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Abiding Presence Pastor Rev. Meredith Keseley (left) and Temple B'nai Shalom Rabbi Amy Perlin give a blessing at the conclusion of their joint Thanksgiving Eve service.



Congregations from Abiding Presence and Temple B'nai Shalom packed the Burke Lutheran church sanctuary for a special joint service the night before Thanksgiving.

A Unifying Force

BY TIM PETERSON THE CONNECTION

hen he applied for Minister of Music position at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Burke, David Chavez said he was told there's just one non-negotiable date on the calendar: Thanksgiving Eve.

On Christmas and Easter, he could find a sub, but the night before Thanksgiving is different. For one night, Chavez can work with more than the church choir, bringing in singers from Temple B'nai Shalom in Fairfax Station as well.

"It's such a blessing to have a large choir, to do things we can't do with a smaller one, like different densities of harmony and the type of sound," Chavez said. "You want to do it right, do it well."

On Nov. 25, the two congregations celebrated their 29th year of hosting joint services the night before Thanksgiving. It's a tradition that started before members of Temple B'nai Shalom even had a building to call their own. For nine years, the congregation at Abiding Presence hosted B'nai Shalom's services while their members raised money to build a synagogue.

Rev. Meredith Keseley joined Abiding Presence as Pastor in February 2010 and, like Chavez, was asked if she was open to the joint worship service. "I'm excited about it," Keseley said. "Their Rabbi Perlin was one of my first phone calls. She said, 'We're in this together, I'm your Rabbi.' And now I'm her Pastor."

Over the years, Keseley said, "I've learned just how much our faiths have in common, from the spirit of giving to our deepest desire for peace in this world. Religion can be such a divisive thing. We're able to make it a unifying one."

In the joint service, the hosting congregation alternates each year, while the visiting religious leader delivers the sermon. The

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church and Temple B'nai Shalom hold 29th joint Thanksgiving Eve service.



Members of the Temple B'nai Shalom Teen Jewish Alternative Music Project (from left) Aiden Smith, Leah Ican, Eve Courtney, Daniel Levin and Noah Dail perform A participant of the joint Thanksgiving Eve service at during the joint-faith Thanksgiving eve service at Abid- Abiding Presence Lutheran Church helps a young girl ing Presence Lutheran Church in Burke.



follow along with a hymn.

service is constructed collaboratively and participants sing hymns from the Lutheran song book. Since this year's service was held in Burke, Rabbi Perlin delivered a Thanksgiving message about developing a sense of gratitude.

"Saying 'Thank you' means more than we can ever realize." Perlin said. "Gratitude can change your brain for the better. And there's still time to re-wire yourself into a thankful brain by Hannukah or Christmas."

Perlin continued with a story about the columnist Art Buchwald being nice to a taxi cab driver as a positive social experiment. She linked the anecdote to the Hebrew term for gratitude, "hakarat hatov."

Buchwald was trying to spread goodness by being nice to one person and spreading hakarat hatov, Perlin said. "It means recognition of the good someone has done for you. We need to thank others the way we

thank God."

Frank Cohn of Fairfax has been a member of Temple B'nai Shalom for 28 years -Rabbi Perlin married his wife and him before the synagogue was built. They look forward to the joint service each year, he said.

"We love it, we think it's great," said Cohn, whose wife leads the choir. "And we love the songs in this service. The bottom line is people have a wonderful time together, that's what this is about."

Phil Franke of Springfield played euphonium in the brass choir for the service. He's been a member of Abiding Presence about as long as Cohn has been with B'nai Shalom. "I look forward to Thanksgiving Eve greatly," he said. "It's not just about us, but the entire faith community. There are a lot of commonalities."

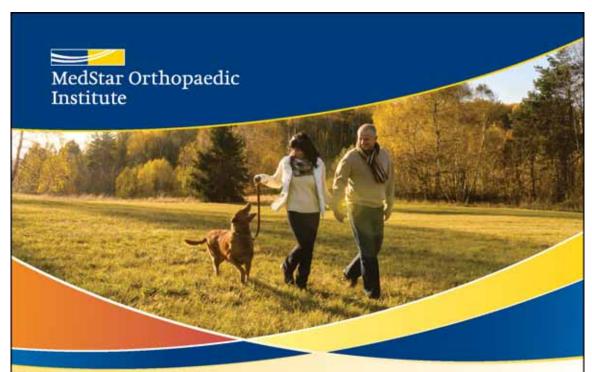
"Judaism and Christianity share part of

the Bible, and their values translate to the other religion," said Aiden Smith, a sophomore at W.T. Woodson High School and a member of the Temple B'nai Shalom Teen Jewish Alternative Music Project. The fivemember ensemble performed at the Nov. 25 service for the first time, early in the pro-

In addition to the joint service, the two congregations collaborate in several ways, including sending their youth to visit a service of the opposite organization for wor-

To close the evening, all the musicians joined in singing "America the Beautiful."

"It's so refreshing and gives me hope, to literally sing together in one body means more than just making pretty music," said Chavez. "It's a living symbol: We can come together with what we have in common, that's what I want us to be about."



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FAITH

Performance of Ellington's Jazz "Nutcracker Suite" Benefits Burke Charity

Church in Burke will host a live performance of Duke Ellington's jazz interpretation of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" from 1960.

The free concert will be led by the church's Minister of Music David Chavez, with a ten-piece ensemble of local musicians including trumpeter Craig Fraedrich and vocalist Christal Rheams.

Donations and funds raised from a silent auction at the event will

Abiding Presence Lutheran go directly to 25:40, a Burke-based nonprofit organization founded in 2003 that helps South African children who are affected by HIV/ AIDS and poverty.

The concert is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church is located at 6304 Lee Chapel Road in Burke. For more information, visit www.2540.org.

—Tim Peterson

FAITH NOTES

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

Clifton Presbyterian Church is offering a Grief Support Group. Offered for eight sessions on Thursdays from Dec. 3-Feb. 3 from 10:30 a.m.-noon for those who have experienced a recent death and loss in their lives. This group will offer a safe and supportive place for participants to explore ways to walk the journey of grief and to "wrestle" with difficult, and sometimes unanswerable, questions. Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 12, 21, 28; Feb. 3. Clifton Presbyterian Church is located at 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. office@cliftonpc.org. 703-830-3175.

Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax, invites the community to celebrate Chanukah at a Chanukah Lights and Legos Party on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 3-5 p.m. Spin art with dreidels and other crafts; life-size construction toys); latke bar; music, dancing, and singing; a toddler room with PJ Library books about Chanukah. Ages 6 and up can build their own Legos, menorah and dreidel to take home (additional fee). Adults and children 2 years and older \$4; children under 2 free. Legos builders 6 yrs. and up \$12. Space is limited for builders reserve early. Brownpapertickets.com. www.jccnv.org

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FAITH

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Experience the Philippine traditional night mass, "Simbang Gabi," at the Nativity Catholic Church, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Service starts at 7:30 p.m. with reception. http://www.filminnova.org/ filipino-ministry-parishes/.

