheriff event to buy school clothes and supplies for underprivileged children and the Project Lifesaver program that helps to locate children with autism or adults with Alzheimer's who have wandered and are lost. Under Sheriff Barry's guidance, deputies partner with local corporate sponsors and community businesses to provide state-of-the-art child identification, fingerprinting, and child safety seat inspections at no cost to parents.

The election of the sheriff is not always on voters' radar screens but I can tell you that who we elect matters. I hope you will join me on Nov. 8 in voting for our sheriff,

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## Campaign Financing Under Scrutiny

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Supervisors disagree, saying that people contribute to campaigns because they agree with their values. Take developer Theodore Georgelas, who frequently has business before the county. In the last decade, he's contributed more than \$95,000 to a variety of political action committees and candidates. One of those is Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, who received \$1,000 from Georgelas.

"Look, Ted Georgelas as well as other people in the business community want a strong business environment," said Cook. "That's something I ran on."

**ACROSS FAIRFAX COUNTY**, supervisors have taken more than \$2 million this election cycle. Much of that money has come from the real-estate and construction industry, a group of people and businesses that often has business before the county. Some of them, such as Tysons West Assemblage, will have rezoning applications in the future. Others, such as developer Daniel Clemente have had business in the past. Campaign-finance records show that an entity called 8500 CDC LP, which has ties to Clemente, has given \$12,000 to incumbent Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross.

"I worked with Mr. Clemente and his organization on some developments of new housing in the Skyline area of Bailey's Crossroads," said Gross. "It's a wonderful new revitalization."

Her Republican challenger, David Feld has raised questions about Gross' fundraising. When asked

about fundraising numbers during a debate this month hosted by the League of Women Voters, Feld criticized Gross for taking money from people who have had businesses before the Board of Supervisors or will potentially have business in the future.

"I believe it's unethical to take contributions from anybody that you're doing business with," said Feld, who loaned his campaign \$27,000 to fund his race for the Mason District race.

**SOME HAVE CALLED** for reform, although nobody is expecting to see change anytime soon. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said he supports imposing limits on how much people could donate, although he's not sure what the limits should be. He also supports some form of public financing for campaigns, although he acknowledged he's not sure how it should work or how much public money should be involved. Until then, he said, he's going to keep working the system.

"Until there's some reform in how you raise money, you would be a fool not to raise significant amounts of money," said McKay.

Not all the money comes from people who have direct businesses before the Board of Supervisors. Sometimes the relationships are indirect.

"The biggest contributor to my campaign was my husband," said Supervisor Smyth.

Was he trying to influence a decision?

"Well," said Smyth. "I'm hoping he'll take me to dinner."

### More

Readers can find more on contributions to candidates at VPAP.org.

## Barry vs. Cooper for Sheriff

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sources are being maximized.

He also said he would institute a deadbeat parent program to track parents who are behind on child support payments. "I don't believe the burden of taking care of their children should fall on the taxpayer," he said.

Cooper said he also hopes to use increased partnerships to combat gang activity, especially in schools and neighborhoods.

Cooper has been endorsed by Governor Bob McDonnell, Del. Dave Albo (R-42), District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Fairfax County Clerk of the Court John Frey.

More information is available at [www.cooperforsheriff.net](http://www.cooperforsheriff.net).

The Fairfax County Republican Committee has launched a website and campaign recently that takes issue with Barry entering the county's Deferred Re-

tirement Option Program, which allows workers at retirement age to defer retiring for three years and continue to earn salary and benefits.

The FCRC claims that since Barry enrolled in the program in 2009, another term would violate the program, resulting in financial gain for Barry.

Barry says the claims that he is abusing the system are factually incorrect. He says DROP is available to anyone in the county's retirement system, which he has been since he was 22 years old.

"[They say] I am getting a \$1 million payout, that is wrong. I am getting nothing if re-elected. No retirement benefits will be collected until I leave county service. The amount received then will be just over \$300,000," he said. "[They say] I am violating county law. That is wrong. I asked the county attorney to review the issue, which they did extensively, and I am in complete compliance with the law."

Cooper declined to comment on the controversy regarding Barry's retirement benefits.

### FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at [springfield@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:springfield@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**The Vine Church**, 2501 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring, will be holding a Pumpkinfest through October, Monday-Friday 3-6:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Pumpkinfest will benefit The Vine Preschool, coming Fall 2012. Pumpkins for sale, children's activities, crafts, games

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7320 HUSKY LN	4	2	0		NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$410,000	Detached	0.28	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
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6909 SPELMAN DR	4	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$405,000	Detached	0.28	22153	LAKEWOOD HILLS
7195 LAKE COVE DR	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$405,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	LAKE D EVEREUX
7022 GATTON SQ	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$405,000	Townhouse	0.06	22315	MANCHESTER LAKES
7511 AMESBURY CT	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$402,000	Townhouse	0.06	22315	HAYFIELD VIEW
8212 SOUTHWATER CT	3	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$395,000	Townhouse	0.04	22153	WESTWATER POINT
5218 LANDGRAVE LN	4	4	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$393,744	Detached	0.33	22151	RAVENSWORTH
8315 GREELEY BLVD	4	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$388,000	Detached	0.24	22152	ROLLING VALLEY
5228 QUEENSBERRY AVE	4	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$387,500	Detached	0.26	22151	RAVENSWORTH
6110 JOUST LN	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$385,000	Townhouse	0.03	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8730 WADEBROOK TER	3	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$382,500	Townhouse	0.06	22153	SHADOWBROOK
6701 GREENVIEW LN	4	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$375,000	Detached	0.29	22152	ROLLING VALLEY
7509 HOGARTH ST	4	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$370,000	Detached	0.24	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
5703 TENDER CT	3	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$365,000	Detached	0.25	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD PARK
6273 KERRYDALE DR	3	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$364,000	Townhouse	0.06	22152	SHANNON STATION
8476 MISTY BLUE CT	4	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$364,000	Detached	0.14	22153	NEWINGTON FOREST
6625 SKY BLUE CT	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$359,950	Townhouse	0.03	22315	LANDSDOWNE
5312 BLACKSBURG RD	4	1	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$355,000	Detached	0.25	22151	EDSALL PARK
7314 GARY ST	4	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$350,000	Detached	0.29	22150	SPRINGFIELD
8425 THAMES ST	4	3	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$350,000	Detached	0.37	22151	KINGS PARK
6511 SUNBURST WAY	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	AMBERLEIGH
7416 DUNSTON ST	5	2	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$345,000	Detached	0.25	22151	NORTH SPRINGFIELD
7602 SOUTHERN OAK DR	3	3	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.03	22153	SPRINGFIELD OAKS
8016 SKY BLUE DR	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.03	22315	LANDSDOWNE
7206 WICKFORD DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Detached	0.22	22315	WICKFORD
7071 LEESTONE ST	3	2	2		SPRINGFIELD	\$335,000	Townhouse	0.03	22151	LEEWOOD
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6914 RUSKIN ST	3	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$325,000	Detached	0.20	22150	LOISDALE ESTATES
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7009 ACHILLES CT	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.03	22315	DEVONSHIRE TOWNHOMES
5226 FORMAN CT	3	1	1		SPRINGFIELD	\$314,000	Detached	0.25	22151	EDSALL PARK
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6479 SILVER RIDGE CIR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$295,000	Townhouse	0.06	22315	WINDSOR PARK
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7871 ROLLING WOODS CT 1202	2	2	0		SPRINGFIELD	\$220,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22152	HIDDENBROOKE
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## THURSDAY/OCT. 27

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520, TTY: 711.

**Learning English.** 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610, TTY: 711.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 28

**"Twelve Angry Men."** 8 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. \$11-\$15. [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) or 703-660-2611.

**Halloween Fun.** 11 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Halloween stories and fun. Costumes encouraged. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-971-0010, TTY: 711.

**Ghosts in the Graveyard.** 6:30 p.m. Cranford United Methodist Church, 9912 Old Colchester Road, Lorton. Sing songs, roast marshmallows and hot dogs and share ghost stories around a campfire near the Cranford Graveyard. Costumes welcome. The stories start very benign and get scarier as the evening progresses. Free. 703-339-5382 or [www.cranfordumc.org](http://www.cranfordumc.org).

## 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.

**"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](http://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.

**"Twelve Angry Men."** 8 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. \$11-\$15. [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) or 703-660-2611.

