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Supervisors Act to 'Save Christmas'

Board overrules advisory committee's prohibition on seasonal displays at courthouse.

BY MARTIN CASEY
THE CONNECTION

Loudoun County supervisors voted Tuesday, Dec. 1, to essentially "save Christmas," several said, by voting to reverse action by its Courthouse Facilities and Grounds Committee last week to simply deny all requests for seasonal display space on the Leesburg courthouse grounds.

The Board of Supervisors voted 7-1-1 to direct the committee "to re-implement its original grounds policy." Supervisors also acted to assure that the committee does not unilaterally amend its rules without prior approval of the board.

Leesburg Supervisor Kelly Burk made the motion, seconded by Sterling Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio.

Blue Ridge Supervisor Jim Burton was the lone "no" vote, noting that "free speech issues are complex" and that such an issue had earlier cost the county \$1 million. Board Chairman Scott York was not present for the vote.

Delgaudio had pushed the issue hard, launching an e-mail attack against the "Sneak Attack on Christmas" and urging his constituents and other Loudoun County residents to demand reversal of the decision at Monday night's regular public hearing, and numerous citizens did so.

Traditionally, a manger scene has been set up at the corner of King and Market streets in Leesburg just inside the courthouse grounds. The scene has become controversial in some years, and a Menorah has also been allowed on the property. Throughout the year, the committee has approved, and

sometimes denied, requests to promote various causes with gatherings on the courthouse grounds. For example, a parade on Martin Luther King Day normally begins on the courthouse grounds and marches east on Market Street to the Douglass Community Center.

But last week, Ben Lawrence, chairman of the courthouse committee, said that requests to place things on the courthouse grounds were simply becoming too numerous, noting the difficulty of choosing between applications for available space.

The Rotary Club of Leesburg has a long tradition of placing a Christmas tree on the courthouse grounds, and club members were chagrined to learn last week that all displays on the courthouse grounds, holiday related or not, were now prohibited.

"I do not understand the rationale for this decision but I do know it flies in the face of any holiday or Christmas spirit," said one club member who has led the placing of the

tree on the courthouse grounds the past five years. "We are a traditional county and town founded on the freedoms that include freedom of religion," he commented.

The heretofore traditional nativity creche permit was also rejected by the courthouse committee, along with all others.

Delgaudio noted that a petition had been posted online last Saturday and that more than 465 people signed it within the first 24 hours.

"Pro-Christmas Americans are taking time from family Thanksgiving events and errands to sign the petition condemning the wrongful act of a Board of Supervisors Advisory Committee action taken last week against a group seeking to continue a 50-year tradition of placing a Nativity, a Menorah or a Christmas Tree at the Leesburg Courthouse," wrote Delgaudio.

The petition, entitled "Keep Leesburg Courthouse Nativity Scene" was posted by Barbara Curtis, at www.ipetitions.com/petition/leesburgnativity.



Sterling United Methodist youth gather to sort winter coats for the Nov. 21 distribution.

Serving Neighbors in Need

More donations, volunteers welcome at LINK.

BY MARTIN CASEY
THE CONNECTION

LINK, the distribution arm of Good Shepherd Alliance which distributes food and warm coats to families in need through eastern Loudoun County and Herndon, again fielded a small army of volunteers Nov. 21 at Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church in Sterling, and at Trinity Pres-

byterian Church in Dranesville, to provide food for Thanksgiving to 672 families in area neighborhoods, comprising about 3,500 individuals, about 2,000 of them children. Included were some \$14,760 in gift certificates.

Meanwhile, more than 1,075 good, used, warm winter coats were distributed at Sterling United Methodist Church in Sterling Park.

The annual activities will be repeated for Christmas on Dec. 19, when toys will be distributed for children, as well as food. LINK has issued a new call for more volunteers and contributions to

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Mims 'Comes Home'

But he's staying in Richmond.

BY MARTIN CASEY
THE CONNECTION

Virginia Attorney General Bill Mims told the Loudoun Crime Commission on Friday, Nov. 20, that he felt like he was "coming home" when he made the drive here from Richmond.

Mims went to Richmond in 1992 representing Sterling and Ashburn voters in the 32nd House of Delegates District. He was elected to the Virginia Senate from Loudoun's 33rd District in 1998, where he served until resigning in December of 2005

to become assistant attorney general to then newly elected Attorney General Bob McDonnell. When McDonnell resigned earlier this year to campaign for governor, Mims became Attorney General, where he serves until recently-elected Ken Cuccinelli takes office in January.

Mims practiced law for many years in Loudoun County; he and his family lived in CountrySide for many years; his children graduated from Potomac Falls High School.

So it's understandable that Mims felt like he was coming home, and his visit drew many first-time attendees to crime commission meetings, a non-profit organization formed four years ago.

Mims, a Republican, naturally drew many

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New Smoking Law in Effect

Local reaction to restaurants going smoke free.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Like a party on New Year's Eve, patrons at O'Faolains Irish Pub and Grill in Sterling counted down the last new seconds of Nov. 30.

When the clock struck midnight, the crowd cheered (and booed) as the restaurant's operations manager Kevin Kahoe climbed

on top of a counter top to stick the official "No Smoking" sign above the bar.

As of Dec. 1, Virginia's new smoking restrictions took effect and several restaurants, including O'Faolains, are abolishing indoor smoking altogether.

