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Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) received the support of U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) for his run for the chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors seat during his campaign kickoff party at the Springfield American legion last week.

## Campaign Launch

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# Three Slain in Springfield

Police keep investigation under wraps while neighbors seek answers, security.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

Three Springfield-area men are dead after they were fatally stabbed on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at their home in the 5400 block of Moultrie Road.

According to a Fairfax County Police release, Terence Strope, 38; Ryan Strope, 26; and Andres Yelicie, 26 were discovered by police Wednesday, at 9:42 p.m., after Yelicie, bleeding, was discovered outside by a neighbor who placed the 911 call.

When officers arrived, Yelicie had what was described as "multiple stab wounds to the upper body." Officers determined that additional wounded victims were inside the home. All three men were taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital on Gallows Road, and all three died shortly afterwards.

Fairfax County Police spokesman Don

Gotthardt could not say to what extent the investigators had been able to communicate with the men before they died.

"I've just been told that we are not commenting on that. Anything related that close to the investigation they're keeping under wraps to protect the integrity of [the investigation]," said Gotthardt.

The house was occupied by brothers Ryan and Terence Strope. Police believe the third victim, Yelicie, lived at the residence as well.

**MORE THAN 150** members of the Ravensworth Farm community attended a community meeting on Sunday, Nov. 23 at Ravensworth Elementary School just blocks from where the murders occurred.

"We understand that a crime such as this can cause considerable fear and anxiety in a community," Maj. Shawn Barrett of the county's criminal investigations bureau told the crowd. "After extensive processing of the

**"This crime was not done randomly; there was a motive involved that I cannot speak of."**

— Maj. Shawn Barrett, Fairfax County Police criminal investigations bureau



FAMILY PHOTOS

Fairfax County Police are investigating the deaths of brothers Ryan Strope, left, and Terence Strope and their friend Andres Yelicie. The three were found with multiple stab wounds that later proved fatal in their home in the 5400 block of Moultrie Road in Springfield.

crime scene, interviews and collection of evidence, at this point, all evidence suggests this crime was not random in nature."

Barrett said police had reason to believe the house and its residents were targeted. He declined to elaborate, but told residents that there is "nothing to indicate in our in-

vestigation that you're in any jeopardy."

Brent Reynolds, president of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, said he had gone door to door in the community in an attempt to answer as many ques-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF FACETS

Meghan Germas with boyfriend Jory and their daughter Emma, born in April.

# 'Now More Than Ever'

Hypothermia shelter in central part of Fairfax County opens.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC  
THE CONNECTION

Meghan Germas faced a difficult situation last winter. Homeless and late in her pregnancy, Germas and her boyfriend Jory, working 70-plus hour weeks, were told on March 12 that if they did not have a home by the time their daughter was born, the county would put her in foster care.

With three boys already in foster care, Germas did not wish to see another child of hers in the program. "We have had a very hard life and the latest challenges began when we placed our three boys in Foster Care in 2007," she wrote in a testimonial for FACETS (Fairfax Area Christian Emergency & Transitional Services, Inc.). The very pregnant Germas and her boyfriend entered the Hypothermia Prevention Response

program in the central part of Fairfax County, coordinated by FACETS, in February.

"Being in the Hypothermia shelter gave us a place to sleep at night. It also gave us a meal twice a day and people to talk to and just vent about the general frustrations we were facing," Germas wrote in the testimonial.

Germas was one of 724 people served in the hypothermia prevention program, a partnership between Fairfax County, nonprofit organizations and faith communities, from December 2007 through March 2008. More than 2,300 volunteers from 57 faith communities and 13 nonprofit and business organizations served last winter's program. Intended to do all that is possible to prevent hypothermia deaths in the winter, the county's hypothermia program is entering its fifth year of service this week. The shelter in the central part of the county opened on Monday, Nov. 23.

**"One of two medical emergencies can put people, pretty easily, on the street."**

— Craig Stoneman, Springfield resident

FACETS COORDINATES host sites for the shelter. Faith communities take it upon themselves to host it in their houses of worship on weekly basis.

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## Corrections

The cover photo on the Nov. 20-26,

2008 Springfield Connection was incorrectly attributed and a photo illustrating the Veterans Day ceremony at American Legion Post 176 [ 'On Their Day,' Springfield Connection, Nov. 13-19, 2008] contained the wrong caption. Pictured above is Sarah Larson performing the role of Snow Drop in the production of 'Nutcracker' by Virginia Ballet Company. Below, Commander Wayne Yancey of VFW Post 7327 pays his respects during a moment of silence.



## McKay Seeks Changes to Voting Gridlock

Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee), acting in conjunction with Supervisors Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) and Mason Penelope "Penny" Gross (D-Mason), has requested that the General Registrar and Election Board review absentee-in-person voting

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## NEWS

# Fort Belvoir Reaches Out

## Creating the Army's 21st century premier military installation.

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
THE CONNECTION

Community and political leaders from throughout Northern Virginia got not only a statistical briefing but also a glimpse of 21st Century Fort Belvoir during the annual Base Community Relations Breakfast Nov. 20 at the Post's Community Center.

"This morning's program will be a little different than what you have been used to at this breakfast in the past. There will be more focus on the soldiers of this base," said Fort Belvoir Installation Commander Col. Jerry L. Blixt in opening the 90-minute briefing and question/answer session that focused on changes at the base as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Report known as BRAC.

That introduction was followed by a short video identifying soldiers who served under fire in the Iraq and Afghanistan war zones. It was the first showing of the video, which highlighted the valor of individual soldiers, such as Spec. Monica Brown, only the second woman to be awarded the Silver Star since World War II.

The video was followed by six soldiers stationed at Fort Belvoir who related their experiences since joining the U.S. Army. Each put his or her military service into the perspective of personal service to the nation and the civil community, the one that now surrounds Fort Belvoir and the ones they expect to become part of after their military enlistments.