**Artist's Studio Open House.** 2-6 p.m. 7304 Grace St., Springfield. Anabela Ferguson's 13th annual celebration, with live music by Lee



**Local Artist Anabela Ferguson will have an Artist's Studio Open House on Oct. 29-30, 2-6 p.m. at 7304 Grace St., Springfield. This is Ferguson's 13th annual celebration, with live music by Lee High School students, food and more. [katrinkteskey@yahoo.com](mailto:katrinkteskey@yahoo.com).**

High School students, food and more. [katrinkteskey@yahoo.com](mailto:katrinkteskey@yahoo.com).

**Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association (VBODA) State Marching Band Assessment.** 10 a.m.-4:15 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Performances by 20 high school bands from Fairfax and surrounding counties. \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. The concession stand will be open all day. [VBODA.WSHS@wshsband.org](http://VBODA.WSHS@wshsband.org).

Doors open at 1 p.m.

## MONDAY/OCT. 31

**Halloween Fun.** 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Wear a costume to a story time about fall fun. Age 2 years-35 months with adult. 703-339-4610, TTY: 711.

## 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT. [www.christomlin.com](http://www.christomlin.com) or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 5

**Second Annual Vices of Virginia.** 4-8 p.m. Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Local chefs with regional, often historic dishes. Regional wine and beer makers, distillers, local farmers, hand-rolled cigars, live music, whole roasted hogs and an old-timey banquet of everything from sweet blue crab to cornbread and cobbles. Admission \$125. 703-780-4000.

**5th Annual Christmas Bazaar.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike Annandale. Handcrafted jewelry, ornaments, glass art, pottery, wood and needlework, sand gardens, fabric art and more. Used book sale. Tour the historic Little White Church and museum. Children's entertainment at 11:30 a.m. with singer and songwriter Mister Don. Hapmudo's Demonstration Team showcases martial arts at 1 p.m. 703-256-8330.

**PTA Craft Fair.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Island Creek Elementary, 7855 Morning View Lane, Alexandria. Baked goods, breakfast and lunch available for purchase. Entertainment by Island Creek Chorus. Free admission and free children's craft project. [ksinniger@yahoo.com](mailto:ksinniger@yahoo.com).

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 9

**Oops! The Battle of Dranesville.** 7:30 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Civil War expert Steve Meserve will discuss the Dec. 20, 1861 Battle of Dranesville, when Brig. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart led a foraging expedition and suffered heavy casualties from Union troops led by Brig. Gen. E.O.C. Ord. Free and open to the public. [www.fairfaxstation.org](http://www.fairfaxstation.org) or 703-425-9225.

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Harman Singh launches a blue ping pong ball from a catapult that he, his brother Ronak Singh (on left) and father Arvinder Singh designed and built at Newington Forest Elementary's Family Engineering Night on Oct. 19.

## Caught Engineering

### Family Engineering Night at Newington Forest Elem.

**O**n Wednesday Oct. 19, Newington Forest Elementary School invited students and families to "Get Caught Engineering" at Family Engineering Night, a part of the school's program that integrates engineering concepts into the regular curriculum.

Students and their families participated in more than 40 engineering activities that explored a variety of engineering concepts. They designed and built

catapults, made egg "helmets" to protect eggs in a drop off of a ladder, and built small robots.

The goal of the evening was to educate students and their families about the variety of engineering fields. The educators at Newington Forest Elementary School believe that it is important to "plant the seed" of interest in engineering so students can plan their academics accordingly.

— DEB COBB



Bailey Weingberger tests the loadbearing strength of paper with her mother Kimberly Weinberger at the Newington Forest Elementary School Family Engineering Night on Oct. 19. She discovers that paper is stronger when curved in an arch — holding six erasers. When flat, it holds only four.



Andrew Wargo, son A. J. Wargo and a friend evaluate rounded gravel, coarse gravel and sand at the 'How Firm is Your Foundation' station at the Newington Forest Elementary School Family Engineering Night on Oct. 19.



Brothers Sergio Meneces (left) and Steven Meneces work at an engineering activity station that is part of Newington Forest Elementary School's Family Engineering Night on Oct. 19.

