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Santa takes a moment to pose with a Herndon family during the town's Christmas Tree Lighting celebration last Saturday.

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Members of the Herndon High School Wind Ensemble and Symphonic bands perform Christmas carols for the assembled revelers.



Herndon Mayor Stephen DeBenedittis addresses the audience.

Providing Basic Needs

LINK seeks help to meet demand for Dec. 20 distribution.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHC
THE CONNECTION

A few weeks ago the volunteers at LINK, an emergency support organization of faith communities in Herndon and Sterling, received a phone call from a woman seeking food assistance for her family. As they do 52 weeks per year, each year since 1972, the volunteers paid a visit and delivered some food.

"They literally had one box of crackers and one can of soup," Betty Eidemiller, Herndon resident and LINK president, said. Eidemiller said the family in question had applied for other assistance, but LINK volunteers provided necessary relief at the time. "We put something in the pantry," Eidemiller said. "It's a very immediate need and it's a basic need."

The need is on the rise. LINK volunteers distributed 35,000 pounds of food and 1,150 used coats and sweaters to almost 3,000 people during the annual Thanksgiving food and coat distribution event Nov. 22. A record number of 84 walk-in families, those that did not register for the event but heard about it, were also served. The event almost wiped clean the shelves in the organization's food pantries, with only some boxed dry pasta and cereal remaining. "We pretty much gave away all the food that we had," Eidemiller said. Now the organization is asking local governments, businesses, churches, schools and citizens to contribute to its Christmas food and toy distribution Dec. 20.

"This isn't cavalier, they want food."

— Mark Gunderman, LINK spokesman and Sterling resident

"NORMALLY WE GET enough food at Thanksgiving to carry over for Christmas," Lisa Lombardozi, a Herndon resident who runs the LINK Holiday program, said. "We know the need is great," Lombardozi said, judging by the phone calls the volun-

Town Lights Christmas Tree

Herndon residents celebrate "wonderful tradition."

BY PAUL D. SHINKMAN
THE CONNECTION

Amid snow flurries and subfreezing temperatures, members of the Herndon community braved the elements last Saturday to kick off the holiday season by singing carols, lighting the town Christmas tree and meeting Chris Kringle himself.

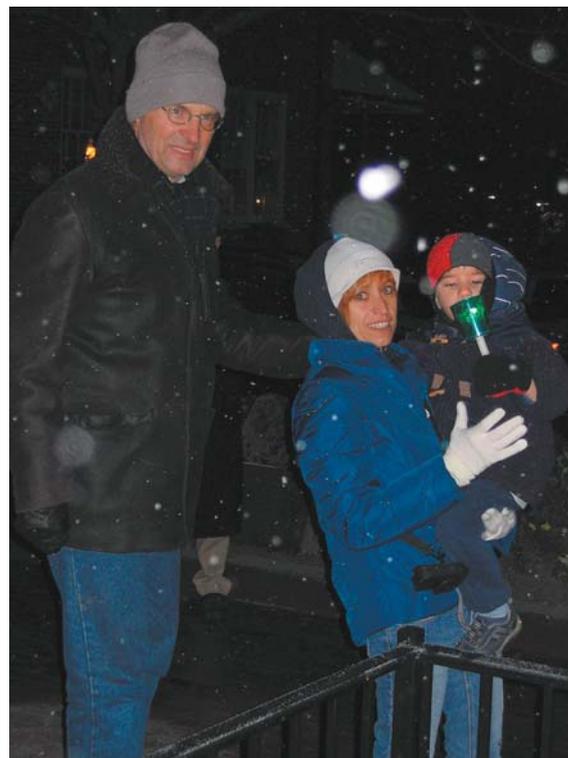
"It's a wonderful tradition," said Eileen Curtis, the president of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the annual event, "and it's particularly atmospheric this year."

While snow was falling, revelers bearing candles assembled in front of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce to sing carols led by members of the Herndon High School band and their director, Kathleen Schoelwer.

"This is her first year as band director," explained Reston resident Steven Scott, the president of the Herndon HS Band Parents Association. "The last director was here for 30 years so she has big shoes to fill, but she's doing great."

Freshman Alan Hall plays the saxophone for the Herndon HS Wind Ensemble, which contributed the majority of the evening's musicians. "It's very cold," said Hall, who was participating for the first time. "But I don't mind, it's such a happy and festive event."

