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### WEDNESDAY/DEC. 10

**LEAP MEETING.** 7:30 p.m., at the LCPS Administration Building, 12000 Education Court, Ashburn. The Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents is holding its monthly meeting; topic is Your Opinion Counts: How to Express Your Opinion Properly and Effectively. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month.

### THURSDAY/DEC. 11

**BOOK CLUB.** 10 a.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. For adults; discuss "Secrets on 26th Street," by Elizabeth McDavid Jones. Call 703-430-9500.

**ORIGAMI BOOK CLUB.** 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Discuss "The Gift of the Magi and Other Stories," by O. Henry. For ages 8 and up. Registration required, call 703-444-3228.

**FLU SHOT CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., Inova Loudoun Hospital, front entrance, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Lansdowne, onboard the Mobile Unit. Children ages 4 and above and adults can be vaccinated. Cost for the flu shot is \$25 per person, no charge for seniors with a valid Medicare card with Part B. Pneumonia shot for seniors and those with chronic diseases, \$45. Call the Mobile Health Services hotline at 703-771-2907.

**BOOK CLUB.** 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Middle-school book club discusses "Peak" by Roland Smith.



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Bundling all together for Winterfest with singing and candles and warmth is one of my favorite Madeira traditions ... I also love the hot cocoa!

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## Sheltering the Animals

Economics causing more surrenders at the animal shelter.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI  
THE CONNECTION

**R**ecently Animal Control Officer Angela Chan responded to a call from a management company for a cat that was abandoned by the evicted renters. When she arrived she found the cat emaciated, weak, soaked in urine and its eyes swollen shut.

On the wall remained only one photograph. It was of the cat in happier days and inscribed on the frame was the saying, "A cat makes a house a home."

"It was heartbreaking that someone who loved their animal so much had come to that," Chan said. Unfortunately, the cat was so sick, it had to be euthanized.

The economic downturn effects everyone, including animals big and small.

While at the moment, the Animal Shelter isn't seeing an overall increase in animals being brought in, however, the reasons for animals being surrendered are changing.

Laura Rizer, Department of Animal Care and Control spokesperson, said she has seen a 26 percent increase in owners citing financial reasons for giving up their pets such as moving, foreclosure or simply not being able to afford the animal anymore. Rizer also said the shelter is seeing animals staying longer before getting adopted, including traditional favorites.

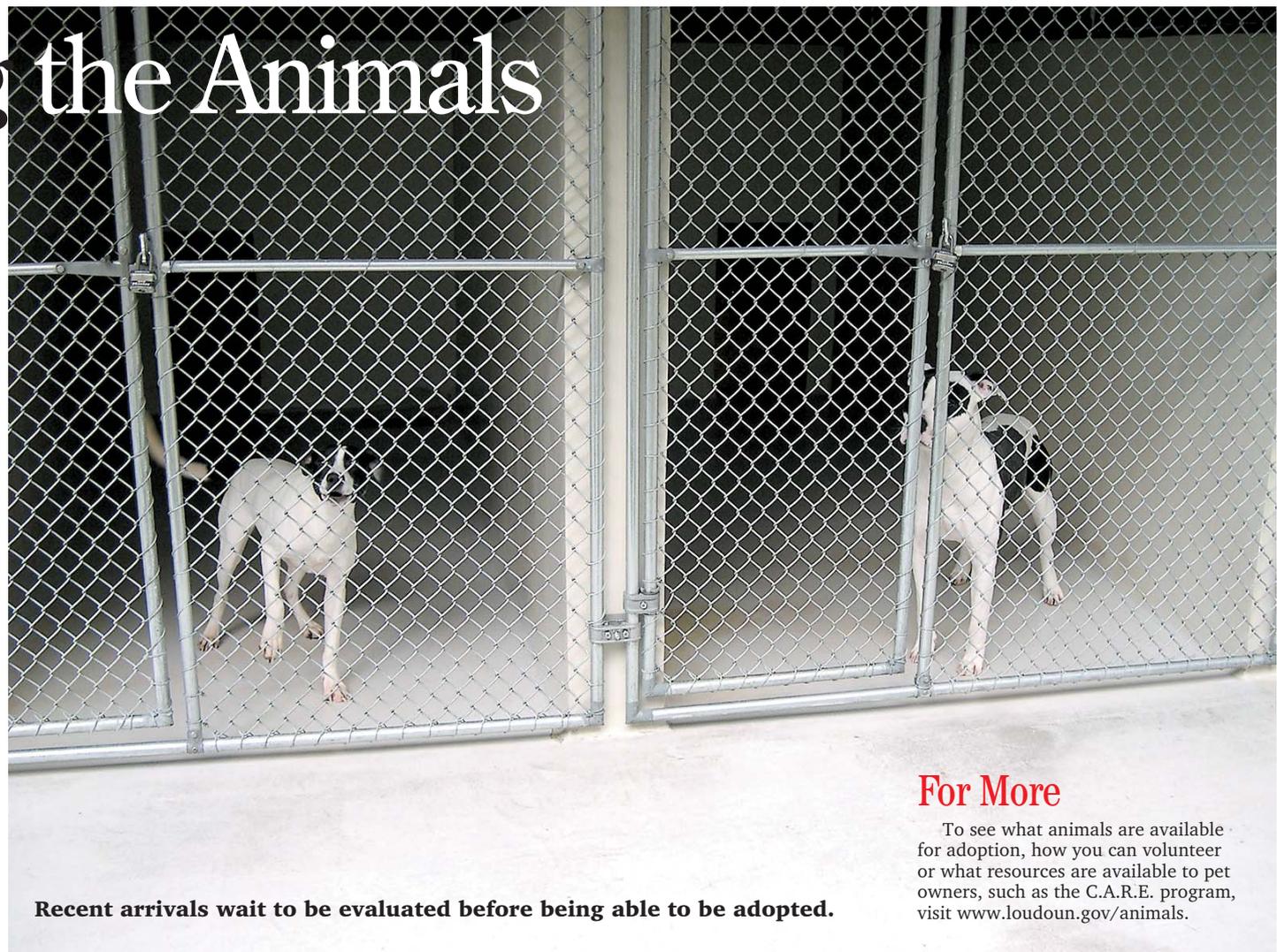


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Recent arrivals wait to be evaluated before being able to be adopted.

"We have a joke that small dogs' feet don't even hit the floor here," Rizer said. "But even smaller dogs are staying longer and so are kittens."

**DOGS AND KITTENS** aren't the only ones coming to the shelter. Last Friday there were rabbits, ferrets, birds, guinea pigs, gerbils and even a mouse. The shel-

ter has also seen an increase in larger animals.

"We've had a half dozen horses this year. There's been stray horses or a horse gets loose. We've had four or five surrendered," Inga Fricke, shelter manager, said. Rizer said it is normal to see some sort of livestock abandoned.

Chan said the Animal Control personnel

### For More

To see what animals are available for adoption, how you can volunteer or what resources are available to pet owners, such as the C.A.R.E. program, visit [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals).

are seeing more cases of horses with low body weight or in need of veterinary care. Chan also said there have been reports of people shooting their horses when they can no longer care for them.

The problems aren't limited to people with larger animals. Chan recently assisted

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## Conserving Historic Land Area Muslims Celebrate Hajj

Park Authority purchases land for new regional park.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority announced that it has purchased a 275-acre strip of land along the Potomac River with the intention of creating a new park. The piece of land, which is north of Leesburg and one mile away from Temple Hill Farm, was purchased for approximately \$2.8 million and will be known as White's Ford Regional Park.

