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

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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

When 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



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 during the joint-faith Thanksgiving eve service at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Burke.

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



A participant of the joint Thanksgiving Eve service at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church helps a young girl follow along with a hymn.

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 five-member ensemble performed at the Nov. 25 service for the first time, early in the program.

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 worship.

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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Tanya Logan of Springfield, owner of Soul Cakes by Tanya, recently began offering her homemade baked goods at a kiosk in Springfield Town Center.



TaMeisha Norris, owner of allergy-friendly bakery "Out of the Bubble," frosts a "dummy cake" used for display in her Springfield dining room.

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Culinary Passions Turned Into Business

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Tanya Logan had all the intentions of being in the corporate world forever. She was a successful accountant for a Fortune 500 company, someone who counseled coworkers on figuring out whether that career path was for them.

"One day, I woke up and thought, 'I'm that person, I don't want to do this,'" Logan said. Her husband asked her what she would rather be doing. "I just want to cook for people," she responded.

In 2006, Logan launched "Soul Cakes by Tanya" with a family recipe for vanilla pound cake, an unwritten, traditional dessert passed down for generations in her mother's family. After attending culinary school in 2007, she updated and livened up the recipe with fresh ingredients. But she didn't stop at pound cake, extending her offerings to include cupcakes, cookies and other pastries.

"I love cooking, the craft of baking sweets, doing it the way I'd been brought up to cook," said Logan, who is originally from North Carolina but grew up in Springfield and graduated from Hayfield Secondary School.

Logan bakes in her home, as well as in a commercial bakery in Lorton, and began leasing a kiosk in Springfield Town Center in October. "It's great exposure," she said. "I have my customer base, but now others are finding me. In Springfield, we don't really have bakeries. We have Panera, Starbucks, this is something I wanted to bring to the place I live."

With Small Business Saturday on Nov. 28 as a reminder, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce



Nikki Taylor of Springfield, owner of Sweet Ladies Bakery, prepares a Devil's Food cake in her work kitchen.

Executive Director Nancy-jo Manney thinks more and more people are buying into supporting companies like Logan's. "Yes, let's highlight it on this day, but it should be something we do every time we shop," Manney said.

"If you shop small, local, more of your investment, the money you spend at that local merchant, is going to stay in our community, versus going to corporation off in another area," Manney added. "I think more and more people are starting to see that way: More and more shop local, dine local, give local, with the emphasis being my money makes a big impact when I spend it here in my community."

Owners say establishing relationships in the community is critical to their success, as well as making their jobs rewarding.

"It's having some of the same customers year after year," said Logan. "When you're doing something for a child's third birthday party when you also did their baby shower, it really makes me feel like I'm doing the right thing."

NIKKI TAYLOR IS ANOTHER HOME-BASED BAKER with her own business: Sweet Ladies Bakery.

After launching more than six years ago and operating out of her parents' Lorton basement, she and her husband moved into a Springfield house two years ago where they were able to convert the garage into her professional kitchen and office-tasting room.

Taylor always dreamed of owning her own bakery and took the first major step by transferring to culinary school after two years at Radford University. After an externship at the Grand Hyatt Washington and working for several bakeries and catering companies, "I decided I wanted to do this for myself, by myself," she said.

With help in the kitchen from Kelly Smith of Lorton, Sweet Ladies crafts custom cake orders for children's birthdays, weddings and other special events.

The designs can range from conventional to cartoonish, with customers sometimes asking them to do designs based on the minions from "Despicable Me" or Super Mario.

Though Taylor said it can sometimes be difficult transitioning from being in the kitchen professionally to cooking for herself and her husband, "when you hear people loved the cake, or get thank you cards from the brides, it feels awesome."

Word of mouth and being listed on several wedding websites has helped build Sweet Ladies clientele despite not having a conventional store front.

"At first I was worried, will people take us seriously?" Taylor said. "Now I'm so proud it's from my home. I feel blessed to work

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from home, for myself, and do what I'm passionate about."

