



Oakton High senior running back Trey Watts sheds off a Chantilly tackler during the Cougars' dominating 52-14 win over the Chargers in last Saturday's Division 6 Northern Region title game. Next up for the region champs is a home date versus Chesapeake's Oscar Smith High this Saturday afternoon.

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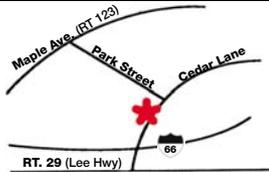
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Santa Mike Graham, poses with a child on his first day back for the holiday season last Saturday at the Tysons Corner Center after a brief contract extension uncertainty.

Santa's Back to Town



Dane Rambler describes to Santa his wishes for the holidays last Saturday at the Tysons Corner Center. The mall's Santa for many years, Mike Graham, went through challenges of his contract extension before coming back for another joyful holiday

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VIEWPOINTS

"What are you most thankful for?"

— DONNA MANZ



Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher, Vienna

"I'm thankful for my healthy family — husband and three boys — wonderful friends and the fabulous Vienna community. I'll be even more thankful when my oldest, a high school senior, gets into college."



Bob Hatter, Vienna

"I'm thankful for family. Unfortunately, none of them are in the local area, so it's a long-distance Thanksgiving. I'm thankful for doctors, too. Our family and American Legion have people with many medical issues and doctors make our lives easier. I'm thankful for our military for protecting us, making us safe and secure, through their sacrifices. Like my family, they're far from their families."



Mackenzie Duffy, James Madison HS student, Vienna

"I am thankful for my three families: my biological family, my church family, and my American Legion family."



State Del. Margaret Vanderhye (D-34)

"This question is especially easy this year. I am thankful that my family members are healthy and that we will be together. Last year, my daughter spent Thanksgiving week in the hospital, and my mom was recovering from a stroke. This year, my son, daughter, their rescue puppies, and friends and family will gather at our house on Lake George in upstate New York. We will celebrate Thanksgiving and kick off the holiday season, too. I feel richly blessed, and I am very grateful."



Pastor Craig Burns, Vienna

"I am thankful that as a direct result of a relationship with God, His blessings have made me very rich in friends and family."



Martha Hatter, Vienna

"I'm thankful for being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and that I am well-enough to do a lot of the programs to help veterans. I have my wonderful husband and three children who are happy and healthy."

Christmas Comes Early For Area Needy

Committee for Helping Others will distribute food cards and gifts Dec. 13

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) reports that requests for emergency services — food, furniture, clothes — has doubled over the past year. Despite a wave of generous donations from the community, however, revenue and contributions have not kept pace with demand.

"CHO's need has sharply increased in recent months," Jim Larson, CHO chair, said. "The community is responding well but we expect the increased need to continue during an extended recession. For that reason, we need even more help — financial, item donation and volunteers from the community."

"Our year-to-year revenue has increased by more than 10 percent during the latest year, but our outflow during the latest two-month period has greatly increased over last year at the same time. This is an indicator for coming months."

Several sponsoring churches, service organizations and individuals made generous donations in the past year, Larson said.

Committee for Helping Others serves the



Sue Barbee and Mayor M. Jane Seeman help families pick out toys at the 2007 CHO holiday distribution site at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

Vienna-Oakton-Dunn Loring-Merrifield area, and will be assisting more than 200 local families in need with food cards and gifts for the holidays. Needy recipients are identified by Fairfax County social services, schools, civic groups and churches.

ON DEC. 13, CHO will play Santa Claus in the hall of Vienna Presbyterian Church as volunteers give out toys, bikes, winter wear and gift items.

CHO's repository of goods — nonperish-

To Contribute

CHO welcomes contributions of food and food cards, coats and other winter clothing, new toys, gently-used bikes and gift cards before Dec. 8. Call the CHO main number at 703-281-7614 to make arrangements for drop-off of goods at Church Street site. Checks can be mailed to CHO, PO Box 233, Vienna, VA 22183.

able food, clothing, toys and furniture — is housed in a property loaned to CHO by Vienna Presbyterian Church.

"The need is greatest for people living in the apartment complexes. That's where we see most distress," Carolyn Mysel, emergency services officer, said.

New immigrants, seasonal employees and out-of-work adults are most affected by the soured economy.

"We're getting calls from people with no place to live," Mysel said. "We helped a young pregnant woman the other day who had no place to go. Children are going to school with no coats."

"We're seeing real emergencies now."

When clients call for food supplies, cans and other nonperishable products are packaged and tailored to the family's needs and size. CHO packages salt-free, diabetic and wheat-free boxes. "We get a lot of requests for the diabetic boxes," Mysel said.

CHO started almost 40 years ago to serve the community when county services cannot fulfill the community's emergency

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Holiday Stroll on Church Street

The entire family is invited to enjoy the holiday ambiance among the shops and attractions on Church Street, in historic Vienna on Monday, Dec. 1, 6-9 p.m. Church Street will be closed between Lawyers Road and Mill Street. Freeman House general store, railroad station and red caboose will be open.

Santa will arrive around 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jane Seeman will light the holiday tree at 6:45 p.m. Enjoy the petting zoo and roast marshmallows at supervised bonfires. Holiday entertainment will be provided by local musical groups. The event is sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. and the Town of Vienna.

