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Margery Leveen Sher, executive director of the Medical Care for Children Partnership Foundation, raises a toast to children's dental health as the foundation launches Project Pearly Whites to raise \$24,000 by the end of the year to provide dental care for 40 children.

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Project Pearly Whites

Fairfax foundation launches campaign to raise money for children who need dental care.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

I imagine a child sitting in school with a toothache so bad he needs a root canal. Nearly a decade ago, that child was Jorge Ramallo. He came to Fairfax County with his mother, brother and sister when he was 14 years old.

Through the Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP) Foundation, a Fairfax County public-private partnership, he and his family were able to access the medical and dental care they needed.



Jorge Ramallo

"How do we expect children to learn when they need medical and dental care? Despite being one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, there are still thousands of children who don't have access to doctors and dentists when they need them," said Margery Leveen Sher, executive director of the MCCP.

"When we came here, it was just my brother, my sister, my mom and I, and we didn't have any health insurance," Ramallo said. "Through the help of MCCP we received yearly physicals, and we were able to see a doctor or dentist when we needed one . . . MCCP helped me get through high school."

Ramallo said he was so grateful for the medical care he and his siblings received that he wanted to study medicine and give back to the community. He is now a fourth-year medical student at Yale University.

"Jorge is amazing," Sher said. "I think the point is, you don't write off these kids. They have tremendous potential. We need to give them as much good health as possible."

TO HELP CHILDREN like Ramallo, the MCCP Foundation is launching Project Pearly Whites to provide Fairfax County children access to free dental care.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$24,000 by

the end of the year, which will provide dental care for 40 additional children. Sher said the nonprofit foundation currently provides medical and dental care to approximately 2,500 uninsured children in low-income families in Fairfax County, and, last year, spent \$172,000 on children's dental care alone. She said approximately \$600 covers the dental care needs for one child, and estimates about 9,000 children need the help of MCCP.

MCCP-eligible children, many of whom are immigrants, have working parents who don't have access to health insurance and whose incomes are too high for Medicaid but too low for adequate, regular healthcare. For a family of four in Fairfax County, the annual income level cut-off is about \$55,000.

Sher said the public-private partnership is efficient and cost-effective. Private and public donations and grants are leveraged with local tax dollars to provide quality health care.

Harry Klaff, managing director of Jones Lang LaSalle, a financial and professional services firm, said he

has been a supporter of MCCP "in some form or fashion" for the past 11 years.

"I like the combination of corporations, healthcare providers and public entities coming together to provide a leveraged model for taking care of the healthcare needs of Fairfax County's working poor. . . It's an enriching, rewarding, innovative organization," Klaff said.

PARTNERS OF MCCP include Fairfax County government, corporations and individual financial supporters. Kaiser Permanente and 300 doctors and dentists provide low or no-cost care to MCCP children. Sher said Fairfax County provides case management for families, and support that includes transportation, language assistance and help accessing specialty care.

"We want these children to have the care that any other child has. It's a great cost savings for the community, because without MCCP they would go to the emergency room and probably be a lot sicker and need more care," Sher said. "We are the last safety net for these children."

* To donate to the Pearly Whites campaign, go to the foundation's website at mccpfoundation.org and click on the "donate now" button. Those who donate \$50 or more receive a Pearly Whites T-shirt.



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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) at the 18th Annual Taste of Braddock on Dec. 5.

Taste of Braddock Kicks Off Holiday Season

Eighteenth annual event draws more than 300 for food, fun, holiday cheer.

Braddock Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) hosted the 18th Annual Taste of Braddock event in Braddock Hall, welcoming more than 300 members of the community, including Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34).

"The annual Taste of Braddock kicks off the holiday season and brings together the community to sample food donated by local area restaurants," Cook said. "We want to thank everyone who contributed to another successful year and thank our friends and neighbors for joining us for the evening."

This year, more than 20 local restaurants donated a variety of food for attendees to sample. The restaurants that participated were: Aladdin's Eatery, Bangkok Golden Thai,

BBQ World, Brion's Grille, Café Rio, California Pizza Kitchen, Chili's Bar and Grill, Coyote Grill, Cupcakes Actually, Edible Arrangements, Hunan West, Kilroy's, Magill's Famous Pizza, Milano's, Quiznos, Samurai, San Vito's, Saxby's, Smith & Clarkson's Deli, Spartan's Family Restaurant, Swiss Bakery and Wegmans.

In addition to the food provided by local restaurants, Christine Gloninger, also known as "Chef G" from the Culinary Institute at Annandale High School, brought some of her students to help in the setup, serving and clean up. They also baked hundreds of sweet treats for the event.

"The food was amazing," said Lindsey Smith, Cook's chief of staff. "We sent some of the leftovers over to the West Springfield Police Station, which went over in a big way."



More than 300 people attended the 18th Annual Taste of Braddock on Dec. 5.

NEWS

Joseph Paul McNulty, 26, Dies

Joseph Paul McNulty, 26, died on Wednesday, Dec. 5, after a nearly two-year battle with cancer. McNulty was the son of Paul and Brenda McNulty of Fairfax Station, and the brother of Katy McNulty and brother-in-law Jonathan Hittinger of Brooklyn, N.Y., Anni McNulty of Columbia, S.C., and Corrie McNulty, attending Grove City College in Pa. He is also survived by his grandfather Kenneth Millican of Oldsmar, Fla., and lov-

ing aunts, uncles and cousins. A graduate of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax and James Madison University (2009), McNulty was a first year law student at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

He was a member of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fairfax and attended First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, S.C.