As noted by Maj. General Richard Rowe, commanding general, Washington Military District, "Fort Belvoir is much more than a military base. It is a community."

**FORT BELVOIR** is the largest employer in Fairfax County, with 23,000 federal employees and service members, and home to more than 3,500 family members.

BRAC will add another 19,300 personnel triggering an estimated \$4 billion construction and infrastructure building boom.

"It's not just BRAC that is moving the post into the forefront of the military's installation framework but other defense-related expansion as well," said Blixt. It is things such as the 450-person Warrior Transition Unit, the National Museum of the U.S. Army, and the various infrastructure improvements within the base and surrounding communities that is transforming it into the new century's showpiece.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/THE CONNECTION

## Six Fort Belvoir soldiers related their military experiences to the crowd assembled for the base's annual Community Relations Breakfast.

"We have three basic priorities — force protection, personnel and infrastructure improvement. We want to make you feel you are on the best base in the Army when you visit here," said Blixt.

**WITH THAT** Col. Mark Moffatt, deputy installation commander for

BRAC, Fort Belvoir, walked the group through a series of activities now under way or planned to meet the Sept. 15, 2011 BRAC completion deadline. "If you think we've done a lot so far wait until you come to this breakfast next year," Moffatt said.

"BRAC will bring a net gain of 19,300 personnel to Fort Belvoir. This will be in addition to the present post personnel complement of 23,000," he said.

New personnel will be located at the main post, 3,400; Engineering Proving Grounds (EPG) in the Springfield area, 8,500, the new home of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; and at the Mark Center in Alexandria, 6,400, the new home of a composite of agencies known as The Washington Headquarters Services and BRAC 133.

Another 1,000 personnel will be relocated to Rivanna Station, an existing appendage of Fort Belvoir just north of Charlottesville, Va. The latter group is composed of Defense Intelligence Agency personnel and intelligence analysis functions from the National Capital Region and Bolling Air Force Base.

As a result of BRAC, 2,140 personnel are leaving Fort Belvoir. The majority of that group, 1,440 personnel of the Army Materiel Command, were transferred to Belvoir following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 from what is now known as Victory Center on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria. They will be relocated to Red Stone Arsenal in Alabama. The other 700 are spread over four additional agencies, according to Moffatt.

Addressing the new \$1.77 billion NGA facility, now rising at the EPG, Moffatt said, "This facility is moving at a very fast pace." Building construction is now 8 percent complete.

The other main post facility "moving at a very fast pace" is the new DeWitt Army Community Hospital. This expanded 120-bed facility is scheduled for completion in August 2010. The first patients are expected in April 2011, according to Moffatt.

## Beyond BRAC

In addition to the BRAC projects, approximately 30 to 40 other projects are under way at Fort Belvoir that relate to base improvements as well as projects that directly impact the surrounding communities. Some of the latter include:

- ❖ A new state-of-the-art Emergency Service Center with fire and police assets to support NGA, main post, and mutual assistance regional agreements.

- ❖ Construction of the Woodlawn Road replacement artery known as Mulligan Road to connect Route 1 and Telegraph Road.

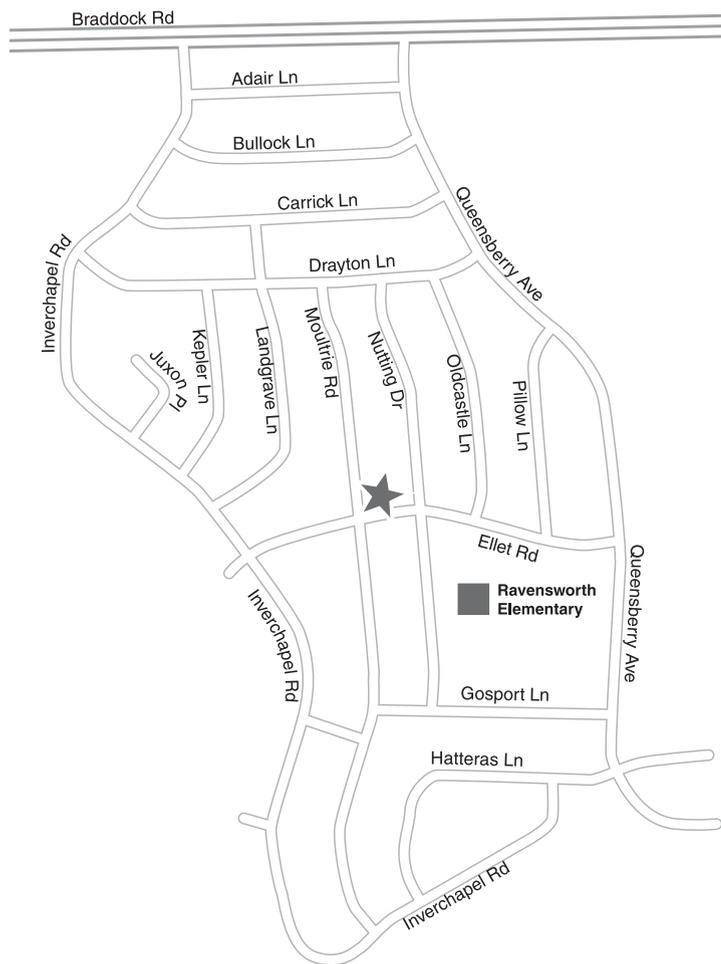
- ❖ Gunston Road, the major artery on post, will be expanded to four lanes, including the expansion of the bridge over Route 1, with the potential of accepting future widening of Route 1.

- \* Pohick Road, the post's main artery for visitors and employees, will be expanded to four lanes from Route 1 to Gunston Road. Pohick Road will be initial project followed by improvements to Belvoir Road, according to Moffatt.

- ❖ Construction of a new 37,000-square-foot state-of-the-art child development/education center for 338 children of service members and eligible federal employees.

- ❖ A new, fully equipped fire station that will support the main post and Fort Belvoir regional mutual aid agreements.