According to Bill Dickinson, Park Authority board member from the Alexandria jurisdiction, the Authority had been trying to purchase

the land, which has ties to the Civil War and a half mile of shoreline for a number of years. Eventually, the Authority avoided Realtors and approached the property owners personally to ask to purchase their land. "This will be a major step forward in protecting the land on the Virginia side of the Potomac," Dickinson said. "If we didn't purchase the land, you know they would squeeze mansions in here."

**DICKINSON SAID THAT** the land was easier to acquire because the Virginia Outdoor Foundation had worked with the property owners to secure a conservation easement. The easement allowed the owners to dictate the use of the land, which meant that even though the owners sold, they could still

have a say in how the land should be developed. In addition, the owners also received a 40 percent tax credit on the

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Thousands attend prayer and festivities in downtown Washington.

**T**he 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.

— MIRZA KURSPAHIC

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— Shirin Elkoshairi, ADAMS vice president

### Visit Local Parks

For a list of regional parks and their amenities, visit the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's Web site at [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

## Advocacy Center Opens

The new Loudoun Child Advocacy Center (CAC) will support a one-interview process for child victims of abuse, ages 2-17. After child abuse and/or neglect is reported to authorities, the child will be interviewed within the CAC's child-friendly environment to recount what happened. The CAC will also assist in the coordination and communication among the agencies involved in the process. The CAC will hold an open house, Friday, Dec. 12, 9-11 a.m., at Inova Loudoun Hospital-Leesburg Campus, 224-D Cornwall St., Community Meeting Room, first floor, Leesburg.

## Meeting Changes

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has canceled its public input session scheduled for Monday, Dec. 15, and its business meeting Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The board will hold its first public input session of 2009 on Monday, Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. The first business meeting of 2009 is scheduled Tuesday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m. Both meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison St. S.E. in Leesburg.

## Surplus Store Open

The Loudoun County Surplus Store will begin operating on its winter schedule Friday, Dec. 19. The store will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the first, second and third Friday of the month, and beginning in January, the last Saturday of the month. The store will not be open on the last Saturday of December 2008 because of the holidays. The store is located at 14 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 106, Leesburg.

## Library Closings

All Loudoun County Public Libraries will be closed for the holidays on the following dates: Wednesday, Dec. 24, 12 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 25; Friday, Dec. 26; Wednesday, Dec. 31, 5 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 1 and Friday, Jan. 2.

## Unregistered Sex Offender Found

A Loudoun Sheriff's Office checking detail in Sterling has led to the arrest of wanted sex offender who had failed to re-register with authorities. Members of the Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit were conducting a checkpoint in the area of Davis Drive and Glenn Drive as well as Fillmore Avenue and Silverleaf Drive. The driver was later identified as a 43-year-old male of Prince William County. He was wanted by Virginia State Police for failure to re-register as a sex offender.

## New Neighborhood Watch Programs

In the past two months the Loudoun Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit has successfully initiated 15 new Neighborhood Watch programs in Sterling Park. The 15 new watches, in addition to the previously established watch programs, now cover more than 98 percent of the zoned residential areas in Sterling.

There are now more than 50 Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout Loudoun County. Anyone interested in finding or starting a Neighborhood Watch Program, contact Deputy Specialist Nathan Payne at 703-777-0477 or Deputy Specialist James Spurlock at 703-771-5749 of the Loudoun Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit or by e-mail at nathaniel.payne@loudoun.gov or james.spurlock@loudoun.gov.

## Man Arrested for Carjacking

A 27-year-old man of Brethour Court in Sterling, turned himself in at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center Dec. 4 on one count of carjacking. He is reported to have carjacked a 52-year-old Reston woman Sept. 27 near the intersection of Dranesville Road and Leesburg Pike. She sustained minor injuries. The car was later discovered abandoned in Washington D.C.

# Silver Eagle On Target

Massive shooting range and training facility started in late July hits tight target dates for opening.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

It was hard to believe the Silver Eagle Group training facility in Ashburn, a vast, empty hulk of a building last Thursday, would be furnished and ready for its grand opening that weekend. Then again, most of the \$22 million worth of work to outfit what is being billed as "the most complete indoor shooting ranges and training facility in the country" had been done in just four months.

In the three shooting ranges, the "air walls," designed to blow smoke and lead dust away from range users with a smooth, laminar air flow were in place and operational. Silver Eagle Group president Scott Marquez said the three air handling units, each with a rooftop component the size of a semitruck, were the most expensive and important equipment in the place. He noted that they had necessitated major reinforcements to the roof.

At the other end of the ranges, wet traps, designed to send ammunition rounds hydroplaning into cylindrical deceleration chambers, were already coating their gently sloping bottom plates with a sheen of water. Most commercial ranges do not use wet bullet traps, Marquez said.

A series of filtration systems were ready to clean lead dust and other contaminants from the air. "When we recycle the air in here, it comes out cleaner than the air in your house," Marquez said.

Target systems, including lateral "running man" targets in the tactical range, were also ready to go.

Vaults made of nine-gauge expanded metal had been installed, one to hold Silver Eagle's weaponry and another for members' guns. "Some people just shoot for sport. They don't take a firearm home for self-defense," Marquez explained. Not only would members be able to make lane reservations in advance, he said, but they could also request, "Hey, I want my Glock 17 ready. Make sure it's cleaned and ready."

FOR FOUNDER-LEVEL members, this was to be a high-service facility, where clients could even have their shirts and cars washed, he said, adding that there would be "a pretty vast difference in prices" for different memberships. Mid-level annual memberships would be "no more expensive than shooting at Blue Ridge Arsenal." Day passes would also be available.

But the facility's biggest clients would be law enforcement and military organizations, as well as military contractors. "Quite frankly, a lot of them are sick of having to travel for range time," Marquez said



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Kevin Doherty of Sterling practices his target shooting with a Mossberg 500 shotgun at the newly opened Silver Eagle Group Training Facility & Private Club in Ashburn on Saturday.

of the contractors. He said the Loudoun Sheriff's Office had expressed excitement over the tactical range, the classroom and the scenario room.

The scenario room was the one area that would not be operational in time for the grand opening, due to a "hiccup" in the delivery of construction materials, Marquez said. Now a dimly lit, 15,000-square-foot cavern housing only a pickup truck, some paint buckets and a few other materials, the finished room would have 22,000 square feet of floor space after two-story structures were added, with interiors replicating a single-family home, a school, an office and a night club. Atop the single-family home would be a rappelling station.

All of this was to be completed in the next two weeks. "It's kind of like an erector set," Marquez said of the scenario area's construction. "A very complicated erector set."

The interiors would be hyper-realistic, from a real dishwasher and wallpaper in the home's kitchen to real phones and computers in the office to actual chalkboards and lockers in the school. Asked where he did his shopping, Marquez said he had taken advantage of the bulk nature of the purchases. "We were crafty," he said. "It's not every day you're buying

hundreds of school desks." Locating sources for the furniture had taken months, he said. Now it was all waiting in a storage area across the street.

THE SCENARIO area was also to include a section with moveable walls, so that the space could be rearranged. "If a person takes a smoothie break, they could come back and it could be completely unrecognizable," Marquez said.