When Taylor gets customers with food allergies she's not able to accommodate, she often refers them to TaMeisha Norris, another home-based baker in Springfield who specializes in allergy-friendly recipes.

NORRIS HAD BAKED AND COOKED all her life, but was working professionally as an analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense when her twin children were born five years ago. Their allergies to dairy and soy meant they stayed home from many friends' birthday parties. So that they could host a party of their own, Norris concocted a dairy-free cake recipe.

Soon, friends from a local mothers group were asking her to make cookies, cakes and other baked goods for their children with food allergies. Norris wanted to continue helping them, but as the demand increased, she decided to start charging.

She found a comprehensive free guide for starting a home-based bakery business on the Virginia Tech website and launched Out of the Bubble Bakery in 2012. Norris' two product lines are able to accommodate most allergies, including dairy, soy, nuts, eggs and gluten, using mostly natural and organic materials.

To make her recipes work without many typical ingredients was a matter of breaking down recipes, doing calculations and being creative. "I'm a scientist at heart," Norris said. For example, she can replace cow's milk with rice milk in one batter, and account for the lost protein and fat by using a stronger, unfiltered flour than is normally called for.

As Virginia has little in terms of allergy-friendly certifications, reputation is even more important to Norris' business. She has to be extremely precise with her ingredients and baking implements. "If you have one person get sick..." she said. "It's about trust, it's their life."

But not only does she want her customers to have safe dessert, it's important they enjoy eating it too.

"People with food allergies give up a lot, and I want to make sure they have a unique, special cake that they're able to share," Norris said. "That's what it's all about — we're humans, we should be able to eat together."

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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†.
6. 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.
9. 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.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2015	2016
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 53,891	\$ 55,581
Power and Utilities	10,677	10,750
Chemicals	6,335	7,857
Purchased Water	6,717	6,090
Supplies and Materials	4,985	5,113
Insurance	1,017	1,050
Fuel	781	880
Postage	637	664
Contractual Services	9,930	10,422
Professional Services	1,146	1,046
Other	2,363	2,447
Sub-Total	98,479	101,900
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,669)	(9,616)
Total	\$ 88,810	\$ 92,284

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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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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. www.brownpapertickets.com. www.jccnv.org.

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.sspcx.org/en/community/priorities.

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.

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 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or 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 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

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. SEE FAITH NOTES, PAGE 13

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PEOPLE

Fairfax Station Teen Named Cadet NCO of the Month

Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Va. announced that Cadet Sergeant Timothy Arndt, of Fairfax Station, was officially named Fishburne Military School's Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month for October. Arndt is a junior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Arndt. Cadet Arndt is a squad leader for Band Company, is on the Distinguished Honor Roll, and plays football and baseball.

The school's superintendent, Col. Gary R. Morrison noted, "Cadet Arndt has excelled during his time at Fishburne. His efforts serve as an example to his peers, and his success represents the best of our school. Congratulations to Mr. Arndt for a job well done."



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Timothy Arndt, of Fairfax Station, was officially named Fishburne Military School's Cadet Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month for October.

Youssef Zeroual of the Weichert, Realtors Burke/Fairfax Station Office Recognized

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Youssef Zeroual

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Patrolling Waters South of Japan

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OPINION

Fixing I-66

BY STEWART SCHWARTZ
COALITION FOR SMARTER GROWTH

We 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 hit Constitution Avenue in D.C. or exit onto

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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, single-occupant vehicles will be able to use the highway 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 growth 30 miles beyond D.C. and yet

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

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 to drive.

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
www.smartergrowth.net*

Where Domestic Violence and Homelessness Meet

BY JOE MEYER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO
SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

What 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 to 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 month-long 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

To the Editor:

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 find an appropriate balance between “maintaining integrity of elections” 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

Rights Act which eliminated the requirement that changes to Virginia’s election laws be ‘pre-cleared,’ should 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 lobby for the introduction and passage of bills that would increase voter participation in elections and would protect eligible Virginians’ constitutional right to vote.