In total, an expenditure of approximately \$80 million is forecast for base infrastructure improvements. These projects encompass not only transportation arteries but also water and sewer lines and upgrades to electrical facilities and lines.



**The three homicides took place at a home on Moultrie Road in the Ravensworth Farms community south of Braddock Road.**

# Neighbors Seek Reassurance

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tions as he could and gauge the mood of the community.

"Their sense of security has been shot here," said Capt. Reynolds. "I just think most people want to talk about it."

Kay Anderson, who lives five doors down from the Stropes' home, said she hadn't even heard about the murders until her son called her Thursday, at 7 a.m., trying to get more details from her.

"They seem to be a little bit frightened," said Anderson of neighborhood residents. "They were concerned this house was picked at random."

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and police sought to answer the questions of concerned residents who had their sense of safety punctured by the act of violence rare for the area. The three murders are just the 18th, 19th and 20th in Fairfax County this year, which has a population of over 1 million.

Bulova said that she had heard two main concerns from residents who had been contacting her office looking for information: was it gang-related or a random act? She along with police officials at the meeting sought to dispel both concerns without giving away much detail.

"At this point in investigation with evidence that has been collected, there is no indication of gang involvement," said Barrett. "This crime was not done randomly; there was a motive involved that I cannot speak of."

"Ravensworth Farm and its sister community North Springfield are very, very safe communities. What happened late Wednesday is just extremely unusual," said Bulova.

Capt. Bruce Ferguson, commander of the West Springfield District Station, said patrols had been increased in the area since the murders happened, some of them in unmarked cars.

Among the details the police did reveal was that a car had been reported leaving the scene. Officials declined to comment on whether the crime may have been carried out by more than one person, but Barrett said twice at the community meeting Sunday that police were looking for the "suspects" involved in the case.

"It's not that we're keeping facts secret for any reason other than [that] there are two groups that know the facts of the investigation at this point: the police investigators and the suspects," he said.

As police released more information, some residents were reassured that their neighborhood is still safe for them.

Mary and Christopher Lipsey, who live several blocks away on Adair Lane, expressed confidence in the safety of the community.

"It's not like we're in a crime wave or anything," said Christopher Lipsey.

The funeral for Terence and Ryan Strobe was Monday, Nov. 24 at Murphy Funeral Home in Arlington. Services for Yelicie are Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nativity in Burke.



**U.S. Department of Energy**  
**GNEP PEIS**  
**Public Hearing**



The Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) is inviting comments related to the Draft Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (GNEP PEIS). Comments will assist DOE in finalizing the PEIS. The PEIS assesses the potential environmental consequences of the reasonable alternatives to support expansion of domestic and international nuclear energy production while reducing the risks associated with nuclear proliferation and reducing the impacts associated with spent nuclear fuel requiring geologic disposal. No siting decisions will be made based on the PEIS. DOE will conduct public hearings to discuss issues and receive comments as follows:

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The public hearings will include brief presentations about NEPA and the GNEP program, followed by an opportunity for oral public comments. Public comments on the Draft PEIS will be accepted through the end of the public comment period on December 16, 2008.

Comments on the Draft PEIS can be submitted by mail to  
Mr. Frank Schwartz at:  
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# PEOPLE

## An Unexpected Frequency

Springfield native has come a long way in short broadcasting career.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**A**shley Linder knows she shouldn't be here. At 21, she should be toiling away at a small market radio station cutting promotional commercials, dumping callers and bringing breakfast to older, more experienced superiors. That's the route most people take when they first try to break into the radio industry.

Instead, she spends her days in Silver Spring, Md., perched over road maps and taking calls from motorists in an attempt to decipher the day's traffic patterns for WTOP in the ninth largest radio market in the country. Or giving traffic updates and tips on NBC4 in the nation's eighth ranked television market. She will even admit that the idea of someone her age with her experience following 30-year WTOP traffic veteran Bob Marbourg was "unthinkable" a few years ago. She can still recall her first broadcast at the station.

"I can remember very first time I was on [WTOP] I couldn't breathe," said Linder with a laugh. "People told me to calm down and I need to take a deep breath or I would sound terrible."

**THOUGH LINDER** can be seen and heard on prominent radio and TV stations, she technically works for Metro Networks, a national broadcasting outsourcing company that provides reporters to radio and television affiliates across the country. Jim Russ, director of operations at Metro Networks, said Linder has a voice and feel for the medium that can't be taught.

"It's not easy to be entertaining in traffic and at the same time pass on information that people can use," said Russ.

Of course, Linder, who has worked for Metro Networks for over a year, wasn't always as interested in the ebb and flow of the Beltway as she is today.

"In all honesty I didn't want to grow up and be a traffic reporter," she said. "It just so happened that there was a [traffic] position open."

After months on the job, Linder said she became "obsessed" with identifying movement on major roadways, finding work zones that could potentially delay traffic and absorbing each beltway exit because "there's always a traffic pattern." Now she can't help thinking about it even when she's off the clock.

"I came to see it as something so useful and integral in this area to know. Why wouldn't anyone want to know about it?" she asked.

Having lived her whole life in Springfield and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, Linder can draw on a lifetime of personal experience when she's piecing together her traffic updates for the day.

"She grew up here, so she knows the area," said WTOP editor Rahul Bahli. "For a new traffic reporter, it's always helpful that you're from here."

**A 2005 GRADUATE** of West Springfield High School, Linder was on the yearbook staff, the cheerleading team, the theater program and student



PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

**Springfield native Ashley Linder went from a high school graduate in 2005 to full time traffic reporter at WTOP and other broadcast outlets in three years later.**

government. Assistant principal Richard Griffin called Linder "a tremendous personality" during her time in school.

"She was a very outgoing and at a young age she just conducted herself like a young professional lady," said Griffin. "She was outgoing but she was a quiet person too, if that makes sense."

Though Linder is young, it does not necessarily make her inexperienced.