St. Pius X Chapel is offering a Tridentine (Latin) Mass in Fairfax City at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway on **Sunday, Dec. 6** at 9:30 a.m. Confessions at 8:30 a.m. 703-425-5735 or www.sspx.org/en/community/priories.

Join Harvester Presbyterian Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield, for Light of Hope, a traditional Christmas Eve service with candle-lighting on Thursday, Dec. 24 from 8-9 p.m. www.harvesterpca.org. 703-455-7800.

The Paschal Lamb will hold a Book Reading of "Blessed are You" from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Paschal Lamb is located at 11214 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Author Melanie Rigney will read from her new book. Free, 703-863-3940.

Temple B'Nai Shalom at 7612 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station is offering **Tot Shabbat** on Friday, Dec. 11 from 7-7:45 p.m. This service is especially designed for newborns through second graders and their parents. It includes music, child-friendly prayers, stories and activities. The service is followed by a special kid-friendly oneg. 703-764-2901. www.tbs-online.org.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit http://www.guhyasamaja.org for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 703-323-9500 or a.m. www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

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COMMENTARY

Carrying Out the Life-Saving Mission

By John C. Cook Supervisor (R-Braddock District)

airfax County's Hypothermia
Prevention Program is dedicated to keeping our most vulnerable community members safe during the long, harsh winter months. Without the essential support of nonprofit and faith-based community partners, the program would not be nearly as successful. It is because of the collaborative efforts of the partnership that no unsheltered individuals died due to hypothermia this

past winter. In the Winter Season of 2014-2015, the collaborative effort of the Winter Seasonal Programs served 1,061 guests combined and moved 64 clients directly into permanent housing.

This year's program is an integral part of the Fairfax County effort to prevent and end homelessness, and incorporates the collaborative work of our area's faith communities, civic organizations, businesses and individual volunteers. This coalition creates a complete matrix of shelters that are available during the coldest months here in Fairfax County. This is a critical and lifesaving resource offered by the County, and it is also a remarkable way to give directly back to your community. Below, I have highlighted the organizations that can help you get involved.

The Northern Virginia Family Services' (NVFS) Hypothermia Prevention Program is operated under the management of Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter (BCCS) staff and operates from Nov. 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. Hypothermia guests assemble at the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter each evening at 4 p.m. Guests are afforded a hot shower, dinner, clothing, laundry, and case management services while at the facility. Through partnerships and collaborations with over twenty faith communities in Fairfax County, BCCS expands its ability



to serve those seeking shelter by transporting guests to their off-site hypothermia prevention shelter locations. For further information about the program or volunteer opportunities, please contact Mario Wright at MWright@nvfs.org or 703-820-7621.

FACETS' hypothermia prevention season runs from Nov. 29, 2015 through March 31, 2016, with doors opening at 5 p.m. each evening and closing at 7 a.m. every morning. FACETS rotates week-to-week between faith community hosting sites and beginning on Dec. 27, 2015, they will op-

erate from two faith community sites each week. Community members are welcome to participate by volunteering at the current locations or donating items such as food and clothing. FACETS has received extended grant money, and it is very likely that the program will run until the end of April. For further information, please contact Barbara Schultheiss at BSchultheiss@facetscares.org.

For the fourth year in a row, I will be volunteering with my church to help out at a hypothermia shelter. I invite you to join me at a program convenient to vou. Fairfax County relies on our nonprofit and faithbased community partners to help us carry out the life-saving mission to give our most vulnerable neighbors a safe place out of the cold. It is a long and fairly intense program that requires many volunteers and donations. As the season progresses, please reach out to the local faith-based organizations in your neighborhood or the contacts listed above to see if they could use your participation or donations. There are many moving parts of the program and all parts are in need of additional help. For further information on the Hypothermia Prevention Program, please contact Debbie Scaggs at debbie.scaggs@fairfaxcounty.gov or 571-722-8952 in the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Fizzy Rockets and Lost on the Moon at Irving Middle

The subject of aerospace isn't usually associated with 11 to 14 year-olds laughing and chasing rubber band powered foam "rockets." But that's what happened when Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets hosted a science workshop for middle-schoolers last Thursday at Washington Irving Middle School in Springfield.

After a break from the foam and rubber band experiments the youngsters explored scientific principles by launching "fizzy flyers," tiny paper and plastic rockets powered by Alka-Seltzer tablets. Finally, the participants were asked to imagine they have survived a crash landing on the moon. Given a list of the items left after the crash they had to make group decisions as to what items would be most useful for their survival until rescue. The exercise provided a quick elementary lesson in logical thinking and group dynamics.

The workshop's enjoyable combination of fun and learning was conceived, organized and led by CAP Cadet Captain Julia Demyanovich. The events were mentored and assisted by Burke Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol members as part of the CAP's core mission of aerospace education.

The Civil Air Patrol is a diverse, inclusive volunteer community organization dedicated to emergency service (search and rescue and disaster relief), aerospace education and the Cadet Program. The CAP is not solely for pilots and aircrew. Adults and teens from all walks of life, skill levels, physical abilities and professions participate in the many CAP activates. More information on the Civil Air Patrol's Burke Composite Squadron can be found at http://www.burkecap.org/.

—Thomas Adams

Start the Season with the Festival of Lights and Carols

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols will be on Saturday, Dec. 5 starting at 8 a.m. with a Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Fire Station #3 and culminating with a Celtic Christmas at 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. In between, there will be live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log,

petting farm, Ferris wheel, caroling, visits with Santa, and, of course, the lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Start planning the day by going to www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/festival-of-lights-and-carols for times and locations of events.

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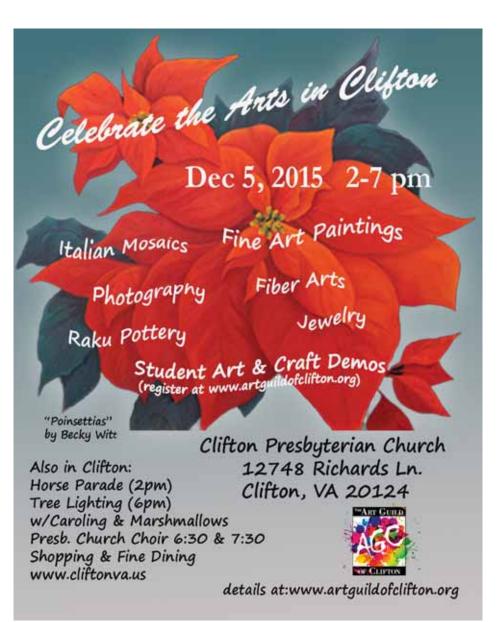
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Patrolling Waters South of Japan

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OPINION

COMMENTARY

Fixing I-66

Politics is getting in the way of long-term solutions.