The new smoking regulations fall short of an outright ban and the Virginia General Assembly left more room for restaurants and bar to accommodate indoor smoking than Maryland or Washington D.C. currently allows.

Though nearly restaurants and bars must offer a non-smoking section and non-smoking entrance, they are also allowed to build

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Local Band Reaches a Global Market

Woven Green blends influences to create music to empower and entertain.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI JONES
THE CONNECTION

Talk about a trial by fire. Two weeks after joining the group Woven Green, drummer Zujey D'Jesus — who was discovered on craigslist — found herself in a studio laying down tracks for the band's first self-titled EP. The result is four songs that combine the quartet's varied influences and share a positive message without being preachy to the audience.

"At the heart of the music is a message of empowering people," Jim Cash, the band's songwriter and guitarist, said.

"The shared thing is we're all passionate about our music and craft."

— Jim Cash, Woven Green, songwriter and guitarist

The line up for Woven Green has only been playing together as a full band for about three months. The core, Jim and Ashley Cash, previously performed as Jim and Ashley Cash and Friends. Bassist Franz Kellner joined the group about a year ago. It was this incarnation that was slated to record the EP, but conflicts led to personnel changes and the addition of D'Jesus. The band, newly christened Woven Green — after one of Jim Cash's songs, which was inspired by a Walt Whitman poem — was born.

"Zujey and myself kind of changed the dynamic of the group," Kellner said. "The sound is raw and newer."

"We knew from the first day that we played with Franz, he was our man," Jim Cash said. "Similarly with Zujey.



Jim Cash, Ashley Cash, Zujey D'Jesus and Franz Kellner make up the eclectic rock band, Woven Green.

On Tap

Woven Green will be playing Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 p.m., at Miller's Tavern (formerly The Firehouse Grill), Fairfax, \$5 cover.

I was on craigslist everyday to find the right person. It was like a needle in a haystack. Everything in her ad was what we were looking for. When we got together the first time, it wasn't a surprise to me [that we all gelled]."

THE BAND describes its sound as "eclectic rock," with each member bringing their personal influences to the table. The music is primarily rock, but becomes a mix of world music, jazz, funk and folk thrown in for good measure.

"A song starts out as rock and ends up like Latin," D'Jesus said. "It's a combination of different rhythms."

"Some of it is synergy. When you get four people together with completely different backgrounds ... we play off each other's strengths. We're empowered by it," Ashley Cash, lead vocals, said.

The songs are also a reflection of Jim

Cash's vision of being able to bring about positive change in a world that is experiencing turmoil. And with the ever-growing digital world, allows the musicians to remain independent while reaching an international market. As a result, the band financed its first recording and isn't seeking a record label.

"Basically, we took out a mortgage on our house to do it," Ashley Cash, said. "As independent musicians, we own everything ... which is important to us."

"I'm not saying we don't want to reap the rewards ... there's another intention. It's not about ego and creating music to be rock stars. The shared thing is we're all passionate about our music and craft," Jim Cash said. "We don't want to come off as a message band, we want to have good music, too."

Maintaining their own identity and sound has also met having to learn all aspects of the recording business, including doing their own public relations, scheduling performances, working with people to create their logo, EP artwork and photography and in general, just being business savvy.

"Digitally, with MySpace, Facebook, digi-

Virtual Jukebox

To purchase Woven Green's music or for a schedule of the band's upcoming performances, visit www.wovengreenmusic.com.

tal music, blogs and pod casts, the size of the market is global now. We can sell our music overseas now," Ashley Cash said. "There doesn't have to be a label behind you."

WOVEN GREEN also thinks locally, by playing in venues and at festivals throughout Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. The Cashes, who met while both were students at George Mason University, live in a townhouse in Sterling that also serves as the band's home base and practice studio. When neighbors are out walking their dogs, they'll stop to listen to the band play, Ashley Cash said.

One of the band's first "live performances" was at D'Jesus' Ashburn home soon after she joined the line up.

"We played at my house on the deck," D'Jesus said. "And people came and sat on the lawn." Ashley Cash adds, "People brought their kids out."

Prior to the impromptu concert, the band had only played together once. Now they are looking to put together a tour throughout the northeast. In the meantime, the ensemble has upcoming shows at Miller's Tavern in Fairfax, a monthly show at the Downtown Saloon in Leesburg and an appearance at *Bangkok Blues* in Falls Church, among others.

When they aren't performing, the members of Woven Green have jobs "that pay the bills." The Cashes provide music lessons through their business, Potomac Falls Music. D'Jesus is a dental assistant and also teaches music. Kellner, who lives in Silver Spring, Md., works in retail.

"It's a constant interplay. We're doing what we have to do to keep us in an advantageous position to play music," Ashley Cash said.

"I dream of being on stage and of having lots of people out there. Not to be famous, but to get our message out there," D'Jesus said. "The kids I teach have listened to our music and loved it. They really get the concept."

A LOOK AHEAD

The **Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Service** offers both seasonal and H1N1 flu shots on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6-9 p.m., at the main entrance to its medical center in Leesburg, 224 Cornwall St. The clinic is open to the public; children aged 6 months and older are eligible to receive a flu shot. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Seniors with valid Medicare card can also receive a flu shot. Cost is \$25 per

person (check or cash).