This year marked a first for some residents, including Norbert and Sandrine Weckert who just moved to Herndon from



Norbert and Sandrine Weckert with their 3-year-old son, David, sing along with the carols.

their native France last year with their 3-year-old son, David.

"It's lovely," the couple said, further explaining that this kind of caroling is not typical of their previous home. David was quick to add that he particularly enjoys singing "Feliz Navidad."

For others, this year continued a long tradition. Barbara H. Harding moved to the

neighborhood on Christmas in 1950 and has since made a point of playing her accordion for the children at this event.

"I particularly like when the tree is lit," said Harding, "and we walk up to it singing 'Jingle Bells' and 'Joy to the World.'"

After about 20 minutes of caroling, two-term Herndon Mayor Stephen DeBenedittis addressed the crowd for a few minutes about the many other local holiday events taking place in the following days, including the Holiday Model Train Show on the Dec. 13 and Santa's Workshop on Dec. 20. DeBenedittis and the audience then counted down for the lighting of the Christmas tree adorning the lawn of the adjacent Town Hall.

"This has been a great year," said DeBenedittis. "Our challenge for the new year will be the budget, but we are working very hard."

A few moments later and after much anticipation, a Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co. truck with blaring sirens and flashing lights came roaring up Lynn Street bearing a very well lit Santa Clause who, after dismounting, greeted those in attendance and passed out candy.

The Herndon HS band will perform next at their Winter Concert, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. More information on local

Herndon events can be found at herndon-va.gov.

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— Mayor Stephen DeBenedittis

WEEK IN HERNDON

Arrest Made in Carjacking

Sterling resident Oscar Dale Hibbs, 27, turned himself into the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center on Thursday, Dec. 4, and was charged with one count of carjacking. An investigation by the Fairfax County Police detectives resulted in Hibbs's arrest for the incident that occurred on September 27, at 1:15 a.m., in which a 52-year-old Reston woman was the victim. She was standing next to her 2004 Toyota Corolla near the intersection of Dranesville Road and Leesburg Pike when a man pushed her aside and took her car. The car was later discovered abandoned in Washington, D.C.



Hibbs

quent Herndon and Reston areas. He is 5 feet 5 inches tall and 140 pounds with short black hair.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Fitts is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP1870 plus the message to CRIMES (274637). A \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information that leads to his arrest. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court.



Fitts

Coppermine Boundary Meeting

Fairfax County Public Schools will hold a second town meeting to solicit input in determining boundaries for a new elementary school under construction at the Coppermine site in Herndon, located on River Birch Drive. The new school will feature 32 classrooms and serve students in grades kindergarten-sixth. Schools involved in the boundary study include Floris, Herndon, Hutchinson, McNair and Oak Hill elementary schools. The second town meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Franklin Middle School.

'A Celebration of Giving and Sharing'

Volunteer Fairfax is seeking volunteers for its annual children's program, "A Celebration of Giving and Sharing." Students in select Fairfax County schools will receive backpacks full of books and toys and talk to community volunteers about the importance of giving sharing and giving back. After benefiting from volunteerism, the partner schools engage their students in volunteer projects.

The schools are selected based on need, with nearly half of their students qualifying for the free and reduced-price lunch program. One of the three schools selected this time is Hutchison Elementary, located at 12309 Parcher Ave., in Herndon. The delivery day is Thursday, Dec. 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and the celebration day is Friday, Dec. 12, from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

For more information and to sign up, call Samantha Watson at 703-246-3862 or e-mail VolunteerFairfaxCGS@gmail.com.

FISH Holiday Food and Gift Boxes

Herndon-Reston FISH Inc., is seeking nonperishable food donations for the December food boxes. The goal is to provide food for 650 people, about 200 families.

Donations are also needed to buy a \$10 grocery store gift certificate for each box. Gift donations are requested for children, from infants to teenagers, for the December food and gift boxes. Gift cards are preferable for the teens. Volunteers are welcome to help collect, sort, pack and deliver food boxes Dec. 15-18, at 11484 Washington Plaza West, Room 140, in Reston. To donate food and gifts, request food pickup or volunteer, contact holiday coordinator Robyn Kampf at 571-926-8019 or rhkampf@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations can be made to Herndon-Reston FISH Inc., 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170. Indicate the check is for the holiday baskets.