By Stewart Schwartz COALITION FOR SMARTER GROWTH

e all know I-66 is a mess. But politics have made it difficult to have an objective discussion about the causes and potential solutions. Not only did the recent election include dramatic T.V. ads about tolls, the first bill proposed for the coming General Assembly session would ban tolls inside the Beltway. Its sponsor favors widening all the way

to the Roosevelt Bridge in D.C. instead. To some that seems intuitive, but will it actually solve the problem?

At its most basic we have too many cars trying to use limited road space during peak hours. The traditional approach has been to widen highways - again and again, but has meant significant impacts on our homes, neighbors, parks, and our health. And "if you built it we will come" - new highway lanes in metropolitan areas can fill up again in as few as five years. In the particular case of I-66, where would all of the additional cars go when they

local roads in Arlington? In contrast to the \$40 million for toll infrastructure, widening of I-66 could cost hundreds of millions of dollars and lead to years of construction-related traffic delays.

The Governor's proposal for variable tolling, carpools, and transit will move twice as many people through the corridor as today, with far greater reliability and a minimum guaranteed speed of 45 mph. And, unlike today, singleoccupant vehicles will be able to use the high-

way in the peak direction for the first time, albeit by paying a variable toll. No one who is currently using the highway for free today (HOV-2 and

above) will have to pay anything when the plan is implemented in 2017. The public will also retain ownership of the revenues, allowing funding for transit to carry even more people.

Outside the Beltway, the state proposes privately-operated HOT (high-occupancy toll) lanes like those on I-95 and the Beltway. Unlike the two prior projects, I-66 would include funding for more commuter express buses. But the new lane capacity may well lead to still

more traffic in the future.

Under both Republican and Democratic administrations, Virginia failed to evaluate the longer-lasting benefits of a transit-first approach combining Metro, Virginia Railway Express, and commuter express buses, with better land use and fixes to bottlenecks like the Route 28/I-66 interchange. Providing more homes closer to jobs, and creating the compact, walkable, mixed-use and transit-accessible neighborhoods that are so much in demand today will reduce the amount we have

We have to think more carefully about how we handle growth. Do we keep expanding highways, destroying our neighborhoods and quality of life in the process? Or do we address where we build and how we design our communities, in such a way that we can drive less and for shorter distances, and have access to more options like Metro, VRE and express buses? This is the conversation we need to have.

> Stewart Schwartz is executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth

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> By Joe Meyer Executive Director & CEO Shelter House, Inc.

hat if you wake up one day in fear of your physical safety? What would you do if you had absolutely no access to any of your bank accounts? What if you found yourself completely isolated from your friends and family and had no resources? Unfortunately, these are the very real situations that victims of domestic violence find themselves in before they seek out support and shelter.

Shelter House, Inc. operates Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency domestic violence shelter, Artemis House. This past year, Artemis House increased its bed capacity from 34 to 42 trying meet the needs of the 60-100 individuals who call the Artemis House hotline on a monthly-basis.

One recent Artemis House resident "had no access to the family account, credit/debit cards. [The abuser] did not even give her, as we often see, an 'allowance.' She could not even ask for feminine hygiene products. He made all the financial decisions and still accused her of stealing money," says Suzanne Pigg, director of Artemis House.

Statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Chances are you either have been or know someone who has been in a situation of domestic violence. And in 2015, 41 percent of adults in families who were homeless reported that it was because of domestic violence. This is an alarming increase from 33 percent in 2014.

Because of the overlapping circumstances of homelessness and domestic violence, Artemis House isn't the only safe-haven for victims of domestic violence. Shelter House operates two other family shelters — Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters, that house an overwhelming amount of homeless families who have also experienced and been affected by domestic violence. This is an addition to Shelter House's transitional and permanent supportive housing services — programs that also see a large amount of cases where families are affected by domestic violence.

Why are so many families who are homeless affected by domestic violence? One big reason is 98 percent of domestic violence cases involve financial abuse. Many families who are homeless have experienced having an abuser control their access to accounts, imposing a strict allowance of funds or coercing them into signing documents for loans or leases. The ways in which financial abuse occurs varies, but is consistent threat and serves as an effective and damaging way for an abuser to keep a victim under their control.

Domestic violence, and the homelessness that it can lead to, are not separate or isolated issues. They are intertwined issues that affect individuals and families and communities. It is up to us as a community to speak out against abusers and stand in solidarity with those who have been victim of domestic violence and financial abuse. Part of Shelter House's outreach efforts this year have included participating in the Purple Purse Challenge, a national monthlong awareness and fundraising campaign held in October aimed at promoting financial empowerment. But much like homelessness and domestic violence, our outreach does not end in October. Help us raise awareness and make an impact by visiting www.shelterhouse.org and find out ways you can get involved.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the 24-hour county hotline or Artemis House hotline to discuss: 24 hour hotline/ helpline: 703-360-7273, TTY: 703-435-1235 Artemis House: 703-435-4940

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Board of Supervisors Promotes Right to Vote

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) commends the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) for their 2016 Legislative Program that includes specific requests in support of qualified Virginians' right to vote.

The Legislative Program asks for "no-excuse" absentee voting and ex-

tended polling hours; legislation to Rights Act which eliminated the refind an appropriate balance between quirement that changes to Virginia's lobby for the introduction and pas-"maintaining integrity of elections" election laws be 'pre-cleared,' should sage of bills that would increase without interfering with the right to vote; examining effects of voter ID law before enacting any future voter ID laws. In addition, ... "reactions at the state and federal levels to the recent Supreme Court decision, striking down Section IV of the Voting

be closely monitored. Additionally, the Legislative Program also requests greater state financial support for election administration."