Holiday Gifts From Holy Land

American Palestinian Women's Association will hold APWA's Annual Bazaar in Vienna on Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive NE, Vienna. The bazaar will feature Holy Land Christmas ornaments, gifts, embroideries, woodcrafts; hand-made Nabulsi soap that has been made in the same fashion since the time of Cleopatra. Most items displayed have been purchased only this last month straight from Palestinian vendors in Bethlehem Souks who are known for their skill and craftsmanship and who have made crafts and Jerusalem pottery for more than 2,000 years.

Home cooked Palestinian specialties will also be served.

Korean Bell Garden Closer to Reality

The Korean American Cultural Committee along with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority invite the public to Meadowlark Botanical Gardens on Saturday, Nov. 29 at 11 a.m. to the unveiling of the latest designs and announcement of their largest donation yet for a Korean Bell Garden, to be built at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. When completed, this garden with a pagoda and large cast iron bell will be a cultural focal point for the Korean/American community in the region, and will be an attraction that will draw people to the area.

"Meadowlark Gardens in one of the most beautiful places in the region, and the hillside where the Korean Bell Garden will ultimately be located is one of the best sites in the garden, with stunning views of two lakes," said David Chung, the artist who developed the design for the garden.

For more information contact NVRPA at 703-352-5900.

Optimists Launch Christmas Tree Sale

The Optimist Club's Christmas tree stand will open in the parking lot of the Maple Avenue Shopping Center, where the Giant Food Store is located, on Saturday, Nov. 29. Hours are from 2 to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. All proceeds from the Christmas tree sales are donated to charitable and community service projects in the greater Vienna area.

Santa's Ride for Kids Needs New Toys

On Dec. 9, the Town of Vienna Police Motorcycle Unit along with the Fairfax County Police Department and various other area law enforcement agencies will again collect toys for children in need. The toys are distributed to children within various Fairfax County communities and the children at Inova Fairfax Hospital who might not otherwise have such a cheerful holiday season.

The public is asked to donate new unused, unwrapped toys, games, books, stuffed animals and gifts. The gifts will then be collected and distributed to the children by Santa and his elves while riding police motorcycles.

Collection boxes have been placed at the Vienna Police Station at 215 Center Street, South in Vienna. Bring any items by the station no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 8.

NEWS

Safeway Leaves Town

Icon's business model is one of one-stop shopping.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Once rumors take flight, it's not easy bringing them down. Safeway, whose planned closing takes place on Dec. 6, did not file a renovation application despite rumors to the contrary, said Greg Hembree, Planning and Zoning Director, Town of Vienna. The store and the property it sits on does not fit in with the chain's new business model.

"They're going with bigger stores with gas stations, like the one on Nutley," said Hembree.

Walgreen's bought the Safeway property and is taking over the location there. Trader Joe's did not approach the Town about that property, nor did Safeway consider building up. Negotiations for the property sale were between Safeway and Walgreen's, town officials said. "Lisa Levine from Safeway corporate called me, a week ago Monday, and said, 'we're leaving. We just signed a contract with Walgreen's,'" said Vienna mayor, M. Jane Seeman.

"I asked her, 'is there anything we can do to keep you in Vienna?'"

"No," she said. "Our new business model is one-stop shopping." For Safeway, that means bigger stores. There's no commercial area in the Town for them to do that now."

MAYOR SEEMAN says she and

PEOPLE

Care Packages for Troops

A newly developed organic skin cream is providing relief to U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and is now available online at Studio Organics in Vienna. Sara Damelio, an organic beauty specialist and licensed esthetician created the Combat-Ready Balm and continues to donate dozens of care packages containing the product to US troops.

"I'm delighted that my product is useful to our servicemen and women. It was intended to provide skin relief to different people with varying skin conditions without the use of harsh chemicals and



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Harsha Patel likes shopping at the Vienna Safeway. The store's closing she does not like.

other town officials have gotten many e-mails regarding the closing, many of them based on misinformation and rumor.

Levine told the mayor Safeway would have "loved" to have stayed in Vienna, but they do not have the space to do what they want to do with their stores.

Lorraine Saxon and her husband have shopped at Safeway since 1990, when they moved into Vienna. Saxon believes that Safeway is a "big part of this neighborhood."

"We can always count on their personalized service and their commitment to value," Saxon said. "They made it a point to know their customers and the kids by name ..."

Saxon recalls that everyone in the store, from manager to cart attendants, had a "smile, a kind word, and a helpful attitude."

THE PEOPLE working there will be missed, Saxon says.



Lorraine Saxon and her husband have shopped at Safeway since moving to Vienna in 1990. Safeway, she says, is a "big part of this neighborhood."

Harsha Patel of Vienna likes shopping at the Vienna Safeway, as well. The store closing, she says, she does not like. Although Patel occasionally shops at Giant, it is at Safeway she buys most of her groceries.

Tracey and Bob Zillian express regrets, too, over the closing of the store at which they've been "regulars." "We have been going to the Safeway in Vienna for almost 20 years," said Tracey Zillian. "The cashiers have known our daughter Ashley since she was a newborn and she will be 13 next month. Her favorite thing to do is to sit in the magazine aisle and read while we do our shopping. She's very sad about Safeway closing. "Frances never fails to ask about her if I go in to shop without her. I feel like we have known him and Elmer forever. We will definitely feel the loss when the store closes in December."

"Safeway was like a family store," said Bob Zillian.



CONTRIBUTED

Sara Damelio shows her Combat-Ready Balm.

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CRIME

Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police Department through Nov. 21.