Business Counseling at Supervisor's Office

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority will send representatives to several Board of Supervisors' offices once a month to offer free on-site, one-on-one counseling to anyone who wants to start or expand a business in Fairfax County or learn about other business services. Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust's office is one of the host locations. For more information visit www.fairfaxcountyEDA.org or call 703-790-0600.

Crime Solvers Seek Help Locating Man

Fairfax County Crime Solvers are asking for the public's assistance in locating Antonio Pierre Fitts, 20, of no fixed address. Fitts is wanted on two warrants for escape without force and a third warrant for failing to appear in court on an original charge of domestic violence. Fitts is known to fre-

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Crime Scene Investigator

Officer Justin Dyer, right, graduated from the 74th session of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy Nov. 7. The completion of the nine-week course in Richmond certified Dyer as a crime scene investigator. Herndon Police Department Chief Toussaint E. Summers, left, and Pete Marone, director of the Virginia Department of Forensic Science, are also pictured.



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William Cameron Schlifke, 22, born in Fairfax and a graduate of Robinson Secondary School, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, less than three days after his Volkswagen Jetta was rear-ended in Newport News. Schlifke was serving as designated driver for friends in his fraternity at Christopher Newport University. The driver who crashed into him, also a student at CNU, was arrested at the scene and charged with DUI refusal, reckless driving and underage possession of alcohol, and later with involuntary manslaughter.

Earlier this fall, a young man from Fairfax was sentenced to three years in jail for involuntary manslaughter because of a drunk-driving accident on Dec. 3, 2007 that resulted in

Get Involved

Join the Northern Virginia chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for 14th Annual MADD Red Ribbon Run 5K on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at George Mason University in Fairfax. The run begins at 4 p.m., with many activities for families. See www.maddnova.org or call 703-379-1135.

unspeakable tragedy for three families. One family lost a beloved daughter after she clung to live for five brutal days; one family has seen their active son reduced to 70 pounds and "unresponsive" and living in a nursing home; the family of the defendant has also seen life as they knew it change.

DON'T TAKE THE RISK. Plan ahead, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home of your own, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has provided you with a safety net called SoberRide. Take their number with you when you head out, and be sure any young adults in your family are similarly armed.

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Parents are well advised to talk to their teens and let them know that if they find themselves without a safe ride home, that they can call their parents to be picked up. There are consequences of binge drinking for teens that go beyond driving under the influence. But it is also important for parents to let their teens know that whatever happens, it is not OK to drink and drive or to get into a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

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One Made of Many

Herndon High seniors attend naturalization ceremony for immigration lesson.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

It was a trip to Ellis Island last summer that triggered a thought in Douglas Graney's head. Next time he teaches the immigration unit to his Herndon High School Political Science class, why not take the students to a naturalization ceremony?

For the first time in their lives, Graney and about 20 Herndon High seniors, witnessed a ceremony where people became Americans. The students took an active part in the Thursday morning, Dec. 4, ceremony in Fairfax, offering their musical talents and curiosities to hear the immigrants' stories of why they came to the United States. They appreciated the time spent learning out of classroom, as they saw things they could not learn within Herndon High walls or from a

textbook.

"You couldn't see the people's expression, that's not something you can read in a textbook," said Jennifer Chuon, who also sang the national anthem at the ceremony. She said she was nervous at first to sing the anthem in front of a large audience, but then she noticed one of the new citizens singing along with her, which had a calming effect.

"It was great," said Hilary Lesnoski about the ceremony. "I was engaged in it and I had never seen something like it before," she said. "It was interesting to see how many people come here for the American dream."

JHOANNE MONTANO said she could not get the feeling of what it means to become a U.S. citizen from a regular school lesson. She talked to a woman who had just become a citizen after the ceremony and asked her why she came to America. "This woman

just said she came here for destiny," said Montano.

Norma Miranda also talked to a couple of new Americans after the ceremony, including a man from China who came to the U.S. to study medicine, a limited opportunity for him in China. The immigrant whose story touched Miranda the most was a woman who escaped from the civil war in El Salvador, as did Miranda's parents more than 20 years ago. "I really didn't know what it meant to become a citizen," said Miranda, although she often discusses immigration issues with her parents.