The hypothetical smoothie break would happen in the café, which Marquez said would be "kind of like a Starbucks-Panera," with food brought in by a caterer and coffee and smoothies made on-site.

Not all of the place was to be combat-oriented. It would also have a sort of country-club feel, but without the typical "green carpet and big, brown chairs," Marquez said, noting that he had brought in a designer from New York City to create the look of the café and lounge. A vintage, 1970s-style pool table lay under a plastic drop cloth, like most other objects in the recreational area. Marquez said he had found dartboards to match.

"It's kind of like an erector set. A very complicated erector set."

— Scott Marquez, Silver Eagle Group president

# Park Authority Gains Site

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total sale of the property, which can be used over a period of years or can even be sold in a money market. According to Dickinson, 80 percent of the \$2.8 million for the purchase of the land came from self-generated revenue from the Park Authority's golf courses and water parks. The remaining 20 percent came from the Authority's six jurisdictions: Falls Church, Alexandria, City of Fairfax, Arlington County, Fairfax County and Loudoun County. Dickinson said that this 80 percent funding is the highest in the country. Though plans for what attractions and amenities will go in the park are still being debated, there is a general consensus of what will be a part of White's Ford Regional Park. Su Webb, board member from the Loudoun County jurisdiction, said that most likely there will be hiking and equestrian trails, primitive camping and an amphitheater.

**TWO OF THE** more appealing potential attractions, however are the ones causing

the most debate. First, the Authority wants to build cabins on the land, but a portion of the land, according to Authority executive director Paul Gilbert, is archaeologically sensitive and needs to be thoroughly tested before any development.

The other issue pertains to the installment of water access for canoeing and kayaking down the Potomac. Dickinson said that the Authority could create a launch on the land and even charge people for its use, but that county officials are worried that their land will be overrun by "outsiders."

The 275 acres are just a small portion of the 500,000-plus acres of land that the Park Authority has saved through conservation easements and land purchases, but are undoubtedly a significant part of the Authority's overall mission of maintaining open spaces.

"The population is growing, so we need to set aside land now," Dickinson said. "You need green infrastructure in the community. The more housing you put in, the more you need spaces like this."

# Animals Feel Money Pinch

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a woman from South Riding who feared having to choose between paying her rent or getting the unexpected veterinary care her cat needed.

Chan said there are programs, such as the county's C.A.R.E. (Companion Animal Resource Effort) program, which can temporarily help owners, who qualify, care for their pets, whether its helping with an unplanned veterinary bill or needing some pet food. The goal of the program is to help owners keep their pets rather than having them surrendered to the shelter.

**"There aren't consequences for seeking help."**

— **Angela Chan,**  
**Animal Control officer**

Fricke believes the shelter is just starting to see the economic impacts on animals and the shelter itself.

"It will take a while, animals don't start out on the tip of the wave," she said, "they're usually in the middle to the end of the wave."

Besides dealing with owners who are struggling financially, Chan said Animal Control has seen an upswing of people using animals as a way to generate extra money.

"We're starting to see people breeding animals as a revenue source," Chan said. "And it's not breed specific."

Fricke said the best thing people can do is have their pet spayed or

neutered rather than breeding potentially unwanted pets.

"There are 4 million to 6 million dogs and cats in shelters in this country," Fricke said. "Just because we don't have puppies, doesn't mean we don't have an overpopulation of unwanted animals."

**RIZER SAID** it is important for those who might be having economic problems and are not sure what to do with their pets to know the shelter is there to help. The shelter or Animal Control can help through the C.A.R.E. program or recommend other organizations that may be able to offer assistance, such as temporary shelter or food.

"There aren't consequences for seeking help," Chan said.

But because of the sinking economy, the shelter is also in need of some help. As a county agency, the shelter cannot solicit donations directly, however, it is in need of volunteers and supplies, which are tax deductible. The shelter is helping the Community Holiday Coalition by

hosting a Pet Pantry to provide donated pet food and supplies to families in need during the holiday season through the coalition's stores and expects to help as many as 700 pets.

"Taking an animal home is not the only way you can help," Chan said.

In addition, the shelter works with neighboring jurisdictions trading surplus supplies for needed ones and transferring animals difficult to adopt in Loudoun. For example, it is illegal for the county shelter to adopt out pit bulls, so they are transferred to Arlington where it is permissible.

The Animal Control officers and the shelter work closely together; both divisions of the Department of Animal Care and Control.

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## Planning for Holiday Party Season

### Many ways to avoid drinking and driving.

**T**he season for holiday parties is upon us, and with it the increased incidence of driving under the influence.

The possible consequences of driving drunk and underage drinking are often hard to comprehend. But the stories and grief of local families who have lost loved ones to such accidents should provide enough of a cautionary tale.

William Cameron Schlifke, 22, born in Fairfax and a graduate of Robinson Secondary School, died Monday, Nov. 24, 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](http://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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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## County Needs Stimulus Package

To the Editor:

Loudoun's economic development team has been working closely with the Washington Redskins to develop a joint marketing plan focused on Redskins Park in Ashburn. One of the primary goals is to establish a Redskins Hall of Fame in Loudoun County. I was disappointed to learn that the Board of Supervisors voted to not move forward with expending state-mandated Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds on this once-in-a-lifetime tourism-related opportunity. Not only would this type of partnership be an economic and promotional goldmine for the county, but may lead to other opportunities with our beloved Redskins such as mentoring with area schools, raising funds for Loudoun's many nonprofits serving the needy and scheduling community outreach events that will funnel tourism and travel to the county.

During this time of recession and economic hardship, Loudoun County would greatly benefit from the use of these TOT funds for this purpose. Your reconsideration of the vote to move this project for-

ward is appreciated and needed to give our citizens and local economy a boost.

**Christine Corrado Windle**  
Purcellville

## Can't Afford to Wait

To the Editor:

When the 2008 election between Judy Feder and Congressman Frank Wolf began early this year, we never could have imagined that it would finish with the stakes for Virginians laid out so starkly for the victor. In that short amount of time we saw the impacts of global warming accelerate. We watched our addiction to oil bring the economy to its knees and the financial system crumble under the weight of corruption.

Now Congressman Wolf's job is clear: Regardless of party affiliation, our Northern Virginia leaders need to work together to solve our national crisis. Our leaders have a real opportunity to work with President Obama, to kick our dependence on oil, stimulate the economy and protect the climate for our children by transitioning us from fossil fuels to clean energy like wind and solar, capping pollution and rejoining the international

climate negotiation process. Today it is clear that we literally can't afford to wait.

**Ashley Cash**  
Sterling

## Write

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### VOLUNTEERING

Send announcements to [loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

The registration deadline for the Loudoun County Master Gardener Volunteer training program has been extended until **Dec. 31**. The Master Gardener program is offered through the Loudoun Extension Office to train volunteers to assist the urban horticulturist in providing service and educational programs for Loudoun residents. Call 703-771-5150.



**St. Theresa Catholic School in Ashburn raised \$1,192 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in September and collected 500 cans of Chunky soup for the Good Shepherd Alliance in Ashburn as part of the school's Annual Living Rosary, held Oct. 7.**

# FAITH

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**Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church** will be celebrating Advent and Christmas with several worship services. Advent services will be held, Wednesdays, **Dec. 10 and 17**, at 7:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve** services include a 5 p.m. family Christmas service, a 7 p.m. carols and candlelight service, a 9 p.m. carols, candlelight and praise service and an 11 p.m. candlelight and communion service. There will also be a service on **Christmas Day** at 11 a.m. OSWLC is located at the intersection of Waxpool Road and Claiborne Parkway. Visit [www.oswlc.org](http://www.oswlc.org).