Helen Kelly

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

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COMMENTARY

Carrying Out the Life-Saving Mission

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

Fairfax 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 Shel-

ter 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 operate 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 you. 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.

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WELLBEING

Merry and Fit

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Just after 7:30 on a recent Sunday 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 command of the instructor, they stood up 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 morning spin class in an effort to achieve a 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 American will pack on at least an extra 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 accountable when it comes to health and fitness is

an effective weapon in the war on holiday bulge. The group concept is a fitness trend that becomes more useful during the season of indulgence, say experts.

"Working out in groups offers camaraderie and accountability," said Paul Raker, 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 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 weekly standing appointment with a trainer and an early morning bike ride. While they say that it is unlikely that each woman will make all of the sessions during the entire holiday season, they hope that having a road map will keep them on track. "If we didn't have any sort of plan, our group would totally fall by the wayside," she said. "We're making it as convenient for ourselves as possible to make sure we stick with it."

Before developing a schedule, there needs to be an acceptance by group members that the season will likely have an impact on

Support groups help members maintain fitness during the season of indulgence.

one's diet and ability to exercise, said Bethesda, Maryland-based Kate Heller, a certified personal trainer and CrossFit trainer.

"Even if you find yourself missing a Zumba class or with less time to spend at 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 conflicts.

"No one will have an office holiday party or meeting scheduled for 5 a.m.," said Lauren Blumenthal, an Arlington-based wellness coach. "Even a short cardio routine that gets your heart rate up and boosts your metabolism can help you feel healthier during the rest of the day."

Meeting a group of friends to plow through a Crossfit workout DVD or having pool of buddies to source when looking for healthful recipes that will hold up against calorie-laden holiday fare is another benefit of group fitness. "We found that when we offered nutrition seminars and then had a

potluck dinner where all of the group members prepared and brought a healthy dish, it was a great way to benefit from shared 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 Oakton-based 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 year, like increased endurance."

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 attend.

THURSDAY/DEC. 10
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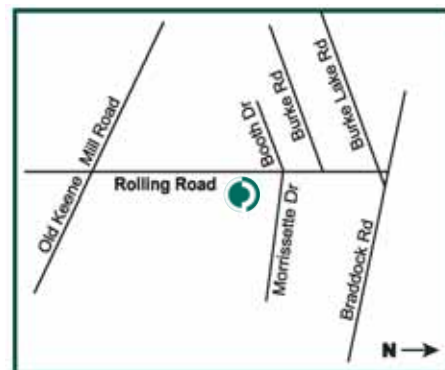
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The Joint Chiropractic ribbon cutting at Greenbriar Town Center.
From left: Tracy Gilbert, Wellness coordinator, The Joint; Eileen Curtis, president and CEO, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce; Jarod Rehmann, DC and Becky Rehmann, DO, co-owners, The Joint; Susan Banville, Chamber representative.

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Tying Down Time for Tying Up

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

"Man's best friend deserves legal protection," said Peggy Marshall, who adopted her best friend, Bianca.

Bianca endured a life on a chain for years until stray dogs attacked her.

"She tried to defend herself but couldn't run away and was badly bitten," said Marshall. Marshall's testimony at the Nov. 17 public hearing of the Board of Supervisors covered the intent of the Board's proposed amendment regarding cruelty to animals, including dog tethering.

Bianca was then dropped off at an animal shelter to be euthanized. An animal care assistant intervened, got Bianca a week of medical attention and from there a rescue group intervened.

"Happily, Bianca's story ends with an unchained life and Boar's Head roast beef every day," said Marshall.

Tethering a dog for more than one cumulative hour during any 24-hour period, unless the dog is under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian, is now prohibited in Fairfax County. The Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday, Nov. 17, to amend the Fairfax County Code to incorpo-

rate the Code of Virginia's cruelty to animals provisions along with the tethering provision.

MORE THAN 20 people testified for more than two hours at a public hearing at the Nov. 17 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and not all were in favor of the new regulations.