From 2009 to 2012, McNulty worked on the staff of U.S. Rep.

Frank Wolf (R-10) as director of social media and deputy press secretary. McNulty was known as a kind and caring person with a delightful sense of humor who was blessed with remarkable faith, courage and optimism in the hard providence of cancer. A natural athlete who enjoyed nearly all sports, he played varsity soccer at Robinson and was a member of the JMU club team. A memorial service was held at Immanuel Christian Church in Springfield, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 10.



Joseph Paul McNulty

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SATURDAY/DEC. 15

Action Center Holiday Wishlist Drop-off. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Moose Family Center, 9612 Fernedge Lane, Lorton. "Adopt" a local child or senior citizen and fulfill their holiday wish for a gift item; gifts are needed by Saturday for the Lorton Community Action Center's annual holiday gift and food distribution. 703-339-5161, lcaholiday@gmail.com or www.lortonaction.org, news and events.



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NEWS

At its Nov. 18 general meeting, the Democratic Women of Clifton members collected toys, gift cards to Target, Old Navy and grocery stores, and donations to purchase winter coats for children. Members of the DWC gather around Captain Will Bailey of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (front), who holds a donated basketball and toy trucks. Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread, stands directly behind him.



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Democratic Women of Clifton Spread Holiday Cheer

DWC collects coats, toys and gift cards for local nonprofits.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Every child needs a little Christmas, but some Fairfax County parents don't have the means to provide it.

Thanks to the efforts of the Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC), thousands of children throughout the county will receive new coats, toys and other gifts this holiday season.

For the second year, the Democratic Women of Clifton coordinated with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD) to collect toys for 3,000 needy children throughout Northern Virginia.

"These donated gifts will be the only ones many of the children receive for Christmas," said Jane Barker, president of the Democratic Women of Clifton. "The toy drive is the highlight of the holiday season for both the first responders and the young gift recipients."

In addition to toys, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department accepted monetary donations to purchase coats for area children. Last year, the de-

partment distributed nearly 3,000 new coats to more than 50 schools, shelters and nonprofits throughout Fairfax and Alexandria. Firefighters said "giving these kids a new coat builds such great self-esteem," and that it helps them do better in school.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will distribute toys and coats on Dec. 18.

The Democratic Women of Clifton also sponsored a collection of grocery store gift cards to benefit Our Daily Bread, a local nonprofit organization that provides food and assistance to Northern Virginia families experiencing financial hardship. Gift card donations will be distributed to the families in January.

"Although the DWC is not a service organization, we often feel like one," said Debbie Nagy, the group's secretary and director of this year's holiday projects. "Democratic women not only talk the talk of caring for the less fortunate among us, but we also walk the walk by supporting nonprofit organizations that serve many needs throughout Northern Virginia."

"We want to make this a memorable holiday season for those right here in Fairfax County who need our help," Barker said.

It's not too late to contribute, Barker said. The DWC will collect grocery food gift cards for Our Daily Bread through Dec. 31. To contribute, mail gift cards to DWC, P.O. Box 143, Clifton 20124. To contact the DWC, email cliftonwomendems@aol.com or go to the website at democraticwomenofclifton.org.

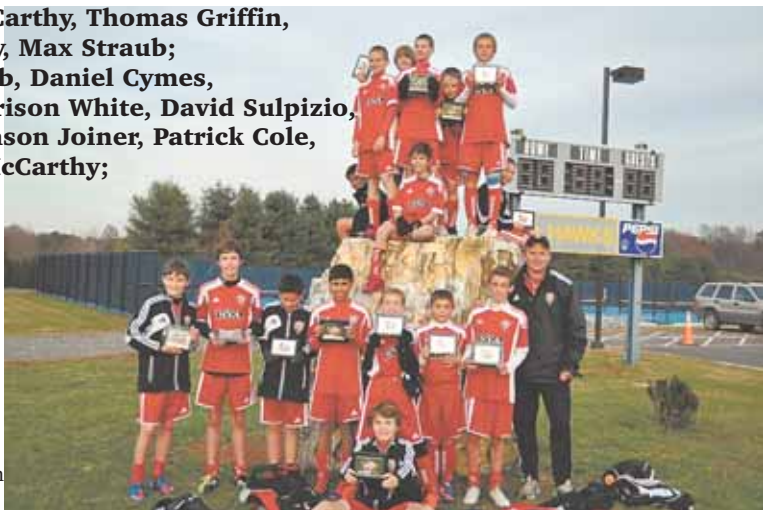
Clifton, Centreville Boys Win Hunt Country Classic

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(Standing on rock) Aidan McCarthy, Thomas Griffin, Sean Tilliard, Jacob Kaminsky, Max Straub; (sitting on rock) Anthony Saab, Daniel Cymes, Jimmy Gangi; (standing) Harrison White, David Sulpizio, Amza Saifi, Pablo Najarro, Mason Joiner, Patrick Cole, Nik Hoffman, Coach Kieran McCarthy; and (sitting) Hayden Aspesi. Seah Herlihy and Assistant Coach Chris Joiner are not pictured.

Edging out tough competition from Division 2 and 3 of the National Capital Soccer League, the SYA U-13 Cardinal White boys team won the Hunt Country Classic in Warrenton, Va., on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18.