The **quarterly meetings of the Sheriff's Office** with eastern Loudoun residents is set for Tuesday, Dec. 8, starting at 6 p.m., in the Cascades Library on Whitfield Place. The meeting will report to residents on the status of public safety in Sterling communities.

The next **Board of Supervisors and School Board**

public hearings on the FY11 budget will be Tuesday, Dec. 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the County Government Center, 1 Harrison St., SE, Leesburg. Another session is set for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Loudoun County Public Schools administration building in Ashburn on Education Court off Broadlands Boulevard. Sign up to speak by calling 703-777-0200, or sign the register at the meeting.

Board of Supervisors public

hearings on the proposed County Energy Plan begin at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, in the County Government Center, 1 Harrison St., Leesburg. Sign up to speak by calling 703-777-0200, or sign the register at the meeting. A copy of the draft strategy is available online at loudoun.gov/energy.

The **Sterling Park Seahawks Swim Team sponsors Breakfast with Santa**, 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Ster-

ling Golf, Swim and Tennis Club at 333 S. Sterling Blvd. in Sterling Park. Parents may call 703-430-1400, ext. 1, to make reservations. Breakfast will be served between 9 and 11 a.m.; Santa arrives at 10 a.m. Children 2 and under, free; ages 3-11, \$4.95; ages 12 and up \$6.95. Bring your camera. Children under 12 will receive a small gift.

— MARTIN CASEY

Squad Marks 45th Anniversary

The Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad is in its 45th year of operation. It was formed in 1964 as a "grand project" first proposed by John Costello, charter president of the Sterling Park Jaycees. Don Kelly was named Charter President of the first rescue squad; Jake Bukovsky served as its first captain.

The squad's first ambulance was a 1959 model Chevrolet "Carryall" station wagon, which was housed at Arlyn Black's Shell Station. The unit's first call came on Feb. 27, 1965, to tend to injuries in a motor vehicle accident. The next year, the squad was able to purchase its first new ambulance, a 1966 Chevy Carryall. Both vehicles were used until May 7, 1968, when a fire destroyed the '59 Carryall ambulance.

Within three years, a new Sterling Safety Center was dedicated, on Jan. 7, 1971, to house both the Sterling Rescue Squad and the recently-formed Sterling Fire Company. The new building at the time was welcomed as "a headquarters building we'll never outgrow," according to the company's Web site.

Along with the safety center came the most advanced ambulance in Loudoun County at the

time — a GMC/Swab Crash Truck.

Now the rescue squad and fire company have a second station in Cascades, as well as its main station on East Commerce Street, one block east of Sterling Boulevard off Holly Street East. Both the rescue squad and fire company are non-profit organizations staffed by volunteers and supported by individuals and businesses within the community. The Cascades facility is on Middlefield Drive just off Cascades Parkway between Algonkian Boulevard and the Cascades Marketplace.

During a Sept. 11, 2001 remembrance earlier this year, Sterling Rescue Squad President P.J. Azzolina estimated that his organization had sent up to 70 emergency responders to the Pentagon to assist in rescue efforts there.

Today, the Sterling Rescue Squad responds annually to more than 6,000 emergency calls from the communities of Sterling Park, Great Falls Forest, Broad Run Farms, CountrySide, Sugarland Run, Lowes Island and Cascades, plus many other smaller communities within the county's two Sterling ZIP codes — a population the

squad estimates at some 60,000 to 75,000 people.

The Sterling Rescue Squad now maintains a variety of ambulances, chase vehicles, boats and heavy rescue apparatus. It also provides training for residents interested in learning CPR and other first aid measures.

The unit continues to seek operational and administrative volunteer members. To find out more about volunteering or classes, call 571-238-0253, visit sterlingrescue.com or email membership@sterlingrescue.com.

The Sterling Volunteers Fire and Rescue companies are not the oldest in the county. The Ashburn Volunteer Fire Company dates to 1944 when a local Baptist minister recruited seven other citizens to form the initial company — spurred by a tragic fire the previous year that resulted in the deaths of two children.

At the time, Loudoun County was a major milk producer and what is called "old Ashburn" now, was the rail stop between Leesburg and Fairfax County.