ARREST

Marshall Road at Delilah St. S.W.

Sept. 10, 3:11 p.m. Officer Finelli stopped a vehicle for speeding. As Officer Finelli was speaking with the driver, he discovered suspected marijuana inside the vehicle. The driver, a 16 year old male from Fardale Street in Vienna, was arrested, transported to Vienna Police Headquarters, and released to his parents. Petitions will be obtained charging the boy with Possession of Marijuana.

Rexall Drug, 150 Maple Ave. West.

Oct. 23, 11:50 a.m. Officer Maiorana was called to the pharmacy counter for a prescription fraud case with the suspect still on the scene. After interviewing the subject, Officer Maiorana learned that the prescriptions were fraudulent and that a friend in a vehicle outside of the store gave the prescriptions to her for filling. Further investigation revealed additional narcotics in the possession of the individual in the car. Officer Maiorana arrested a 39 year old female of Oak Place in Fairfax and charged her with Prescription Forgery, and 2 counts of

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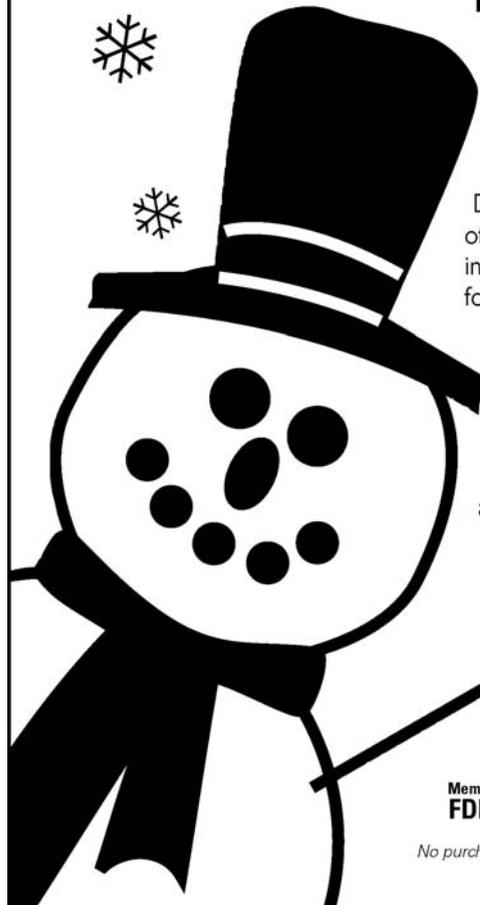
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OPINION

Shop Locally Local shops help define community, and this year, they need local 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 ambience 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

EDITORIALS

Local charities seeing unprecedented demand from struggling families for food and 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

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www.shareofmclean.org, 703-284-2179
- ♦ **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)**,
Vienna, 703-281-7614
- ♦ **Northern Virginia Family Service**,
Oakton, 703-385-3267

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.

— MARY KIMM,

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Virginia's Sheltered Life

PERSPECTIVES

Are we building a permanent poorhouse system instead of solving the tragedy of homelessness.

BY JOHN HOREJSI
SALT

When I purchased my first computer I was delighted to discover that its software package contained "spellcheck." It was amazing to me that in connection with my SALT advocacy leadership work every time I typed in the word "homelessness" the spellcheck would reject it as "no such word." How times have changed. Already we have seen an evolution of a new vocabulary. In the homeless jargon, homeless shelters are of several different kinds: Housing First, Tier I, transitional, soup kitchens, day programs. Hypothermia only shelters, etc. The tragedy is that we run the risk of accepting these as a solution to our affordable housing problems.

Shelters must remain a necessary first response to the requirements for those living on our streets. However, when shelters become the low-income housing of the 2000s, this is not acceptable. Shelters were envisioned to be temporary pending "real" housing solutions. The question is: are we building a permanent poorhouse system instead of solving the tragedy of homelessness?

The fact is, shelters are becoming the low-income housing of the 2000s. So much so, that they represent one of the few growth areas in housing for poor people. The other area of growth is prisons; we're building lots of them in Virginia at an enormous cost — that far exceeds the cost of any other housing approach.

Substituting shelters for meaningful affordable housing has serious consequences. It means that we are well on our way to building a permanent poorhouse system. In short, shelters cannot substitute for real housing for low-income families and poor individuals.

Biblically speaking, God's vision for human beings is that "they shall build houses and inhabit them" (Isaiah 65:21). Housing is understood as a means to preserve and protect all of us.

We are reminded, that our church offers an alternative view, in that the church has traditionally viewed housing not as a commodity, but as a basic human right. Housing is being seriously neglected as a priority of local, state and national concern of governmental action and investment. For example federal housing programs were cut 80 percent in the '80s and those cuts were never restored.

We must always remember that none of us

are immune to homelessness. When persons are unable to secure decent housing their humanness is diminished. The lack of available affordable housing leads to economic hardship, community instability and a sense of hopelessness among families and individuals.

Some surprising facts, in Virginia — the 10th most wealthy state — are: that more and more families in the commonwealth are forced to spend more than 30 percent of their incomes on housing. In Northern Virginia this includes even two income households. Nationally 37.5 million households spent an excess of 30 percent of their income on housing. Also, did you know that 19,550 households in Virginia lack complete indoor plumbing? Additionally, the problem is made worse by Virginia's income distribution among the 50 states — the gap between rich and the poor families — Virginia ranks 43rd (1=best, 50=worst).

