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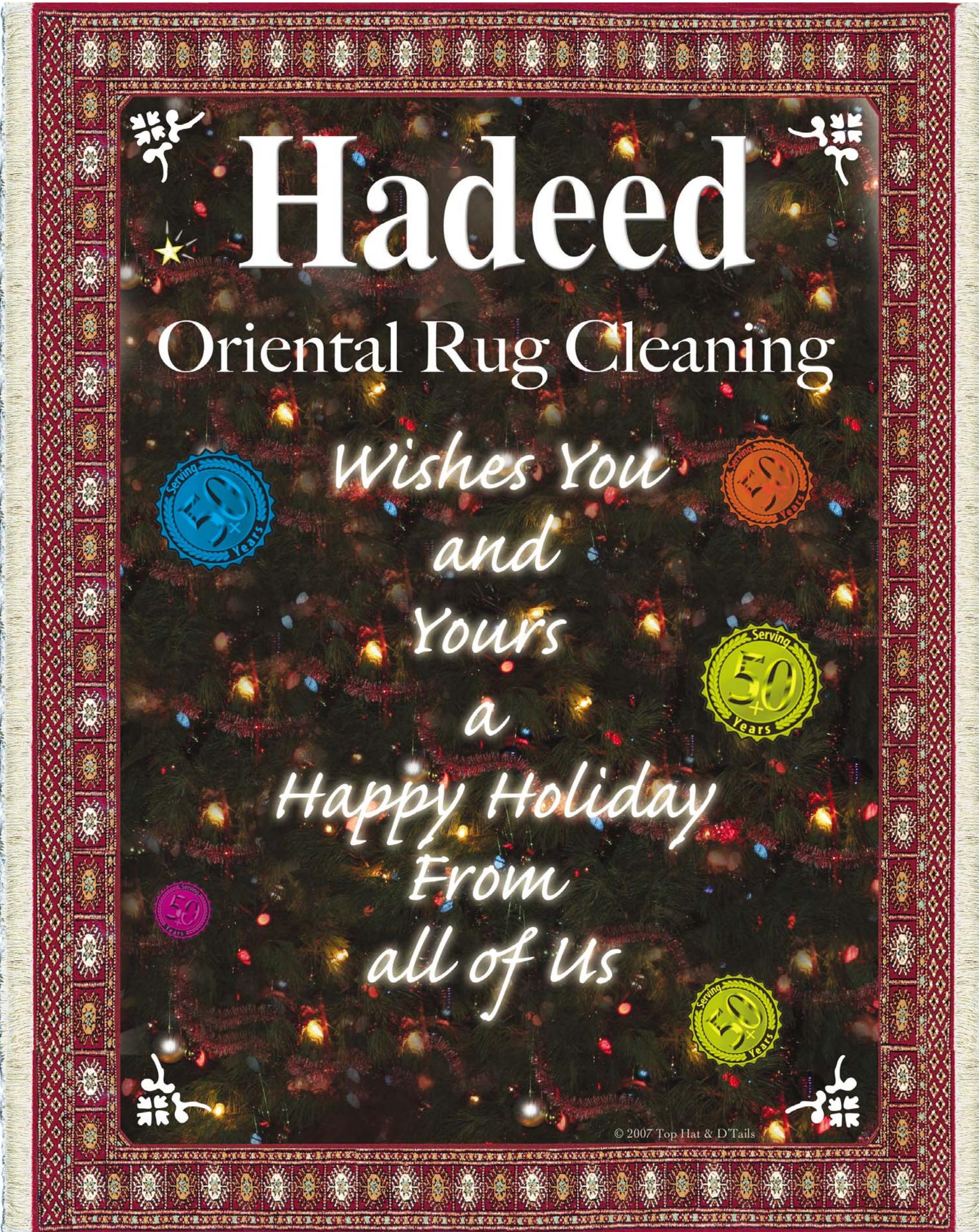
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Lakeside Pharmacy, the last original business at Lake Anne, is now up for sale.

## Oldest Business up for Sale

Lakeside Pharmacy, last original business at Lake Anne, to be sold.

“It’s really a throwback to a different time,” said real estate agent John Querolo of one of the latest properties he is helping to sell. Lakeside Pharmacy, the last original business at Reston’s first village center, is no CVS. Like the pharmacies of the 1950s and 1960s, the shop doesn’t double as a grocery store, but it has a soda fountain and food counter where customers can order breakfast, lunch or dinner while waiting for their prescriptions to be filled. It also offers a candy counter, newspaper stand and U.S. Post Office in the 3,000-square-foot space.

“The owner has been there many, many years, and it’s just time for him to go on and start a new adventure,” Querolo said.

Owner Larry Cohn opened the business more than 40 years ago. The space went on the market early this month.

**“We would love to see it continue into the future as a working pharmacy.”**

— John Querolo, real estate agent

Querolo said the pharmacy industry was different than decades ago, with drugs now available over the Internet, drug stores doubling as supermarkets and supermarkets incorporating pharmacies. Also, he said, a storefront on Washington

Plaza at Lake Anne is not a location that customers can pull up to in their vehicles.

“We would love to see it continue into the future as a working pharmacy,” he said, but he noted that the idea might be improbable. Pharmacists are in short supply, and the shop would require a licensed pharmacist who would also be willing to oversee food preparation and sell goods like greeting cards and shampoo, while most druggists today can work at a CVS or supermarket without the responsibilities of owning the business or managing anything beyond the drug counter, he said.

“We are trying to find that person,” Querolo said, but he added that Cohn was willing to sell the property to anyone ready to buy. With space for outdoor seating and a view of Lake Anne, he said, the location could become a prime restaurant site.

— MIKE DICICCO



The Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston hosted its ninth annual Alternative Gift Market and Fair Trade Crafts from Ten Thousand Villages on Saturday, Dec. 5.

## Charity Goes a Long Way

Reston church supports local, global charities.

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER  
THE CONNECTION

During the Christmas season, one local church is not just meeting the needs of people locally. It reaches out to the people around the world as well.

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston hosted its ninth annual Alternative Gift Market and Fair Trade Crafts from Ten Thousand Villages on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Alternative gifts are donations to local and international charitable organizations that help those in need.