PHOTOS BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION



# School Facility News from Fairfax County Public Schools

While the teaching and learning processes that take place in a classroom are vitally important, equally critical to the student's success is the learning environment. High performing learning environments are energy efficient, well lit, thermally comfortable, acoustically sound, safe and healthy. Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) builds and renovates its schools to ensure that students are learning in high performance environments.

FCPS maintains 194 schools and centers that serve more than 177,000 students. Just as clothing or equipment wear out over time, so too, do school buildings. Maintaining buildings are a constant challenge. FCPS estimates that it spends nearly 90 percent of its maintenance work order hours making repairs and 10 percent of work order hours on preventative maintenance.

"That's really not the optimum formula, as we should be spending most of our time on preventative maintenance and the

remaining time on repair work. However, that is our reality due to a lack of sufficient resources," said FCPS Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt.

As new schools are built and older schools renovated, FCPS expects its schools will be usable for 20 to 25 years from the date of construction. Renovations extend the useful life of a building another 20 years. Since 2007, FCPS has built three new schools, renovated 10 schools and completed three school building additions and eight modular additions. Currently, ten schools are being renovated and two new schools are under construction: a new elementary school at the former Lacey school site and the site of the new south county middle school.

A school bond referendum will be on the general election ballot Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The building and renovation of schools in Fairfax County are not financed through the school

system's operating funds, but through bonds. For a list of school improvement projects included in the 2011 bond please visit [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and click on Bond Referendum.

FCPS facilities serve as an important community resource benefitting all county residents. FCPS works with the Fairfax County Office of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority and other groups to ensure that school facilities and athletic fields are available to the public during after school hours for educational, recreational, civic, and cultural activities. More than 2,000 organizations used school facilities in 2010 including athletic recreational leagues, homeowners associations, 4-H, scouting groups, county employee organizations, and religious, cultural, and civic groups.



## Getting To Know Us

### Capacity Architect Susy Lee

FCPS student enrollment increased by more than 2,300 students in 2010. That means more desks, more teachers, and more classroom space to accommodate the additional students.

How does a school system make plans to accommodate more students?

For Susy Lee, capacity architect for FCPS, it is an ongoing challenge for one of the largest school districts in the country.

Lee uses data from an annual survey of schools and then factors in additional data she receives on projected enrollment. From there, she comes up with a ranked list of schools likely to need more space.

"I focus on the schools where interior modifications or additional trailers are the options," said Lee. "Sometimes a minor modification is all that's needed. But an extensive or more costly modification requires me to scrutinize data further to determine an ongoing need, in order to justify the expense. Sometimes trailers can possibly be a more cost- or time-effective option."

Not only does she plan for more students, but she also receives requests from FCPS departments to add programs at schools.

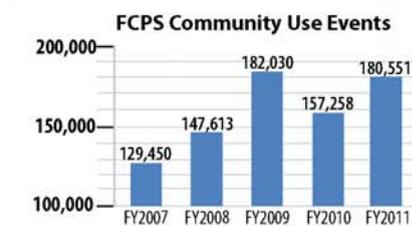
"I try to find schools that have available space and are not projected to have significant enrollment increases. But often those schools aren't in the vicinity of where the programs are needed, so modifications or trailers must be considered."

Lee has a degree in architecture that she says is important for her position. "I have to solve space-related problems and I need to know that an option is feasible to construct and is building code compliant."

"With enrollment and additional program needs increasing, finding capacity solutions will become more of a challenge every year," she said.

### This Just In

The Virginia Department of Education says **91.4 percent** of Fairfax County Public Schools students from the class of 2011 graduated on time. This figure **exceeds the state average of 86.6 percent by 4.8 percentage points** and is up slightly from 91.2 percent for the class of 2010.



## FCPS Goes Green for Environmental Efficiency and Energy Savings

FCPS has had an active and aggressive energy management program since 1978, focusing on minimizing the use and cost of energy. FCPS has been able to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) each of the last three years, despite a growing student enrollment, heating and cooling more building space,

and adding more buses to the fleet. Reducing GHG emissions was achieved in many different ways including using more energy efficient equipment, computerizing heating and air conditioning systems, and using bus route optimization software.