— MARTIN CASEY

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11312 STONEHOUSE PL	5	4	1	POTOMAC FALLS		\$939,500	Detached	1.23		ESTATES AT LOWES ISLAND
47509 COMPTON CIR	4	3	1		STERLING	\$700,000	Detached	0.20		LOWES ISLAND
47804 SAULTY DR	5	3	1		STERLING	\$650,000	Detached	0.18		CASCADES
20571 QUARTERPATH TRACE CIR	4	4	0		STERLING	\$635,000	Detached	0.27		CASCADES
47080 STILLWOOD PL	4	2	2		STERLING	\$620,000	Detached	0.23		POTOMAC LAKES
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20761 EASTLAKE CT	6	3	1		STERLING	\$590,000	Detached	0.21		POTOMAC LAKES
21356 ROSEWOOD PL	6	4	1		STERLING	\$590,000	Detached	0.28		POTOMAC WOODS
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20669 SHOAL PL	5	3	1		STERLING	\$565,000	Detached	0.16		CASCADES
9 CEDAR DR	4	3	1		STERLING	\$550,000	Detached	1.00		RICHLAND ACRES
20749 ARBOR CT	4	3	1		STERLING	\$546,000	Detached	0.18		POTOMAC LAKES
20905 WATERBEACH PL	3	2	1	POTOMAC FALLS		\$520,000	Detached	0.13		LOWES ISLAND
20648 LONGPIER WAY	5	3	1		STERLING	\$515,000	Detached	0.18		CASCADES
20853 WATERBEACH PL	3	2	1		STERLING	\$500,000	Detached	0.15		CASCADES
59 WHITTINGHAM CIR	5	3	0		STERLING	\$499,500	Detached	0.30		COUNTRYSIDE
20641 MINT SPRINGS CT	5	2	1		STERLING	\$490,000	Detached	0.21		POTOMAC LAKES
203 WINTER FROST CT	3	2	1		STERLING	\$439,000	Detached	0.23		ENVIRONS
209 PIN OAK CT	4	2	1		STERLING	\$437,500	Detached	0.23		FOREST RIDGE
20929 TRINITY SQ	4	3	1		STERLING	\$429,900	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC LAKES
20896 TRINITY SQ	4	3	1		STERLING	\$422,500	Townhouse	0.07		POTOMAC LAKES
20397 WHITE OAK DR	4	3	0		STERLING	\$420,000	Detached	0.60		BROAD RUN FARMS
20193 DAIRY LN	4	2	1		STERLING	\$420,000	Detached	0.57		BROAD RUN FARMS
20829 MIRANDA FALLS SQ	3	2	2		STERLING	\$414,000	Townhouse	0.07		GREAT FALLS CHASE
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20451 CHESAPEAKE SQ #300	2	2	0		STERLING	\$197,250	Garden 1-4 Floors			RIVERBEND AT CASCADES
46596 DRYSDALE TER #301	2	2	0		STERLING	\$190,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			RIVERBEND AT CASCADES
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FRIDAY/DEC. 4

Holiday Show and Sale. 6-9 p.m. Art students at the Loudoun Academy of the Arts will display their work at Gallery 222's Holiday Show and Sale. Artwork will include watercolor, pastel and oil paintings, drawings and sculpture. Visit www.loudounacademy.org or www.gallery222.com or call 703-777-5498.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Breakfast With Santa. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Hosted by the Arcola-Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department. At Arcola United Methodist Church, 24757 Evergreen Mills Road, Sterling. Call 703-542-6839.

Winter Coffeehouse. 2 p.m. An afternoon of live family-friendly music, holiday sing-alongs and a magic show for kids presented by the Sterling Library Teen Advisory Board. At the Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling.

Preventing Diabetes. 10 a.m. to noon. Type 2 diabetes can be delayed and prevented with healthier habits during the pre-diabetes stage. In these two-hour classes, certified diabetes educators will provide information on physical activity, an improved diet and other positive lifestyle changes that can stall or prevent type 2 diabetes. \$50 registration. At the Diabetes Center, Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg. Call 703-750-8800 or go to www.inova.org/healthclasses.

Make Holiday Cards. 10 a.m. to noon. Nature and art come together in this workshop where children will create holiday-themed, original artwork and cards for sending to family and friends. At the Loudoun Academy of the Arts, 222 South King Street in Historic Leesburg. Cost is \$20 plus \$10 supply fee. For ages 5-10. Register on-line at www.loudounacademy.org or call 703-777-8043.

Cedar Lane Winter Festival and Holiday Shop. Free. Vendors include Silpada, Pampered Chef, Scentimental Scents and Mary Kay. At Cedar Lane Elementary School, 43700 Tolamac Drive, Ashburn.

DEC. 5-6

A Collection of Holiday Carols. \$10 admission; \$8/seniors; and \$5/youth. Presented by the Loudoun Chorale. Joining the Chorale will be the Sycolin Creek Elementary School 5th Grade Chorus. On Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 43600 Russell Branch Parkway, Ashburn; On Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 West Market Street, Leesburg. Call 571-236-5734 or visit www.loudounchorale.org.

Treasures for Life Rummage Sale. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale features furniture, household items, clothing, office equipment, books, artwork, electronics, outdoor equipment, toys, and many other items for sale. Sponsored by the IYS Corporation to Support Mothers Against Drunk Driving. At 23465 Rock Haven Way, Suite 125, Dulles. Anyone wishing to arrange for a donation and free pickup of items for the sale may call 703-779-7534. Visit: <http://www.TreasuresforLife.net>

SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Nutcracker Tea Party. 1 p.m. Loudoun Ballet Company performs The Nutcracker Tea Party at River Creek Country Club, 43404 Westchester Square, Leesburg. Children ages 3-12 is \$25; adults 13 and up is \$35.



Carole McNeil, vocalist

SATURDAY/DEC. 12

Loudoun Symphony Concert. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door, \$15/advance. Featuring jazz, pops, Broadway, Sousa March, ballet, classical and seasonal favorites. Featured soloists are Carole McNeil, vocalist, and Jason Greco, pianist. Pre-concert lecture by Maestro Mark Allen McCoy at 7:15 p.m. At Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn. Visit www.loudounsymphony.org or call 703-771-8287.

Performances will be at Park View High School, 400 W. Laurel Ave., Sterling, on Saturday, Dec. 12 and 19, at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 20 at 2:30 p.m. Call 703-771-8074. Go to www.loudounballet.org/teapartytickets.