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Ballet Arts Ensemble Presents 'Nutcracker'

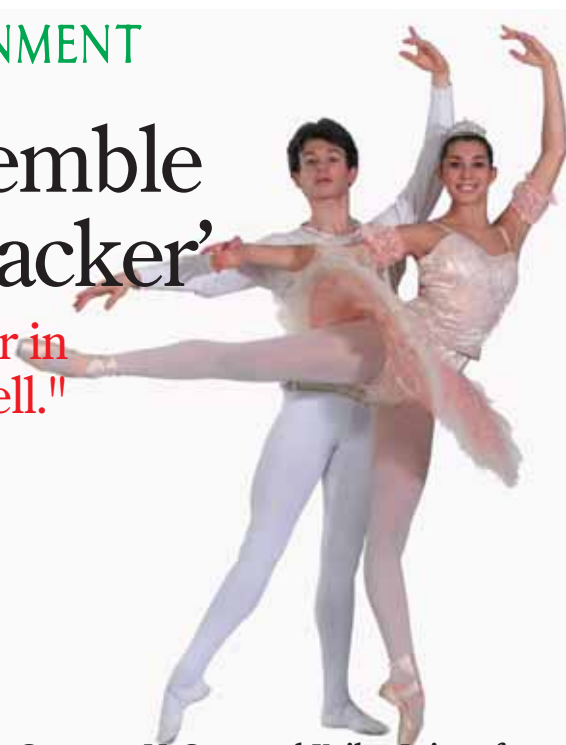
Kailey Leinz of Burke to star in the "Nutcracker in a Nutshell."

The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax will perform "Nutcracker in a Nutshell," a condensed version of the classic holiday ballet, on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 3 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m., at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall at the Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria campus, at 3001 North Beauregard St. Tickets are \$22 in advance by calling 703-273-5344; tickets will also be available at the door.

Choreographed by Debra Savage, the show features company dancers from the Ballet Arts Ensemble (BAE) and scores of young children from the Fairfax dance school, the Center for Ballet Arts. Special guest artist Cameron McCune of Raleigh, N.C., will be paired with BAE dancer Kailey Leinz of Burke, for the Grand Pas de Deux.

McCune, 17 and a high school senior, was the 2012 Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) silver medalist. Leinz, also 17, is a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School. She has trained with Savage at the Center for Ballet Arts in Fairfax since the first grade and plans to continue her ballet training next year in a university dance program.

Leinz also attended summer intensive programs at the School of American Ballet in New York City and at the Pacific Northwest Ballet School in Seattle, Wash. This will be her 11th year performing in the Nutcracker. In addition to dancing almost all of the children's roles over the years, Leinz has danced the soloist roles of Clara, Fairy Queen, Reed Pipe, Dew



Cameron McCune and Kailey Leinz of Burke will dance together in The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax production of the "Nutcracker in a Nutshell."

Drop, Arabian and Snow Queen. This will be her first time dancing the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

"I have wanted to be the Sugar Plum Fairy since I was a little girl, so I am thrilled," she said. "Getting to partner with Cameron makes it even more exciting. He is so incredibly talented." Leinz is also proud that this will mark the first time that both of the lead dancers in the Grand Pas de Deux in the Ballet Arts Ensemble's production of "Nutcracker in a Nutshell" are teenagers.

"Almost all of the Nutcrackers you see in our area use professional dancers for the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier," said Leinz. "Not only are we not professionals, we are both only 17 years old!"

For more information, contact www.thecenterforballetarts.com or call 703-273-5344.

Northern Virginia Players Present Disney's Little Mermaid

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In a magical kingdom under the sea, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. When she falls in love with Prince Eric after saving him from a shipwreck, she visits the sea witch, Ursula, and trades her voice for three days as a human. Can Ariel and her best friends Flounder, Sebastian the Crab, and Scuttle the Sea Gull get the prince to give her "true love's first kiss" before Ariel turns back into a mermaid forever?

Adapted from Disney's 2008 Broadway production, Disney's The Little Mermaid, Jr., Northern Virginia Players production features the hit songs "Part of Your World," "She's in Love," and the Oscar-winning audience favorite "Under the Sea."

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From left—Sarah Smith, Ursula; Karinna Johnston, Ariel; Jeremy Wittig, Prince Eric; Kyrie Johnston, Flounder.

18, this is sure to go down as one of the most exciting live shows to hit the stage," said Co-Director

Kate Wittig.

"Northern Virginia Players has been thrilling audiences of all ages since its start. Exceptional talent, costumes and staging support professional quality theatre at the community level," said Co-Director Ann Eul.

The production will be performed at the Family Worship Center, 7719 Fullerton Road in Springfield.

Show dates and times:

- ❖ Friday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Saturday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Saturday, Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit their website at NVPlayers.com. Also, please visit their Facebook Page at "Northern Virginia Players" for pictures of previous shows and updates. If you have questions, call 703-866-3546.

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THURSDAY/DEC. 13

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FRIDAY/DEC. 14

2nd Annual Jeans Day: Putting the ZIP on Homelessness. Midnight to 11:55 p.m., in offices throughout Northern Virginia. Chairman Bulova and the Board of Supervisors have declared it Jeans Day; Wear jeans to work in exchange for a contribution to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. Register. http://jeansday2012.eventbrite.com.

Christmas Cantata, "A World of Christmas." 11 a.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Joseph Martin gives the world in his new cantata that celebrates the carols and traditions of Christmas. The church is handicapped accessible and assisted listening devices are available. 703 971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org. http://www.franconiaumc.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 15

Holiday Art Show. Noon-8 p.m., at Clifton Town Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. The Art Guild of Clifton, supported by Clifton Betterment Association, serve up art demonstrations, wine tasting, and the art show and sale to benefit your holiday giftings and spirit. A reception follows the show at 6 p.m. 703-830-1480 or www.artguildofclifton.org.