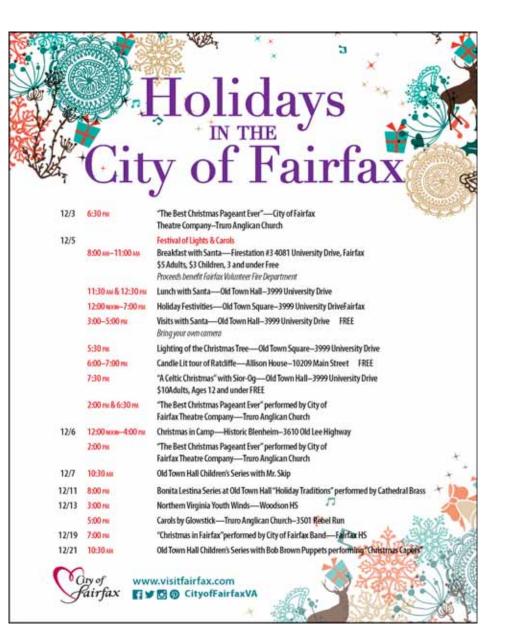
The LWVFA also commends the BOS for their foresight in recently purchasing new voting machines and

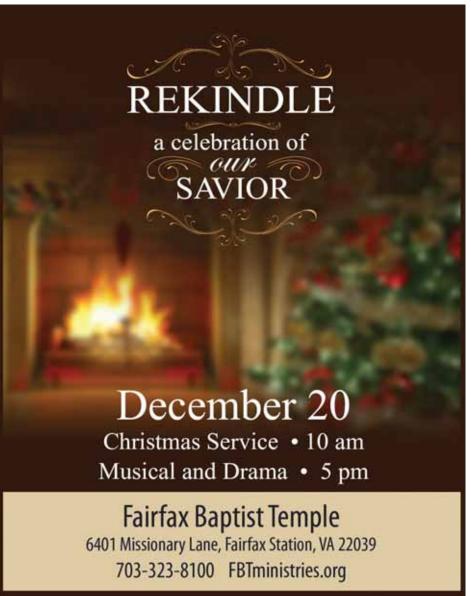
in training election staff to use them before the 2016 Presidential election.

The LWVFA will continue to voter participation in elections and would protect eligible Virginians' constitutional right to vote.

Helen Kelly

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area





Fairfax Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE AND PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2015, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges and its proposed 2016 Budget. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes to the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges, to be effective April 1, 2016, include the following:

- 1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,950 to \$4,100†.
- 2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,750 to \$10,240.
- 3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,090 to \$1,150†.
- 4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$36 to \$37.
- 5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.80 to \$10.10†.
- An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.55 to \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons of water.
- 7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.55 to \$3.80 per 1,000 gallons of water.
- 8. An increase in the Turn Off / Turn On Charge from \$50 to \$52.
- An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
- 10. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 110% to 104%.
- 11. A decrease in the Overhead Charge for Materials from 25% to 16%.
- 12. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$45 to \$46.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

Fairfax Water is proposing a \$170.4 million budget for calendar year 2016*. Revenues are expected to be \$170.4 million in 2016. Water sales are expected to provide \$147.3 million. Approximately \$23.1 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

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637	664
9,930	10,422
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Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$41,417,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$24.131.000

^{*}Fairfax Water's Board will continue to monitor economic factors and review revenues and expenditures at mid-year to determine if additional action is needed.

A copy of the proposed changes to the rates and the 2016 budget can be viewed on our Web site at http://fairfaxwater.org/current/public_hearing_2015_12_17.htm.

Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Mr. Ken Lasso at 703-289-6194. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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WELLBEING

Merry and Fit

The Connection

ust after 7:30 on a recent Sunday son of indulgence, say experts. morning, the steady beat of Cold Play's "Viva la Vida" pulsed through the warm, sleepy air. In the back of the dim room, lit only by a lavender florescent strobe, were four women perched on stationary exercise bikes. At the on the pedals, leaned in to the space in front of them and started to climb a virtual hill.

"If these classes and our workouts weren't fun it'd be hard to get motivated, especially this early in the morning," said Jennifer Henry, one of the women.

The women, all friends, are taking an early common goal: to stay in shape and fend off weight gain during the holidays. They've formed what they refer to as a holiday fitness team. During the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the average pound that they won't shed, according to the New England Journal of Medicine.

So seeking out like-minded people and forming a support group with the goal of staying motivated, disciplined and account-

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL an effective weapon in the war on holiday one's diet and ability to exercise, said potluck dinner where all of the group membulge. The group concept is a fitness trend

"Working out in groups offers camaraderie and accountability," said Paul Raker, Zumba class or with less time to spend at YMCA Alexandria, Virginia, which offered a "Find Your 150" program aimed at encouraging healthy eating and at least 150 minutes of cardio exercise each week. "What command of the instructor, they stood up you'll find is that people are more likely to show up [for exercise] when they have a friend or small community as opposed to the person who tries to do it on their own."

Henry says her group has created a schedule that, in addition to their Sunday morning spin class, will include a once-weekly power walk at 8 o'clock in the evening, a say that it is unlikely that each woman will road map will keep them on track. "If we during the rest of the day." American will pack on at least an extra didn't have any sort of plan, our group would totally fall by the wayside," she said.

Before developing a schedule, there needs rie-laden holiday fare is another benefit of to be an acceptance by group members that group fitness. "We found that when we ofable when it comes to health and fitness is the season will likely have an impact on fered nutrition seminars and then had a

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fitness during the season of indulgence.

Support groups help members maintain

Bethesda, Maryland-based Kate Heller, a bers prepared and brought a healthy dish, that becomes more useful during the sea- certified personal trainer and CrossFit it was a great way to benefit from shared

"Even if you find yourself missing a the gym, it's still important to make exercise a priority," she said. "If you are over scheduled and can't get in a full workout. set aside time to at least do something to break a sweat and get your heart rate up."

Heller suggests maintaining a schedule by setting a calendar or smartphone reminder as you would for a doctor's appointment. Planning early morning workouts, like those of Henry's group, can head off scheduling

"No one will have an office holiday party morning spin class in an effort to achieve a weekly standing appointment with a trainer or meeting scheduled for 5 a.m.," said and an early morning bike ride. While they Lauren Blumenthal, an Arlington-based wellness coach. "Even a short cardio roumake all of the sessions during the entire tine that gets your heart rate up and boosts holiday season, they hope that having a vour metabolism can help you feel healthier

> Meeting a group of friends to plow though a Crossfit workout DVD or having pool of "We're making it as convenient for ourselves buddies to source when looking for healthas possible to make sure we stick with it." ful recipes that will hold up against calo-

knowledge," said Raker.

When an evening holiday party is on your calendar and the temptation of heavy chocolate Yule logs and rum-spiked eggnog lurk in the subconscious, meal skipping to conserve calories should not be part of the health plan, says Sarah Leonard, an Oaktonbased dietitian

"You'll be ravenous by the evening and ready to eat everything in sight," she said. "If you know you'll be in a situation where you're tempted to eat rich and unhealthy food, eat small, vitamin-packed bites throughout the day. Try half of an avocado with a tomato or celery with a teaspoon of peanut butter. These are vitamin-packed and have good fat, so they're filling."