Concert. 3 p.m. Ensemble a la Carte, featuring bassoonist Robin Gelman. The group will perform Serenade, opus 14, for seven winds by Julius Roentgen and the Sextet, opus 271, by Carl Reinecke. At Congregation Sha'are Shalom, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, across from Heritage High School. Call 703-737-6500 or visit www.sha-areshalom.org.

Birding Hotspots in Loudoun. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join Joe Coleman and Laura Weidner of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy on a daylong search for sparrows, hawks, waterfowl, and other seasonal birds at some of Loudoun County's richest birding destinations. The group will meet at the Audubon Naturalist Society's Rust Nature Sanctuary in Leesburg. Registration required. Members (ANS & LWC): \$30; Non-members: \$42. To register contact ANS at 301-652-9188 x16.

TUESDAY/DEC. 8

Holiday Open House. 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also collecting non-perishable food for Loudoun Interfaith Relief. At the Visit Loudoun Office, 112-G South Street, SE, Market Station, Leesburg. Snow Date: Monday, Dec. 14.

Holiday Party and Toy Drive. 3-5 p.m. The east and west chapters of the MOMS Club of Sterling will host a joint annual Holiday Party and Monthly Meeting. At the Stone House in Cascades at 20670 Fernbank Court, Sterling. Visit www.momsclubofsterlingva.org.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 9

Meet the Author. 7 p.m. Author Sharon K. Solomon will read from her bilingual book, A Walk with Grandpa — Un Paseo con Abuelo. At Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn.

Winter Meet and Greet. 10 a.m. With the MOMS Club of Ashburn Farm. Get information about the club and meet new members at the Ashburn Library. They'll be collecting mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for the Loudoun County Holiday Coalition. Call Jenny Morrill at 703-338-2732, email membership_mcaf@yahoo.com or visit www.momsclubofashburnfarm.webs.com.

THURSDAY/DEC. 10

ServSafe Food Sanitation Course. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Loudoun Extension Office in Leesburg. Cost is \$150, includes text, examination and certification. Call 703-777-0373.

FRIDAY/DEC. 11

Battle of the Bands. 6:30 p.m. \$3. The Loudoun County Youth Advisory Council and Loudoun Youth Inc. will host the second in a series of Battle of the Bands events. All bands that want to play at YouthFest 2010 must compete in a Battle of the Bands event. To be held at AV-COM Visual Arts, 45965 Nokes Blvd. in Sterling. Visit <http://www.loudounteens.org> or call 703-737-8335.

DEC. 11, 12, 13

DECA Holiday House. Potomac Falls High School DECA students will give tours of the home of Rhoda Matts who decorates 70-plus trees and every room for the holidays. This ALS fundraiser will take place Friday, Dec. 11 from 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 from 1-9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13 from 1-6 p.m. House located at 234 Markwood Drive, Sterling.

SATURDAY/DEC. 12

TubaChristmas Concert. 6 p.m. With the Loudoun Valley High School Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble. At Franklin Park Arts Center. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.franklinparkartscenter.org. Call 540-338-7973.

Loudoun Symphonic Winds

Concert. 7:30 p.m. The program will include selections from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," "Silver Bells," and "Greensleeves". Admission is a new, unwrapped toy to be delivered to Toys for Tots. At Dominion High School, 21326 Augusta Drive in Sterling. Visit the Loudoun Symphonic Winds web site at www.lcbandinc.org or call 703-777-7985.

Birding Banshee. 8 a.m. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and the Friends of Banshee Reeks at the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve for a monthly bird walk. Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org.

Ashburn Classics Christmas Luncheon. 11 a.m. The Ashburn Classics is a social club for seniors age 50 and over in the Ashburn area. At the Holiday Inn, Leesburg. Reservations are required and entertainment will be provided. Call 703-858-1313.

Master Singers of Virginia. 8 p.m. (7:15 p.m. lecture). Holiday performance from chant to carol. A 34-member a cappella ensemble under the direction of Dr. Erik Jones. Tickets are \$18/adults and \$15/students/seniors (65+) in advance. Go to www.msva.org or call 703-655-7809. At Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, 43115 Waxpool Road, Ashburn.

Loudoun Symphony Performs. 8 p.m. "Celebrate the Season" features Christmas, Hanukkah and winter music. At Stone Bridge High School, Claibourne Parkway and Hay Road in Ashburn. For tickets, call 703-771-8287 or visit www.loudounsymphony.org.

Pet Pictures with Santa. 1-3 p.m. Ashburn Village Animal Hospital is hosting pet pictures with Santa. At 44110 Ashburn Shopping Plaza, Ashburn, in the Giant Shopping Center across from the Ashburn Village Sports Pavilion. To schedule an appointment, call 703-729-0700.

Holiday Open House. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dodona Manor is decorated for the holidays as it was during George C. Marshall's life there in the 1950s. At 217 Edwards Ferry Road Leesburg. Call 703-777-1880.



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Turnaround Football Season Ends for Park View

Patriots reach region title game before losing at Handley.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

There was a fierce determination to succeed for the Park View High football team this past season. The Patriots, who had struggled through a disappointing 3-7 record in 2008, were simply not going to go through another losing campaign in 2009.

"No matter what, we weren't going to let that happen again," said Eric Palma, a junior outside linebacker for Park View.