Some time ago, SALT & Partners arranged for NOVA legislators to visit a homeless shelter. All, were struck by the fact that there were no homeless residents to be found. It turns out that all were away from the shelter at their jobs, working. So what's going on here? Why

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CRIME

FROM PAGE 5

Illegal Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and booked. She was then released upon her signature.

Beulah Road and Creek Crossing

Road N.E. Nov. 15, 11:15 p.m. Sergeant Reeves was running stationary RADAR on Beulah Road while working the Virginia DMV Selective Enforcement Program which targets drunk driving and observed a vehicle travelling above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted. Upon interacting with the driver, Sergeant Reeves detected signs of possible impairment.

After performing several field sobriety tests, the driver a 17 year old male was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. He was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters and his breath was analyzed to determine his blood alcohol content. The juvenile was then released to his mother. Several other occupants of the vehicle were held and released to their parents at the scene of the stop. The driver was charged with Driving While Intoxicated while Under Age 21 and Driving with More than One Passenger in the Vehicle.

200 Block Lawyers Road N.W. Nov. 17, 3:05 p.m. PFC Shaver observed suspicious activity inside a vehicle while it was stopped in traffic. Subsequently, he noticed a traffic infraction and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

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Beth Lee of Oakton talks to three of her children, Madison, Hannah, and Caleb, Isabel Hansen, who has participated in the event four times and Vicky Alonzo on how important it is to make time to help others. Cathleen Dockweiler of Fairfax, in the background, is busy sorting donated food.



Experiencing Homelessness

BY ANDREW JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

If you were to drive past Vale United Methodist Church Friday night or Saturday morning, Nov. 7-8, then you would've seen close to 40 large cardboard boxes in the neighboring field: about 60 first- through sixth-graders spent the night out sleeping in those boxes.

Vale UMC, along with Fannie Mae and Wesley Housing Development Corporation, hosted its second annual "Homeless Sleepover Experience" over the weekend as an effort to give its children an idea of how those who are homeless live.

THE NIGHT began with a soup line, simulating what a homeless center's dinner would consist of, with chicken noodle soup, rolls and cookies. Following dinner, the children were split into groups for a period of activities that exposed them to the different homeless experiences through three stations: living in a car, living in a shelter and visiting a clinic. Each one undertook the varying aspects of these experiences. The living in a car station focused on the discomfort and sacrifices a family would have to make under that condition by squeezing the children into a car. The clinic station showed how difficult it can be for someone who is homeless to get treatment depending on their insurance and health. The shelter station discussed the circumstances of having to share a room with up to 20 strangers as you slept.

This event was for first- through sixth-graders who were part of the church's "Sprouts" group, a lead-in program for the high-school youth group. The participants learned that out of Fairfax County's 2,000 homeless one-third of them are children, as well as ways that they could contribute to the cause.

As the event went on, the groups made their way outside to set up their boxes for the night, consisting of anything from large refrigerator boxes to multiple boxes taped

Kira and Odin Woitek are engaged in Money of the Month, an exercise that demonstrates minimum wage workers do not make enough money to pay all their bills and still be able to pay rent in the Washington Metropolitan region.



Participants completed a two-mile Mini-Walk for the Homeless along Fairfax County Parkway.

together to provide shelter. By the time that portion had been completed, approximately 40 boxes had been constructed throughout the grounds. Vale UMC also set up firepots

to keep the participants warm as the organizers held group discussions around them. At around 11 o'clock that night, it was time for bed and everyone crawled into their boxes for some sleep.

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, the children were woken up for breakfast and then traveled to Community of Faith (COF) United Methodist Church in Herndon. After completing the two-mile Mini-Walk for the Homeless along Fairfax County Parkway, everyone assisted in COF's Scouting for Food drive by filling boxes with the loads of food that had been coming in all morning. Every Tuesday, there is a food distribution ministry at COF and the fall's Scouting for Food drive brings in more food than at any other point during the year. What started nine years ago as helping out about 12 families has exploded to nearly 80 families so the large quantities of food are always welcomed. When all was said and done, their pantry was close to full with at least 200 boxes.

After spending an evening learning about the homeless' people hardships, a night living it and a morning helping the cause, the participants of the Homeless Sleepover Experience covered every aspect that goes into assisting the homeless in their community.

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is looking for volunteers to provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Western Fairfax Ministries will provide information about a family in need, and the volunteer will deliver the basket(s) directly to the sponsored family. Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcma.org.

The Wonder of Christmas Holiday Concert, 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7 at Columbia Baptist Church, 103 West Columbia St., Falls Church. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, the Kids Praise Children's Choir, soloists, dance, and classic Christmas carols. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for our world hunger fund. 703-534-5700 or www.columbiabaptist.org.

Epiphany United Methodist Church Annual Christmas Bazaar, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6. Silent auction, crafts, Poinsettias, wreaths and centerpieces for sale; baked goods and lunch also available. Located at 1014 Country Club Drive N.E., Vienna. 703-938-3494.

Faith and Public Policy Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8:30 a.m., Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. "Green Architecture - Environmental Stewardship in our Churches and Homes," with speakers Joe Volk, Executive Director of Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Mark Turner, Founder and CEO of Green Spur. 703-356-7200.

Jone Johnson Lewis discusses what people mean by "spiritual but not religious," at the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Free admission. Address: 225 Nutley St., NW, Vienna. 703-437-3161 or www.esnv.org.