She attended Christopher Newport University in Hampton Roads, Va. for a year before dropping out to attend the Columbia School of Broadcasting in Fairfax. As a student, she landed an internship at WJFK with the Sports Junkies, the station's flagship show. She spent her days doing research, getting coffee and absorbing as many details about her first encounter with a major market radio station and timeslot. Separate from her internship, Linder began working full time as for Discovery Channel Communications as a media librarian.

"You certainly did the grunt work but you got to see the sales aspect and see what happened with every angle of a show," said

Linder.

**AFTER HER** sixth-month internship was over, Linder stayed at WJFK for another year and half, cutting commercials, doing promotional work and other odd jobs before being hired by Metro Networks in 2007. In 2008, she was promoted to the full-time overnight slot at WTOP. Linder said she has worked hard to get where she is, but that she's still grateful for her early success, something her superiors say is not common.

"Young people have got to understand when they get in this business that they can't expect to be mak

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### VIEWPOINTS

What are you thankful for and what is your favorite holiday food?



"My family and houses, because they keep people safe. Turkey."

**Geraldine Rodriguez**



"For my health and happiness. Candy."

**Norah Tijani**



"Fighting Video games. Pumpkin pie."

**Jonathon Bonner**



"My family and my cousins. Turkey and mashed potatoes."

**Said Azimi**



"For my family. Turkey, because everybody likes it, and mashed potatoes and strawberry Ice-cream."

**Jazmin Gonzales**



"My family and friends cause I can play with them. Turkey and mashed potatoes."

**Verania Morales-Saravia**

— CANNON COOK

### PEOPLE NOTES

**John Steger** of Springfield, a junior majoring in history and political science, is the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Echo Company First Sergeant for the 2008-09 academic year.

**Melanie Sandoval** of Springfield, a senior majoring in psychology at Marymount University, has been named to the 2008 "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Ten Springfield residents, **Andrew Bates, Emily Dallas, Sasha Duran, Peter Epley, Romhel Etulle, Katherine Gulyas, Andrew Knoll, Kellie Ramirez, Katherine Russell and Elizabeth Short** are part of the 474-member Marching Royal Dukes, representing James Madison University in the 82nd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Nov. 27 in New York City. With its largest membership in JMU history, the marching band is one of 10 bands performing in the Thanksgiving tradition.



**Air Force Airman Jelaina L. Walker has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Walker is the daughter of Carla Watts of Kingsford Road, Springfield, and a 2004 graduate of West Mifflin Area High School, Pa.**

# NEWS

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procedure to alleviate the near gridlock that occurred leading up to the November general election.

As McKay noted during last week's Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' meeting, 16 percent of active registered voters took advantage of the opportunity to vote either by mail-in absentee ballot or in-person at the county's in-person absentee voting locations. One such location was the Franconia Governmental Center on Franconia Road where McKay's office is located.

"Long lines weren't the only problem at this location. Parking was an issue, not only for voters, but also for anyone needing to reach the police or my staff. I stopped counting the number of near misses as voters jockeyed for parking spaces," McKay said.

To improve the process, the three supervisors requested that the "General Registrar and Electoral Board review the absentee-in-person voting experience" and report back to the Board of Supervisors with suggestions on how to prevent such gridlock in future elections.

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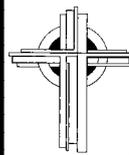
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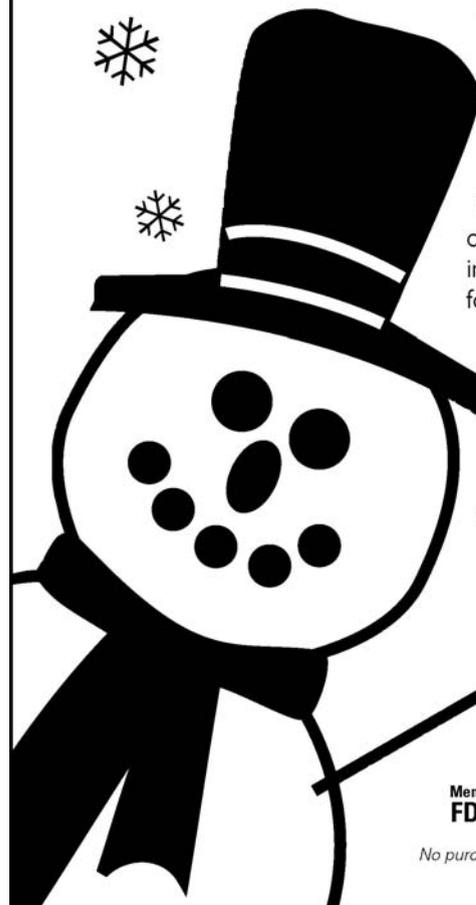
Theme: Holiday Fun!

**TO ENTER: (For children 12 years and younger)**  
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# CALENDAR

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## THURSDAY/NOV. 27

**Jack Hidle**, 8-12 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

**The Cruxshadows with Ayria, I:Scintilla and XuberX**, 8:15 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 28

**Amanda Murphy & the Lost Indians**, 8:30-12:30 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 29

**Holiday Celebration at the Workhouse Arts Center**, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free workshops throughout the day, including activities in the Kid Zone, glass and ceramic art workshops, youth acting workshops, a holiday concert on the Quad at 4:30 and a tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-854-2900 or www.WorkhouseArts.org.