Jodi Imel, a committee member of the Alternative Gift Market, said the gift market raised a total of \$24,700 this year. Imel said \$1,950 was raised to support Reston Interfaith this Christmas.

“All of the money goes to charity,” Imel said. “We totally give everything back to the community. Some of the charities were local and some were international.”

Despite the economic downturn this year, Imel said, purchasers still gave. While a total of \$33,000 was raised in 2008, Imel said the numbers were down this year because of the snow.

Maxine Jaubert, a committee member and vendor who sets up the Amazon Adopt-a-School

Project at the market, said the market has raised more than \$200,000 since it began.

Jaubert said at the Amazon Adopt-a-School Project customers could buy half a year of medical treatment for \$25 and \$50 for the full year for someone in Peru.

The other supported global charities at the market were: BEADS for Education, Advancement, Development and Success, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), Children of Mtaya in Zambia, Heifer International, Paper to Pearl, Fair Trade Crafts from Ten Thousand Villages and 14 Alternative International Projects.

**“The economy didn’t seem to affect us”**

— Maxine Jaubert

“The economy didn’t seem to affect us,” Jaubert said.

In the end, Anne Welch said participating in the market was worthwhile.

“[The Alternative Gift Market] is supported by not just the church members, but the Reston-Herndon community,” Welch said. “We are glad for their support. I hope next year it doesn’t snow.”

The Alternative Gift Market supported eight local charities. They were Reston Interfaith, Northern Virginia Training Center, Northern Virginia AIDES Ministry, Fairfax Office of Partnerships, Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help (FISH), Giving Circle of Hope, Book Wish and Friends of Homeless Animals.

Purchasers received gift cards for the recipients of the gift, along with explanations of how the donations would be used.

## Cruising to Baltimore with FISH Supporters

Supporters of FISH were treated to a five-course grand luncheon, with wine, aboard the “Carnival Pride” cruise ship, docked at Baltimore Harbor, on Sunday Dec. 13. “It was a fun afternoon, a great meal and an enjoyable tour of the cruise ship,” said Marcia Di Trapani, FISH president.

Carnival Cruise Lines is promoting its cruises to the Caribbean from Baltimore and offered 25 spots, free of charge, for a non-profit to promote fund-raising, as a thank-you to non-profits in the Metro D.C. area. “Cruise Planners” of Herndon claimed the opportunity and offered it to Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. Anoop Mittra,



PHOTO BY MARCIA DI TRAPANI

FISH supporters, Michael Katz, Jocelyne Colao, Joe Colao, Bruce Olson, Patti and Robert Gehring, enjoy a grand lunch on Carnival Pride.

president of Cruise Planners, has been an auction donor to the FISH Fling Annual Fundraiser for the last three years and wanted to give FISH this opportunity.

Reston Limousine was another local business that stood behind FISH by providing the round-trip transportation for the outing, with a discount.



Cardinal Bank President Kevin Reynolds talks with sixth graders.

## 'Economics of Life' Presented at Sunrise Valley

Students and staff of Sunrise Valley Elementary School experienced their first Junior Achievement (JA) Day event on Friday, Dec. 11. The school and Cardinal Bank partnered to deliver JA curriculum to the first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth grades during this one day event. Third grades classes were on a field trip. Junior Achievement is the world's largest and fastest growing economic and business education non-profit, which teaches students about financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Cardinal Bank has a "branch" office at Sunrise Valley Elementary which is organized and run by the fifth grade leadership team and Cardinal Bank Representative Jose Rodriguez.

Cardinal Bank volunteers paired up with the classroom teachers to teach Sunrise Valley students about the "economics of life" using Junior Achievement curriculum. Volunteers delivered age-appropriate programs, which included activities like building a miniature city, forming a business plan, learning about trade, or operating a donut assembly line.



Cardinal Bank Representative Jose Rodriguez works with first and second graders.



Yvonne Lynch and Beverly Harris volunteer at the clinic.



Dr. Colleen Kivlahan and a patient at the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic in Herndon.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE JEANIE SCHMIDT FREE CLINIC

## Free Clinic Finds New Home

**Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic moves to the Herndon's Dulles Technology Drive.**

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic has found a new home this December. Meagan Ulrich, the executive director of the free clinic, said the move would not only give the clinic more space, but also allow for partnerships with all the co-located organizations.

According to the JSFC, the clinic will be partnering with other non-profit organizations serving low-income neighbors as part of the Connections for Hope located at 13525 Dulles Technology Drive in Herndon.

Ulrich said the clinic served 949 patients last year. "We have had a 62 percent growth in patient visits [this year]," Ulrich said. "We attribute this to the economic downturn."

Nevertheless, Ulrich said the clinic anticipates serving at least 30 percent more in the upcoming fiscal year.

The JSFC clinic provides free medical care for adults with hypertension or diabetes and all children in the Herndon, Reston, Centreville and Chantilly communities who are at or below the 200 percent of

the federal poverty level.

Dr. Mark Hughes, the medical director at the clinic, said volunteers like him want to see people get the care that they need.

"[Currently], we are in one room divided by a curtain," Dr. Hughes said. "It's pretty crowded and noisy. [The move] is a huge step up for us."

Janet Lillestolen, a volunteer registered nurse at the clinic, said she enjoys that people are being helped. "The move is going to bring about treatment rooms." Lillestolen said. "It will better serve the clients."

In the end, Ulrich said the volunteers are the driving force behind the free clinic. "Volunteers function at every level of the clinic from the board to the medical providers to administrative support," Ulrich said. "Without volunteer support, we would not be able to see the number of patients we [care for] or provide the comprehensive level of care offered."

The clinic provides children's services, which include short term non-emergency medical care, health screenings, school and sports physicals, medications, specialty referrals, and dental and vision screenings.

Services for adults with high blood pressure and diabetes include full primary medical care including preventative screenings, prescription medicines, health education, diagnostic testing and repeat visits with a medical provider.

In addition, JSFC serves as a site for torture evaluations, and referrals for the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic.

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# NEWS

## Nature House: A Dream Becoming Reality

**T**he Nature House finally became a reality last month. Its purpose is to make all citizens become better environmental stewards.