The 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, **Dec. 14**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** is "Humanism and Theism." Led by the Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael, this service reflects on two diverse belief systems that co-exist in Unitarian Universalist congregations as well as in the faith's history. UUS meets every Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center at 22135 Davis Drive. Call 703-406-3068 or visit [uusterling.org](http://uusterling.org).

**Congregation Sha'are Shalom**, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, will hold its annual Hanukkah party Sunday, **Dec. 14**, 11:30 a.m. Tickets: \$7 per person; \$25 per family. Call 703-737-6500 or visit [www.sha-areshalom.org](http://www.sha-areshalom.org).

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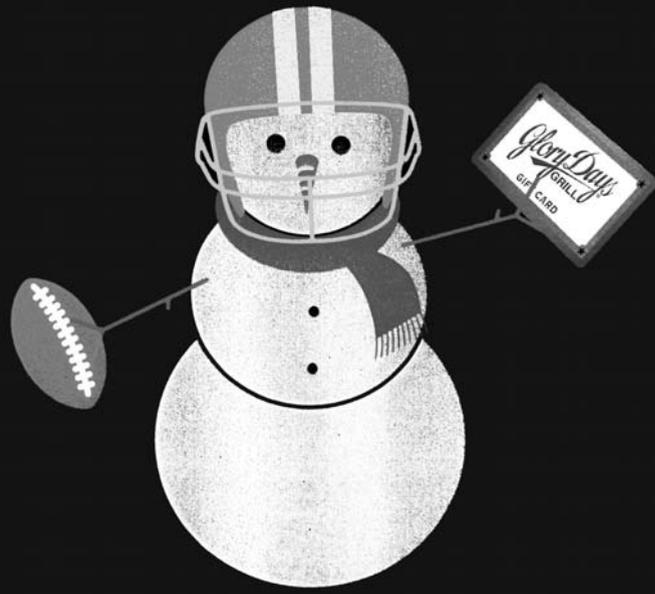
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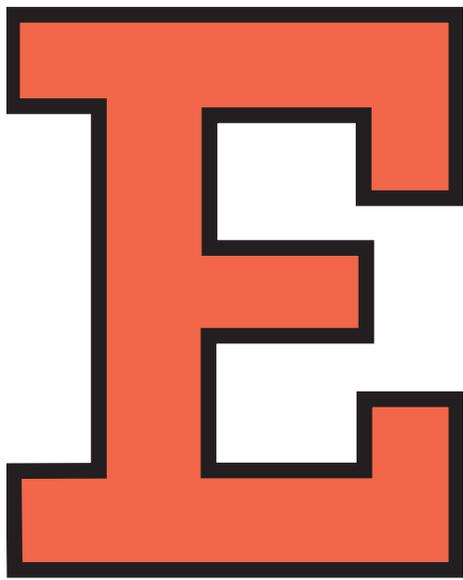
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# From Trash to Christmas Treasures

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**Sterling woman displays a lifetime of nostalgic Christmas crafts in her open house tour.**

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

**T**o say that Rhoda Matts absolutely loves Christmas is an understatement. The Sterling resident has spent 40 years making decorations for her 100 or so Christmas trees — each striking nostalgic chords. There are 43, 6-foot trees, one live tree and about 50 smaller trees in her home on Markwood Drive — each with a different theme.

**FOR 20 YEARS**, people have been touring her home's Christmas trees, scenes and decorations.

"I do every craft," said Matts, who lives with husband Kenneth, three collies, two cats and a bird. Her children Kathryn, 21, and Jason, 25, are out of the house. "I just love to do things with my hands."

She has every single nook of the house — including the bathrooms and porch — decorated with items she either painted, crocheted, sawed, glued or pieced together.

"You'd think this cost a lot of money, but it probably only cost \$100," because all of the trees come from yard sales and the materials are made from trash, she said.

Matts studied interior design and art at George Mason University and attended the National Academy of Art in Washington. For her career, she worked as a "stodgy mortgage banker" for 30 years.

"This is the best hidden secret in Sterling," said Kathy Chrisman, advanced marketing teacher at Potomac Falls High who lost her mother to ALS. "She loves Christmas and she's devoted her whole life to making ornaments and helping people. She just loves the feeling she gives to others when they see it."

Chrisman has 12 DECA students giving tours at the Winter Wonderland Holiday Open House Tour this weekend. "I have somebody stationed in each room greeting and making people feel welcome," she said. Overall, 50 marketing students are baking cookies and brownies, creating posters for publicity and helping promote it.

Hours are Friday, Dec. 12, from 3-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2-9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2-6 p.m. The tour is free with donations given to ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Poinsettias will be given away to each family in attendance and there's a raffle to win a gold pinecone tree and crystal ornament.

But her home is not only trees.

Matts has a selection of Cracker Box ornaments with names like "Chandelier," "Queen Victoria" and "Out of Africa" made out of rhinestones and Austrian crystals that go from \$40 to \$200. "There's nothing in the world like these," she says of the



Rhoda Matts shows her Jerusalem Village she made out of trash.

## To Go

### WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE TOUR

**When:** Friday, Dec. 12, from 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2-9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2-6 p.m.

Coordinated by the Matts family and Potomac Falls DECA. All tours are free, but donations will be given the ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Association. Enter the raffle to win a holiday pinecone tree. Poinsettias will be given away to each family.

**Address:** 234 Markwood Drive off of Triple Seven in Calvert's Glen behind Regal Cinema, Sterling. Coming Route 7 towards the east, turn left on Palisades Parkway, take first left on Triple Seven, take second right on Glade Drive, take first right on Markwood Drive. The house is a white colonial on the corner of Glade and Markwood. For a free private tour, call Rhoda Matts at 703-786-7054.

Styrofoam ornaments designed by a Pennsylvania company. She pays for the parts and executes the designs — all 450 that she displays on moving ornament trees.

Her hobby's roots started in 1954 when her aunt Hilda ordered her a craft magazine called "Ideals," which had an ad for \$3 ornaments that you could make. She handmade four ornaments and "it just grew and grew," she said.

**THE BASEMENT** contains a huge replica of the City of Jerusalem made completely out of trash. It has a Jewish wedding scene and a temple with pillars made of candles. The tile is a series of paint washes in browns, blacks and terra cotta. The building's roof is really McDonald's straws. She ad-libs using toilet paper rolls, tampon cartridges, cat food can — you name it.

"I went to the library and did research. I really tried to authenticate a Jewish village," said Matts. "It took me four years to make it."

Adds Chrisman, "She's extremely creative and resourceful in the thing she makes. She'll come up with some idea and turn it into something beautiful." Junior Coty Campos, 17, of Cascades, is promoting the house for her state DECA project this year.

## Tree Highlights

Here's a few highlights of the tour.

The nativity tree in her living room is considered the home's main tree with a manger and grotto. She worked with a Minnesota woman to create its one-of-a-kind handmade ornaments.

For her Teacup Tree, she matched the maroon teacup colors perfectly with her dining room drapes. "I got the idea from a magazine 10 years ago," she said.

One of her favorite trees is the Victorian wall tree, which she started decorating in the 1960s. "They're definitely unique. I love it. It's one of my favorite things in the house," said Matts.