**Amanda Murphy & the Lost Indians**, 8:30-12:30 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

**A Chanticleer Christmas**, 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket

holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets for are \$24-\$48. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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## SUNDAY/NOV. 30

**A Chanticleer Christmas**, 2 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$24-\$48. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

## MONDAY/DEC. 1

**Open Mic Night**, 8 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or www.katesirishpub.com.

## TUESDAY/DEC. 2

**Teen Book club**, 6:30 p.m. Food, fun and great book discussions. Age 12-18. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**Gingerbread Man**, 10:30 a.m. Stories and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3



**The Aszure Barton & Artists World Premier Dance Installation, part of a joint partnership with the Baryshnikov Dance Foundation, will be at the Workhouse Arts Center from Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7.**

**Lunch Bunnies**, 12 p.m. Bring lunch, listen to stories. Age 1-5 with adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

**Girls Night Out**, 7 p.m. Book discussion group for girls age 12-15 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

**Practice Your English Conversation Group**, 12 p.m. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 4

**Lamb Tales**, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and activities for age 13-23 months with adult. Burke Centre Library,

5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**Book discussion Group**, 12 p.m. "Ethan Frome" by Edith Wharton. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 5

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**Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love,"** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$44-\$86. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or at www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

**Funny Money with Baby Jayne, Tilt, Sinner's Trail and Not-Liable.** 8 p.m. Age 21 and over only. \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 6

**Holiday Open House.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Music and activities. All ages. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

**Historic Clifton Candlelight Tour,** beginning at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15. Caroling on Horseback Parade and costume judging. Tour of decorated homes, strolling Dickens carolers, live

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**Forestdale Elementary Flea Market and Holiday Sale,** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 6530 Elder Avenue, Springfield. Julie Parsons, 703-244-6284.

**Kings' X with Last Perfect Thing, Gate 1, Minds Eye and more.** 8 p.m. Age 21 and over only. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

**George Mason University Holiday concert,** 7 p.m. at the George Mason Center for the Arts Concert Hall, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Old seasonal favorites, carols and an audience sing-a-long. The George Mason University ensembles performing include the Chamber Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra, University Chorale, University Singers and Select

Women's Chorale. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 students and seniors. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 7

**Aszure Barton & Artists World Premier Dance Installation** at the Workhouse Arts Center Gallery W-16, at 2:30 p.m. Reception at 2 p.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. To reserve tickets contact tickets@lortonarts.org or call 703-584-2900. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

## MONDAY/DEC. 8

**Gingerbread Tales.** 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs. Age 24-35 months with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

**Soapmaking for Teens.** 4 p.m. Make a batch of handmade soap. Age 13-18. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

**The Progressive Damnation Tour with Born of Osiris, Shai Hulud, After the Burial, Burning the Masses, Prodigium, Gallows Hill and Upon a Throne of Lies.** 5 p.m. \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

## TUESDAY/DEC. 9

**Snowfest.** 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

**Penguin Parade.** 1:30 p.m. Stories and a craft. Age 4-5 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond

Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 10

**Science and Stories.** 4:30 p.m. Simple science experiments. Age 4-6. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**Performance and Demonstration of Dandia Raas, folk dance from Western India.** Instructor Archana Chhaya. 7:30 p.m. Age 14 and up. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**Writers Peer Review Group.** 7 p.m. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 11

**Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb."** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$75 at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com. Visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

**Hey, Snowman!** 1 p.m. Seasonal stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 12

**Christmas at Gunston Hall,** 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or www.gunstonhall.org.

**Yuletide Dinner,** at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Full complement of courses served in a candlelit setting. \$39.95 for adults, \$19.95 for ages 6-10. The dinner cost includes admission to Plantation Christmas. Reservations required for dinner, call 703-550-

9220.

**Plantation Christmas.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ride in a horse-drawn carriage and sample period recipes. Reenactors will engage in seasonal activities throughout the site. \$14 for adults, \$7 for ages 6-18, under 6 free.

**Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb."** 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$75 at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com. Visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

**"Oklahoma!,"** 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. 703-750-7500 or www.tjhsst.edu.

**Lunch Bunch.** 12 p.m. Bring lunch, listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

**"Over the North Pole,"** 8 p.m. at the Richard J. Ernst Theatre, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. \$17 adults, \$15 students and seniors 703-222-5511 or www.encore-tap.org.

**"Home for the Holidays,"** featuring Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m. at the George Mason Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax Campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, will be at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$22-\$44, children 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or at www.tickets.com. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

**Board of Equalization meeting,** Fairfax County Government Center, Shared Room 123C, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891.  
**Trespass Towing Advisory Board,** 7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-5931.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 27

**Clifton Architectural Review Board,** 7:30 p.m. in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. 703-802-0847.

## MONDAY/DEC. 1

**Fairfax County Public Schools** will offer four town meetings to solicit citizen input in order to determine boundaries for the new elementary school under construction at the Laurel Hill site on Laurel Crest Drive in Lorton, a 38-classroom school serving students in kindergarten through grade 6. Schools involved in the boundary study include Gunston, Halley, Lorton Station, Newington Forest and Silverbrook elementary schools. Town meetings for this study will be at 7 p.m. at South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road in Lorton. Contact Denise James at 703-246-6920 or [denise.james@fcps.edu](mailto:denise.james@fcps.edu).  
**Board of Supervisors, Budget Committee: FY 2010 Lines of Business Review,** 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 9 and 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2531.

**LTCCC Young Adult Services Committee,** 10 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 7, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2051.  
**Board of Supervisors Legislative Committee,** 4:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 9 and 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2531.

**Government & Community Relations Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board,** 5:30 p.m. at the ADS Administrative Office, Suite 100, 3900 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. 703-324-7003, TTY 703-802-3015.

**Board of Equalization,** 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 7 and 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

**Small Business Commission Meeting,** 7-9 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3104.

**Ravenworth Community Meeting,** 6 p.m. at the Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Stormwater Planning Division, 703-324-5500.

## TUESDAY/DEC. 2

**Clifton Town Council Meeting,** 7:30 p.m. in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. 703-802-0847.

**Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting,** 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County

Government Center Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-1280.

**Advisory Social Services Board,** 7-9 p.m. at the Pennino Building, Room 505, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-7741, TTY 703-222-9452, FAX 703-222-9487

**Community Action Advisory Board,** 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Conference Room 9/10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-7528, TTY 703-222-9452.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

**Planning Commission Land Use Process Review Committee,** 7:15 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Board Conference Room, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2865, TTY 703-324-7951.

**Tree Commission Meetings,** 7:15 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Room 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-1770.