In his 1964 Master Plan for Reston, Robert E. Simon Jr. envisioned such a project and now, 45 years later, the dream has become a reality. Simon, the "Friends of Reston" Board of Directors, the staff, the volunteers, the Reston Association and all the community celebrated the Grand Opening of a new "green building." The Nature House costs \$1.5 million, sits on 75 acres and was supported by more than 1,000 residents of Reston and surrounding communities.

**Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill); Paul Thomas, RA director and Kathleen Driscoll McKee, RA vice president, discuss county and RA involvement in the future of the Nature House.**



**Robin Smyers, president of the RA Board, Bob Simon and John Gasson, president of the Friends of Reston, salute the opening of the Nature House.**



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# FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.co.m](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.co.m) Deadline is Thursday.

**The United Christian Parish**, 11508 North Shore Drive in Reston, will hold four Christmas Eve services on Thursday, Dec. 24. The United Christian Parish is an ecumenical church combining the United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Contact 703-620-3065 or [www.unitedchristianparish.org](http://www.unitedchristianparish.org).  
 ♦ 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For families with young children.  
 ♦ 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Including scripture lessons and special music.

**A Birthday Party for Jesus** at Reston Presbyterian Church, 10610 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, on Saturday, Dec. 19, 1-2:30 p.m. for parents and children. Play games and eat birthday cake. New shoes for needy children overseas through Buckner International and canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Bank will be collected. 703-759-5515, [rpckids@ilovejesus.net](mailto:rpckids@ilovejesus.net) or [www.rpccconnected.org](http://www.rpccconnected.org).

**Dranesville Church of the Brethren**, 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon, will hold several Advent and Christmas events. Contact 703-430-7872 or [www.dranesvillebrethren.org](http://www.dranesvillebrethren.org).

**A Chance to Serve: Grate Patrol.** 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Collecting Christmas cookies to be distributed along with bag meals, soup and clothing to the homeless in D.C. Volunteers will also be needed to help bag cookies and prepare meals.

**LINK Toy Collection.** 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 19. Volunteers are needed to help distribute toys to families. Unwrapped toys, batteries included, will be

collected through Advent, and transported to Herndon United Methodist Church 4 p.m. Dec. 18 for distribution.

**Christmas Worship Service.** 11 a.m. Dec. 20. Theatrical reading and music to focus hearts and minds on the coming of the Christ Child.

**Peace Service: Remembering the Battle of Dranesville.** 7 p.m. Dec. 20. Worship and remembrance to recall the historic battle, remember those who lost their lives, and pray for peace.

**Christmas Eve Worship.** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24. Traditional Christmas music, worship and communion to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Community of Faith United Methodist Church**, 13224

Franklin Farm Road, Herndon, will have several holiday services. Contact [www.cof-umc.org](http://www.cof-umc.org) or 703-620-1977.

**The Longest Night: A Service of Healing, Hope and Encouragement.** 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21. The loss of loved ones, financial insecurity, broken relationships, ill health or other factors can leave people feeling down in this season of celebration and good cheer. The Longest Night Service is a reminder that even on the darkest day, Christ comes to offer light into the world.

**Christmas Eve Worship Service for Young Children.** 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 25. A 25-minute service specially prepared for preschool and young children.

**Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Services.** 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 25. All are invited to be a part of the joyous celebration of Christmas.

**Adult Sunday school** will be held every Sunday, at 9:30 a.m., at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow every Sunday at 11 a.m.

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# Happy Holidays A time to reflect, a time to share.

**F**or the observant of any faith, and even for the more secular among us, the close of the year brings ritual, magic, reflection and hope.

In events around the area, a sense of community has infused holiday parades, Christmas tree lightings, menorah lightings, choral performances, singing of carols, and other traditional events with warmth and joy.

In Great Falls, it was the 19<sup>th</sup> lighting of the Christmas tree, with holiday songs by the Langley Madrigals. In Reston, Santa arrived by boat across Lake Anne in a snow squall. In Alexandria, the Scottish Christmas Walk announced the beginning of the season despite the wet snow. In Clifton, the Christmas spirit was celebrated in a candlelight homes tour, among other events. In Fairfax, one congregation built a 7-foot-tall menorah out of Legos. And in every community, volunteers have come together to provide food, clothing and some holiday cheer for the needy. 2009 has been a challenging year for many

families, businesses, schools, charitable organizations. As the year comes to an end, we can count our blessings. Here in the Washington suburbs most of us have been spared the intense difficulties of the economic downturn. We'll all likely to welcome 2010 with optimism and relief.

Next week between Christmas and New Years, look for our annual Children's Connection, when we turn our entire paper over to the contributions of area students — artwork of many kinds, poetry and other writing. Our next regular edition will come out the week of Jan. 4, 2010.

From the all the staff here, we wish you a merry Christmas, a happy Hanukkah, joyful holidays and a wonderful beginning to the New Year.

— MARY KIMM,  
MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

## Give Locally

Remember that more local families are in

need right now than ever before; thankfully, most of us are in a position to help. It's not too late to brighten the holidays for a needy family as many organizations are reporting record demand for holiday meals and help with providing children at least one present. The need will continue into the New Year as well.

## Where to Donate

- ◆ Reston Interfaith, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston Serving Reston and Herndon 571-323-9555 www.restoninterfaith.org
- ◆ SHARE of McLean Food Pantry Located in the McLean Baptist Church 703-284-2179 www.SHAREofMcLean.org P.O. Box 210 McLean, VA 22101
- ◆ Herndon-Reston FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-391-0105.
- ◆ Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, 703-385-3267
- ◆ Shelter House, www.shelterhouse.org, operates two homeless shelters in Fairfax County, in Centreville and Seven Corners. 571-522-6800
- ◆ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, 703-281-7614.

## Master Planning — Cautious Optimism?

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON  
IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST



### INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

**A**fter vacationing with friends in Ireland, I seem to have a more positive outlook about events in Reston, the master planning exercise in particular. Maybe I was influenced by our time among people — even conservatives — who believe adequate health care for all is something a civilized society routinely provides. Or maybe it was just the Guinness and warmth of the Irish?