Attending school in Herndon has exposed Graney's students to immigration issues, not because they live or attend school in a community where immigration plays a significant political role, but because their friends and family members are immigrants. For example, Montano's parents are Bolivian, but she was born in the



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Jennifer Chuon sings the national anthem at the naturalization ceremony.

United States. Although her parents have not become U.S. citizens, Montano said she would push them to go through the process. "To have the same feeling that I have" as an American. She added that it was gratifying to see people from many cultures become Americans. She said that is what Americans are made of, one nation of many different peoples.

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Area Muslims Celebrate Hajj

The area's Muslim community celebrated the close of Hajj, the obligatory pilgrimage to Mecca for Muslims, and marked the beginning of the three-day Eid ul-Adha holiday with prayer services and a multicultural bazaar at the Washington Convention Center Monday, Dec. 8. The holiday, which translates to "festival of the sacrifice" commemorates Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son at God's command.

"It is a day to remember God and sacrifice and striving to do good deeds and help fellow man," Shirin Elkoshairi, an Ashburn resident and vice president of ADAMS (All Dulles Area Muslim Society), said. "It's really meant to be a celebration," Elkoshairi said of the holiday. "Families get together and eat together. It is a really nice time for us," he said. Worldwide, said Elkoshairi, Muslims sacrifice an animal for the holiday, usually a sheep, and then distribute the meat to the poor. "In tougher places in the world meat is a rarity," Elkoshairi said. Sterling-based ADAMS serves about 5,000 families in Northern Virginia and has satellite locations for Friday prayers in Herndon, Reston, Great Falls, Tysons Corner, Fairfax, Ashburn and South Riding.

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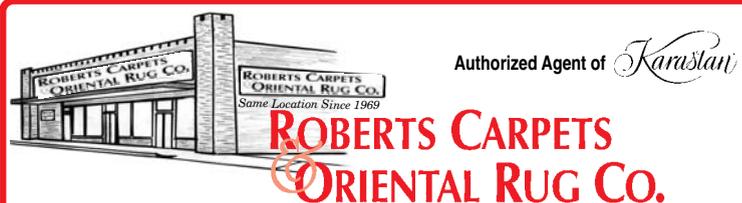
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Community Performances. The Crossfield Elementary Chorus will perform, at 6 p.m., in the Reston Town Center.
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Book Signing. 6-9 p.m., Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, the corner of Elden and Spring streets, Old Town Herndon. Civil War authors Don Hakenson from Alexandria, Chuck Mauro from

FRIDAY/DEC. 12

Bluegrass Concert. Five of a Kind will play the Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Show starts at 8:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12; call 703-435-8377.
Toys for Tots. MIX 107.3's Carson and Chill will broadcast live from Fountain Square in Reston Town Center, from 3-7 p.m., as U.S. Marines accept unwrapped toys and cash donations for Toys for Tots.
Community Performances. The Oak Hill Elementary Sixth-Grade Chorus



Five of a Kind is playing at the Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon, at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12. Call 703-435-8377.

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SUNDAY/DEC. 14

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Community Performances. The Providence Baptist Church Choir will perform, at 8 p.m., in the Reston

MONDAY/DEC. 15

Winter Concert. Herndon Elementary School will have its winter concert at 7 p.m. The strings, band, Herndon High School guitar students and chorus will be performing.

THURSDAY/DEC. 18

Community Performances. The Fox Mill Elementary Treble Choir will perform, at 7 p.m., in the Reston Town Center.

TUESDAY/DEC. 23

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NEWS

Lesson in Citizenship

FROM PAGE 6

RYAN HAYES said it was important to him as an African American that stereotypes about immigrant populations be eliminated. He said attending the ceremony could help those with stereotypical views break those beliefs.

Sarah Wilson said that by growing up in the area she had grown accustomed to many different cultures.

She said it is sad that some people in the area have negative opinions of immigrants. "Being born here, we have it easy," said Wilson.

Brenda Igboegwu, a student who came to the U.S. from Nigeria about 10 years ago, said she saw the ceremony as part of a process she may go through in the future.