**Human Rights Commission,** 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9 & 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2953.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 4

**Community Criminal Justice Board,** 8 a.m. at the Fairfax County Courthouse, fifth floor Jury Assembly Area, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-246-3247.

**Board of Equalization,** 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 7 and 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

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**SATURDAY/DEC. 13**

**Christmas at Gunston Hall**, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or www.gunstonhall.org.

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**Island Creek Elementary PTA Fourth Annual Holiday Craft and Gift show** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the school, 7855 Morning View Lane, Kingstowne. Entertainment by the Island Creek Crocs. Contact glasscutter99@yahoo.com.

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# Not a Laughing Matter at Lee

With several key losses from last year's team, Lee girls basketball hopes to advance.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

From his new seat at the end of the bench, first-year coach Harold Jackson, hands folded beneath his chin, watched and cringed. It was a situation that has happened more times than he'd like to count, and he could see it was about to happen again.

The Lee girls basketball team lost eight seniors from last year's team and replaced them with eight juniors and one sophomore from the junior varsity squad. When a first-year varsity player looked over at Jackson, smiling and laughing after missing a lay-up, the Lancers' new coach wasn't smiling back.

"Maybe we need to run a few more laps in practice to get my point across, but it's not county ball anymore," Jackson said. "It's for real."

The lackadaisical attitude might've passed at Lee six years ago but not since Rudy Coffield turned the program into a legitimate Northern Region contender has that attitude been tolerated. Last year's group went 25-4, won a Northern Region title and played in a Virginia AAA state quarterfinal game.

After five years at Lee and a 25-year coaching career, Coffield gave up his spot at the end of Lee's bench. Coffield will still work the home games as a school resource officer with Jackson, his top assistant, taking his place on the bench.

Though the Lancers lost key seniors Jay Babineaux and Kashei Hopkins and James Madison-recruit Kristine Mial is sidelined until after Christmas with a leg injury, the Lancers can't afford a slow easement into the ever-competitive Patriot District.

With North Carolina-bound Tierra Ruffin-Pratt leading T.C. Williams and West Springfield a perennial contender, Lee will need



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**During a scrimmage Monday night at Mount Vernon, first-year Lee girls basketball coach Harold Jackson instructs his players. Jackson will try to replicate last year's Northern Region title.**

to start fast and only improve when Mial, who suffered a stress fracture in her shin while playing soccer this past April, returns near the beginning of 2009.

**MIAL HOPES** to use the team's holiday tournament as a testing point for her injury. If it responds well, she'll be back in the lineup full-time after that. That's not to say the team shouldn't expect to win without her for the time being.

"We shouldn't wait on Kristine," said junior guard Priscilla Moseh, a starter last winter that averaged eight points per game. "When she gets back, we'll be a lot better. But if we just attack and get the season started, we'll be better."

Moseh will be counted on to lead a guard-heavy group, receiving help from her twin sister Patricia and classmate Jackie Williams, who averaged nine points per game

last season.

But neither Williams nor the sisters Moseh are accustomed to scoring in the paint. That's where Mial fit. She averaged 16 points and 11 rebounds per contest last season and poured in a game-high 22 in a 66-40 win over Woodson to claim the girls basketball program's first-ever region title.

"It's hard. I'm not one to really watch," Mial said of the missed time. "It's frustrating. But then again, it's not as bad as I thought it was going to be because our seniors have shown a lot of improvement. But I can't wait to come back."

"I've been trying to help my teammates from the bench and point out what's going on so they get more of an understanding of the game."

**"It's hard. I'm not one to really watch."**

— Kristine Mial

Mial's coaching may become an asset later this season. In those 29 games last season, Lee beat its opponents by an average of 22.9 points per game. But with the key losses, Jackson knows that his team will play in several close games this season and must be ready for late-game ball handling, clock management and shot selection.

"We're going to have a lot of close games, so we're going to have to learn how to take care of the ball," Jackson said. "We're pretty

good on the perimeter with Priscilla and Jackie. They're the ones that are getting mad and saying some things that they shouldn't

say sometimes.

"They're into it. I have to get [the underclassmen] more into it."

## WEEK IN SPORTS

### Edison Falls in Region Title Game

In a single-wing offense, something few football teams outside of Stone Bridge even attempt to execute, fake handoffs are followed by more fake handoffs and a defense that forgets about discipline can forget about stopping the tricky attack.

On Friday, Nov. 21, with the wind whip-

ping at Edison High School, Stone Bridge (13-0) faked, crossed and reversed its way to a 35-6 win over the Eagles, handing the Bulldogs their third Northern Region Division 5 title in the past four years.

"In order to defend them, you have to not look in the backfield and you have to play your position," said Edison coach Vaughn Lewis, whose team was squaring off with the Bulldogs in the region championship for the fourth straight year. "Once we got be-

hind, too many people starting thinking that they had to make the plays themselves."

Edison followed a scoreless first quarter by giving up a 68-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the second period. Six minutes later, a nine-play Stone Bridge drive resulted in a second touchdown and the Bulldogs tacked on one more score before halftime.

After gaining 90 yards during the first quarter, Edison got 11 in the next two.

Stone Bridge responded with two fourth-quarter scores before Corey Washington's 53-yard run put Edison on the board. Angus Harper led the Eagles with 34 rushing yards and quarterback Levi Barber completed five of 16 passes for 24 yards.

"I was really proud of the way both sides played," said Lewis, whose team finished the year at 12-1. "We played hard, but we just made too many mistakes."

# OPINION

## Shop Locally Local shops help define community, and this year, they need support.

The economic situation is daunting, and it's probably true that most families, even families who feel financially secure, will be more frugal in this holiday season than in the past.

But we're pretty sure that almost all of us will be doing some significant holiday shopping in the next month. While you're at it, be sure to spend a portion of your shopping dollars close to home.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of the shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambi-

ance available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season.