After reflecting on the well-attended kickoff of the Reston Master Plan/ Special Study and the Task Force named by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), I find myself cautiously optimistic. There actually may be a chance we will get a needed thorough update incorporating views of Reston residents, not just those of landowners/developers and county pols in it more for profit and property tax.

What could possibly give this consistent critic of Fairfax County processes and treatment of powerless Reston cause for even “cautious optimism” you might ask? Certainly it is not the timing of the long-overdue review. Nor is it the announced Master Plan Special Study phasing. Egad, no — the phasing is totally tail backwards. The county asks the Task Force to first examine a package of 20 developer high density proposals in the Dulles Corridor (the Reston Center for Industry and Government or RCIG), followed by a review of, and recommendations for, all of the Reston community. That's right, leave for last the part for setting forth the vision and principles to guide development for a generation. What happens in the Dulles Corridor should be part of, and driven by, the overall plan not vice versa. The rationale given is that the county must first give attention to the area affected by the

coming rail — something that should have been done years ago. A county planner assured the audience that all the new density coming from developer proposals “will relieve pressure [for great new density] in other areas.” Horse feathers!

This is where the rubber will meet the road. Will the Task Force be given the leeway to carry out our work in a logical, thorough manner or will Supervisor Hudgins succeed in restricting their role and blocking community initiative?

So why is there any reason for optimism? The answer is in the composition of the Task Force. It is not composed of just the usual suspects with the usual agenda. There are reps of community organizations, a handful of independents in the group of 23, a minority for sure, but potentially an analytic, caring and articulate one. Shockingly, only one of Hudgins' appointees is a woman, the designated Chairman Patty Nicoson. She is president of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association, a developer friendly group promoting rail. Patty is a Hudgins loyalist and density advocate but a competent and fair person whom I believe will run an open process allowing independents a voice and community advisory groups a vital role. It is still a long shot with the deck stacked in several ways, but the new faces are a basis for cautious optimism.

## BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

### THURSDAY/DEC. 24

**Chantilly-Centreville Chamber of Commerce Monthly Power Networking Breakfast.** 7:45-9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, Expo Center, Chantilly. Network, exchange business cards, develop prospects and introduce your company to other attendees. Those who register prior to the event will have their contact information provided to all attendees at registration. \$30 dollars for members. 703-815-6060 or [dullesherndonregionalchamber.org](http://dullesherndonregionalchamber.org).

### SATURDAY, JAN. 2

Winter Bird Count, 7 a.m. – 12 noon, Nature House – 11450 Glade Drive in Reston. Join annual winter bird count throughout Reston's natural areas. Meet local bird experts, learn tips on identification and have fun while helping obtain important information to help the birds. Contact: Ha Brock via e-mail [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or call 703-435-7986.

### THURSDAY/JAN. 14

**Reston Historic Trust Annual Meeting.** 5 p.m. at the Reston Museum & Shop, Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. All are welcome to attend and meet the board of directors. 703-709-7700 or [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

### SATURDAY/FEB. 13

**The Reston Accessibility Committee (RAC)** meets are at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of every other month, at United Bank, 1801 Reston Parkway, Reston. The RAC works improve accessibility for mobility-impaired persons in Reston. Contact Ken Fredgren, 703-391-9019 or [fredgren.k@gmail.com](mailto:fredgren.k@gmail.com).

## Correction

Mike Corrigan will represent the Reston Citizens Association on the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. Corrigan's name was omitted in the list of task force members that ran in the Dec. 9 Reston Connection with the story “Master Plan Study Kicks Off.”

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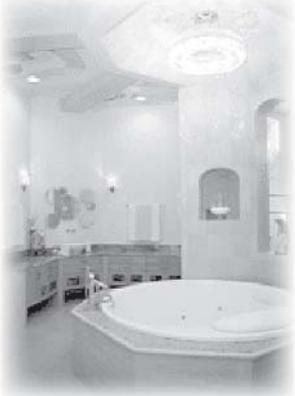
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Reston Town Center Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage sales associate **Brent DeRobertis** was awarded the 2008 Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) Distinguished Service Award. The SRES Council recognized him for being a driving force for change, and for his efforts to better serve the demands of the senior market. The SRES Designation program trains realtors to profitably and ethically serve the real estate needs of clients age 50-plus.



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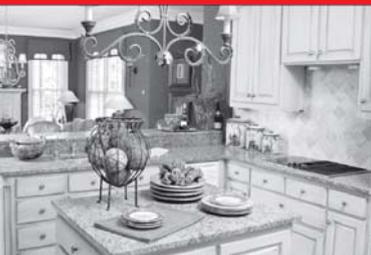
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## Is There a Santa Claus?

By KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
 STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

In 1897 Francis P. Church wrote for the New York Sun what was to become one of the most famous editorials ever written. His editorial responded to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon who had written to ask for the truth as to whether there was a Santa Claus. Her father had told her that if she read it in the Sun it would be so.

Church told her and the world in his editorial, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy." (www.newseum.org/yesvirginia)

For more than a half century in the former Miller and Rhoads department store in Richmond and continuing to today at the Richmond Children's Museum there is a tradition of having an appearance of the "real" Santa Claus. Looking just like the pictures of Santa Claus, the men who played this role over the years had natural white beard and mustaches and a real big tummy. Through a unique microphone and ear plug arrangement with the Snow Queen who lined the children up to see Santa, the real Santa Claus called the children by name. Generations of families including most recently our grandchildren Emma and Conrad make the trek sometimes from hundreds of miles to see the real Santa Claus (Miller and Rhoads Legendary Santa Claus by Kristin Terbush Thrower, and Christmas at Miller and Rhoads: Memories of a Snow Queen by



COMMENTARY

Donna Strother Deckens, both available from amazon.com).