Off the kitchen is a Kitchen Christmas tree with mixing bowls, spoons, gingerbreads, baking dishes — anything related to the kitchen. "It's cute and happy and makes you smile," said Matts.

For her wooden ornament tree, she used a scroll saw to cut the ornaments and then painted them. The "Bingle Jells" or Santa's Mistake is a Victorian house that has carolers. "I even cut these cookies on the plate," she said.

The 1950s tree has saddle shoes, old 45s, Chevy cars, cardboard malt milk shakes with Tide detergent for the shake, all wrapped in a pink poodle tree skirt.

A cherry cottage tree has cherries and rocking chairs, bird houses and straw hats. "It's basically a country cottage tree that goes back to the old-fashioned cottage," she said.

For the Grinch Stole Christmas tree, she curved over the top and found lime-green and red ornaments that match the colors in the Dr. Seuss book.

The gingerbread tree has gingerbread men made out of felt and Styrofoam balls for gum drops.

A spice tree has real bread, cardboard hearts and real cinnamon sticks.

The horse tree has painted ponies, painted horse ornaments and stained glass.

Winter wonderland tree in baby blue and white is a marvel of felt, toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls. Her daughter's tree is made out of Victorian baby dolls' heads.

A nutcracker tree is made of Pringles cans for the nutcrackers.

For her catch-all tree, Matts took found objects, including an old dish drainer and added them to a branch found on the side of the road.

The bear nativity as store-bought bears with handmade outfits, and grape vine and juniper branches. She used cat food cans for the drums and match sticks.

An upside down Star Trek tree has Spock and Capt. Kirk, as well as space ships. It's upside down because she says the ships hang better than right-side up.

The Victorian carousel tree has flower swags, carousel horses and pink Santas because back in Victorian times, everything was pink, she says.

A circus tree has popcorn bags and an egg tree is made with Styrofoam eggs and Styrofoam disks.

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**Willowcroft Farm Vineyards**, Leesburg, is holding a champagne and hors d'oeuvres holiday mixer, **Dec. 13**. Call 703-777-8161 or visit [www.willowcroftwine.com](http://www.willowcroftwine.com).

**A Taste of Loudoun** Holiday Wine and Cookie Pairing Tour will be held Sunday, **Dec. 14**. The tour includes transportation with tour hosts, wine tastings at Tarara and Notaviva wineries and a visit to Stone Manor Bed and Breakfast. Cost: \$99 per person; visit [www.vawineadventures.org](http://www.vawineadventures.org) or [www.goodtastetours.com](http://www.goodtastetours.com) to register.

## THE ARTS

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The **Master Singers of Virginia** announce its 14th season, opening with Benjamin Britten's "A Boy Was Born," **Dec. 13 and 14**. Cost: season tickets are \$38 for adults and \$30 for seniors or students; individual ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors or students in advance; \$2 more at the door. Call 703-655-7809 or visit [www.msva.org](http://www.msva.org).

The Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College will host an exhibit of digital photographs by **Mark Worthington**, through **Dec. 12**, in Waddell Art Gallery, 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway in Sterling. The gallery is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

The **Sterling Playmakers** are holding auditions for "Puss in Boots," Friday, **Dec. 12**, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, **Dec. 13**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield place, Sterling. The director will be casting children and adults, males and females, for a variety of roles. Children must be 7 years old by Dec. 12. Auditions consist of cold reading, simple movement exercises and singing a song from a provided list. Performances are weekends in February and March. Call 703-437-6117 or visit [www.sterlingplaymakers.com](http://www.sterlingplaymakers.com).

**Art on Exhibit** throughout **December** at local libraries include pastels by Christina Maggio at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn; and photography by Kim Coughlin at Cascade Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

**Alfred McAdams'** exhibit, "D.C. Metro," is on display at the George Washington Virginia Campus First Floor Gallery through **Dec. 30**. The First Floor Gallery is located in Building 2 on the GW Virginia Campus, 44983 Knoll Square, Ashburn. Free and open to the public. Call 703-726-3650.

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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## THURSDAY/DEC. 11

**LUNCH WITH SANTA.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 405 E. Market St., Leesburg. All ages. Have lunch with Santa and create holiday art. Bring a camera. Cost: \$5. Advance registration required, call 703-771-5913.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 12

**HOLIDAY CAROLS CONCERT.** 8 p.m., Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church, Broadlands. Pickwick Players present "Christmas Chocolate Carols," a holiday concert of music and scenes from stage and film musicals, enjoyed by candlelight as a dessert buffet is served. Tickets available online via PayPal at [thepickwickplayers.org](http://thepickwickplayers.org); cost: adults \$12, children/seniors \$10, \$1 discount Pickwick members. Tickets must be purchased or reserved by Dec. 8.

**WINTER WONDERLAND.** 3-9 p.m., 234 Markwood Drive, Potomac Falls. Tour a colonial home decked out in holiday décor. More than 70 themed trees are in the house. Donations will be given the ALS Association.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT.** 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 W. Market St., Leesburg. Bobby Jasinski and Friends will play carols and classical and jazz music. Cost: \$10 in nonperishable food items. Call Dawn Dumas at 703-443-2481.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 13

**ALDERSGATE CHOIR.** 7 p.m., Sterling United Methodist Church, 304 E. Church Road, Sterling. The Aldersgate Choir is holding its annual Christmas Music Event. The choir will perform John Rutter's Lessons and Carols with a live orchestra. Tickets not required. Call 703-430-6455 or visit [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org).

**TOY FOR TOTS CONCERT.** 7:30 p.m., Stone Hill Middle School, 23415 Evergreen Ridge Drive, Ashburn. The Loudoun Symphonic Winds will celebrate the season with a holiday concert benefiting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Program highlights include popular holiday tunes, a carols sing-along and a special introduction of the LSW just for children. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy. Visit [www.LCbandinc.org](http://www.LCbandinc.org) or phone 703-777-7985.

**MAKE IT AND TAKE IT** Holiday Crafts. 2 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Make amazing holiday crafts, materials will be provided. For ages 7-10. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-777-0323.

**HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CONCERT.** 8 p.m., at Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn. Loudoun Symphony's holiday festival concert features guest soloist, soprano Courtney Ross. Saturday only: free preconcert performance at 7:30 p.m., by the string workshop. Cost: adult tickets are \$18 at the door and \$15 in advance, senior tickets are \$15 at the door and \$12 in advance, admission is free for youth 18 and under. Visit [www.loudounsymphony.org](http://www.loudounsymphony.org), call 703-771-8287 or e-mail [info@loudounsymphony.org](mailto:info@loudounsymphony.org).

**SANTA PARADE.** 5 p.m., Ashburn. Annual Ashburn Volunteer Fire &

Rescue Department Santa parade through Ashburn. To see the exact route Santa will take, visit [www.ashburnfirerescue.org](http://www.ashburnfirerescue.org).

**HOLIDAY CAROLS CONCERT.** 8 p.m., Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church, Broadlands. See Dec. 12 item for details.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSES.** 9-10:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-2:30 p.m., Mills Center, 44025 Courtland Drive, Ashburn. Children can decorate gingerbread houses for the holidays. Sponsored by Word of Truth Ministries International. Visit [www.wotmi.org](http://www.wotmi.org).