Small retail shops are part of what defines any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

**FREQUENTLY**, it is the small retail person who is active in fund raising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools

and in organizing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face some of the toughest challenges imaginable right now. The costs of being in business have grown tremendously while revenues are not.

Competition from Big Box stores, expanded shopping malls and the Internet make the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. In this area, almost everyone will do some shopping via the Internet.

But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores.

## Give Locally Charities seeing unprecedented demand from struggling families for food, other help.

Putting food on the table for the family. It's such a basic activity and most of us are lucky enough to make choices of what we'll buy at the grocery store, whether this is a carry-out night or an eat-out night one or more days a week.

Meanwhile local charities and food banks are finding it hard to gather enough food to keep up with the demand from people who are suddenly unable to afford enough food to put on the table for their families.

Housing costs, the foreclosure crisis, spiking energy and food costs over the past year and other economic woes have put a tremendous strain on working poor families in Northern Virginia.

Included in The Connection over the past few weeks and in coming weeks are stories and listings of local organizations that help local families in need and especially nonprofit groups that provide help to families during the holiday season. These organizations report that while demand is up dramatically, contributions are down. They need your help to respond to increasingly needy families.

Here is a partial listing of local organizations that help the needy, every one is facing intense and increasing demand for services. Read more at [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com).

— MARY KIMM

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- ❖ FACETS, 703-352-5090
- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, 703-569-9160
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## Disabilities Bill

To the Editor:

Over the years since my son was diagnosed with autism in 1996, friends have asked me, "Who is his doctor?" I would respond, "Doctor for what?" "For his autism," they'd say. "We don't have one" I would say. "Insurance doesn't cover any therapy for his disability."

They knew I was driving him to behavior therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy and implementing dietary interventions. All of these things we paid for out-of-pocket for our son; therapies

and interventions for a neurological disorder with developmental and behavioral impacts. No different than therapies and interventions to restore functionality after a stroke.

Today, a bill that has been introduced in the Virginia House of Delegates that would mandate coverage of treatments for autism spectrum disorders by insurance companies — HB 1588 (Formerly HB 83; <http://www.autismvotes.org/site/c.frKNI3PCImE/b.4445103>). Under this legislation, children would receive services that would help

their disabled child without financially ruining their family.

Early intervention is the key to progress for children with this diagnosis. Language and behaviors can be improved and children can be mainstreamed in classrooms with their peers. Insurance companies argue that it is the responsibility of the school districts to treat the symptoms of autism (this argument was made in front of the Special Advisory Commission on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits on Sept. 29, 2008). I think the education community would find it interesting that they have been tasked with treating a medi-

cal disorder in addition to educating these children.

Please let your legislator know you support HB 1588 requiring insurance coverage of therapies for this medical diagnosis. Coverage by insurance companies of these therapies would likely decrease their costs making services more accessible to families. This would allow more children to receive intensive early intervention that would ultimately down costs as the effects of this disorder are mitigated.

**Teresa Champion**  
Springfield

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# Backing Pat

Local G.O.P turns out for campaign launch.



Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully) gives his support to Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) during his announcement that he will seek the chairman's seat of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Local dignitaries and citizens attend a campaign kickoff event to show their support for Herrity on Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Springfield American Legion Post.



Pat Herrity, candidate for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, meets with a supporter at his campaign launch in Springfield.



U.S. Reps. Tom Davis (R-11) and Frank Wolf (R-10) greet each other while attending and showing their support for Pat Herrity during his campaign kickoff event for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

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# Hypothermia Shelter Opens

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The Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield will host the shelter during the week of Christmas this year. "The best gift for Christmas is being able to help somebody with something that is out of their control," said Craig Stoneman, 41, a Springfield resident who coordinates the church's volunteer efforts for the shelter. This includes organizing the space to host the clients and providing meals and companionship.

**PRINCE OF PEACE** has been participating in the program since 2006, the second year it was instituted in the central part of the county. "We wanted to meet the community need," said Stoneman. "Local churches see that need because during the day they get approached for help." For example, Stoneman has seen homeless people ask for duct tape to seal holes in their tents or gas to run their car engines throughout the night to stay warm.

"We see this as an administrative hospitality," said Deb Haynes, the volunteer coordinator at Holy Trinity Church in Falls Church. "Love of Christ also means love of your brothers and sisters." Haynes said this winter would mark the third year the church has hosted the hypothermia shelter. More than 70 percent of the congregation par-

ticipates, she said. "It's something very concrete, something you can wrap your arms around, that you can do for your community," said Haynes.

While the volunteers' efforts benefit the homeless, they also benefit the volunteers. "On a selfish level, it's gratifying," said Haynes. "Not only are we doing good, but it does good for us," she said. "It's an incredibly profound experience. You learn what really human dignity is and you have an opportunity to make a tangible difference."

**VOLUNTEERS, AT FIRST,** are surprised by who the homeless are. "One of two medical emergencies can put people, pretty easily, on the street," said Stoneman.

"It blows your stereotypes out of the water," said Haynes. "We have ideas who the homeless are and those ideas are wrong." She said it does not take much misfortune for a person to become homeless, "It's a very small slip off the economic ledge and you are homeless. And it's a very steep cliff to climb."

FACETS is still seeking volunteers and host sites for this winter's shelter. Meeting the demand this winter may prove more difficult than in the years past as more people may seek shelter from the cold weather. One of the indicators that more people may do so is the increase in demand

for services from local nonprofits.

Jim Brigl, the CEO of FACETS, said its Hot Meals program is serving 25 percent more people on the street this year than last. The average last year was about 100 meals per day, now it is closer to 125 meals. "Once, we served 166 meals," said Brigl of this year's demand. Some of that increase, he said, comes from lack of day labor opportunities.

"The whole thing is, now more than ever," said Brigl. "The need is now more than ever and the need for participation is now more than ever."

Brigl said that the nonprofits working on behalf of the county's homeless are advocating better housing situations, not just emergency prevention through the hypothermia program. "We want that to be permanent housing," he said.