Will Geiger said the ceremony showcased the extent of bureaucracy at work, with representatives from a number of U.S. departments, including State and Homeland Security, attending the ceremony. He said about half of the new citizens seemed emotional to become citizens, while the other half seemed relieved to complete the lengthy process. "They're just tired of it," said Geiger.

The students recommended attending a naturalization ceremony to others, even if they are not a part of a group learning about immigration. "It is a great opportunity to learn about people's different cultures," said Lesnoski, a self-described 75 percent Pole.

Will Geiger poses a question on the bureaucratic process to representatives of U.S. Government departments at the ceremony.



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Herndon High senior Norma Miranda, left, speaks to a new American citizen from El Salvador, the same country her parents are from.



FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to **reston/herndon@connectionnewspapers.com** or call 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday.

Congregation Beth Emeth Hazak Chapter, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, hosts prominent speakers and entertainers on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at 1 p.m. Free light refreshments are served. Call 703-860-4515, Ext. 127. The guest list is as follows:

Dec. 16: Laura Shulman, Religious Diversity in the US

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May 19: Speaker from Embassy of Israel

June 16: Year-end Luncheon

Every Wednesday, at 12:15 p.m., **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, offers a lunch-time Healing and Holy Communion service. This half-hour service is offered to all and allows people an opportunity to worship during the work week when they may be away from their regular church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament and all who have not been baptized may receive a blessing at the Altar rail. Call the church Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 703-437-3790 or visit www.saint-timothys.org.

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Horse-drawn carriage rides, Saturdays, **Dec. 13 and 20**, at Reston Town Center, from 12-4 p.m., to benefit local charities.

The duo **Somos el Mar** (Pat Chen and Bill Davis) will present a **benefit holiday concert** at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne Saturday, **Dec. 13**, 7:30-9 p.m. All the proceeds go to UNICEF.

A **Christmas concert** will be held Sunday, **Dec. 14**, 4 and 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. The Joint Vocal and Handbell Choirs of Herndon United Methodist, Holy Cross Lutheran, St. Joseph's Catholic and Trinity Presbyterian Churches will perform. A free will offering will be collected to benefit LINK.

Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, is holding a Sisterhood Chanukah Boutique, Sundays, **Dec. 14**, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Gifts, candies, candles, toys and more will be available. Call 703-860-4515.

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SPORTS

Defensive Minded Herndon off to Fast Basketball Start Hornets, after winning their first two, fall to national power DeMatha.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

There were plenty of positives to focus on in the Herndon High boys first basketball loss of the season last Saturday night — a 66-47 road defeat to national prep school power DeMatha (Hyattsville, Md.).

Against the Stags, the No. 3-ranked high-school team in the nation, the Hornets (2-1) got within nine points in the final quarter after trailing by a 36-19 score at the half.

"It showed us we could play with them," said Herndon coach Chris Whelan, beginning his second season as the program's head coach.

Whelan, just as his predecessor, Gary Hall, did before him, has stressed defensive intensity to his team. He was pleased with the Hornets' defensive showing against DeMatha.

"We played defense extremely well," said Whelan. "That's what we're relying on."

Herndon senior forward Isaac Johnson scored 21 points with 13 rebounds in the loss to DeMatha. Senior guard Marshall Hamilton added 13 points.

Herndon, prior to the DeMatha game, opened the season with home wins over visiting Madison, 52-43, Dec. 2, and Wash-

ington-Lee, 60-40, Dec. 5. In the Madison win, senior Darian Olson led the Hornets with 17 points. Also for Herndon, Hamilton netted 11 points, sophomore guard Austin Hamilton had nine points and Zack Ozycz scored seven.

Madison led Herndon at the half, 27-21, before wearing down in the second half. The visiting Warhawks, the night before, had lost to private-school power Bishop O'Connell, 71-41, on the road.

Madison senior frontcourt player Will Clarkson, the Warhawks' football quarterback this past fall, led his team with 25 points against Herndon. He was the lone Warhawk player in double figures.

HERNDON, in its win over Washington-Lee, received 14 points from Olson, 10 from Ozycz and nine apiece from Austin Hamilton and junior shooting guard Randall Anane.

"We've got a good team right now and we're pretty athletic," Whelan said. "We held both [Madison and Washington-Lee] in the 40s. We work hard on defense every day in practice. We work hard on pressuring and everyone knows what their job is."