Computers, office equipment, and information technology

are a growing component of the educational process for teachers and students. However, electronic equipment consumes electricity and contributes to GHG emissions. FCPS is working to reduce GHG even more by reducing vehicle travel when employees work collaboratively via email and participate in meetings and training remotely.



### Did You Know ?

Did you know that FCPS school buildings and athletic fields are used **more hours** by community organizations than students use them for instruction?



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# SPORTS

## Local High School Football Teams Still Hold Playoff Hopes

**Lancers, Spartans, and Lake Braddock all have 4-4 records; Hayfield improves to 6-2.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

In a Patriot District game between local high school football rivals Lee and Lake Braddock last Friday night, it was the home team Bruins' defense which stepped up big in a 14-0 Lake Braddock win.

With the victory, Lake Braddock, in a re-loading year of sorts following back to back Northern Region Div. 6 championship crowns in both 2009 and 2010, improved to 4-4 on the season and 4-1 in district play. The win also snapped a two-game losing skid for the Bruins, who had lost games to district rival South County and non-district foe Robinson the prior two weeks before coming back strong versus the Lancers.

Lake Braddock held Lee's big play offense to less than 200 yards for the night. All of the game's points came in the second quarter when Lake Braddock junior quarterback John Koch (17-of-32, 167 yards) threw touchdown passes of six yards to Austin Wolfe and 35 yards to Tanner Quigley. Senior kicker Nick Weiler converted extra point strikes following both scores.

Lee all-purpose standout Quintez Diggins rushed for 66 yards and also caught five passes. He also completed four passes in the Lancers' two-quarterback format. Also for Lee, Bradley Hann had a good game passing the football, completing 10 of 19 passes for 77 yards.

Lee, after winning its first four games this fall, has struggled over the past month with four consecutive losses. The Lancers will be looking to get back into the win



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**Sarosh Gilani, playing quarterback for West Springfield, throws a long pass in a recent game versus Robinson. The Spartans will be at West Potomac this Friday night.**

### Lee Volleyball Defeats T.C. Williams

**Victory is sixth of the season for Lancers.**

The Lee Lancers surprised T.C. Williams on the Titans' 'Senior Night,' beating the home team three games to one (25-14, 25-19, 20-25, 25-21) in the Patriot District girls' volleyball match played earlier this week on Monday, Oct. 24.

The Lancers seized the momentum in the first set and carried it into the second with all the regular Titan starters on the floor.

After a brief letdown at the end of set three and the start of set four, the Lancers stormed back from an 0-5 hole to take the match and their second district win of the season. (The other district victory came over Annandale on Oct. 11).

Carolina Lopez led the Lancers with 13 kills, 14 digs and three blocks. Fernanda Rojas had 20 assists, seven digs, five kills and three aces.

Yasmin Alexander served five aces while collecting four kills and five digs.

Ally Posey had three kills and three aces. Lauren Webb had four aces, two kills and a block. Sophia Okorn was credited with two solo blocks and 13 digs.

On Oct. 20, Lee took on one of the Northern Region's better teams and came up a bit short, losing at home to Lake Braddock 0-3 (14-25, 18-25, 19-25). The physically bigger Bruins employed an up-tempo offense that the Lancers just could not answer. Carolina Lopez led Lee with 10 digs, three kills and eight aces on her big jump serve, but it wasn't enough. Safia Abusamra had three ace serves and Ally Posey had two aces and two kills. Sophia Okorn had a block and seven digs on defense. Lauren Webb passed well all

match collecting four digs.

And earlier last week, on Oct. 18, the Lancers fell on the road to South County in straight sets, 0-3 (9-25, 14-25, 17-25). The Stallions were the superior team and it showed in every aspect of the match. One of the few bright spots for Lee was the defense of Katie Moore in her first significant playing time of the season. Lauren Webb, Yasmin Alexander and Paige Chappell all served well and Carolina Lopez again led the offensive attack. Amber Velasco and Jhanina Vargas also played solid defense in limited court time.

Lee (6-10) was scheduled to host district opponent Woodson High on Wednesday, Oct. 26 of this week. The Lancers, in the regular season finale, were going to celebrate their Senior Night.

The Patriot District Tournament is scheduled to begin on Oct. 31.

column this Saturday afternoon when they travel to district opponent T.C. Williams for a 1 p.m. game. A win there will put the Lancers at 5-4 and give them a chance to earn a winning season when they meet Annandale the following week. Two more wins by Lee would also keep its Div. 6 playoff chances alive.