The group should acknowledge that the holiday season will be filled with merriment and temptations to indulge, and it's ok to yield to those desires with caution, says Blumenthal. "The goal of a fitness group shouldn't be to lose 10 pounds before the New Year. That's too restrictive and unrealistic and could backfire," she said. "Focus on not gaining any weight and on maintaining any fitness achievements you've acquired this

HEALTH NOTES

THURSDAYS/DEC. 3-FEB. 3

Grief Support Group. 10:30 a.m. noon. Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. The Clifton Presbyterian Church is offering to the church and community a Grief Support Group for those who have experienced a recent death and loss in their lives This group will offer a safe and supportive place for participants to explore ways to walk the journey of grief and to "wrestle" with difficult, and sometimes unanswerable, questions. Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 12, 21, 28; Feb. 3. office@cliftonpc.org. 703-830-3175.

TUESDAY/DEC. 8

Dementia Caregivers Support Group. Noon-1:30 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The group is for those caring for someone with dementia or interested in learning more about providing caregiving to a person with a disorder that affects memory and cognition and may impact behavior and physical abilities. Contact Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or

Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com to

THURSDAY/DEC. 10

Hospice and End of Life Care. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. This discussion will present the various aspects and benefits of hospice, as you deal with a difficult time. Free. InsightMCC.org. 703-204-4664.





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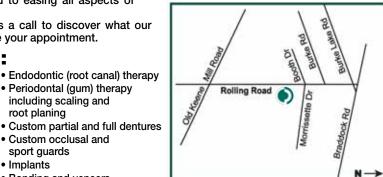
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Chiropractic ribbon cutting at Greenbriar Town Center. From left: Tracy Gilbert, Wellness coordinator, The Joint: Eileen Curtis, president and CEO, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce; Jarod Rehmann, DC and Becky Rehmann, DO, co-owners, The Joint; Susan Banville, Chamber representative.

The Joint Chiropractic Opens in Fairfax

at the Greenbriar Town Center, 13037B Lee Jackson Memorial Highway.

Dignitaries at the grand opening ribbon Regional Chamber of Commerce president and adjustments.

The Joint Chiropractic is now open in Fairfax CEO Eileen Curtis, membership director, Lauri A. Smith, and clinic co-owners doctors Jarod Rehmann, DC, and Becky Rehmann, DO.

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News

Runners pose with the inflatable turkey before the race begins.



Race organizer Juliet Neal greets runners before the race began on Thanksgiv-

STEVE HIBBARD

Burke Turkey Trot Raises \$5,500 for Parkinson's Disease

bout 500 people participated in the Turkey Trot 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run for Parkinson's Disease on Thanksgiving Day at Burke Lake Park, raising \$5,500 for the cause. The money will benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. The chip-timed event was organized by Juliet Neal, a running coach with West Springfield Running who has a family member diagnosed with the disease.

"I'm very surprised at the huge turnout," said Neal of West Springfield, who used social media and the Springfield chapter of Moms Run This Town, a local running group with 1,000 members, to help get the word out about the race. What she likes about the Michael J. Fox Foundation, she said, was that "100 percent of the donations goes to research; there are no administrative fees. And the Fox Foundation does a lot for families, too,"

The first-place male in the 5K race was Dylan Morgan of Fairfax Station with a time of 16:27; the firstplace female was Katie Fabish of Springfield with a time of 19:29. The first place winner of the one-mile fun run was Cristiano Garcia, age 5, of Springfield.

- Steve Hibbard



The starting line of the first annual Turkey Trot 5K Run for Parkinson's Disease on Thanksgiving Day at Burke Lake Park.

"Fairfax County's Founding Fathers" Revisited at History Conference

By Lynne Garvey-Hodge FAIRFAX COUNTY HISTORY COMMISSION

he 11th annual Fairfax County History Conference was held Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, titled "Fairfax County's Founding Fathers - Part I."

Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova kicked off the conference that was attended by more than 100 guests and filmed by local Cable Channel 16. Guests included authors and exhibitors: the Burke Historical Society, the BRCWRT, the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, Chuck Mauro, Chuck Mills, Carole Herrick and many, many

Chairman Bulova presented Greg P. Wilson with the Ross Netherton Award for his fine research on "Jonathan Roberts - The Civil War's Quaker Scout and Sheriff."

An overview on the Fairfax Families and George Washington was provided by the Jenee Lindner. Steve Bashore talked about Mount Vernon's farm and distillery. He had to leave quickly return to Mount Vernon in order to oversee this season's preparation of Rye Whiskey, still in process today.

President George Washington was able to join as well. Guest historian Helen Anderson shared a minuet with the general. As one guest stated, "Virtuoso performances by Dean Malissa (The General George Washington) and Marion Dobbins."

General Washington talked about "E pluribus unum" - a sentiment truly much noteworthy in this day and time. Marion Dobbins re-enacted an 18th-century freed African American woman and in the telling gave us serious insights to her own seventhgeneration Fairfax County heritage and the cold, lonesome world of a former slave.

Katrina Krempasky provided an excellent overview of the journey of the wills of George and Martha Washington before being carefully returned to Fairfax County.

A Trivia Quiz throughout the day kept everyone on their toes and a special fiveyear return from veteran historian Nadine Mironchuk from Chelsea, Mass. was honored. All attendees received a copy of "In the Path of History" authored by Ross and Nan Netherton and Ruth Rose.

A new addition was the "Drop & Swap" book table which had, at its height, 30 books and was whittled down to three by the



Photo courtesy of Lynne Garvey-Hodge

Fairfax County History Commission members (from left) Phyllis Walker Ford, Mary Lipsey Carole Herrick (Chairman of the FCHC Commission), Lynne Garvey-Hodge (Chairperson of the Conference and Awards Committees, FCHC Commission), Gen. George Washington (aka Dean Malissa), Sallie Lyons, Jenee Lindner and Mike Irwin.

conference's end.

The conference for 2016 is tentatively set for Nov. 12, 2016 at the Sherwood Com-

munity Center in Fairfax. "Fairfax County's Founding Fathers Part II" will a focus on George Mason.

News

Burke Centre Swimmers Present Donation to Burke CARES

Continuing an annual tradition dating back to the early 2000s, representatives from the Burke Centre Penguins and Stingers summer swim teams presented Burke CARES a check for \$2,668.50 on Nov. 12. The two teams raised money through Swim-A-Thon fundraisers held during their season earlier this year.

The Penguins team began donating to cystic fibrosis research in 2002 and 2003, then supported Katrina Nelson in 2003 after she was diagnosed with cancer. Funds went to the charitable organization CaringBridge until the mid-2000s and then to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Burke CARES.

The latter is a nonprofit community aid organization serving Burke residents and others living around the immediate Burke area.

Over the years, the teams have raised and donated more than \$60,000.