Just down the street from the Children's Museum, at the State Capitol there are many adults asking the same question Virginia O'Hanlon asked as to whether or not there is a Santa Claus and does he reside in Richmond. The annual General Assembly is about to get underway, and the news about Virginia's declining budget revenue at a rate not seen in 70 years is enough to make one hope that there is a Santa Claus. The legislature is faced with having to cut billions more from an already reduced to the bones budget. Some programs and services are likely to disappear. An attempt will be made to shift more costs to localities. The session will not have any resemblance to a happy holiday scene. After all, you must have been good for Santa Claus to come see you. Go to my website, www.kenplum.com, and complete my survey of what actions you think the General Assembly should take.

In the meantime, Jane and I wish for you and your family the love and generosity that Santa Claus represents during the holiday season and throughout the New Year.

## CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 19

**Elden Street Players in It's A Wonderful Life.** 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. At Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. \$10, \$7 age 10 and under. www.eldenstreetplayers.org or 703-481-5930.

**A Holiday Celebration at Reston Museum: The 45th Anniversary of Reston Pioneers Arrival & Lake Anne Lights Walk.** 4:30 p.m. at 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Meet some of Reston's original residents, hear and share stories of moving to Reston, and how it was back in the day. Watch a short video featuring first resident Julia Rogers. Refreshments and hot drinks provided. Starting around 5:30, walk around Lake Anne to view holiday lights, then return to the museum for carols. Dress warmly and bring flashlights for the walk. www.restonmuseum.org or 703-709-7700.

**The League of Reston Artists Bluejeans and Bowties Holiday Party.** 6-9 p.m. at Camden Dulles Station, 2330 Dulles Station Blvd., Herndon. Guests are encouraged to enter the "Edible Art" contest. Over 300 pieces of art on display in addition to artists selling small gift items. Canned food donations for Reston Interfaith will be collected. 202-607-6223 or www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

**Christmas Party for Kids.** 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Old Town Herndon. Photos with Santa, coloring and crafts, TeGo's Dance Party, sing-along and more. \$11.95 per child; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations encouraged, space limited. 703-435-JIMS or www.jimmystavern.com.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 20

**Elden Street Players in It's A Wonderful Life.** 2:30 p.m. At Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. \$10, \$7 age 10 and under. www.eldenstreetplayers.org or 703-481-5930.

**Musical Winter Solstice Celebration.** 3:30 p.m. at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Bob Brown Puppets, the South Lakes High School Choir, native flutes, drumming and bag pipes, followed by a solstice celebration ceremony will be held beneath the moon around a bonfire,



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**Jo Fleming stands with painting entitled 'Pollen Count' to be shown at Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, Jan. 3-Feb. 7.**

## Jo Fleming To Exhibit in Reston

Great Falls Artist Jo Fleming presents a solo exhibition of abstract paintings reflecting the renewal of life at Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, Jan. 3-Feb. 7. Unitarian Universalist Church

weather permitting. EcoStewardsAlliance.org or MaureenESA@gmail.com.

### MONDAY/DEC. 21

**Book Club.** 7:30 p.m. at Reston's Used Book Shop, Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. www.lakeanneplaza.com

### TUESDAY/DEC. 22

**Live from Gran Teatre Del Liceu,**

Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave. Opening Reception: Sunday, Jan 3, 12:30-3 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information and to view a portfolio of Fleming's work visit www.jofleming.com.

**Barcelona: Verdi's Il Trovatore.** Transmitted live at 12 p.m., with a delayed broadcast at 7:30 p.m. At the Worldgate 9 Theatres, 13025 Worldgate Drive, Herndon. Conducted by Marco Armiliato, directed by Gilbert Deflo, starring Fiorenza Cedolins and Marco Bert. \$25. 703-318-9290 or www.operaincinema.com.

**Rockncoeros Tunes for Tots.** 7 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori School,

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 Tuesday, Dec. 29  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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**Shadowland**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 30  
 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
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**The McLean Community Center**  
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**ESL Adult Group Conversation.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700.

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**New Year's Eve Gala.** At Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Old Town Herndon. 5-6 p.m. early seating \$29.95, 8-9 p.m. late seating \$39.95. Children's pricing available for early seating. DJ and dancing, party favors, Champagne toast at midnight. Reserve at 703-435-JIMS or [www.jimmystavern.com](http://www.jimmystavern.com).

**TUESDAY/DEC. 29**

**Bob Brown's Snow Show Puppet Performance.** 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. \$4 per person, pre-paid reservations recommended. 703-437-9101.

**Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance.** 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10.

[www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

**ESL Adult Group Conversation.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700.

**FRIDAY/JAN. 1**

**The Prisoner of Zenda.** 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. [www.1stStageSpringHill.org/zenda](http://www.1stStageSpringHill.org/zenda).

**SATURDAY/JAN. 2**

**The Prisoner of Zenda.** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. [www.1stStageSpringHill.org/zenda](http://www.1stStageSpringHill.org/zenda).

**SUNDAY/JAN. 3**

**The Prisoner of Zenda.** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. \$25 adults, \$15 students. [www.1stStageSpringHill.org/zenda](http://www.1stStageSpringHill.org/zenda).

**THURSDAY/DEC. 31**

**New Year's Eve Open House.** 5 p.m.-1 a.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Family event featuring film, music, dancing, bonfire, refreshments. Alcohol-free. Free. 703-956-6590 or [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