A Magical Christmas. 1 p.m., at the W-3 Theatre, the Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Santa hasn't stopped in the town of Believe for three whole years and doesn't even know the place exists—can Joy's grandfather turn the town Christmas spirit around? \$8, children; \$12, adults. www.lortonarts.org.

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Holiday Art Show

The Art Guild of Clifton holds their Holiday Art Show with art demonstrations, wine tasting, a show and sale and a reception on Saturday, Dec. 15. The show and sale go from noon-6 p.m. and the reception follows; both are held at Clifton Town Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton.

10:30 p.m. open dance, at the Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An instructor-led evening of ballroom dancing in casual dress with complimentary refreshments and a cash bar. \$5, mini-lesson; \$10, dance. www.lortonarts.org.

Date Night: Chef's Table. 8-10 p.m., at the Vulcan Gallery, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Bring someone special for an evening of cooking and learn easy yet impressive techniques behind a menu of dishes. Reservations. \$80. www.lortonarts.org.

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OPINION

Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas

Many religions enrich Northern Virginia; immigration will lead to the most growth in Catholicism.

We are a nation of immigrants, to invoke the title of John F. Kennedy's posthumously published book; undeniably a nation descended from immigrants and a nation greatly augmented by immigration.

From this perspective, with the first immigrants motivated by the search for religious freedom, even Christmas is a religious holiday of immigrants.

As this week's main story on immigrants and religion in Northern Virginia explains, the largest number of current immigrants are from Latin America, and they bring with them a

powerful commitment to Christmas through their Catholic faith. In 2010, Fairfax County's Catholic population numbered 184,183, while Protestant adherents numbered 205,556.

Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ on Dec. 25, is one of the two most important Christian religious holidays, along with Easter.

Christmas is also a widely celebrated secular holiday and economic stimulus.

The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah is not one of the most important Jewish religious observances, but it is a celebration that gets added attention from timing. Hanukkah celebrates a great Jewish military victory and the miracle of a one day supply of oil for the temple lasting eight days. Happy Hanukkah to all who are enjoying this holiday, which lasts for eight days and this year began last Saturday evening.

Sikhs celebrated the birthday of their first guru at the end of November. The founder of the Sikh religion, Guru Nanak (1469-1539) preached that there is only One Universal Creator. Guru Nanak brought a message of love

and equality to his disciples, the Sikhs, (the word Sikh means a disciple or seeker of truth) and urged three things: always remember the creator God (Akaal Purkh), always live a honest life and earn a just living and always share your blessings with less fortunate ones (<http://www.sfova.org/sikhism>).

Buddhists celebrated the day of Buddha's enlightenment on Bodhi Day, Dec. 8 this year (<http://www.ekoji.org>).

Diwali, the major Hindu celebration, commemorated with lights welcoming a hero home, was in November this year. Hindu temples in Fairfax include the Durga Temple (<http://www.durgatemple.org>).

This of course is not an exhaustive list of other religions or of religious holidays in November and December. We welcome letters and comments. Share your religious and holiday traditions. You can submit a letter online at www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter.

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EDITORIAL

Celebrating Diversity Through Culture

BY KENWAL SACHDEVA

When my brother got married, his wife came to our house. Ours was a joint family with my parents, grandparents, elder brother, his wife, and two sisters. My new sister-in-law was coming from a different state with different family traditions and way of life. Since she was the new member in our family, it was our job to make her feel at home, to make sure she feels comfortable, to help her settle down and become a part of the family, to give her love and affection so that she does not miss her family too much. And we all worked towards making it happen.



IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION

In turn, she also adapted to our ways and became a lovable part of the family.

So, when people from different countries, diverse cultures, and dissimilar values migrate to United States, they try to adjust and adapt to the new culture. But the onus should also be on American people to welcome them, to make them comfortable and feel at home.

What do we do to create awareness about different cultures? Unfortunately, I have not seen much effort on the part of the government. People can be so ignorant

about different cultures, that they expect same kind of behavior from all in different situations. I would like to see some organizations stepping up and make deliberate efforts to make connections to diverse cultures.

People of different cultures also must advertise and organize events, and invite all to create cultural awareness.

The Sikh foundation of Virginia, the Sikh temple at Ox Road is committed to this cause. We organize a cultural program each year in which more than 100 children and adults participate and perform to typical Punjabi folk music. We advertise the event in local newspapers and invite people from differ-

ent faiths. This is an important event to make connections with our extended American family. We have found that many people are interested in learning about different cultures, but do not know where to go and whom to approach. This event generates enough interest and we do get interesting questions to understand our dances and music. Moreover, music knows no language barriers, and everyone enjoy the dances a lot. Cultural events could be a gateway to get to appreciate and celebrate diversity.

Kenwal Sachdeva of Fairfax Station is a Public Relations Officer for Sikh Foundation of Virginia.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Something Special

To the Editor:

For those of you who may have missed it, the recent Varsity Football game between West Springfield High School and South County Secondary School proved to be more than just a game.