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church Alternative Gift Fair, on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 from 12-4 p.m. at 543 Beulah Road N.E., Vienna. Fair trade artisans market and café. Ten Thousand Villages, Heifer International, Episcopal Relief and 5 Talents International will be represented. 703-255-1411 or www.holycomforter.com.

The Women of St. Dunstan's Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, VA 22101. The Fair will be in the Parish Hall from 9:15 am to 12:30 pm. Local artisans will display and sell their goods, such as pottery, needlework, and photography. A children's craft table and refreshments will be provided. Come and start your holiday shopping at St. Dunstan's! Contact office@stdunstans.net or call 703-356-7533 for more information.

Messiah Sing, with soloists and orchestra, Saint Luke Festival Choir and chamber orchestra, Paul Skevington, artistic Director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor. 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Chanukah Wonderland at Tysons Corner, 8100 Oak St., just off Gallows Road in Vienna, from Sunday, Dec. 14 through Friday, Dec. 26. Sunday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free admission. Meet Judah Maccabee, tour the Chanukah House, make candles, build a giant Lego menorah, design cards for Israeli soldiers. Arts and crafts, games, olive oil show and olive press, Chanukah Superstore and café, Chanukah Mad Science, Katie Balloons and comedy and magic shows. 703-821-7770 or www.chabadtysons.com.

NEWS

Donations, Volunteers Needed

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needs. Businesses, civic groups, churches and individuals pitch in to fill the void. Our Lady of Good Counsel donated \$4,500 from proceeds of a fund raiser.

"People in this area are really thinking of others less fortunate," Mystel said. "The community is responding to local needs."

TO DONATE FOOD and food cards, coats and other winter clothing, new toys, gently used bikes and gift cards, make arrangements before Dec. 8. For donation informa-

tion, call the automated system at 703-281-7614 and leave message and return phone number. Cash contributions can be mailed to CHO, P.O. Box 233, Vienna, VA 22183. CHO is 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Distribution of food cards, toys, clothing, gift items and children's accessories takes place Dec. 13, between 9:30-11 a.m., at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

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Reggae Night with The Iternals and The One Band. 8 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 27

The Feast: Bo Jankans, Sleepy Hollow, Blackbox Entertainment and Trekot. Hip-hop. 9 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

The Grandsons. 8 p.m. Roots rock at The Barns. Tickets \$16. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts Showcase, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Admission \$3. A wide range of unique art and craft items. Visit www.nvhg.org.

Fastball, Shane Hines and the Trance and MHR. Pop/rock. 7:30 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Friday/Nov. 28

Warrenton Author Susan Crites will be reading and signing her children's book "I Love You More Than Rainbows," 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Tyson's Corner Borders, 8027 Leesburg Pike Suite 100, Vienna. 703-556-7766 or www.susancrites.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 29

John Eaton. 7:30 p.m. Classic songs at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Enter the Haggis. Celtic rock. 8 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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The Haddad Youth Ballet presents The Nutcracker with international guest artists at Madeira School, Georgetown Pike McLean, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are: Adult \$23, Seniors/Students \$20, Child \$16. Tickets & Info 703 759 3366.

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Jody Marshall, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Reservations required. \$15. Call 703-759-3309.

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MONDAY/DEC. 1

Rosie Thomas and Friends present "A Very Rosie Christmas" with Sheila Saputo and Cheyenne. Indie/folk. 8 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Patrick Henry Bookworms. 3 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Youth book club. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Call for titles. 703-938-0405.

Wonderful Ones. 10:30 a.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. Stories and activities. Age 15 - 23 months with adult. 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.

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Annual Church Street Holiday Stroll, co-sponsored by the Town of Vienna, Historic Vienna and the merchants of Church Street. Church Street is closed to vehicular traffic between Lawyers Road and Mill Street, and visitors are invited to stroll along the street amid the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Santa Claus greets children at the Freeman House.

TUESDAY/DEC. 2

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Mothers First of McLean/Vienna, 10:15 a.m. at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

Melissa Ferrick. Folk rock. 7:30 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Around the World on Film, 6:45 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Adults. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Dinosaur Rock, 10:30 a.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Library. Stories

and activities. Ages 2-6. 7415 Arlington Blvd. 703-573-1060.

Preschool Storytime, 1:30 p.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library. Stories and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-790-8088.

THURSDAY/DEC. 4

Schooner Fare, 8 p.m. Maritime tunes and high-energy folk at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Adrian Legg, Fingerstyle guitar. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

29th Annual Tiny Tots Concert, with the James Madison High School Wind Symphony and Color Guard. 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$5 at www.jmhsband.org or 703-319-2110. Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. tinytots@jmhsband.org.

Thursdays for Twos, 10:30 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Stories activities and craft. Age 2 with adult. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League, 3 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library. Ages 12-18 learn and play. 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

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The Kennedys. Acoustic/pop/folk. 7:30 p.m. \$18. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Numa and Politicks. Rock/soul/reggae 10:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

29th Annual Tiny Tots Concert, with the James Madison High School Wind Symphony and Color Guard. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets \$5 at www.jmhsband.org or 703-319-2110. Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. tinytots@jmhsband.org.

English Conversation, at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East,

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Viva Vienna U10G VYS travel soccer team won the tournament with four straight victories, 16 goals scored and only two allowed.