The Board of Supervisors met some resistance when proposing limits to dog tethering, the amount of time animals could be left unsupervised on a leash or a line in the backyard.

"When Supervisor [Jeff] McKay and I introduced this in late spring after working with some of the shelter staff," said Supervisor Michael Frey, "we never contemplated the idea that this would limit the amount of time you could walk your dog on a leash because that was tethering" or that if a groomer had a leash on a dog for more than an hour that would violate the ordinance.

Some people worried that dog groomers could be in violation of the new provision if they needed to tie a long haired dog for more than an hour.

"That was an interpretation that never occurred to us, but I've talked with some folks and I've worked with our staff and the county attorney's office to propose an amendment that I think takes care of those

concerns," he said.

Frey started the public hearing by saying the Board would add qualifying language to the proposal that would allow a dog to be tethered for longer than an hour if "the dog is under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian."

"That will take care of some of the concerns that were addressed," Frey said.

Capt. John Naylor, commander of the Animal Control Division, said tethering can deprive dogs of their ability for survival necessities, such as water and food. Limited to a life on a chain regularly can make dogs aggressive as well as potentially cause strangulation, he said. They can be at risk for hypothermia and heat stress, which can lead to severe health problems.

But others raised concerns about the meaning of "direct supervision and control."

"I've been a dog owner my entire life," said Supervisor Pat Herrity, who asked that the proposal be deferred for more consideration. He raised the example of taking his dog with him when he plays rugby, with the dog tethered in sight, but for more than an hour for the game. County staff replied that the scenario would not be allowed, and that the dog should be directly supervised by someone during the game.

Alice Harrington, legislative liaison of the

Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders, spoke in opposition.

"This bill is written and assumes all tethering is bad, and that is not true," she said.

"There is no link [in this proposal] between tethering of a dog and the condition of the dog. Anyone who tethers a dog for 61 minutes can be charged with animal cruelty," even if there is no harm to the dog.

Allison Volpert, who serves on the county animal services advisory council, participates with two of her dogs in agility classes at Frying Pan Park. She regularly leaves one dog tethered for somewhat more than an hour, with a cooling pad and water in summer, while she participates with her other dog in class. But with the new provision she will no longer be able to do so.

SHE URGED the supervisors to delay the vote and to work with a more diverse group of animal lovers to make recommendations.

Arlington County animal control officer Jennifer Toussaint said Arlington County uses its tethering law and enforcement to educate homeowners how to be more effective dog owners.

Holly Hazard, of the Humane Society of the United States testified in favor of the

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Church. A group meets at 7:30 p.m. on July 6 and 20 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A group will begin meeting every Wednesday starting September. Sessions are in the Old Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Carolyn Smith at 703-273-5369 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

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Protecting Dogs

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"Citizens need guidance," she said.

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	11:30 AM & 12:30 PM	Lunch with Santa—Old Town Hall—3999 University Drive
	12:00 NOON—7:00 PM	Holiday Festivities—Old Town Square—3999 University Drive/Fairfax
	3:00—5:00 PM	Visits with Santa—Old Town Hall—3999 University Drive FREE Bring your own camera
	5:30 PM	Lighting of the Christmas Tree—Old Town Square—3999 University Drive
	6:00—7:00 PM	Candle Lit tour of Ratcliffe—Allison House—10209 Main Street FREE
	7:30 PM	"A Celtic Christmas" with Sior-Og—Old Town Hall—3999 University Drive \$10 Adults, Ages 12 and under FREE
	2:00 PM & 6:30 PM	"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" performed by City of Fairfax Theatre Company—Truro Anglican Church
12/6	12:00 NOON—4:00 PM	Christmas in Camp—Historic Blenheim—3610 Old Lee Highway
	2:00 PM	"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" performed by City of Fairfax Theatre Company—Truro Anglican Church
12/7	10:30 AM	Old Town Hall Children's Series with Mr. Skip
12/11	8:00 PM	Bonita Lestina Series at Old Town Hall "Holiday Traditions" performed by Cathedral Brass
12/13	3:00 PM	Northern Virginia Youth Winds—Woodson HS
	5:00 PM	Carols by Glowstick—Truro Anglican Church—3501 Rebel Run
12/19	7:00 PM	"Christmas in Fairfax" performed by City of Fairfax Band—Fairfax HS
12/21	10:30 AM	Old Town Hall Children's Series with Bob Brown Puppets performing "Christmas Capers"

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Ongoing

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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. 703-585-2900.