As has become customary, the Spartans of West Springfield escorted one of their captains, Jordan Trunfio, to the center of the field for the coin toss. Jordan is battling brain cancer, and the team has dedicated its season to him and his struggle. However, this toss was not like any of the previ-

ous ones. As Jordan and the other West Springfield captains approached the center of the field, the entire South County Football Team proceeded onto the field. In a show of solidarity, the team lined up, tipped their helmets to Jordan, and wished him well as he battles forward. Also at this time, the South County coaches presented Jordan with several tokens of their support that included items signed by the Washington Redskins Organization, who were also expressing their support. What happened in those few moments was an example of true sportsmanship, leadership, coaching and community.

To Coach Gerry Pannoni, his staff, and the entire South County Foot-



Jordan Trunfio, No. 58—West Springfield HS football battling brain cancer.

ball Organization—thank you for supporting our team and our captain.

There are events and challenges in life that remind us that football is just a game and true heroes all wear the same color jersey.

For those of you who may have missed it, you missed something special.

Dana Esposito
West Springfield Football Parent

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

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"The Journey: A Season of Reflections: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" Bible Study. 9:30 a.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Sit down with pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton as he guides through a four-week devotional based on the most joyous event in history. This Bible Study includes short, reflective devotions combined with Scripture readings and heartfelt prayers. 703-971-5151 or <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

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TUESDAY/DEC. 18

Classics Book Club. 7 p.m., at Richard Byrd Library, 7520 Commerce St., Springfield. Currently discussing the first five cantos of *The Inferno* by Dante Alighieri; adults. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rb.

FRIDAY/DEC. 21

Cool Cow Comedy Presents: Erin Jackson. 8 p.m., in the W-3 Theater, Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The performer from Ellen, Comedy Central and Gotham Comedy Club cracks the crowd up with host Rahmein Mostafavi; 18-plus only. Reservations. \$20. www.coolcowcomedy.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 22

A Magical Christmas. 1 p.m., at the W-3 Theatre, the Lorton Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Santa hasn't stopped in the town of Believe for three whole years and doesn't even know the place exists—can Joy's grandfather turn the town Christmas spirit around? \$8, children; \$12, adults. www.lortonarts.org.

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SATURDAY/JAN. 12

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.

"Drink This!" The Workhouse International Ceramic Cup Show. 6 p.m., at the Workhouse Arts Center, Building 8, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An exhibition of 70 works offers a delightful taste of the many ways contemporary artists interpret the cup. 703-584-2982 or www.workhouseceramics.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 19

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Preparing Your Home for Holiday Guests

Experts offer checklist for getting a house in tip-top shape.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

In addition to shopping, decorating and attending parties, many are making a mad dash to get their homes ready for the holiday visitors. Take a deep breath: local experts have developed a checklist for creating a guest-ready home.

"Many people feel better about their home when everything is in order and in place," said Steve Magill, a remodeling consultant with Fred, the home repair division of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., and an Oak Hill resident. "It makes the homeowner feel more at ease when minor details are taken care of."

The kitchen is one of the most important rooms in a home, especially during the holiday season.



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Experts suggests cleaning carpets and area rugs in a home's family or living room before holiday guests arrive.

Experts say to make sure your microwave oven, toaster and coffeemaker are in top working condition, or to replace them if necessary.

For extra storage space for cookware, experts suggest installing a pot rack. Also, consider adding

extra stools or chairs for guests who like to gather in the kitchen.

Next, survey the living or family room. Experts suggest cleaning carpets or area rugs so that they are free of signs of foot traffic.

Consider updating the room with holiday home accents or adding

"Many people feel better about their home when everything is in order and in place."

— Steve Magill

new items, as well as accessorizing sofas and chairs with holiday pillows and throws.

"Take a magic eraser to clean up small smudges on walls like around light switches," said Magill, whose firm developed a holiday readiness checklist.

If guests are staying overnight, experts say to make space in a closet or drawer so visitors have a place to put their clothing. Since not everyone falls asleep at the same time, a bedside clock and reading lamp are helpful accessories.

"Your guest room should be warm and inviting and make your visitors feel as if they are at home," said Magill.

MAKE A GREAT FIRST IMPRESSION by ensuring that all outdoor lighting, including holiday lights, is functioning properly and turned on when it is dark. Outdoor lighting is a key to ensuring safety during the holidays.

Check the front door for signs of wear and consider giving old doors a new coat of paint. "Some of the most impact transformations . . . are projects like painting," Paul Zuch of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry said in a statement. In addition, polish and tighten door hardware and oil hinges to prevent squeaking.

Considering adding a small rug or welcome mat to the entryway. Establish a place in your home's entrance to collect coats, hats, boots and gloves. Make sure there is extra space and hangers in your coat closet.

"Make sure you think about every room in your home when preparing for the holidays," said Tom Dodd, another Fred remodeling consultant. "Thinking about these things ahead of time will help make for an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season."

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FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION

A child and her parents during prayer services at the Sikh Foundation of Virginia in Fairfax Station on Thursday, Nov. 14. The Dias where Guru Granth Sahib (the Holy Book) is adorned is called Darbar Sahib (Holy Court).

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THE CONNECTION



Sikhs Bring Foundation of 'Service to Others'

Fairfax Station temple active in community outreach.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

On a recent Thursday evening, Ajaib Singh, 78, one of the founding members of the Sikh Foundation of Virginia, politely escorts a visitor to the area where one removes shoes and dons a headscarf.

In the background, the melodic vibrations of a harmonium blend with the sounds of men, women and children chatting as they sit together on mats on the floor. They are chopping large bowls of onions and other vegetables for a communal meal after an outreach service.

"You see, no one is more elevated than any other," said Singh, noting that everyone sits on the floor during communal meals and during worship service.