"Thank you to the many enthusiastic swimmers who swam hundreds of laps at the Swim-A-Thon to raise money for us," Burke CARES Director Linda Cottrell said in a statement. "And thank you to an army of moms, dads and other community members who volunteered countless hours and donated valuable items for auction contributing to another very successful fundraising year. Burke CARES would not be able to provide these services to our community with the generous donations from the Burke Center Swim Club."

—Tim Peterson



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From left, Burke Centre Swim Club board president Cindy Reilly, Burke Cares Director Linda Cottrell, Burke Centre Penguins Swim-A-Thon Chair Hollie Gordon (Penguins Swim-A-Thon chair) and Burke Centre Stingers Swim-A-Thon Chair Jennifer Roberts at the check presentation before the Burke Conservancy Board of Trustees.



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Burke swimmers participate in a Swim-A-Thon for charity during the summer season earlier in 2015.





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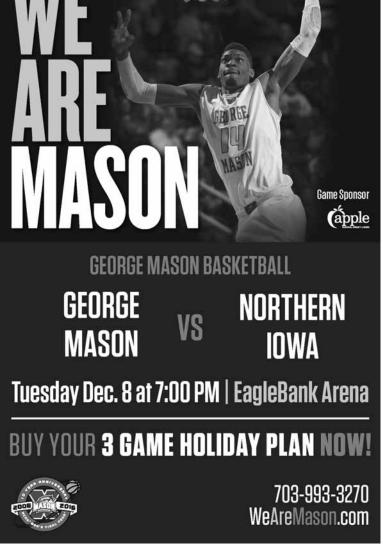
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Ungoing

FCPS Art Teachers Exhibition. Nov. 14-Dec. 6. W-16 McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Join for the exhibitions by the FCPS best art teachers. Discover the breadth of talent found in FCPS as you view works by art teachers. The exhibit will feature various media, unified by the artist's passion to educate. workhousearts.org. 703-585-

Children's Theatre: "The Nutcracker." 1-2:15 p.m. & 3-4:15 p.m. Saturdays. Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Presented by Mestey Films Productions. Playwright Vianlix Mestey produces an original retelling of the favorite holiday story in play form. Running time 75 minutes with one intermission, appropriate for all ages. \$9-\$13. workhousearts.org. 703-585-2900.

Iconic Images from the American Civil War. Through Dec. 31. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The exhibition features a selection of 110 historical photographs of the Civil War by photographers (including renown photographers George Barnard, Mathew Brady, and Alexander Gardner. 703-691-0560.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 3-5 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland



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Danú will be at the Center for the Arts on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. Hailing from Ireland's historic County Waterford, Danú has built a massive fan base worldwide due to its ebullient performances and mastery of traditional Celtic instruments.

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 4-5

Norwegian Festival/Bazaar. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive, Fairfax. Fifth year with Norwegian café, Fjord horses,

live music, Nordic Dancers, Norwegian food products and goods. Local Nordic artisans. Waffle, krumkake, lefse demos, baked goods and Kransekake sales. Free. www.norwaydc.org. 703-573-5943.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

City of Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols. 11:30-7 p.m. Old Town

Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Come enjoy live holiday music, hot cider, s'mores by the Yule log, petting farm, Ferris wheel, caroling and lighting of the Christmas tree in the winter wonderland. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/specialevents/festival-of-lights-and-carols for times and locations.

Lunch with Santa, 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Have lunch with Santa. \$6. Parents free. Ages 10 and under. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov for ticket information or call 703-385-

A Celtic Christmas with Síor-Óg. **7:30 p.m.** Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts sponsors the seventh annual Christmas concert. Adults \$5.00 and Children 12 and under free

www.fairfaxarts.org.

Horse Society Holiday Procession. 2 p.m. Town of Clifton. Clifton kicks off the holiday season by parading through the town to Lustre's Field for the costume judging and to share refreshments with the town folks who come to admire and "get in the holiday spirit." This year there will be a special appearance by Santa. http:/ /clifton-va.com/.

Advent Coffee Concert. 9:30 a.m. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. The St. Stephens United Methodist Women Maranatha Singers will present an enjoyable morning of holiday music. The theme of the concert will be "A Joyful Noel." Refreshments will be served after the concert. Free

Art Guild of Clifton Holiday Show. 2-7 p.m. Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. A feature of this year's show will be instruction and craft demos for youth visitors. They will be able to use a variety of papers and stamping to create Holiday cards and gift accessories suitable for their gift giving. www.artguildofclifton.org.

Clifton Tree Lighting. 6 p.m. Ayre Square. Campfire, marshmallow roast, carols. www.clifton-va.com.

Author Talk and Musical Program 8 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Liel Leibovitz and a musical program, both celebrating the artist Leonard Cohen. Leibovitz's

new biography, "A Broken Hallelujah: Rock and Roll, Redemption and the Life of Leonard Cohen," brings to life the passionate poet-turned-musician and what compels him and his work. \$24, \$20. \$14. www.jccnvarts.org. 703-537-3000.

SCHS PTSO Craft Show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Rd, Lorton. Over 140 crafters and vendors will be in attendance selling unique handcrafted items. Cookies with Santa from 9:30-11:30 a.m. sponsored by our SCHS Leadership program. Free-\$3

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 5-6

38th Annual Arts and Crafts Show.

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SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Children's Christmas Musical. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. A Christmas musical, "An Out of the Box Christmas." www.jccag.org. 703-

Danú "A Christmas Gathering: Féile Na Nollag." 4 p.m. George Mason Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Hailing from Ireland's historic County Waterford, Danú has built a massive fan base worldwide due to its ebullient performances and mastery of traditional Celtic instruments. \$32-\$54. cfa.gmu.edu. 888-945-2468.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 9

Middle School Orchestras. 7 p.m. Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Enjoy selections from the Nutcracker, the Leyden String Serenade and more. Canned food drive to benefit families of FCPS bus drivers. Free. 703-426-2143.

THURSDAY/DEC. 10

High School Orchestras. 7 p.m.
Robinson Secondary School, 5035
Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Featuring the music of Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven. Canned food drive to benefit families of FCPS bus drivers. Free. 703-426-2143

Holiday Musical with Universal Appeal

Hub Theatre premiers 'Wish List.'

By David Siegel
The Connection

airfax's professional Hub Theatre has developed its own welcoming way to celebrate the holiday season. It is "Wish List," a musical full of magical stories, heartwarming songs within a comforting atmosphere, like a warmly burning yule log.

"Wish List" will bring a wide range of family entertainment for the holiday season, from Hippopotamuses and Red Rider B.B. Guns to "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men." There will be something for everyone, even those who might be in a "bah humbug" mood.

The inspiration for "Wish List" was the desire "to capture our favorite parts of the holiday season. The songs and stories focus on our wants, our needs and our wishes" said Helen Pafumi, Hub Theatre's artistic director. "We crafted the show as a mix of story and song that people are familiar with, but



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Helen Pafumi, Hub Theatre
Artistic Director

they will also get a taste of lesser known tales and songs.