**WINTER WONDERLAND.** 2-9 p.m., 234 Markwood Drive, Potomac Falls. See Dec. 12 item for more details.

**GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP.** 10:30-11:15 a.m., Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodbridge Parkway, Lansdowne. Broad Run High School presents a "Gingerbread Workshop." Fees apply; call 703-729-8400, Ext. 2107 to register.

**LUNCH WITH SANTA.** 11:30-2 p.m., Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodbridge Parkway, Lansdowne. Loudoun High School presents a "Lunch with Santa." Fees apply; call 703-729-8400, Ext. 2107 to register.

**HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES.** 5-6 p.m., Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodbridge Parkway, Lansdowne. Heritage High School presents a performance in the resort's main lobby. Free.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 14

**NATURE CRAFTS.** 2-3:30 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestals Gap Road, Sterling. All ages. Make holiday nature crafts as gifts or decorations. Limit three crafts per person. Adult must accompany children. Cost: \$4. Call 571-258-3700 to register.

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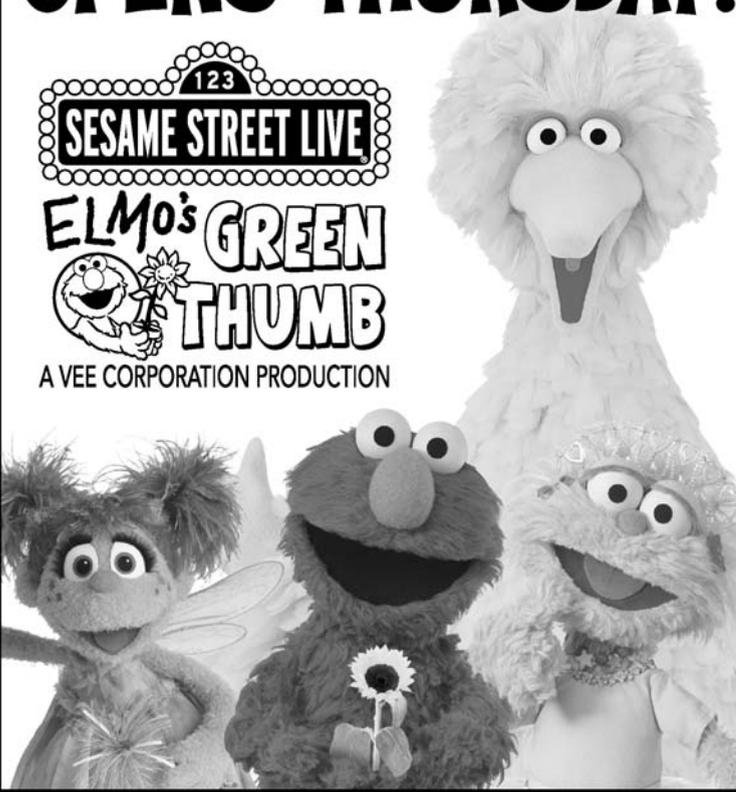
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**A BEAR? WHERE? 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m.,** Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-6. Discover the life of different bears and explore a "bear cave." Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

**BIRD WALKS FOR BEGINNERS.** 8-9 a.m., at the Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Childrens Center Road, Leesburg. Learn about bird watching. For adults and older children. Free. Call 703-737-0021 or visit [www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org).

**FRIDAY/DEC. 12**

**FURRY FRIDAY.** 5-7 p.m., Sterling Community Center, 20 Enterprise St., Sterling. Once a month, animals from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be at the Sterling Community. Bring the whole family for a real "happy hour" with animals looking for new homes. Visit [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals).

**TEEN CENTER.** 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features winter wonderland dance. All teens attending the teen center must have a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at <http://library.loudoun.gov> to Teen Scene, Events, Hanging Out Rocks. For high-schoolers.

**TODDLER ONE AND TWO.** 11 a.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Stories, rhymes and movement for ages 12-24 months with a parent or caregiver. Sign up online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or phone 703-777-0323.

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT.** 6-9 p.m., Sterling United Methodist Church, 304 E. Church Road, Sterling. Potty-trained children 3-grade five take part in arts and crafts, cookie decorating and watch a movie. Cost: \$15 per one child; \$10 each additional child. Call 703-430-6455 or visit [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org).

**NATURE BUDDIES.** 9:15-10 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Age 2. Toddlers explore nature with an adult. Discover the trees, birds and ponds of the park relating to animals in winter. No unregistered siblings. Cost: \$5.25 per child. Children must be accompanied by and adult. Call 571-258-3700.

**NATURE EXPLORERS.** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-5. Discover the outdoors with a grown-up friend. Look for tracks, listen for birdcalls, look under logs and more, while focusing on animals in winter. Cost: \$7. Children must be accompanied by and adult. Call 571-258-3700.

**WINTER BIRDS: Stay or Go?** 3:30-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 6-10. What "tells" a bird to migrate for the winter? Explore the features scientists are discovering that send these intuitive creatures to a new scene. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