**New Year's Eve Capital Hospice Benefit.** 8:30 p.m. at The

**TUESDAY/JAN. 5**

**Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance.** 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

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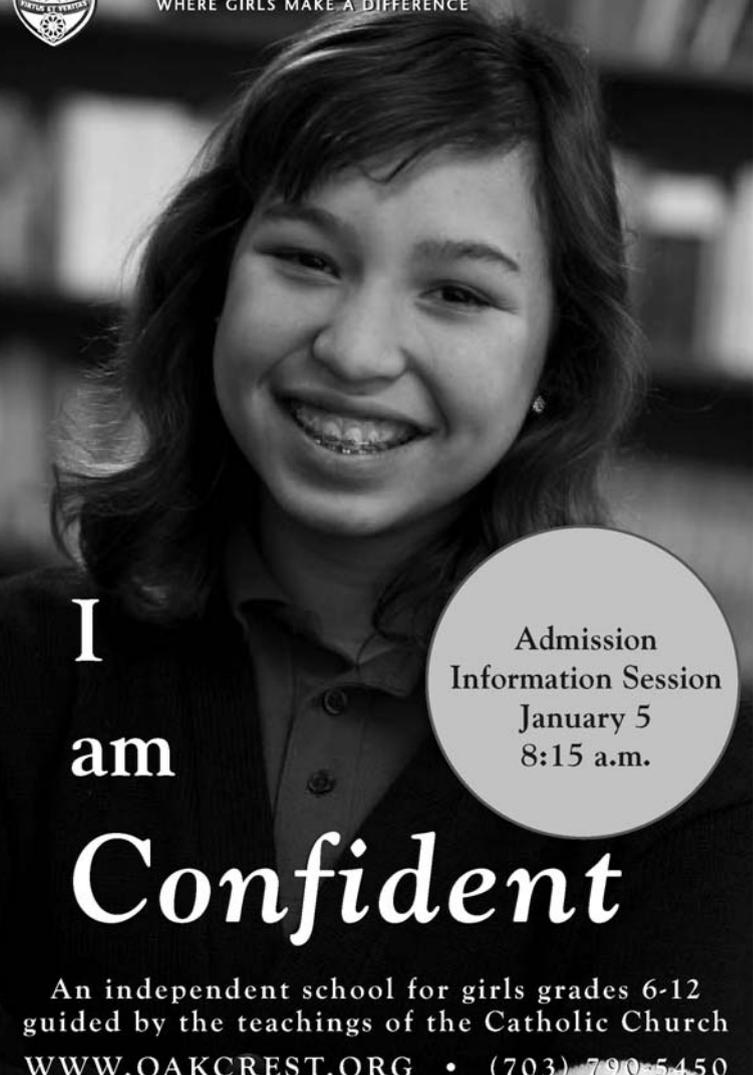
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11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #806	2	2	0	RESTON	\$346,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		CARLTON HOUSE		
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2003 WETHERSFIELD CT	3	2	1	RESTON	\$337,000	Townhouse	0.04	RESTON		
1694 SIERRA WOODS CT	2	2	2	RESTON	\$337,000	Townhouse	0.05	RESTON		
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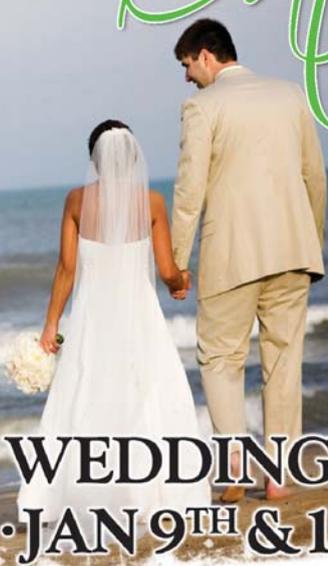
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# SPORTS

## Herndon Starting Fast in Boys' Basketball

**Hamilton leads early season charge, which includes win over rival South Lakes**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Three returning starters from last year — point guard Austin Hamilton, shooting guard Randoll Anane and forward Zack Ozycz — give the Herndon High boys' basketball team one of the top trios of players in the Northern Region this winter season. The threesome have been a key factor in the Hornets' early success.

Herndon improved its record to 4-0 on Tuesday, Dec. 15 with a lopsided 73-53 non-district home win over a talented Annandale Atoms team. Coach Chris Whelan's team led by more than 30 points at times and had control of the game throughout the night, building a 37-22 lead at the half and extending it to 56-34 following three quarters.

Hamilton, a junior who has been the team's top scorer in each of its first four games, led the way with 18 points. Ozycz, a senior who is being recruited by colleges as a football player, added 10 points. Chris Hightower and Jonathon Beltran both contributed eight points. Anane, one of the region's better defensive players, scored five points.

"That was the first time we saw glimpses of how good we can be," said Whelan, of his veteran team's most dominating win thus far. "We were up by 30 points against an Annandale team that some predict will be in the [region] final four this year."

Herndon's strengths are its experience, savvy court sense and its overall excellent athleticism. A year ago, the Hornets had limited success, going 13-10 overall and qualifying for the region tournament where it fell to Stuart in a first round game. Within the Concorde District, the Hornets were a solid 9-5 over the regular season.

But expectations are a bit higher this season for a Herndon team loaded with firepower and determination.

"We have so many different

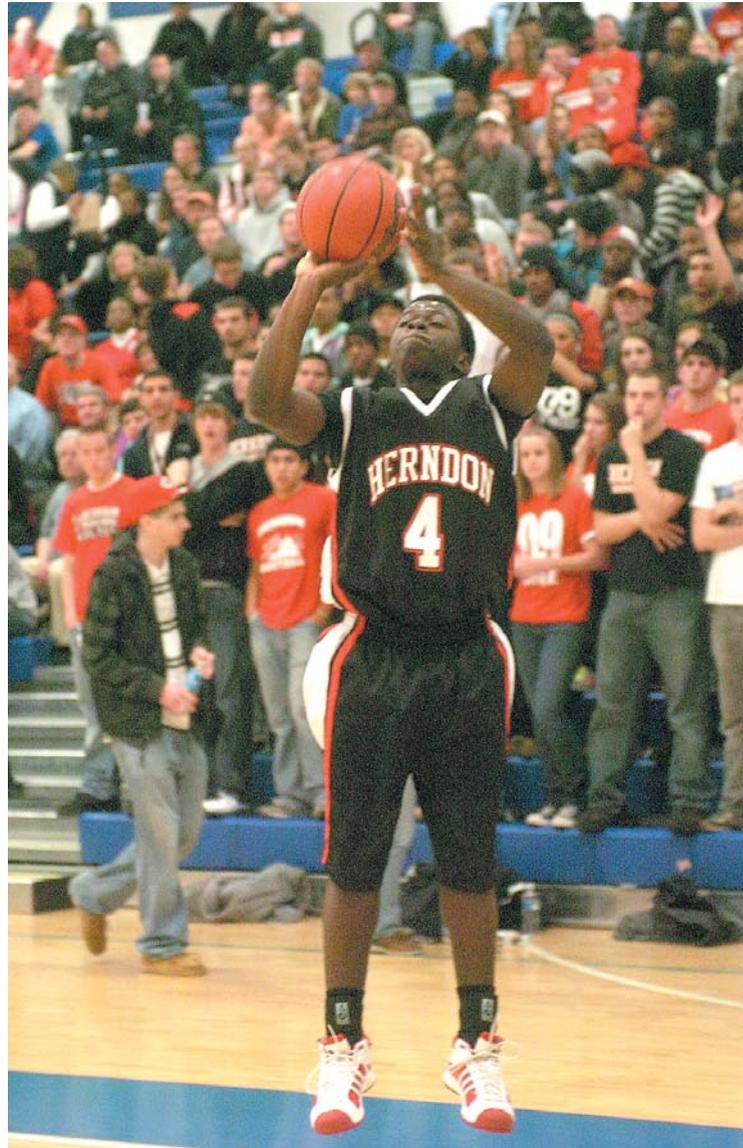


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### Herndon shooting guard Randoll Anane