Singh said that equality and service to others are key tenets of Sikhism, a monotheistic faith. "I like to say we're a grassroots movement," Singh said, smiling.

Ajaib Singh came to the United States as a graduate student to University of California, at Davis, in August of 1958. After completing his Ph.D. studies in chemistry in 1961, he came to the east coast as a research fellow at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

He and Majit Kaur consider themselves proud members of the SFV congregation and proud American citizens. Ajaib said he wants to share the SFV mission with others, to promote respect and understanding of Sikh values.

ON SATURDAY, NOV. 17, the Sikh Foundation hosted people from different faiths to share their thoughts on selfless service, what it means in their faith and how they personally pursue it in their lives. The panel included protestant missionaries and a Coptic Christian immigrant from Ethiopia. During the event, the Sikh community also collected dozens of boxes of winter clothes to send to those still suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

"This event will be marked as the beginning of a new era of interfaith efforts followed by many similar projects where the youth of different faiths will work collectively and help the needy," said Surinder Singh, an active member of the foundation.

Although Sikhs do not have a particular day of worship, the Fairfax Station temple holds services on Thursdays and Sundays. A formal gurdwara service includes the singing of hymns and recitations from the Guru Granth Sahib, Sikhism's Holy Scriptures.

The temple is a welcoming home to many immigrants from India as well as those born in the United States, Singh said.

The Fairfax Station gurdwara, like many around the world, includes classrooms, a Langer Hall for community meals, a sanctuary and a community center, which Singh said is a sign of the religion's values of service and equality.

"Sikhism was founded in an area and in a time in which inequality was rampant," said Navdeep Singh, assistant executive director at the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund and a member of the Fairfax Station Temple his entire life. "If you were a woman, you were less than a man. If you were poor you were less than a rich person. Based on what caste you were, that defined your entire life. Sikhism was a rejection of those ideas."

SINCE THE 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS by Islamic extremists, Sikhs sometimes have been mistaken for Muslims, because of their beards and turbans, and have been the target of hate crimes and discrimination. Many American Sikh women dress like other Westerners or wear the salwar kameez, a colorful north Indian garment of a long shirt and loose-fitting pants.

Gurpreet Singh, a member of the Fairfax Station Temple, said most men wearing turbans are Sikhs, not Muslims.

"I remember the bumper stickers that appeared on cars after 9/11. 'I am Sikh. I am American.' But it shouldn't matter whether it's a mosque or a temple. Hate is hate, and it's wrong."

Navdeep Singh said the Sikh community in Fairfax Station was profoundly touched by the outpouring of support from neighboring churches in the wake of the deadly attack on the Wisconsin Sikh Temple on Aug. 5, when a gunman shot and killed six followers. During a candlelight vigil held at the temple, more than 300 people of all faiths gathered for an evening of unity, resilience and hope.

Politicians and police officers, Muslims and Jews, children and seniors stood side by side on the grounds of the temple, holding up candles, murmuring prayers of peace and listening quietly as community leaders promised solidarity with the Sikh community and reflected on the violence in Wisconsin.

"One might say our community should retreat and live in fear," Singh said, "but Sikhs will keep the doors of the gurdwaras open."

For more information on Sikhism, contact Dr. Ajaib Singh of the Sikh Foundation of Virginia at 540-720-5755 or visit www.sfova.org.

Church Attracts Chinese Immigrants

FROM PAGE 11

"Since the arrival and membership of several Indian families in 2007, key leaders like Manoj Mathai and Sujay Phillips have made Chantilly Bible Church the base for a creative outreach to this community. It even touches India through frequent visits that include evangelism and Bible distribution," Austin said.

Whittle said all three of the ministries are an integral part of Chantilly Bible Church, and none plan to become separate churches.

"Chinese, Hispanics and Indians serve alongside North Americans at every level of the church. The children and youth programs are fully integrated. There are immense benefits for these second and third generations. Bicultural couples are comfortable at Chantilly Bible Church, and, as you would expect, mixed marriages are on the rise," Whittle said.

IN FACT, THE CHURCH ATTRACTS so many immigrants that they offer headsets during worship services so those who speak limited English can listen to sermons

interpreted in Mandarin or Spanish. And the songs are projected in English with Mandarin translations.

"Being bicultural and bilingual gives you a special joy in life," Whittle said.

Huang said the language outreach is especially critical for older Chinese immigrants.

"As first generation immigrants, we hold on to our Chinese identity. Chinese is still the mother language," he said.

Huang also said there's a more profound reason for interpreting sermons into Mandarin.

"The older Chinese, like me," he said, smiling, "they need to hear the scripture in Mandarin, so it can enter their heart."

Huang said his greatest joy is baptizing fellow Chinese immigrants. "For Chinese immigrants, wherever they come from, church becomes an attraction. They are longing for something they can't have in their homeland. It's a very special moment. This is something people are afraid to do in Hong Kong or Taiwan. . . . I can't express how happy I feel during a baptism," he said.

Rebuilding the Trust

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even though they had never even been to Pakistan. Some children said, "Oh, you are hiding in the mountains!"

Khan raised her children with the intent that America is their home.

"We are Americans, we are Pakistani-Americans, but that's where the challenge came after 9/11. The kids asked, 'Are we American or are we Pakistani? What are we?' So that was a big thing, a big challenge that came," Khan said.

KHAN'S NEIGHBOR, who she had been living next door to for the past 20 years, stopped speaking to her the day after 9/11. Prior to that, the two friends would exchange Christmas and Mother's Day presents. "We basically watched each other's kids," Khan said. However, it took a long time before Khan's neighbor came around and started speaking to her again.