Johnson and Anane are returning starters from last year's Herndon team that went 13-11 in Whelan's first season. Johnson,

who is 6 foot 4 inches, earned Second Team All-Concorde District honors. He is likely to be a force this season.

"I think Isaac's the best player in the region," Whelan said. "He just works so hard on his game. Now he's taking his game outside and can shoot the 15-footer."

Whelan has been pleased with the play of the 6-foot-5-inch Ozycz, Herndon's football quarterback the past two years. The frontcourt player did not see many minutes on the hardwood last year, but will be an impact player this winter.

"He works so hard and puts himself in good position," Whelan said. "He's just grown as a player."

Another important front court player is 6-foot-8-inch center Jared Johnson, a part-time starter last year who has improved his physical strength, according to the coach.

Whelan said his players worked hard during the offseason to improve their individual and team skills. The Hornets competed in three summer leagues — Sleepy Thompson (St. Stephen's & St. Agnes), Flint Hill and Madison. Herndon gained the league title in the Madison league.

"They played a ton of summer league games and grew as a team," Whelan said.

Herndon was scheduled to play games this week at Edison Tuesday night and at



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Herndon played a terrific defensive game in its recent home win over Madison.

cross-town rival South Lakes this Friday night at 8 p.m. That game between the Hornets and Seahawks will follow the Herndon-South Lakes girls game as part of a Friday night doubleheader.

Over the Christmas holidays, Herndon will compete at the eight-team Benedictine Tournament in Richmond, from Dec. 27-30.

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teers receive on daily basis from people seeking assistance.

"This is a big jump," said Mark Gunderman, a Sterling resident and LINK spokesman, about the demand for assistance this year. He said that the demand had leveled off in the past few years, but that the 2008 Thanksgiving event saw a big increase in demand. In previous years, he said, LINK served about 25 walk-in families during the Thanksgiving distribution compared to this year's 84. "This isn't cavalier, they want food," Gunderman said. Last year LINK volunteers distributed 510 coats compared to this year's 1,150.

Lombardozi said individual generosity could go a long way to provide enough non-perishable food items — rice, cereal, canned goods, etc. — to help feed the area's needy families for Christmas. Although the economic situation is tough for many people, Lombardozi said the donations have not lacked so far this year. "The donations have actually been about the same," Lombardozi said. The organization had received more coats than it could give out Nov. 22, so it passed 300 coats on to the Good Shepherd Alliance Thrift Store in Sterling. Lombardozi said a low-income housing project, whose residents are usually served by LINK, contributed with a food drive.

IN ADDITION TO seeking food donations to replenish supplies before the December Christmas distribution event, LINK is seeking monetary donations for grocery gift cards, toy donations to distribute to 1,640 children registered for the event and volunteers to help sort and distribute the goods. Eidemiller said that the all-volunteer organization relies on its neighbors and a network of people to help them meet the demand for assistance. "We really are dependent on the good will of people to meet the community's basic needs," she said.

"There's always a need," Gunderman said. "There will always be poor among us."



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LINK distributed more than 35,000 pounds of food during its Thanksgiving food and coat distribution event Nov. 22 to almost 3,000 people in need.

While poverty may not be eradicated, he said, it is important to continue to do the sort of work LINK does on daily basis, especially in a growing community. "We have to have this kind of compassion to foster

Thanksgiving Food and Coat Distribution

- ❖ LINK served 640 needy families during the Thanksgiving food and coat distribution event Nov. 22.
- ❖ Of the 2,980 people served, 1,361 were adults and 1,619 were children.
- ❖ The number includes 84 walk-in families, those who came to the sites by word of mouth.
- ❖ Of the 459 people served as walk-ins, 198 were adults and 261 were children.
- ❖ Guests received five days worth of nonperishable groceries and each family received a grocery gift certificate, which totaled \$12,425.
- ❖ More than 35,000 pounds of food was distributed.
- ❖ 1,150 used coats and sweaters were distributed to 250 families.

hope and good will," Gunderman said.

The Christmas event will provide families with about a week's worth of food and gift cards to grocery stores to buy food that cannot be distributed, such as milk and meats. Lombardozi said LINK provided about \$13,000 in gift cards during the November event and would like to try to give the same amount Dec. 20.