Viva Vienna Wins Great Falls Tournament

The U10G VYS travel soccer team, Viva Vienna, won the championship at the 3rd Annual VIP Soccer Tournament sponsored by the Vanessa Pean Foundation and Great Falls Soccer Club over Columbus Day weekend. Viva Vienna started off the tournament strong with a 5-0 win over the Alexandria Revolution Black. The next game against the Annandale Boys/Girls Club X-treme Red was a close game. Viva Vienna dominated and scored three goals, but ABGC was awarded two penalty kicks during the match and converted on both. However, Viva Vienna prevailed and won the game 3-2. Next day, the Viva Vienna faced off against the Fredericksburg Premier. It was

another shut out for Viva Vienna with a 5-0 victory over Fredericksburg. The final game was against a very physical Ashburn team. It was an intense battle that resulted in another shut out with a 3-0 victory. For the weekend, Viva Vienna had four-straight victories with 16 goals scored and only two against.

The Viva Vienna team members include Emily Calhoun, Nicole Carrillo-Vallejo, Rachel Carlton, Madeline Chiarizia, Celia Dauerer, Kailyn Fee, Audrey Kellan, Cathy Maroney, Charis McClain Vanessa Natale and Samantha Sechser. They are coached by Jill Maroney with the assistance of Thomas Chiarizia.

SCHOOLS

Send School Notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Oakton High School Dance Team Clinic, Dec. 15-18, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Open to students in grades 7-12. Pre-clinic registration \$90, registration at the door \$100. Contact Missy Isakowitz at isakowitz5@gmail.com or Coach Rowley at Karen.Rowley@fcps.edu.

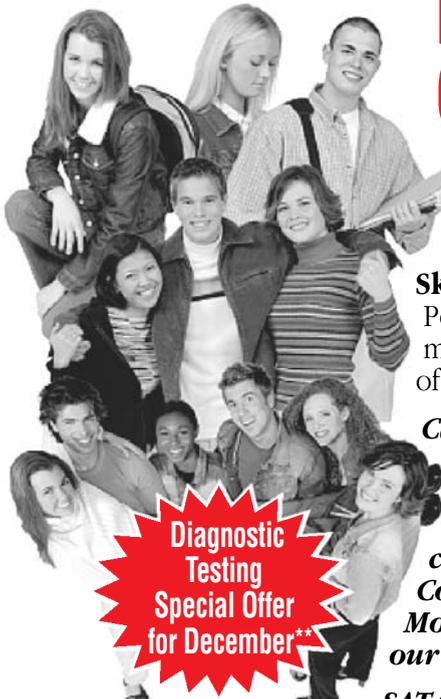
Michael H. Chen of Oakton has received a master of science degree in computer information systems from Boston University.

Two Vienna seniors, **Daniela Domestici**, majoring in psychology, and **Valerie Nelson**, majoring in theology/ religion, are among the Marymount University students who have been named to the 2008 "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

Alyssa Marie Mesich, daughter of Sandy and Gary Mesich of Vienna, was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma at James Madison University. Mesich is majoring in business administration.

Air Force Airman David A. Haase has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where he earned distinction as an honor graduate. Haase is the son of Rebecca Haase of Sunny Creek Cove, Vienna, and grandson of Bella Garber of Estate Lane, Dallas, Texas. Haase received a bachelor's degree in 2007 from the University of Texas, Austin.

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young people with peers. For the Life is Sweet fund raiser, buddies worked alongside master pastry chefs, learning from them and forming friendships.

"This is so beautiful. Helping is good. We're honored to do this and we'd love to do it every year."

— **Silva Sarkees**

Former White House pastry chef, Roland Mesnier, co-chaired the fund raiser with Victoria Patton.

"I've never met so many developmentally-challenged young people who are such spirited people" Mesnier said. "They're looking at us to show them the way to lead more independent lives.

"I love to help young people. We have to pay back to the community."

Best Buddies founder, Anthony Kennedy Shriver, and his father, Sargent Shriver, greeted guests and posed for photos with "buddies."

Cameron Graham of McLean paired with chef Patrick Bazin of Bazin's on Church in Vienna for three years now. Wearing her tall toque blanc, Graham piped raspberry puree on Bazin's white chocolate mousse cups. "I like cooking," Graham said.

Connor Mirt, a Davis Center student, was half of the only same-school pairing. Chef Harry Sarkees, owner of Silva's Patisserie in Vienna was, himself, a George C. Marshall High School graduate in 1992. Mirt helped Sarkees put white and dark chocolate dots on Sarkees' coconut passion fruit petit fours.

Anthony Kennedy Shriver signed Silva's fondant Jackie Kennedy wedding dress.

"This is so beautiful," Silva Sarkees, Silva's namesake, said. "Helping is good. We're honored to do this and we'd love to do it every year."

The live and silent auctions featured donations from spas, hotels, restaurants and even automobile racing techniques. Audi of Tysons Corner housed the Life is Sweet event and hosted valet parking, as well.

Tickets and auction revenues were approximately \$60,000, said Allison Coles, state director, Best Buddies. Sponsorships were also \$60,000 and with the largess of Audi of Tysons Corner, expenses were minimal.

For more information, go to www.bestbuddiesvirginia.org.

— **DONNA MANZ**



Best Buddy Connor Mirt with Chef Buddy Harry Sarkees of Vienna and Best Buddies founder, Anthony Kennedy Shriver, left.



Best Buddy Cameron Graham of McLean with Chef Buddy Patrick Bazin and Julie Bazin of Bazin's on Church.