The Patriots, in fact, experienced a dramatic turnaround, reversing their regular season record of a year ago to 7-3 this fall and qualifying for the Region II, Div. 4 playoffs. There, Park View soundly defeated Western Albemarle, 35-0, in a home semifinals game on Nov. 20. That victory advanced the Patriots to last Saturday afternoon's region championship game at Winchester's Handley High. That is where the season ended for coach Andy Hill's Patriots, who lost to the home team Judges by a 33-7 score.

"Park View is known as a 'never quit' team. We played hard and physical this year."

— Eric Palma

Park View, with the title game defeat, ended its outstanding season with an overall record of 8-4. Handley, a member of the Northwestern District, improved to 12-0 and is set to host Bruton High of Williamsburg in a state double-A semifinals playoff game this Saturday afternoon.

"It was an incredible job by everybody [on this team]," said coach Hill, of his team's turnaround season. "All these kids played [in 2008] and really put in their minds that we weren't going to be that team this year. [A win-loss record of] 8-4 is a real step up."

Handley, on a cold, windy but sunny day in front of a large, enthusiastic home crowd, displayed the characteristics that have allowed them to go unbeaten this season in its game against Park View. Offensively, the Judges effectively ran the football. On defense, they limited Park View's ability to move the ball and consistently pres-



Brandon Lee (8), the Park View quarterback, was under intense pressure throughout the Patriots' region title game at Handley last Saturday.

sured Patriots' quarterback Brandon Lee when the 6-foot-3 inch, 205-pound senior attempted to pass.

Handley gained the game's momentum with an early interception, then scored the game's first touchdown on its first offensive play when running back Jeremiah Wilson, on a pitchout play to the right, burst free for a 22-yard touchdown run less than two minutes into the start of the contest. Handley never lost control thereafter, scoring touchdowns in both the second and third quarters to build a 20-0 lead. In the fourth quarter, the Judges remained in high gear with two more touchdowns to increase their lead to 33-0.

PARK VIEW finally broke through for a touchdown on an eight-yard scoring run by Lee with four minutes, 17 seconds left to play. Kevin Flamenco's extra point kick capped the game's scoring at 33-7.

Lee's touchdown run off the right side, which came on a first-and-goal play and out of the shotgun formation, capped Park View's best drive of the game - a nine-play, 77-yard march. Two plays prior to the touchdown, the Patriots converted a fourth-and-10 play from their own 49 yard line when Lee found senior receiver JR Shooks for a 17-yard pass play hook-up. A 15-yard defensive penalty on the same play put the ball on the Handley 19, setting up the touchdown two plays later.



Tommy Sedeski (5) runs with the football during the game against Handley.

the Patriots.

"Their pressure was good," said Hill, of the Handley pass rush. "They like to come after you."

BUT IN WHAT was a tough game for Park View, the locals did have some highlight moments in the loss. Shooks, on a Handley extra point kick try in the second quarter, broke around the right side to block the attempt. (Earlier in the game, Lee had blocked a Handley field goal attempt).

Shooks, later in the first half from his defensive position in the secondary, also intercepted a pass when Handley quarterback Geremi Long, on a second down play from the Park View 30 yard line, tried to throw a deep ball down the left sideline. But the 6-foot-4 Shooks picked the ball off to end the Judge's threat to keep the score at 13-0.

But overall the day belonged to the Judges, who had a big game from running back Wilson (19 carries, 115 yards and two touchdowns).

Still, the title game loss hardly diminished Park View's successful season. The Patriots were 4-2 within the Dulles District. On four occasions this season, the Patriots held their opponents scoreless.

"I'm just real proud of my kids," said Hill. "It's not the way you want to end the year, but I'm proud of them."

Palma, who enjoyed an outstanding season at his linebacker position, echoed the same thoughts.

"We lost but it's OK," said Palma. "We can't be disappointed. We played as hard as we could. We just couldn't win today. I'm real proud and can't say anything negative about the team. Park View is known as a 'never quit' team. We played hard and physical this year."

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Reacting to New Smoking Law

FROM PAGE 3

a smoking lounge, as long as it is separately ventilated and physically closed off from the nonsmoking areas.

IN ADDITION to O'Faolain's, Sweetwater Tavern in Sterling also opted to go entirely smoke free inside.

In the spring, Sweetwater may allow smoking at its outdoor bar area, which is currently closed for the winter season, said Dave Omar, one of the restaurant's managers. "We haven't made a decision on that yet," he said.

O'Faolains will allow people to smoke on their outdoor patio and plans to provide deck chairs and heat lamps in that area, said staff.

At least one local restaurant, Ned Devine's Irish Bar & Restaurant in Herndon, is considering accommodating smoking inside.

Residents in general expressed mixed feelings about the new restrictions.

Potomac Falls resident Patrick Michael O'Shea has never smoked but is uncomfortable with society deciding which vices are acceptable and which are not.

"When was the last time you worried about driving home late at night and someone crashing their car into you because they had too many cigarettes? Why is smoking bad and drinking not?" said O'Shea, who was enjoying at alcoholic beverage at the

Irish bar.

"For me, nonsmoking is great but that doesn't make it right," he added.

BUT KAHOE, for one, is delighted by the partial smoking ban. The Ashburn resident, who has worked at the bar for three and a half years, said a similar prohibition on smoking had a positive effect in Ireland.

"It improved business for the likes of restaurants and bars that were focused on food," said Kahoe, an Irish immigrant who lived in the country when the smoking ban went into effect.