Lake Braddock, meanwhile, will be at home versus district opponent W.T. Woodson this Friday night before wrapping up the regular season the following week at home versus West Springfield.

WEST SPRINGFIELD, like both Lake Braddock and Lee, currently sports a 4-4 record following a 13-7 loss versus host South County last week in Patriot District play. The Spartans' touchdown came on a one-yard scoring run by Jonathan Dunn (68 rushing yards on the game).

South County scored 10 points during that same second quarter and added a fourth quarter field goal as well.

The Spartans will travel to West Potomac for a Friday night district game this week. The Wolverines are 5-3 and coming off a 31-21 win at Woodson last week. West Springfield will wrap up the regular season the following week with a district home game versus Lake Braddock on Friday, Nov. 4.

Hayfield High, a member of the National District, defeated visiting Washington-Lee last Friday night, 36-0, to improve to 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the district. The Hawks, who have now won three straight, have lost to only Yorktown in district play this fall. That road game setback, 21-0, came at Yorktown on Sept. 23.

Hayfield, under head coach Roy Hill, will be at home this Friday night versus district rival Falls Church before wrapping up the regular season the following Friday night at district opponent Edison. The Hawks, following the conclusion of the regular season schedule, will set their sights on the upcoming Div. 5 playoffs. A year ago, Hayfield reached the Div. 5 region championship game before losing to Stone Bridge.

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together varying viewpoints on the Board for the good of the county. Her mastery of the budget process, from planning to management, has been remarkably effective. Her accommodating personality and thorough professionalism make the choice in this race crystal clear, in this voter's view. We need Sharon Bulova's leadership, now more than ever.

**Edward L. Jaffee**  
Springfield

## Backing Flanary

To the Editor:

With the general election rapidly approaching on Tuesday, Nov. 8, it is time that voters in the Virginia 37th State Senate District race take a harder look at the critical issues facing us — and who we will choose to confront them on our behalf. My vote will go to local businessman, Jason Flanary, who will bring the necessary leadership back to the 37th State Senate District and replace Dave Marsden, a career politician who has failed us in several important areas.

Most disturbing to me was the fact that Marsden betrayed parents and families in our district when he voted to allow Fairfax County Public Schools to detain and question students without notifying their parents. Liberal politicians like Marsden believe parents like me do not have the right to be notified when their child is being disciplined, detained or questioned by Fairfax County school officials. He was the only legislator from Fairfax County, on either side of the aisle, to vote against notifying parents if their child is being questioned or detained for committing major violations that could lead to suspension or expulsion. Like so many others that live and work here in

Fairfax County, I am tired of liberal bureaucrats like Marsden who continue to force their progressive agenda on us at the expense of our rights. I am part of a growing section of the American population who wants to think and act for itself, especially when it comes to local education issues, without the guidance and control of big government nannies like Marsden.

Flanary has stated that he favors reforming disciplinary policies by notifying parents of decisions affecting their child's welfare. He also supports issues important to many that live in the district including changing the state funding formula to give Fairfax County its fair share and to increase access to state colleges and universities for Fairfax families by limiting out-of-state student access.

Flanary also will bring the leadership that Marsden lacks on issues that will grow jobs, attract new businesses to Northern Virginia, and lift our sagging economy. I think that it is high time we begin to elect proven and successful, small-business owners like Jason Flanary to repair the damage caused by career politicians who only know how to raise taxes, create more burdensome regulations that stifle growth, and spend more of our money on failing government programs and practices in exchange for votes.

I hope that the voters of the 37th State Senate District will take that harder and more critical look at the choices before us on Nov. 8. It is then that we can make a choice to reject the wasteful and intrusive big government plan for our lives and signal that it is time get serious about government reform, improved transportation, and responsible education policies. I hope they will join me and many others who will reject mediocrity in casting their votes for Jason Flanary on Nov. 8.

**Thomas G. Bognanno**  
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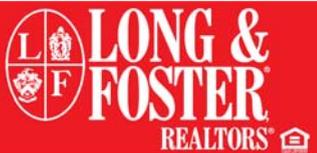
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