weapons this year and guys who can score," said Whelan, in his third season as the program's head coach.

But, as with all good teams, Herndon's success starts at the defensive end of the floor.

"We are very quick, smart and fast," he said. "With those combinations, they allow us to set up our defense on people."

Hamilton, a Second Team All-District selection a year ago when he averaged 16 points per game, is an outstanding floor leader. He is a solid all-around player and plays nearly every minute of games. Perhaps his biggest offensive strength is his ball-handling ability. Not a flashy player, Hamilton is fundamentally sound and rarely turns the ball over. He is a prolific scorer but also gets his teammates involved in the offensive flow of the game. Hamilton scored 25 points in Herndon's 57-47-road win over Lake Braddock on Dec. 8.

"He'll put up a quiet 20 points," said his coach. "He's a very good passer and sees the court real well.

He doesn't turn the ball over.

"He's getting a lot of college looks, and he's just a junior," said Whelan. "He worked hard all summer. He makes people all around him better."

Ozycz, Herndon High's football quarterback the past several fall seasons, brings toughness to the Hornets' basketball line-up. He is a fierce defensive player and one of the region's better rebounders. He's averaging over 10 points per game. In Herndon's 66-53 victory at cross-town rival South Lakes on Dec. 11, Ozycz scored 10 points and pulled down 17 rebounds.

"He's an absolute monster on the boards," said Whelan. "Guys on the team respect him because of his work ethic."

Anane is another versatile member of the starting line-up who defends and passes well. Whelan would like to see the backcourt player, who was an All-District Honorable Mention selection last year, be more aggressive on the scoring front.

"He's always been a defensive demon," said Whelan. "He works

so hard at the defensive end. I'd like to see him more proactive on offense. He's so unselfish. He always leads our team in assists."

Herndon has four team captains — Anane, Ozycz, Hamilton and senior starting guard Matt Auker, who scored 10 points in the win over South Lakes.

Whelan loves the personality make-up of his team. The Hornets, he said, practice hard and have fun playing the game. They are hungry to succeed.

"It's all about staying grounded," said the coach, of keeping Herndon at an even emotional pitch over the course of a long season. "We need to work hard every day and take that into our games. We came out against Annandale and we were prepared. I'm very pleased where we are being at 4-0. We're playing pretty good basketball right now."

**IN ITS ANNUAL** early season game against South Lakes, a member of the Liberty District, the visiting Hornets, playing in front of a large, enthusiastic crowd, led 14-12 after the first quarter. But Herndon played a stellar second quarter, outscoring the Seahawks, 18-11, to carry a 32-23 lead into the half. Whelan's team outscored the home team by four points in the second half and came out with

a nice win in the rival contest.

Four Herndon players scored in double figures in the win. Hamilton tallied 14 points, while teammates Ozycz, Auker and Beltran each had 10 points.

For South Lakes, senior guard Ramin Shaheedian finished with 14 points and junior guard Joe Daye had 10. Also for the Seahawks, junior backcourt player Darius Smith scored eight points while Brendan Galbraith and Donald Christian both had six.

South Lakes, under co-head coaches Irv Greene and John Kemmerer, came back strong following the loss to Herndon with wins over both Madison, 54-42, on Dec. 15, and Westfield, 71-68, on Dec. 16. The win over Madison, South Lakes' Liberty District opener, was on the road. The game against Westfield was at home. Daye and Shaheedian scored 21 and 20 points, respectively, in the non-district win over Westfield. Against Madison, Daye led South Lakes with 16 points while senior forward Jamal Cooper added 11.

Over the holidays, Herndon will take part in the Milford Mill Academy Christmas Tournament in Baltimore. The Hornets will play the host school in their opening game on Monday, Dec. 28. The following day, Herndon will take on Walkersville High of Frederick.



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### Oakton High Girls Win First Five Games

**Caroline Coyer (5) and the Oakton High Cougars, shown here at last year's state AAA girls' basketball tournament, won their first five games of the new season, including a 69-30 home win over Jefferson on Dec. 15. Coyer, a standout sophomore point guard, scored 17 points in the win. The Cougars' leading scorer in the game was Zora Stephenson, who scored 20 points.**

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The toys were delivered to Reston Interfaith's Embry Rucker Community Shelter located in Reston.

## MV Connector Employees 'Stuff-the-Bus' for Area Children

MV's Connector employees, including bus operators, mechanics, supervisory and administrative staff, collected new toys for area children at each Fairfax Connector operations facility; Huntington Division, Reston/Herndon Division and West Ox Division.

The MV Connector team collected more than 100 new toys to distribute to children served by Reston Interfaith, a nonprofit that promotes self-sufficiency through direct support and advocacy for those in need of food, immediate shelter, affordable housing,

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## SCHOOL NOTES

**Meagan Carrick** of Reston has been inducted into Ithaca College's Oracle Honor Society. Carrick is the daughter of James and Mary Carrick, and majoring in music performance education, voice.

Navy Seaman Apprentice **Dylan L. Grise** was promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Grise received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Grise is the son of Michelle M. Grise of Reston and Gregory D. Johnson of Cumberland, Md., and a 2004 graduate of Allegany High School of Cumberland, Md.

**Edward Reed** of Reston has been awarded a

dean's scholarship by Gettysburg College of Gettysburg, Pa.