Sue Grace Art Exhibition. Nov. 14-Dec. 6. Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-10 Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Her paintings share the experience of giving birth, explore the bridge between abstract and figurative expression. Gracefamily999@verizon.net. www.workhousearts.org. 703-585-2900.

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.

THURSDAY/DEC. 3

Dine and Dance. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Music by the Tallwood Trio. \$10. sherscas@vacoxmail.com. 703-941-1419.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 3-6

Library Holiday Book Sale. Dec. 3, 3-9 p.m. Dec. 4-5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 6, noon-2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Come and find those perfect books, CDs and DVDs for your holiday shopping. Whether it's a cute little book to put a gift card in, a craft/hobby book for your favorite aunt or that special gift for mom, dad or the little ones—there are offerings galore waiting for you. Purchases will help fund valuable library children's programs. Bag sale on Sunday. For more information, please contact rbfriends@gmail.com or 703-451-8055. TTY 703-324-8365.

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.

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Runners pose with the inflatable turkey before the race begins.



Race organizer Juliet Neal greets runners before the race began on Thanksgiving morning.

PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

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

About 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 first-place 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.



Cristiano Garcia, 5, of Springfield placed first in the one-mile Fun Run.



Dylan Morgan of Fairfax Station placed first for the males in the 5K Burke Turkey Trot with a time of 16:27.



Katie Fabish of Springfield placed first for the females in the 5K Burke Turkey Trot with a time of 19:29.

CALENDAR

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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/special-events/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 703-385-7858.

A Celtic Christmas with Sior-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.

Santa's Workshop. 1-5 p.m. Springfield Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Come out to Santa's Workshop for crafts, cookie and cupcake decorating, storytime, a cake walk, letter writing to Santa and more. Additional fee for refreshments and photos with Santa. \$5. Children 12 and below. amitchem@live.com.

Concerts from Kirkwood-Marcolivia. 3 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Award-winning violin and violin/viola duo. The concert will feature season music in the folk traditions of America and Eastern Europe. Free. www.kirkwoodpres.com.

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. There will also be entertainment and children can enjoy Cookies with Santa from 9:30-11:30 a.m. sponsored by our SCHS Leadership program. Free-\$3.

SATURDAYS/DEC. 5, 12, 19

Donuts with Santa. 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. W-16, Vulcan Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Join Santa and his helpers for a special experience at Donuts With Santa. Each ticket holder will enjoy two doughnuts and a choice of juice or coffee while Santa and his Elves read a classic Christmas story and lead a fun-filled family sing-a-long. \$20. workhousearts.org. 703-585-2900.

SATURDAYS/DEC. 5, 12, 19, 26

Children's Theatre: "The Nutcracker." 1-2:15 p.m. 3-4:15 p.m. W-3 Theatre, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Presented by Mestey Films Productions. LIVE onstage! Playwright Vianlix Mestey produces an original re-telling 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.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 4-5, 11-12

Popular Christmas Drama. Call for times. Harvester Presbyterian Church, 7800 Rolling Road, Springfield. "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" play by Barbara Robinson. Show suitable for all ages. \$6-\$20. 703-455-7800.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 5-6

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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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The Inaugural Workhouse Glass runs through Jan. 17 at the Vulcan Gallery at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. This exhibition, juried by Maurine Littleton, features the breath of contemporary glass artwork being created throughout the United States.

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26th Annual Holiday Model Train Show.