Kahoe said he does not think the smoking ban will have a large impact on business at O'Faolain's or other local restaurants and bars as some people fear.

"I don't think a lot of people are going to go away and not come back. People in Ireland said that too and it didn't happen. Everyone got over it," said Kahoe.

Trina Medford, an Ashburn resident who tends bar at Ned Devine's, agrees with Kahoe.

"If it is a bar that a person goes to regularly, I don't think that is going to change much," she said.

Medford said she does not mind going out to smoke and is generally ambivalent about the new smoking restrictions.

"If I can't smoke in a bar, I will probably smoke less and that is good thing," she said.

Mims 'Comes Home' to Loudoun

FROM PAGE 3

of Loudoun's most visible Republican activists, including Patricia Phillips, who confirmed that she plans to again seek Mims' old senate seat. That seat is now held by Democrat Mark Herring, who defeated Phillips in the 2007 election. The senate race won't come before voters until 2011.

BUT MIMS WON'T be returning to Loudoun when he steps away from public office in January. He told well-wishers that he would go "from the state's third largest law firm" (the Attorney General's Office) "to the state's largest law firm," becoming a partner in the Richmond firm of Hunton & Williams. He will also serve as co-chairman of McDonnell's gubernatorial transition team.

Early in his remarks to the commission, Mims congratulated Republican Tag Greason of Ashburn on his November election to Mims' old delegate seat.

Mims explained in detail the work of the AG's office, describing the office as "the law firm for the Commonwealth" with attorneys "practicing in every jurisdiction." He noted the office handles all of the appeals from

prosecutions by local counties and cities, and handles prison system matters.

He stressed that another part of the job is not merely to defend the state in court.

"We defend the state, and if we see the state being sued and we feel the case may have merit, we pro-actively go to our client ... and say 'Let's do something about this'."

Mims, who served on the congressional staff of U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf early in his career, credited Wolf for his initiation in 1997 in forming a regional Gang Reduction and Interdiction Program (GRIP) in Northern Virginia that has raised awareness to the gang activities and unified the various jurisdictions into a concerted and continuing effort to combat gang violence.

Mims noted that young people aged 10 to 12 — "not just those 17 and 18" — are joining gangs, adding that it is important to deal with challenges from gangs "in the schools" and not just on the streets.

On another issue, Mims noted that Democrat Gov. Tim Kaine, "with McDonnell's support" from the AG's office, has moved to improve the state's laws on mental health and civil commitment, adding, "McDonnell has plans to go forward with that."

Section of New Homes in Brambleton To Open

The City Towns, Van Metre's first section of homes to open in Brambleton, will make their debut this Saturday, Dec. 5, during a grand opening from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Van Metre sales center at the Town Center. Refreshments will be available, and

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The Cancer Club



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

A club whose membership you don't want in. Heck, a club whose membership you don't ever want to be considered for. A club, though, that can make the ideal claim, as being truly indiscriminate. A club that will, in fact, not discriminate based on race, creed, color, ethnic or religious background or belief, country of origin, level of education (or lack thereof), sexual orientation or any other preference/persuasion one can imagine/create. However, it is a club that will not exactly invite you to join as much as it will tell you that you are a member. To sort of quote Groucho Marx, you might become a member regardless of whether you would refuse to join such a club simply because they invited you to join. In reality, you have no control, well, not total control. You're either in or you're out. And in my brief experience/membership, it is much better to be out than in.

Now that I'm in, though, it is indeed a club. One without walls and secret handshakes, but a club nonetheless. There aren't exactly meetings per se (although there are support groups) and there aren't exactly dues (although there are a lot of don'ts and shouldn't-anymores); nor are there membership drives or incentives to upgrade your membership. However, unlike many other clubs, once in, you're in for life; whether you're an active, under-treatment member or a formerly under treatment/inactive member. Moreover: membership, participation, attendance does not have its advantages. It's been my experience, diagnosis to date (nine months, approximately) that membership only offers disadvantages.

Sure, you meet wonderful, caring, nurturing, well-meaning health care professionals; as well as supportive, empathetic, similarly-struggling, cancer-diagnosed patients – some of whom you see regularly (depending on your infusion schedule). Others you see less frequently, sort of in passing (no pun intended), when scheduled appointments, scans, lab work, etc., cause you to be in the same place at the same time. And, of course, there is comfort in sharing, and knowing that you are not alone, and seeing familiar faces, even if they are faces you've seen when visiting (I use that term loosely) your oncologist or after receiving treatment, is soothing, sort of.

However, as important as feeling a part of something (that is so much bigger than you) and part of a group of similarly affected individuals is concerned, still, it's the being-alone time that can't be prevented. Being left with your own thoughts, in your own personal space – and time, is when the rubber really meets the road. Diversions and interactions with other cancer patients certainly help pass some of that time, and make that time less lonely and scary, but it's hard to hide from yourself (and you know where you live).

It's at the end of the day, literally and figuratively, when whatever you've gained or absorbed from these fellow club members needs to take root once again. Remembering what was said, what shared experience was recounted, what encouragement was expressed, what explanations and characterizations of treatments, protocols, procedures, etc. was discussed and most importantly, what appreciation of some of the pain and suffering you've endured, physically and mentally was understood, which is so helpful and so rewarding that, if I wasn't already a member, I'd try to form a club whose members were so likewise engaged.