"Our show is fashioned so that everyone can take part and be part of the production. We want the experience to be a gift for the audience," added Pafumi. The audience will be asked to participate on some of the songs played with live music, such as Katie Jeffries on guitar.

"Holidays are to be shared; not



Katie Jeffries, Hub Theatre's 'Wish List' cast member.

just with family and friends, but with strangers you may pass in the street," said "Wish List" director Kelsey Mesa. "Holidays are a universal experience; there is generosity, excitement, silliness, and joy. Sometimes there are bittersweet moments.

"We want 'Wish List' to capture all of the different notes of the holidays and we invite the audience to celebrate the experience

Where and When

Hub Theatre presents "Wish List" at the John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. Performances: Dec. 11-20, 2015. Performances Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call 800-494-8497 or visit: www.boxofficetickets.com

with us," said Mesa.

"I'll be telling stories and singing songs in 'Wish List'. These are two of my favorite things to do all year round, but especially during the holidays," said cast member Rose McConnell. "I am one of those people who like to believe that we are our best selves at this time of year."

For cast member Sasha Olinick "Wish List" articulates seasonal stories that "strive to build community" as well giving everyone "a better understanding of what other people experience at this time of year."

"This is the time of year, that no matter your faith, we give more, and watch out for our fellow man more than any other time of year. Finding new ways to highlight that is a chance that we should never pass up," said Pafumi.

Lake Braddock Football Falls in Region Semifinals

Bruins lose to Westfield for third straight season.

By Will Palenscar The Connection

he Westfield football team traveled to Burke on Nov. 28 and defeated Lake Braddock 31-7 in the 6A North region semifinals. The Bulldogs secured a spot in the region championship game and will face South County at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 in Lorton.

It was the third straight season Westfield beat Lake Braddock in the region semifinals.

Westfield and Lake Braddock each entered Saturday's semifinal with 11-1 records, Each team's loss came to South County, which defeated Robinson in the other semifinal matchup to advance. Prior to the kickoff, Westfield honored graduate Conor Bouveron, who tragically died earlier in the week. Bouveron was the 2014 No. 1 in kicker in the state and a Washington Post All-Met selection in football. Bouveron also played lacrosse and soccer and held The Boy Scouts of America highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Westfield started Rehman Johnson at

quarterback and shifted Tyler Scanlon, who was named Conference 5 Offensive Player of the Year while playing quarterback during the regular season, to receiver. The move paid off early as Johnson connected with Scanlon for a 20-yard touchdown with 8:24 remaining in the first quarter. Brian Delaney's PAT gave Westfield an early 7-0 lead.

Lake Braddock, after starting at its 28-yard line, wasted no time countering. With 6:24 to go in the first quarter, Bruins running back Lamont Atkins ran in from 2 yards out, and after a Nicholas Bruhn PAT the score was deadlocked at

On the next possession and four unsuccessful offensive plays, the Bulldogs were forced to punt. Lake Braddock, starting from its 27-yard line would move the ball down the field. On third down Kyle Edwards dropped back to pass and Westfield's Kevin Petrillo intercepted Edwards' pass and Westfield would take over with 1:38 to go in the first.

In the second quarter, Scanlon was inserted briefly at quarterback, where he and Westfield marched down the field with a mix of passes and runs. Then, on second down, Johnson again was back at quarterback and hit Scanlon for a 19-yard score with 10 minutes to go in the quarter. Delaney's extra pointy made it 14-7



Photo by Will Palenscar

Kyle Edwards, left, Ibrahim Mansaray and the Lake Braddock football team lost to Westfield in the 6A North semifinals on Nov. 28.

Westfield. With 5:59 to go in the quarter, Delaney kicked a 41-yard field goal to put Westfield up 17-7 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Westfield's Terrell

Monticue rushed in for a 1-yard score with 7:21 on the clock and Westfield was now up 24-7. Later in the fourth, Westfield's Johnson connected once again with Scanlon for the pair's third touchdown reception of the game, Westfield was now up 31-7.

Westfield intercepted four passes on the afternoon, including two by linebacker Kevin Petrillo. Linebacker Billy Pickett and safety Joe Caron each had one.

"Our game plan was to provide pressure and force [Lake Braddock quarterback Kyle Edwards] to throw the ball before he was ready," Westfield assistant coach Rob Everett wrote in an email. "In addition, we disguised our coverages and where we were coming from to not allow them to get into a rhythm. We are excited about another chance at South County and are fortunate to be healthy and still playing."

Lake Braddock ends its season with an 11-2 record. Westfield will play at South County (13-0) in the 6A North final. The winner of that game will play either Oscar Smith (12-0) or Thomas Dale (9-4) in the VHSL state

championship game, which will be played at Scott Stadium, home of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville on Dec. 12.

SPORTS



PHOTO BY JEFF McQuilk

South County receiver Dillon Spalding reaches for the end zone during the 6A North region semifinals on Nov. 28 but is ruled down at the 1yard line, setting up the Stallions' first touchdown.



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Michael Williams celebrates during South County's 20-15 win over Robinson in the 6A North semifinals on Nov. 28 at South County High School.

South County Defense Excels in 6A North Semifinal Victory

Stallions will host Westfield in region championship game Dec. 5.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

ith the first half coming to a close and Robinson fighting to avoid another failed red zone trip, the South County defense stuffed Rams running back Sean Foncha at the line of scrimmage on fourthand-one, preserving the Stallions' four-point lead.

When the run-oriented Robinson offense tried to make a play through the air, defensive back Kofi Bell was there for South County, intercepting a pass in the fourth quarter and returning it 55 yards for a touchdown, giving the Stallions a double-digit advantage.

And when the Stallions had to fend off one final push from the resilient Rams, senior linebacker Kevin Allen sacked Robinson quarterback Alex Miller on fourth down, ending the Rams' comeback hopes.

South County is known for its up-tempo offense and entered the 6A North region semifinals averaging more than 40 points per game. On Nov. 28, however, it was the defense that excelled during a 20-15 victory over Robinson at South County High School that earned the Stallions a berth in the region championship game.

South County, the top seed in the region, improved to 13-0 and will host No. 3 seed Westfield (12-1) at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov.

Robinson, the No. 5 seed, entered Saturday's contest hoping to neutralize South County's potent offense, in part, by keeping it off the field with its own time-consuming drives. The Rams' wing-T offense rushed for 267 yards and had the ball in South County territory during eight of its 12 possessions, but South County came up with stops when it mattered most.

"We talked ... all week that all the talk was that [the Rams] were the more physi-

cal team and they were going to be able to pound us and we had no answer for it, so I think our kids took it as a challenge," South County head coach Gerry Pannoni said.