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43133 TALL PINES CT	5	5	2	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$820,000	Detached	0.59		CHASE AT BLMNT CNTRY CLB
42468 MEADOW SAGE DR	4	4	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$797,347	Detached	0.16		BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
20880 ECKBO DR	5	4	2	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$740,000	Detached	1.13		GOOSE CREEK
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18404 MILL RUN CT	4	5	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$665,000	Detached	0.30		NORTHLAKE
41013 INDIGO PL	4	4	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$586,000	Detached	0.26		GREENE MILL PRESERVE
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42485 TOURMALINE LN	4	4	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$585,000	Detached	0.24		BRAMBLETON
22182 VANTAGE POINTE PL	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$582,320	Detached	0.50		VANTAGE POINTE
42578 GOOD HOPE LN	5	4	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$569,000	Detached	0.30		BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
18998 ROCKY CREEK DR	4	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$565,000	Detached	0.23		LANSLOWNE ON THE POTOMAC
19009 CASTLEGUARD CT	4	4	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$560,000	Detached	0.32		POTOMAC STATION
23368 GARDEN WALK DR	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$558,690	Detached	0.21		BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
20441 NEEDLELEAF WAY	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$553,000	Detached	0.23		RIDGES AT ASHBURN
21526 TITHABLES CIR	4	2	1	BROADLANDS	BROADLANDS	\$550,000	Detached	0.25		BROADLANDS
39650 SURREYFIELD WAY	4	3	0	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$550,000	Detached	3.12		SURREYFIELD
23350 HIGBEE LN	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$540,822	Detached	0.00		BRAMBLETON
23354 HIGBEE LN	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$530,578	Detached	0.21		BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
42477 TOURMALINE LN	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$525,000	Detached	0.24		BRAMBLETON
42627 GOOD HOPE LN	5	5	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$520,000	Detached	0.21		BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
43020 BATTERY POINT PL	5	4	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$520,000	Detached	0.25		POTOMAC STATION
19452 FRONT STREET	4	3	1	LANSLOWNE	LANSLOWNE	\$474,231	Townhouse	0.05		LANSLOWNE
43380 DEEPSRING CT	4	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$471,000	Detached	0.19		ASHBURN FARM
42992 PASCALE TER	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$470,866	Townhouse	0.10		CARRIAGES@LOUDOUN VALLEY VILLAGES
40432 MILFORD DR	4	3	1	BROADLANDS	BROADLANDS	\$457,000	Detached	0.16		BROADLANDS SOUTH
710 BONNIE RIDGE DR NE	4	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$449,000	Detached	0.18		POTOMAC STATION
18519 BEAR CREEK TER	3	2	2	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$442,000	Townhouse	0.06		RIVER CREEK LAND BAY
14052 WINDY CREEK LN	4	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$439,000	Detached	3.51		BLOOM HILL ESTATES
23451 SPICE BUSH TER	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.05		BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
20592 TWELVE OAKS WAY	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$426,000	Detached	0.14		ASHLEIGH
21620 MERION ST	4	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$420,000	Semi-Detached	0.08		BROADLANDS
42820 CROWFOOT CT	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$420,000	Detached	0.20		ASHBURN FARM
23445 SPICE BUSH TER	3	2	2	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$414,990	Townhouse	0.05		BRAMBLETON LAND BAY
23461 TWIN FALLS TER	3	2	2	BRAMBLETON	BRAMBLETON	\$405,000	Townhouse	0.00		BRAMBLETON
1190 CAMBRIA TER NE	3	2	2	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.08		EDWARDS LANDING
20917 WINOLA TER N	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$400,000	Detached	0.09		ASHBURN VILLAGE
720 DONALDSON LN SW	3	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$390,000	Detached	0.17		CATOCTIN VIEW
106 ROSEBROOK CT NW	5	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$385,000	Detached	0.26		ROSEBROOK
1154 KEOKUK TER NE #28	4	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$370,000	Townhouse	0.06		EDWARDS LANDING
20427 MIDDLEBURY ST	5	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$369,000	Detached	0.29		BELMONT FOREST
22592 SCATTERSVILLE GAP TER	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$365,000	Townhouse	0.08		LOUDOUN VALLEY ESTATES
42989 MELANIE CT	4	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$355,000	Detached	0.16		ASHLEIGH
21486 PLYMOUTH PL	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$350,000	Detached	0.18		ASHBRIER SEC 3
22093 CHELSY PAIGE SQ	3	2	2	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$350,000	Townhouse	0.05		DENTON TERRACE
44296 PAWNEE TER	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.04		ASHBROOK VILLAGE
21832 LADYSLIPPER SQ	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$332,000	Townhouse	0.05		FAULKNERS LANDING
43387 ALLIANS RIDGE TER	3	2	2	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.05		DENTON TERRACE
21184 VINELAND SQ	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.05		ASHBURN FARM
325 EBAUGH DR SE	4	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$329,896	Townhouse	0.10		STRATFORD LAND BAY
21780 GOOSE CROSS TER	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$327,500	Townhouse	0.04		RYAN PARK CENTER
43201 CHESTERMILL TER	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.07		ASHBURN FARM
827 BLUEFIELD SQ	3	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$321,000	Townhouse	0.05		POTOMAC CROSSING
44923 POINT BAY TER	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.05		RIVERSIDE VILLAGE AT UNI
44046 ABERDEEN TER	4	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$318,000	Townhouse	0.05		ASHBURN VILLAGE
816 BALLS BLUFF RD NE	4	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$315,000	Detached	0.16		POTOMAC CROSSING
21535 WELBY TER	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$315,000	Townhouse	0.03		BROADLANDS
212 MAYFAIR DR NE	4	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$312,900	Detached	0.12		EXETER HILLS
43266 TUMBLETREE TER	3	2	2	BROADLANDS	BROADLANDS	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.04		BROADLANDS SOUTH
20581 TRIPLE CROWN CT	3	3	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$309,000	Detached	0.20		BELMONT RIDGE
520 TWINTREE TER	3	2	2	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$307,000	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC STATION
681 MCLEARY SQ SE	4	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$298,000	Townhouse	0.08		TAVISTOCK FARMS
18778 TRIDENT SQ	3	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$294,400	Townhouse	0.06		POTOMAC STATION
43229 CHESTERMILL TER	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$289,900	Townhouse	0.06		ASHBURN FARM
20460 GREYMONT TER	2	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$275,900	Townhouse	0.07		BELMONT LAND
24531 EVERGREEN MILLS RD	3	1	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$275,000	Detached	1.10		EVERGREEN MEADOWS
21021 STRAWRICK TER	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.04		ASHBURN FARM
20989 KILLAWOG TER	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$260,000	Townhouse	0.03		ASHBURN VILLAGE
43498 POSTRAIL SQ	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$256,000	Townhouse	0.05		ASHBURN FARM
20743 GLEEDSVILLE RD	3	1	0	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$255,800	Detached	4.02		YOUNG HEIRS LAND
21812 KINGS CROSSING TER	3	2	2	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$255,000	Townhouse	0.05		CROSSROADS MANOR
20156 BAR HARBOR TER	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$250,000	Townhouse	0.03		UNIVERSITY CENTER
43223 BENT TWIG TER	4	2	2	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$250,000	Townhouse	0.04		ASHBURN FARM
523 CURRANT TER NE	2	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$247,000	Townhouse	0.05		EXETER
44020 CHOPTANK TER	2	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$245,000	Townhouse	0.06		ASHBURN VILLAGE
44206 MOSSY BROOK SQ	3	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$240,500	Townhouse	0.03		ASHBURN VILLAGE
1012 TUSCARORA DR SW	3	1	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$236,000	Detached	0.29		LEESBURG COUNTRY CLUB
44171 ALLDERWOOD TER	4	3	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$230,000	Townhouse	0.04		ASHBURN VILLAGE
21104 WINDING BROOK SQ	3	3	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$225,000	Townhouse	0.03		ASHBURN FARM
727 VANDERBILT TER SE	3	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$220,000	Townhouse	0.04		TOWNES OF VANDERBILT
21843 KELSEY SQ #21843	2	4	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$216,000	Townhouse	0.00		PARKSIDE AT ASHBURN
42506 HOLLYHOCK TER #42506	2	2	1	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$215,000	Townhouse	0.00		SUMMERFIELD AT BRAMBLETON
43415 MADISON RENEE TER #112	2	1	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$210,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00		BELMONT COUNTRY CLUB
576 TULIPTREE SQ NE	3	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$200,000	Townhouse	0.04		SYCAMORE HILL
19385 CYPRESS RIDGE TER #222	2	3	0	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$200,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.00		RIVERBEND LEISURE WORLD
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20332 BEECHWOOD TER #301	2	2	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$184,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00		S.GLEN AT UNIVERSITY CTR
20590 CORNSTALK TER #101	1	1	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$180,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00		LAKESHORE
302 STABLEVIEW TER NE	3	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$174,900	Townhouse	0.07		EXETER
109-E FORT EVANS RD SE #67	3	2	0	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$160,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00		FOX CHAPEL
22611 BLUE ELDER TER #304	1	1	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$150,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00		SUMMERFIELD BRAMBLETON
114 CARNABY WAY NE	2	1	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$150,000	Townhouse	0.05		CARNABY SQUARE
704 EDWARDS FERRY RD NE	3	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$140,000	Townhouse	0.13		RAEFIELD
553 CRESTWOOD ST SW	3	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$137,000	Townhouse	0.05		CRESTWOOD HAMLET
21014 TIMBER RIDGE TER #301	1	1	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$135,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00		WESTMAREN
42537 ROCKROSE SQ #204	2	2	0	ASHBURN	ASHBURN	\$135,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00		SUMMERFIELD BRAMBLETON
146 MEADOWS LN NE	3	3	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$133,000	Townhouse	0.04		LOUDOUN HILLS
159 MEADOWS LN NE	3	2	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$95,000	Townhouse	0.05		LOUDOUN HILLS
66 PLAZA ST NE #115	2	1	1	LEESBURG	LEESBURG	\$91,000	Townhouse	0.00		PLAZA VILLAGE TOWNHOUSES
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**Broad Run coach Mike Burnett, with the state championship trophy in hand, addresses his players moments following their 13-0 win over Amherst County.**

# Snow-Filled Celebration

**Broad Run concludes perfect football season with title game win over Amherst County.**

Broad Run rooters had plenty to cheer throughout the game as the Spartans simply man-handled the two-time defending state champion Lancers who, along with their huge group of fans who were bundled together in the stadium's far side bleachers, appeared stunned at the way the Region III champions were going down.