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SPORTS



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Chantilly quarterback Roger Strittmatter and the Chargers had a tough day against Oakton last Saturday afternoon.

Cougars Crush Chantilly in Football Finals Coach Joe Thompson's Oakton squad is headed to the state playoffs.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It took only a few minutes for Oakton to take the charge out of the Chargers during last Saturday afternoon's Division 6 Northern Region championship football game between the host Cougars and visiting Chantilly.

The much-anticipated title game between the two Concorde District foes was as lopsided an affair as one could imagine as still unbeaten Oakton (13-0) sapped Chantilly and its strong allegiance of traveling fans of its enthusiasm and energy before even the first quarter of play had been completed. The final score was 52-14 Oakton.

"We just exploded on all cylinders," said Oakton senior linebacker Jack Tyler, a team captain.

Oakton, with the win, captured its first region crown since 2005 and is now set to take part in the Division 6 state AAA playoffs where it will meet visiting Oscar Smith High of Chesapeake in a semifinals game this Saturday afternoon at Oakton. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m.

Chantilly, which had given Oakton a much closer game in a 17-15 road loss during a regular season meeting Oct. 3, saw its season end at 9-4.

RARELY HAS a team and its fan base been taken out of a championship game faster than what Chantilly was on Saturday. The fired-up Chargers, with the visiting bleachers behind them filled to near capacity with their supporters, lost in embarrassing fashion as they never came remotely close to making a game of it. Oakton, on the gorgeous, crisp fall afternoon, played with a confidence and swiftness from the very start, as if the team expected to win big all along. The Cougars, to the delight of their hearty fan base, jumped out to a 21-0 lead after one

quarter before continuing their dominance with 24 more second-quarter points to put the game away at 45-0 going into the half-time intermission.

"That was most definitely the best half we've played this year," said Oakton senior quarterback Chris Coyer, who ran for three touchdowns and passed for two more in the blowout.

Oakton scored on all seven of its first-half possessions, including a 28-yard field goal by Ray Goins on the final play of the half. On two occasions, Oakton touchdowns were set up by long interception returns — pickoffs by defensive backs Andrew Leonard (19-yard return) and Joey Kopfman (45-

"Winning [the region] is a dream come true."

— Joey McCallum, Oakton senior

yard return).

Coyer capped the game's first possession with a 5-yard scoring run off the left side. Then, a little while later, Oakton running back Jonathan Meadows, who led the Cougars with 111 yards rushing, broke off tackle and into open field for a 27-yard touchdown run for the Cougars' second score.

But the feeling of a big-time rout was unmistakable when, on the first play of Oakton's next possession, Coyer dropped back and threw a beautiful, deep sideline pass that receiver Matt Chandler caught in stride before gliding into the end zone for a 51-yard scoring play. Goins' extra point kick, the third of seven he would make on the day, made it 21-0.

And it got worse from there for Chantilly as Oakton scored touchdowns on its first three possessions of the second quarter — on runs by Coyer (2 and 1 yards out) and running back Trey Watts (22-yard run).

Oakton, in the first half accumulated 314

offensive yards to 47 for Chantilly and piled up 10 first downs to the Chargers' two.

DURING THAT FIRST half, the Oakton defense totally shut down Chantilly star running back Torrian Pace, who managed only 22 yards on 10 carries before the half. Pace, perhaps the top running back in the region this year, broke through for a long 63-yard touchdown run off the right side during the third quarter for Chantilly's first touchdown and best play of the game. Pace finished the game with 111 yards on 18 carries.

But Oakton kept Pace in check during the first half when the game was decided.

"Our main goal was to stop him," Tyler said. "Torrian is one of the hardest running backs to tackle and all week [leading up to the game] we knew we had to tackle him well."

For Oakton, Coyer, the team's left-handed throwing quarterback, completed nine of 15 passes for 184 yards and the three touchdowns. His top receiving targets were Watts (five catches, 44 yards, one TD) and Ryan Harris (two catches, 61 yards). Coyer's 7-yard touchdown pass to Watts midway through the third quarter gave Oakton a stunning 52-0 lead.

Coyer credited his offensive line in the big win.

"Our offensive line has come together very well and has been performing at a level exactly how we want," he said.

One week earlier, Oakton nearly lost a 27-point lead in a wild 49-43 home win over West Springfield in a region semifinals game.

"Forty-three points was the most we gave up all season and we were pretty upset by that," said Oakton senior linebacker Joey McCallum. "We thought we had a lot to prove [against Chantilly]. Everyone said we couldn't stop Torrian Pace. Winning [the region] is a dream come true."

ROUNDUPS

The **Marshall High Boosters** will be selling Christmas trees once again this holiday season. Every year the booster club runs a tree lot to raise much-needed capital to keep the Statesmen's sports and activities programs funded. All the monies raised will go right back to the school's athletic/activities programs.

Josh Huson, a McLean High School graduate, nailed six extra-point kicks for the Gettysburg College football team in its 54-21 Centennial Conference win over Franklin & Marshall last Saturday afternoon. The game was played in rainy conditions at Gettysburg's Shirk Field in Musselman Stadium. With the regular season finale win, the Bullets, who were celebrating Senior Day, finished the season 5-5. Huson, a senior kicker, finished his career with 203 points, which ranks second on both the Gettysburg and Centennial Conference charts for kick scoring.

At McLean, Huson was an All-District football player and a team captain for the Highlanders. He was also an infielder for the McLean baseball team. John's cousin, Jeff Huson, played major league baseball from 1988 through 2000.