Cancer is certainly not for everybody (thank God!), but for those of us already in the club, membership matters. I wouldn't say there are privileges, but there are possibilities.

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Serving Neighbors in Need

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serve an expected larger number of families in need by Christmas time. In addition, LINK reports that it has a severe need for more Spanish-English translators to accompany needy families as they are being served at the churches involved. The need for translators includes fielding telephone calls as well as helping families on the day of distribution.

The food, coats and toys are collected through the generosity of community residents and the many churches of all faiths, who participate in the LINK program.

Volunteers also came from Lockheed Martin, among other companies that ask their employees to help LINK, and area girl and boy scouting troops.

On Saturday, some 30,000 pounds of food and about 1,000 coats and sweaters were distributed to the registered families, and then to walk-in residents as long as supplies lasted.

During the Dec. 19 Christmas distribution, toys will be distributed at Herndon United Methodist Church on Dranesville Road.

LINK issued an urgent call Nov. 29 to fill the organization's needs for 20,000 more pounds of non-perishable foods, such as hearty soups, spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned meats and cereal.

CRIME REPORT

Joggers Kissed

The Sheriff's Office announced Wednesday, Nov. 25, that deputies had located a 71-year-old man who had kissed the hands of female joggers along Whitewater Drive near Lowes Island Elementary School.

The women each reported that an unknown man had extended his hand to them as though he wanted to shake hands, and then kissed their hands. The separate incidents were reported on Nov. 20, 23 and 24. Each occurred between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m.

Authorities added that the man "is suffering from an ailment" and that did "not appear to be any criminal intent." None of the women wished to pursue charges in the case, according to authorities.

The man's named was not released because no charges are pending. At least four women reported being kissed, according to a Sheriff's spokesman.

SUV Driven into Lake

A 16-year-old Ashburn female crashed into a lake along Ashburn Village Boulevard near Cheltenham Circle about 4:30 p.m. Nov. 22, a Sheriff's spokesman reported.

"The SUV appears to have been intentionally driven off of Cheltenham Circle by jumping a curb. The vehicle then was driven through a fence and eventually landed in the lake," he said. "There were no signs of attempts to break or attempt to steer clear of the lake."

An underwater recovery unit responded to the scene to assure that no other victims were in the SUV. The individual, whom au-

Volunteers and donations are also needed. In preparation for the Dec. 19 distribution, Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church will be open for receiving and sorting contributions on Monday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-noon and 7-9 p.m. — also Thursday, Dec. 17, during the same times at the same churches. Sorting will be continued Friday, Dec. 18, until finished to be ready for distribution Dec. 19.

More volunteers will be needed on Saturday, Dec. 19, during distribution, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at both churches. In addition, drivers will be needed that day to serve home-bound families and individuals through Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Toy donations distributed from Herndon United Methodist Church will also need volunteers: on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to sort toys contributions, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sorting continues during the same hours on Thursday, Dec. 17; and Friday, Dec. 18, until 7 p.m., with final sorting and serving recipients on Saturday, Dec. 19, starting at 8 a.m. and ending by 1 p.m.

To volunteer, call LINK at 703-973-4444. All donations should be received by early Saturday, Dec. 19.

Meanwhile, Ashburn Presbyterian Church raised \$13,268 to help support the Good Shepherd Alliance's homeless shelters by sponsoring a fund-raiser Oct. 24 including a dinner, silent auction and pie auction.

thorities did not identify due to her age, was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Arrest in Sterling Theft

Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 23-year-old man for larceny, obstruction of justice and assault Nov. 22 after responding to an afternoon theft report at the Target store in Potomac Run Plaza on Route 7 across from NOVA Community College. The suspect, found hiding near a trailer, was caught after a foot chase.

Arrests in Ashburn Burglary

Four Maryland men have been charged in connection with an overnight burglary of an Ashburn home.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a burglary in progress about 1:30 a.m. Nov. 20 on Atherton Street near Broadlands Village Center.

Deputies arrived in time to find signs of the burglary, including removal of two large-screen television sets and a video game system. Residents were away at the time.

Deputies canvassed the area, locating a suspicious vehicle near Waxpool Road and Loudoun County Parkway, authorities reported. The four occupants of the vehicle were arrested.

The four were being held in the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center.

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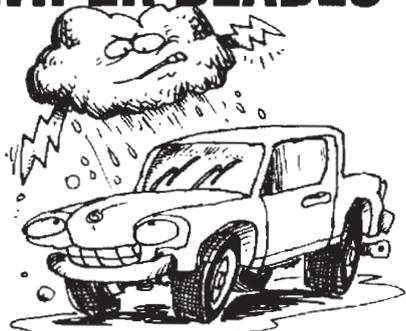
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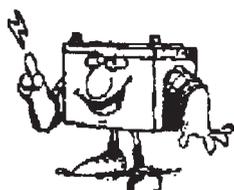


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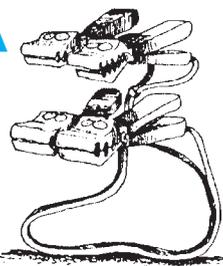


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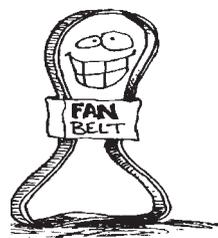
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