Another thing that came out of 9/11 was that both Muslims and non-Muslims were hurt. "That trust was gone and it takes time

to rebuild that trust. But one good thing that came out of 9/11 was that the younger generation of Muslims started getting very involved politically and socially," Khan said.

Five months after 9/11, Malik started an interfaith dialogue program with a local synagogue and church. "I worked on educating people about our religion and the peace it teaches," Malik said.

Sather has noticed that over the years, people have treated Muslims a little better. "When I attempt to wear the head scarf, people treat me with more respect than when I don't wear it," she said. "Also, as I get older, I realize there is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of."

Khan hopes that her future generations take the good from her background as well as their American background and blend the two. "Some of the good things of American culture are honesty, respect, and tolerance for others. Some of the good things of my culture are religion, family values and traditions. The biggest challenge is to make sure that the generations to come have both," Khan said.

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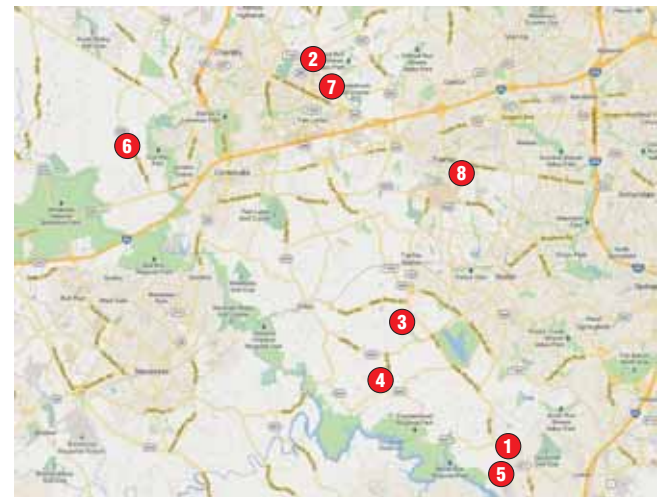
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Holidays Spark Inspiration For New Remodeling Projects

Local contractors say that the holidays offer an opportunity to consider home renovations.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While the holidays can bring glad tidings and cheer, they can also spark an interest in remodeling, say some local contractors.

“During the holidays, people spend more time at home and notice more things like outdated bathrooms or kitchens,” said Glen Miracle, president of NVS Remodeling and Design in Falls Church and Manassas.

Bob Murphy, president of Homes by Murphy in Fairfax Station, said, “I find that this time of year people think about remodeling projects and then postpone them until after the holidays.”

Contractors say hosting holiday gatherings give homeowners a chance to reassess their living space. “We do have people who . . .

realize that they will have crowds of people and family coming over and realize they need or want more space,” said Murphy.

Evelyn Nicely, president of Nicely Done Kitchens in Springfield, said, “Large kitchen remodels are often inspired by small kitchen shortfalls: the turkey

won’t fit in your built-in oven or you have far too many leftovers for your too-small refrigerator,” she said. “Or maybe when you visited friends, you realized how outdated your space is, how much untapped potential is really in your home.”

HOMEOWNERS OFTEN ASSESS their home improvement needs during the holidays and embark on them in the New Year. “We get more calls in January than in any other month because during the holidays people finally slow down, spend more time at home and realize all of the projects that they need to do,” said Miracle. “Many of those projects will get started in the spring.”

A survey by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry shows that spring is a time of the year when homeowners embark on new projects. The association reports that last spring, seven out of 10 homeowners planned spring

home improvement projects.

“Right now people are interested in pursuing remodeling projects in part because the election is over,” said Niki Golden, NARI spokesperson. “People do start thinking about remodeling projects, but I don’t know that at a national level, it is tied to the holidays.”

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Local contractors say the holidays often generate ideas for home remodeling projects. “Large kitchen remodels are often inspired by small kitchen shortfalls,” said Evelyn Nicely of Nicely Done Kitchens.

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Seen here, cutting a ribbon to open the new office are, from left: Marcia Twomey, president of the chamber; Craig Durosko, founder and chairman of Sun Design; Bob Gallagher, president of Sun Design; and John Foust, member of the Fairfax Country Board of Supervisors. Sun Design recently was named, for the second year in a row, among the region’s best places to work.

Sun Design Opens McLean Office

After 25 successful years of growth in the region, Burke-based Sun Design Remodeling, Inc., has now opened its second Northern Virginia office, this one on Elm Street in McLean. The company hosted an open house on Thursday, Nov. 29, co-sponsored by the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce.

Local Grapplers Thrive At NOVA Classic

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

With the bridge of his nose bloodied and bandaged, South County wrestler Hunter Manley found himself locked in a 3-3 tie in the third period of a tournament championship match on Dec. 8.

Last season, Manley won the Northern Region title in the 106-pound weight class. Now a junior, Manley was competing in the 120-pound division at the 2012 FinalAutoPrice.com NOVA Classic at Fairfax High School. While moving up two weight classes presents challenges, Manley managed to take care of business during this event.

Manley scored a late takedown against Mount Vernon's Bill Adusei, propelling the South County grappler to a tournament title via 5-3 decision.

"It was a little bit of a challenge," Manley said of moving up two weight classes. "Luckily, I jumped up pretty early right after the season last year, so I had enough time to regain my strength up to that point. The kids are strong, but I feel fine, technically. You can't muscle people around when you make that kind of jump, you have to really rely on technical skills. I can't really force moves."