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SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Annandale Brass Concert. 4-6 p.m. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Enjoy your holiday favorites played in easy listening jazz and traditional arrangements. Holiday refreshments will be served. \$10. 240-630-9352.

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.

MONDAY/DEC. 7

"Race to Nowhere" Showing. 7 p.m. WSHS Theater, 6100 Rolling Road, West Springfield. All proceeds will go to the PTSA Scholarship for Success Program. All food donations will go to ECHO. \$3.00 plus a food donation for ECHO or \$5.00 each ticket

TUESDAY/DEC. 8

South County Federation Holiday Event/Monthly Meeting. 7 p.m. Vulcan Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. There will be a cash bar with beer and wine and holiday treats. Includes election of new officers. Check <http://southcountyfederation.com/> for the agenda and information.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 9

Springfield Christian Women's Connection Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Program is on Creative Christmas Fashion Show. If you have purchased an outfit you would wear to a Christmas party - whether new or second hand - for under \$25, we want to see it. Bargain hunters and creative crafters, put on your tennis shoes or your crafting apron to find us something exciting for our show. \$20. Reserve by Monday, Dec. 7. SpringWmConn@yahoo.com. 703-922-6438.

SATURDAY/DEC. 12

Holiday and Petition Party. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Irving Middle School, 8100 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Begin with the line dance class with Cathy Byon followed by performances by outstanding senior dance teams, accompanied by potluck delicacies, including kim-chi and lumpia. We will discuss petition for annex to Pohick Regional Library. Family and Friends are welcome to join our celebration. corazonfoley@yahoo.com.

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SPORTS



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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 1-yard line, setting up the Stallions' first touchdown.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

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

With 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 fourth-and-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. 5.

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 10-yard 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 Nathaniel 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.

"I'd 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 grind-it-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-yard DeMarcus 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 vhs1-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).

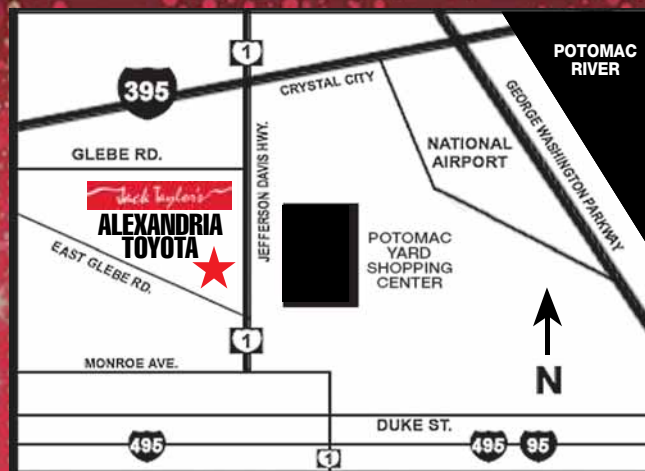
"The big thing last offseason for us was we just wanted to get tougher and I feel like if you ask most of the people we play, I think they felt like we were a tougher football team this year than we were in the past," said Scott Vossler, who is in his second season as Robinson head coach. "We're going 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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SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Warm Coat Outreach. Set up, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Distribution, 3-5 p.m. Moose Family Center, 9612 Fernedge Lane, Lorton. Clean, used coats (new ones are great too!) can be on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. <http://www.lortonaction.org/>.

MONDAY/DEC. 7

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.

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 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 cristy@potomaccurrents.com.

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.

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.

Donate Your Bike. Noon-4 p.m. REI, 11950 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Upgrading your bike this holiday? Your old bike can create a job, deliver clean water to a family, keep a kid in school, or generate income for an entire community. Suggested \$10 per bike helps deliver your old bike to a new home. www.bikesforworld.org. 703-740-7856.

Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) Office Hours. 3:30-5 p.m. Peet's Coffee and Tea, 8948 Burke Lake Road, Springfield. Del. Filler-Corn will be holding office hours on this day at the coffee shop. No appointment needed. Please stop by.

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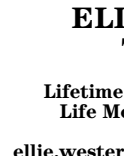
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