Germas is one success story of that advocacy. Upon learning that she may have to place her daughter in foster care if she did not secure housing, Germas turned to FACETS and the nonprofit managed to find an apartment in Fairfax for Germas and her family. She, her boyfriend and daughter Emma, born in April, recently moved into a townhome in Falls Church. Now they are preparing for a hearing to bring their three boys home from foster care in hopes of celebrating the December holidays under the same roof.

# Linder

FROM PAGE 6

-ing a lot of money right out of the shift and they can't expect to be working the 9-5 slot. That's just the way it is right now," said Russ.

**RUSS SAID** that Linder's age didn't bother him in the slightest when Metro Networks hired her.

"If anything, it plays into her benefit because she has always been very diligent about learning what she needed to learn, handling whatever shift she needed to handle," he said.

Balhi concurred.

"She's dealing with the same challenges that everybody else has to whether you're young or old," he said. "There's not much to fall back on if you're young. It's really her work that people are judging."

Linder said that aside from some good natured-ribbing from her mostly older peers, her age has mostly served a positive force of motivation.

"Most of the time I just laugh it off and try to step it up that much more because I want everybody to regard me as an equal," she said.

# Running for Romp

Local girls practice at school for Reindeer Romp 5K in Reston.

BY CANNON COOK  
THE CONNECTION

**A**t White Oaks and Ravensworth elementary schools, girls from ages 8-13 have been stepping up and onto the race course.

The girls are participating in Girls on the Run, an international running program, to help them prepare for the Dec. 6 Reindeer Romp 5K in Reston.

The 10-week long training program started in September and leads all the way up to the week of the race. The goal is to educate and prepare preadolescence girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

"The program is set-up to be low-key" said Rachel Sachetti, the coach for Girls on the Run at Ravensworth. "It's easy to tailor to the abilities of the girls. It's about setting realistic goals and meeting those goals. It's about making these girls feel good on the inside and build their self esteem."

For these girls the program is simple. They meet twice a week, complete activities, interact together and discuss issues that affect young girls as they enter into adolescence. They discuss bullying and promote things like teamwork as a way to deal with social pressures and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

With only 20 spots open for runners at each school, the program fills up quickly. At White Oaks, the registration opened at 12 p.m. and all 20 spots were filled by 12:03 p.m.

About 2,500 girls from the Northern Virginia area participating in their event, and each girl needs a buddy runner to run with them on the course come race-day, which creates a total of about 5,000 runners.

Sachetti also sees the impact this is having on the families as well. "What's great is that all these girls have a buddy runner, a friend or family member who's going to run with them," she said. "It's great that we're getting families involved."

Despite the differences in ages among the girls, Sachetti sees the teamwork forming among the runners. "The girls are really positive and take it upon themselves to show their encouragement to each other," she said.

White Oaks Elementary recently ran a time trial for the 5K race. The race began



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**Third Grader Elizabeth More competes in the White Oaks time trial.**

at approximately 7:45 a.m., and all of the girls were in class by opening bell.

Deana DeMare, one of the White Oaks Girls on the Run coaches, was amazed by the girls' ability to overcome adversity. "I think their effort and determination in doing something they weren't sure they could do was what impressed me the most," she said. "They signed up for this without a context and still overcame."

Janet Worthman's daughter Karen is a runner in the White Oaks Girls on the Run program. "My daughter came to me and said that she wanted to do this, and I wanted to make sure she was dedicated, knowing that there were a limited number of spots. She and I woke-up early everyday for a week to run, and she did it with no complaints or reluctance."

Because of the successes they have had, both White Oaks and Ravensworth hope to participate again with Girls on the Run when it's offered again either this spring for the "Daisy Dash" and next fall.

## More

Learn more about the Girls on the Run program at [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org).

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**Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.**  
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 1, Section 1, Lucius Addition to Kenwood as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2152 at page 490, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3841 Gallows Road, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$40,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.375 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET**

Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a \$150.0 million budget for calendar year 2009.

On Thursday, December 11, 2008, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2009 Budget in its offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed on our website at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed budget should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Revenues are expected to be \$150.0 million in 2009. Water sales are expected to provide \$125.1 million. Approximately \$24.9 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources. The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2008	2009
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$40,719	\$42,788
Power and Utilities	11,015	13,191
Chemicals	9,288	10,625
Fuel	989	1,028
Postage	419	449
Insurance	1,254	1,289
Supplies and Materials	3,492	3,694
Contractual Services	6,109	6,797
Professional Services	1,321	1,364
Other	1,964	1,981
Sub-Total	76,570	83,206
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(8,574)	(8,667)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,996</b>	<b>\$74,539</b>

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$37,687,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$25,710,000

**NOTICE OF WATER RATE PUBLIC HEARING**

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2008, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2009, include the following:

1. An increase in the availability charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$6,400 to \$7,600.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$800 to \$850†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$28 to \$29.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$6.25 to \$7.05†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$1.70 to \$1.83 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.65 to \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Turn Off/Turn On Charge from \$40 to \$42.
9. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and the Peak Use Charge.
10. An increase in the Sewer Use Meters Charge from \$36 to \$37
11. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$13 to \$14.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our website at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

†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.

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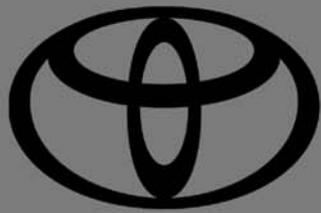
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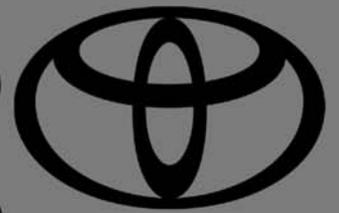
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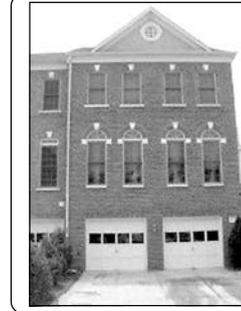
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