What led to the two-weight-class jump?

"I got tall," said Manley, who grew from 5 foot 7 as a sophomore to 5 foot 9 this year.

Manley helped South County score 105 points and finish in a 10th-place tie with Edison. Battlefield finished atop the team standings with 194.5 points. Centreville and Fauquier finished in a second-place tie with 180. Paul VI was fourth with 154.5 points, followed by Lake Braddock (151.5), Mount Vernon (135), Annandale (131.5), McLean (115.5) and T.C. Williams (111.5).

West Springfield (81) finished 19th, Fairfax (62) was 22nd and Lee (55) was 24th.

Lake Braddock's Rory Renzi won his second-consecutive NOVA Classic championship. After winning the 145-pound title last year, Renzi defeated Stone Bridge's Josh Toal via 22-9 major decision on Saturday to capture the 152-pound crown.

Renzi, a two-time Patriot District champion, said he had a goal of 40 takedowns during the NOVA Classic, but finished with 39.

"I've always thought of myself [as] not a pinner," Renzi said. "I've always tried to tech-fall a kid all on my feet. My strong point is on my feet."

Thomas Jefferson grappler and Burke resident Patrick O'Connor won his second consecutive 195-pound title at the NOVA Classic, beating Centreville's Joey Steinbach via decision with a late takedown.

"You've got to trust yourself and when you see it open



Lake Braddock's Rory Renzi won the 152-pound title at the 2012 FinalAutoPrice.com NOVA Classic on Dec. 8 at Fairfax High School.



South County's Hunter Manley won the 120-pound title at the 2012 FinalAutoPrice.com NOVA Classic on Dec. 8 at Fairfax High School.

up, you've just got to go for it," O'Connor said. "If you wrestle tentatively, you're not going to get it anyway."

Edison junior Brock Jacobson won the 138-pound title with a 5-4 decision against Lake Braddock's Sean Haskett. Jacobson has his sights set on a National District title and regional success now that Wakefield standout Henry Majano, who finished state runner-up in Jacobson's weight class the last two years, has graduated.

"Now that he's gone, I know that I have the opportunity to win districts," Jacobson said. "He was my main target. For regionals, I've got Sean Haskett, [Robinson's] Dallas Smith [and Westfield's] Derek Arnold. But after beating Sean, I know I can take that next step to get to Dallas Smith. If I stay strong all season, keep on working hard, stay healthy, I know I can get him."

West Springfield's Austin Flanagan won the 220-pound title with a 4-3 decision against Mount Vernon's Nate Haro. Flanagan finished seventh at the NOVA Classic last year, his first year in the United States after living in Italy.

"[Winning] definitely helps my confidence," Flanagan said. "Last year, I came in seventh and even that—coming [in] seventh out of 32—made me boost for the early part of the season. . . . Coming in first this year really means a lot to me."

Lake Braddock's Ryan Haskett won the 113-pound title with a 13-6 decision against Annandale's Anour Sakta.

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Butler Leads Bruins to First Win

Senior finishes with 23 points, 23 rebounds against Robinson.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock's Natalie Butler was once a sophomore intimidated by playing basketball at the varsity level. Two years later, she has signed a letter of intent to play at Georgetown University and realized her size can make her the intimidator.

"I think the experience definitely helps," Butler said recently. "I think sophomore year was definitely intimidating coming in, playing against older girls. Now, coming in, being 6 foot 4, you can be large and in charge. I've learned that my size can be an intimidation factor alone, whether I touch a basketball or not, so that's definitely a confidence builder."

The Lake Braddock girls' basketball team came to Robinson Secondary School on Dec. 7 in search of its first win of the season. When the night was over, the Rams might have been wishing Butler was still a sophomore.

Butler scored 23 points and grabbed 23 rebounds, lifting the Bruins to a 43-25 victory on Friday night. After a slow start, Butler scored 10 of Lake Braddock's 12 second-quarter points as the Bruins started to pull away. Lake Braddock led 19-11 at halftime and by as many as 20 points in the second half.

"That's what we need for [Butler] to bring every night," Lake Braddock Head Coach Leigh Janis said. "She controls the boards. We look to get [the ball] inside, but we did a good job working the inside-out, too. We had other kids score and knocking down threes and looking to drive. We feed off of her, but she did a great job finding her teammates as well."

Junior guard Marcia Altman scored seven points for Lake Braddock. Junior guard Betsy



Lake Braddock senior Natalie Butler scored 23 points and grabbed 23 rebounds against Robinson on Dec. 7.

Gallier scored six points, sophomore guard Christine McGrath finished with three points and senior forward McKenzie Hunter and senior guard Haley Strawderman each added two.

Robinson entered the contest with a 2-0 record, but Lake Braddock held the Rams to a season-low 25 points. Senior forward Dhyamond Crenshaw led Robinson with seven points and sophomore guard Brigitte Gould scored six. Freshman guard Mary Katherine Mastaler had four points for the Rams, sophomore guard Leeah Betourd and junior guard Melanie Yumping each had three and freshman guard Kaitlin Luccarelli added two.

"I think [the Bruins] played great," Janis said. "I'm very, very pleased with our defense and I think that really fueled our offense."

Lake Braddock defeated Herndon, 52-34, on Tuesday to improve to 2-2. The Bruins will open Patriot District play at home against West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14.

Robinson lost to West Springfield, 57-36, on Tuesday, dropping its record to 2-2. The Rams will travel to face Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14.

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