LINK is also asking for donations of 3,000 new and unwrapped toys with a goal of providing most of the 1,640 children, 17 and under, with two toys each. Used toys will be accepted and put into boxes for the families to consider taking if they wish.

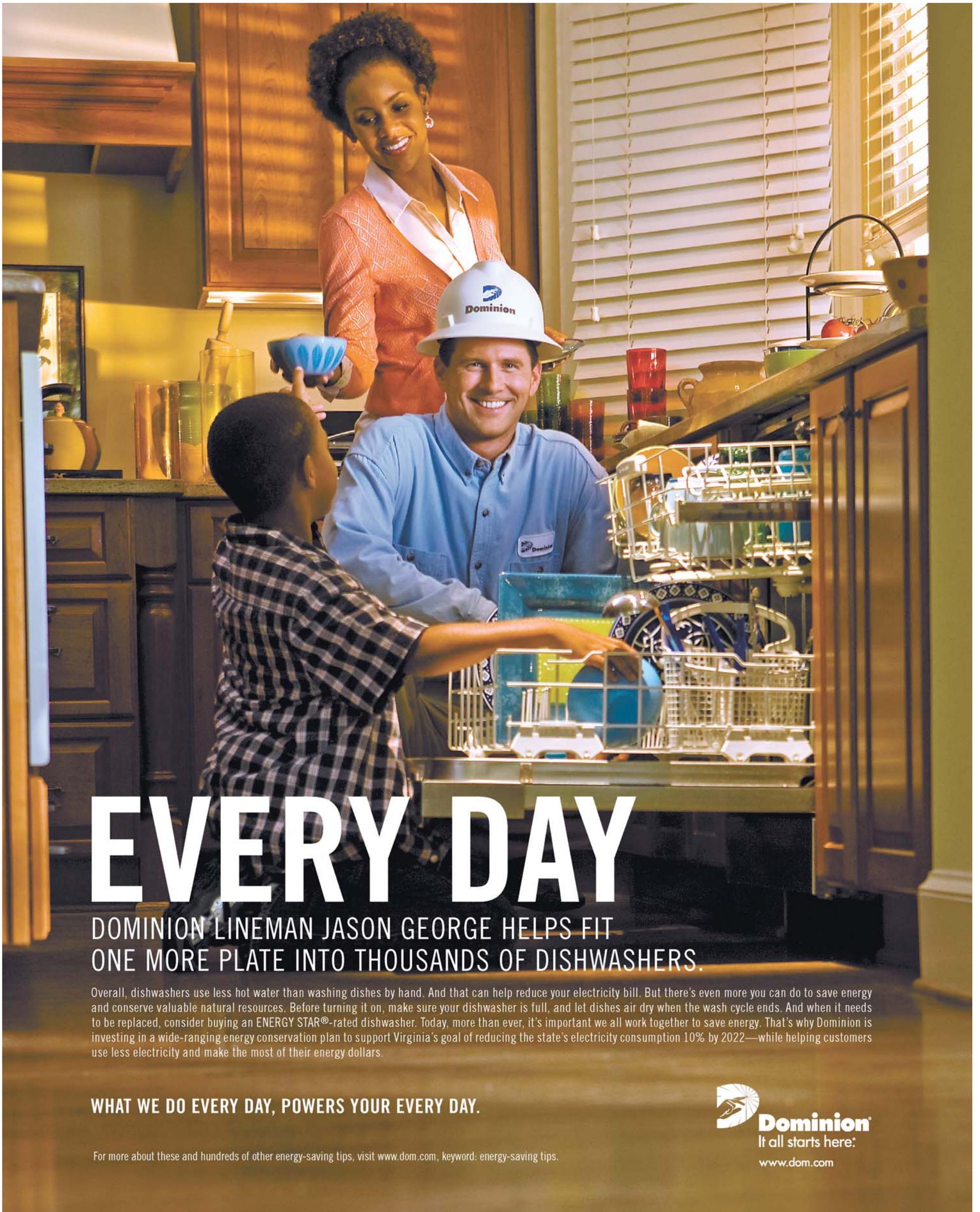
Volunteers are also sought to help sort the donations Dec. 15, 18 and 19 and then to distribute the food at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon Dec. 20. Volunteers are needed to help distribute toys at Herndon United Methodist Church in Herndon Dec. 20.

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