The **Reston Triathlon Association** has decided on a date of registration for the 2009 Reston Triathlon, which will take place Sunday, Sept. 13. Triathletes can only register online for this event Monday, Dec. 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Go to the Web site at restontriathlon.org for full information. Cost is \$125 for USAT members and \$135 for registration and one day USAT membership. The race is a 1-mile swim in Lake Audubon, 22.3-mile bike ride on rolling Reston roads and a 10K run on shaded Reston pathways. The race starts at the Lake Audubon boat ramp and ends at the South Lakes High School stadium.

The **U14 Great Falls Fire** girls soccer team is looking to add several players, including a goalkeeper to its roster. The team competes under the club umbrella of Great Falls in WAGS and tournament play. Its focus is foot skills, player development and higher level team play; winter training indoors/outdoors. The team's coach is Krisztian Mikoczi. For information or to arrange tryout, contact manager, Karen Shaban at sshaban@aol.com or at 703-901-7232.

The **Flint Hill Huskies** lost their first swim meet of the season to the Bishop Ireton Cardinals. The Flint Hill boys fell, 95-65, while the girls lost by a 101-67 score. Double event winners for Flint Hill included: Jenna Jacoby (200 IM, 100 fly), Jessica Spiegel (200 free, 100 free) and Chan Park (200 free, 100 fly).

Filled With Anticipation



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It may just be me, but I doubt it. And what it is that I don't doubt, is, my renewed enthusiasm about buying gasoline. To say I'm excited at the prospect would be a bit of an exaggeration. To say that I am positive about the former negative would definitely be more accurate. And though \$2 per gallon savings (give or take), equating to approximately \$30 savings per week per driver/car, is not going to fund my retirement, it does, however, represent a nearly 50 percent reduction in our weekly gasoline/commuting allowance.

Sometimes the dollar amount saved sounds better than the percentage discounted, and vice versa. With respect to the declining cost of a gallon of gasoline recently, the latter is more impressive than the former. Still, a \$2 price reduction per gallon is significant no matter the percentage amount discounted.

And that's the money you can take to the bank, literally and/or figuratively. And who doesn't want to "go" to the bank? It's "coming" from the bank, after having had to withdraw money that's the problem. As is \$4 per gallon, gasoline a problem, for me anyway. No matter the trip — or distance — behind the wheel, be it business, pleasure, errands, gasoline, etc., I can't stop looking at my gas gauge and/or my car's how-many-miles-left-in-the-tank indicator, and prepare, mentally and fiscally, for the next much-sooner-than-preferred, gasoline purchase. Combining trips certainly stems the emotional and financial tide, as does using public transportation but as a percentage, the dollars saved by utilizing these strategic alternatives seems hardly worth mentioning, so I won't.

But spending \$2 for a gallon of gasoline (of late) and getting 10 gallons for my meager \$20 purchase certainly seems worth it, and it seems like value I haven't received at the gas station in years. Moreover, given the present economic climate, value and/or the perception of value seems to have come and gone. Finding it again, two or three times a week (depending on the driving circumstances), at the gas station of all places, is like finding money on the street or winning at Black Jack: totally unexpected and greatly appreciated. However, since there's no shortage of places to spend your winnings (so to speak), the thrill is rather temporary. But given the likely fact that you're buying gasoline multiple times a week, the thrill is not gone (sorry, B.B.), it's recurring. In effect, for the time in which we're being, it's the gift that keeps on giving. And what used to be a nightmare (\$4 and up for a gallon of gasoline), and a recurring one at that, has now become a dream come true (spending 50 percent less for a gallon of gasoline than previously) and a dream that you're reminded of every time you gas up without paying up.

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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)
Total	\$67,996	\$74,539

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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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.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Vienna Fall leaf collection: third of four passes through town. Begins on the north side of town. All leaves must be at the curbside prior to the first scheduled collection day for each pass through your area. Leaf collection crews may take several days to finish an area, but will only pass your address once during each collection period. Call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.
Vienna Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6303.

MONDAY/DEC. 1

School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. 703-385-7910 or www.fairfaxva.gov/School.
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.
Alcohol & Drug Committee of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, 7 p.m. at the ADS Administrative Office, Suite 100, 3900 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. 703-934-2682.

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.

TUESDAY/DEC. 2

Windover Heights Board of Review meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6341
Annual Meeting of Members and Holiday Party for the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Boone & Sons Jewelers, 1320 Old Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Vote for the 2009 Board of Directors and Officers. Katharine Ryan, 703-356-5424 or kryan@mcleanchamber.org. www.mcleanchamber.org.
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
Animal Services Advisory Commission, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. 703-324-0206.
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

University of Virginia Education Programs Information Night, 5-7:30 pm at 7054 Haycock Rd., Falls Church. Graduate degree and endorsement programs in reading, special education, school library media, ESL and more. 703-536-1105 or www.scps.virginia.edu/northern/infonight.
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.

Call to End Homelessness

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are they in shelters anyway?
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along with the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH), has proposed a rental assistance program to assist working families to move off welfare and out of shelters and to make it possible for others to move into shelters and off the streets and out of the woods.
 In our shelters, we serve those who are usually able-bodied working people, yet they cannot afford a roof over their heads. They are a vital part of our economic work force. The sad fact is that the lack of affordable housing will curb economic growth and damage a generation of homeless children unless Virginia makes continuing investment in its housing future.
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