Trailing 20-15, Robinson started its final possession at its own 31-yard line with 2:09 remaining. Four plays later, including a one-handed 18-yard reception by Da'Jon Lee on third-and-eight, the Rams had a first down at the South County 35.

Two plays later, four Stallions, including Bell and Allen, pressured Miller into a 10yard loss. On fourth-and-19 from the 44, Allen sacked Miller, ending Robinson's season.

SOUTH COUNTY took a 13-3 lead when quarterback DeAndre Clayton connected with Nathanial Avery for a 44-yard touchdown with 6:17 remaining in the third quarter. Robinson responded quickly, however, cutting the Stallions' lead to 13-9 on a 1-yard sneak by Miller with 3:53 left in the third. Robinson's five-play, 57-yard scoring drive started with a 50-yard run by Foncha.

With 9:41 remaining in the fourth quarter, Robinson started a drive at midfield with a chance to take the lead. But after two run plays netted a loss of three yards, the Rams were forced to go to the air and South County's Bell took advantage, intercepting Miller's pass and returning it 55 yards for a score.

"Td been waiting for it all game," Bell said. "The whole game, I saw it coming. You see the film: they only run three different pass plays, so I knew one of them had to come to me eventually. I saw my man, baited the quarterback, made him think he was open, so I sat, broke on the ball and that was it. ... I knew exactly where he was going to go with it — a very predictable offense. A good team, though."

Bell's pick-six proved vital for South County as Robinson scored less than a minute later, when Foncha scampered 40 yards for a touchdown with 7:34 remaining, cutting the Stallions' lead to 20-15.

Foncha carried 18 times for 139 yards and a touchdown. Lee had 94 yards on 14 carries, and Roman Lowery rushed 13 times for 37 yards.

"We knew all year that they were a grindit-out team," Allen said. "They just like to bully people, so we knew they were going to come out [and] try to do the same thing to us. We came out, it's on our field, we didn't want to be disrespected ... and we just beat them at their own game."

South County opened the game with a 13-play, 64-yard drive that took 4 minutes, 9 seconds off the clock ended with a 1-yardDeMarcus Ramsey touchdown run and a 7-0 Stallions lead. Robinson countered with a 12-play, 64-yard drive that chewed up 5:43, but the Rams had to settle for a 30-yard Nathan Musso field goal, cutting the South County lead to 7-3. Robinson had a first down at the South County 17-yard line, but netted four yards on its next three run plays.

Robinson started a drive at its own 15 with 8:13 remaining in the second quarter and a 53-yard run by Lee on first down quickly put the Rams in South County territory. Robinson reached the South County 13, but a penalty against the Rams led to fourth-and-11 at the 21. Robinson lined up for a 38-yard field goal attempt but ran a fake instead, with Miller, the holder, throwing a pass. The pass fell incomplete, and South County took over on downs, still leading 7-3.

Robinson recovered a South County fumble and returned it to the Stallions 20-yard line with 44 seconds remaining in the first half. After a 7-yard run by Lee on first down, Foncha was stuffed for no gain on second down and Lee picked up 2 yards on third down, setting up fourth-and-one at the 11. South County stuffed Foncha for no gain and the Stallions went into halftime with a

four-point lead.

South County's Clayton completed 10 of 16 passes for 103 yards and a touchdown. Michael Williams carried six times for 37 yards, Ramsey ran for 36 yards and a score on 14 carries, and Miles Lucas had six rushes for 34 yards.

Avery had three receptions for 47 yards and a touchdown, and Dillon Spalding caught four passes for 42 yards.

The Robinson defense limited South County to two offensive touchdowns.

Robinson finished the season with a 9-4 record and advanced to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since 2004, according to vhsl-reference.com. The Rams' four losses were by a combined 22 points and came against the top three seeds in the 6A North region (South County, Lake Braddock, Westfield) and the No. 8 seed (West Springfield).

"The big thing last offseason for us was we just wanted to get tougher and I feel like if you ask most of the people we play, I think they felt like we were a tougher football team this year than we were in the past," said Scott Vossler, who is in his second season as Robinson head coach. "We're going to keep moving in that direction and keep working on that because I think in high school football, the team that wins at the line of scrimmage wins most games, so that's going to be our M.O. going forward."

South County moves on to face Westfield in the region championship game. The two teams met during the regular season on Sept. 11, with the Stallions winning 26-19 at Westfield High School.

THE WINNER of Saturday's South County-Westfield matchup will face the winner of the 6A South championship game between undefeated Oscar Smith (12-0) and Thomas Dale (9-4) in the state final on Dec. 12 at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville.

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MONDAY/DEC. 7

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SUNDAY/DEC. 6

State Sen. David Marsden. 10-11:30 a.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Mason is sponsoring State Senator David Marsden for a discussion on current transportation issues affecting the state, particularly Northern Virginia, including mass transit, high occupancy toll lanes, and road construction. He represents the 37th district. RSVP to 703-503-3384. olli.gmu.edu.

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Grief Support Group. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. The Clifton Presbyterian Church is offering to the church and community a Grief Support Group for those who have experienced will offer a safe and supportive place for of grief and to "wrestle" with difficult, and 17; Jan. 7, 12, 21, 28; Feb. 3.

a recent death and loss in their lives. This group participants to explore ways to walk the journey sometimes unanswerable, questions. Dec. 3, 10, office@cliftonpc.org. 703-830-3175.

TUESDAY/DEC. 8

Dementia Caregivers Support Group. Noon-1:30 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The group is for those caring for someone with dementia or interested in learning more about providing care giving to a person with a disorder that affects memory and cognition and may impact behavior and physical abilities. Contact Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com to attend.

THURSDAY/DEC. 10

Children's Behavioral Health. 7:30-9 p.m. WT Woodson High School Library, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Dr. Adelaide Robb, Chief, Psychology and Behavioral Health Department at Children's National Health System will discuss promising new behavioral research as well as answer questions. Dr. Robb is studying new treatment methods for children and adolescents with depression, ADHD with aggression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. daviesva@gmail.com or cristv@potomaccurrents.com.

ospice and End of Life Care. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. This discussion will present the various aspects and benefits of hospice, as you deal with a difficult time. Free. InsightMCC.org. 703-204-4664.

SATURDAY/DEC. 12

Laurel Hill Elementary Clothing Drive. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Laurel Hill Elementary, 8390 Laurel Crest Dr, Lorton. By donating your gently used clothing, shoes, hats, accessories, bags, bedding, towels, and other cloth materials. Also toys, books, CD's, and DVD's, you will be helping raise funds for Laurel Hill Elementary School's PTA 6th grade end-of-the-year events. You will also be supporting the Vietnam Veterans of America. socoparent@icloud.com.

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