While Amherst ruled the Virginia Division 4 football world as a result of state titles in both 2006 and 2007, Saturday was Broad Run's time to experience football euphoria as it put the finishing, beautiful touches on a season in which it earned Dulles District, Region II and state crowns.

When, during the postgame festivities, Broad Run head coach Mike Burnett was asked to come forward to accept the state championship team trophy, he smiled broadly and lifted the prized possession high into the air as his players and assistant coaches surrounded him.

"It felt surreal," said Burnett, of those precious moments following the game.

**THE GAME** was scoreless in the second quarter when Broad Run's offense put together perhaps its best drive of the season, marching 80 yards over 19 plays and scoring the game's first points when senior quarterback Chris Jessop, on a second-down play from the Amherst 10-yard line, threw a beautifully-timed fade pass to junior wide receiver Adrian Flemming (five catches, 60 yards) in the left corner of the end zone with just 13 seconds left in the first half. Following Graham Allen's extra point kick, Broad Run had 7-0 lead and the momentum going into the half.

On the impressive touchdown march, the Spartans, on three occasions, converted fourth-down plays for first downs. The third of those conversions came when Jessop, on a fourth-and-7 from the Amherst 23, rolled our right and connected with Fleming for 13 yards down to the 10.

Earlier in the drive, Jessop (nine of 14, 121 yards, one TD) made a spectacular play when, under a

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THE CONNECTION

**T**here were tears of joy mixed in with falling snow flakes, along with lots of heartfelt hugs and triumphant cheers during the moments following Broad Run High's 13-0 victory over Amherst County in last Saturday evening's Virginia State AA championship football game in Lynchburg.

The Division 4 title game, played on the synthetic turf field at Liberty University's Arthur L. Williams Stadium, took place in cold, snowy conditions. The snowflakes began falling about 75 minutes prior to the 4:45 p.m. kickoff and continued on throughout the contest. Following the game's final ticks of the clock, which officially made the Spartans of Ashburn football state champions for the first time ever, the glorious on-field, postgame celebration made for the ultimate Broad Run football winter wonderland scene.

"It's unbelievable," said Broad Run senior tight end/defensive lineman Kevin Sandersen, of the championship game win and the Spartans' perfect 14-0 record. "Not losing and playing with this group of guys since my freshmen year is unbelievable."

The hearty Broad Run fans that had made the three-hour-plus trip to the central Virginia site, cheered thunderously throughout the afternoon and into the evening. Leading the Spartans' faithful were the "Maroon Crew," the large group of Broad Run students who have had the football teams' back all season long during the unbeaten campaign that will long be remembered in the annals of Broad Run athletics.

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# Spartans Celebrate Title

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heavy rush on a third-and-11 play from the Spartans' own 19, he somehow got a short, shuffle pass off to his left to running back Breon Earl, who gained 16 yards for a first down.

The Spartans' offense received a huge boost from its passing game [see related story at [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com)] as Jessop, despite the tough weather conditions, had an outstanding game.

Broad Run scored a second touchdown late in the fourth quarter to clinch the victory. The score came when Earl (50 yards on 18 carries), on a fourth-and-goal from the Amherst three, took a pitchout right and, despite being hit hard near the line of scrimmage, somehow fought his way into the end zone for the game-clinching score with 56 seconds left to play.

"I was determined to get in," Earl said of reaching the end zone. "A state championship was on the line. I was going to get in."

The point-after kick was blocked, but it really didn't matter. Broad Run was moments away from winning the game and the state title.

**SATURDAY'S WIN** was spear-headed by Broad Run's defense, which totally shut-down a high-powered offense that had scored 40 or more points six times during the regular season. From the start of the game, the Lancers' offense looked rattled and surprised at Broad Run's defensive tenacity. Amherst County had to rely exclusively on its running game because of its inability to put together any semblance of a passing game in the adverse elements.

Lancer junior quarterback Anthony Rose struggled to handle the slippery football. Three times he fumbled the ball, but the Lancers recovered on each occasion. Rose

completed no passes in three attempts. The Lancers had marginal success running, led by Rose's 66 yards on 13 carries. But without an aerial threat, Broad Run was focusing on the run, Amherst totaled just 45 second-half yards.

The Spartans' "D" stepped up big time in the second quarter of a scoreless game when, following a Broad Run turnover, Amherst took possession at the Spartans' 29-yard line. But the Lancers, hurt by two penalties, lost 18 yards on the possession before being forced to punt. Thereafter, Amherst never even came close to threatening to score again the rest of the game.

"We just had a great game plan," said Broad Run senior linebacker Mikey Cotton, of the Spartans' defense. "Our coaches did an excellent job."

Coach Burnett was thrilled with the championship game shutout.

"This is one of the most special defenses I've ever seen because they play as a team," said Burnett. "They are really very disciplined and made so many big plays."

**ON THE GAME'S** first possession, Broad Run moved the ball from its own 36 to the Amherst 19 before the game's most bizarre play occurred when Broad Run running back TJ Peeler (65 yards on 17 carries) broke across the line of scrimmage and into open space. Believing he had crossed the goal line, Peeler suddenly stopped running before placing the ball down on the turf. An Amherst player pounced on the ball and Broad Run's early scoring threat had ended.

With the snow making it difficult to know where he was on the field, Peeler had mistakenly thought he had crossed the goal line [see related story at [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com)].

It was an unfortunate mishap, which Broad Run and Peeler overcame.

## Athlete of the Week

Broad Run High junior wide receiver Adrian Flemming shined for the Spartans in their 13-0 state title football game win over Amherst County last Saturday afternoon at Liberty University. The 6-foot-4-inch playmaker grabbed five catches from quarterback Chris Jessop, including the game's first touchdown reception late in the first half. Flemming's big day helped Broad Run celebrate its first-ever football state championship.

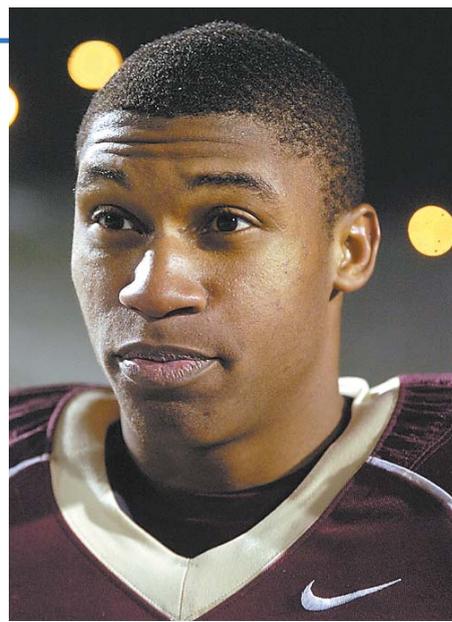


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