**Karen Kelleher** of Reston played the Lecturer for recent the University of Mary Washington production of "Reefer Madness." Kelleher is the daughter of Ken and Sheri Kelleher of Reston, a 2007 graduate of Paul VI High School, and a junior theatre major at the university.

**Gabriela Faundez Rojas** of Reston has been named a national outstanding campus leader and included in the 2009 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Faundez Rojas is majoring in history and in the honors program at Marymount University.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To be thankful. Let's be realistic; I'm a stage IV lung cancer patient/survivor, eight months into a treatment protocol with a life expectancy initially projected out to between 13 months and two years, so jolly isn't really in the discussion – or in my vocabulary any more. Still, I'm not complaining, just providing a little context for the rest of this column.

It's post-Thanksgiving Sunday and now that the food and festivities are mostly finished (and work looms tomorrow, Monday, for many), reality has once again reared its ugly head. Life goes on (for me, Thank God!) but to not be thankful every day for the "above average"/relative good medical fortune I've experienced (since receiving my quite unexpected diagnosis last March) would be disrespectful to those very Gods who likely control my fate.

Whatever mental exercises in futility I employ to defeat these death-defying cancer demons, I do so without their expressed written consent. It is a battle royal every day (more so the nights) and no doubt it will be a battle to the end, or at least that's my intention. And one of my unique weapons in this war against attrition is my attitude. Inherited from my parents, I guess, programmed somehow into my DNA, I can fight this fight with positive – and realistic optimism, good humor and good sense. But "jolly" I can no longer be, regardless of the season. Thankful though, at every opportunity, I can and will be this holiday season.

And not that I think this "holiday season" will be my last. Hardly. But as a cancer patient, one of the attitudes you are encouraged to embrace is "today." I can still remember Team Lourie's first meeting with my oncologist (how can I forget?) when, after listening to the doctor's reading/reviewing of all my medical reports/scans and biopsy, ending in the diagnosis with which many of you regular readers are intimately familiar, I replied, "Wow, it doesn't sound like I should be working any more;" to which the doctor added, "And you might want to consider taking that vacation you've always wanted to." ("WHAT!?" in my head.) From that moment (the beginning, if you will), it was communicated to me/us (my wife, my brother and me) that tomorrow (the future) has now left the building. At that point, the word "jolly" also left and went right out of my brain for evermore.

But it's eight months later, almost nine in fact, much has transpired in my treatment. I have "tolerated" (a semi medical term commonly used, in my experience, anyway, to describe the body's reaction to whatever the doctor/medication is doing to it) extremely, maybe even exceptionally well, all that my oncologist has "protocolled." What happens next? What scenario might play out? It depends on everything that it is dependent upon. Meaning, death and taxes – as they say, are all that's guaranteed, as opposed to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. One is a declaration, the other is a decree, almost.

Every day presents new challenges, mentally and physically. My attitude remains good, great even. "Jolly" it will never be, though. Thankful, it most certainly is.

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**Twenty-four members of Troop 5, as well as seven adults, volunteered their time and came out to help conduct this project.**

## Scouts Rebuild Two Trails Behind Meeting House

On Saturday, Dec. 12, two trails were rebuilt behind the Meeting House at the Frying Pan Farm Park as Tyler Choe conducted his Eagle Project. Choe is a 14-year-old freshman at South Lakes High School and a member of Troop 51, which is a Boy Scout troop that meets at the Floris United Methodist Church every Wednesday night.

Twenty-four members of Troop 51 and seven adults volunteered their time and came out to help conduct this project. The Frying Pan Farm Park is the only working farm operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Meeting House is designated as a Virginia Landmark and National Registry of Historic Places Site.

Choe's Eagle Project was to rebuild two trails behind the Meeting House by clear-

ing all plants, weeds, and overgrowth to make 65-70 inch wide paths. Next, about 5 inches of mulch and woodchips were laid over the cleared trails and logs or sticks from the surrounding woods were used to border the paths. Choe hopes that the trails will be maintained and used for a long time and will help connect more people, including visitors as well as maintenance crew, to be able to enjoy the historic property of the Meeting House and Frying Pan Farm Park.

Choe led his project by organizing his volunteers into three groups and making sure that all aspects of the project were running efficiently. The Saturday's weather was cold but bright and the project was finished earlier than planned due to the collaborative work of the Boy Scouts.



**Tyler Choe, a 14-year-old freshman at South Lakes High School, conducted his Eagle Project at the Frying Pan Farm Park.**



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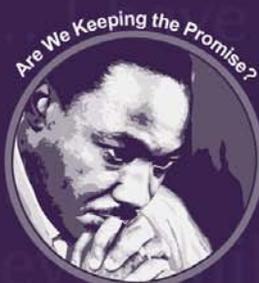
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## Reston 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Weekend January 16-18, 2010

**Saturday, January 16 at 6 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods**  
 Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 by Reston Community Orchestra and featured guests  
 MetroSingers, Jasmine Muhammad and Beverly Cosham.

**Sunday, January 17 at 4 p.m.**  
**Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation**  
 "Voices of Inspiration" 20th Anniversary Program  
 honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Monday, January 18 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**RCC Hunters Woods (unless otherwise noted)**

**Commemorative March**  
 9 a.m.  
 Southgate Community Center to RCC Hunters Woods. Free shuttle to Southgate Community Center starting at 8:15

**Especially for Youth**  
 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Arts, crafts, and enrichment activity stations for children (grades 1-6)  
 Registration required  
 Reg. #704717-0A

**Keynote Address and Community Service Awards**  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Keynote address given by Sheila C. Johnson.

**Art Reception for Reston Elementary Schools**  
 2 p.m.  
 Reception for the art work done by Reston elementary school students based on the history of Dr. King and Civil Rights Movement

**Workshops**  
 Led by Reston Interfaith  
 12 p.m.  
 Homelessness  
 Community Service Project  
 Volunteer Fair



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Sheila C. Johnson**

**Monday, January 18**  
 10:30 a.m.

Visit our website at [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) for more details on the weekend celebration, or contact Kevin Danaher, Community Events Director, at 703-390-6166. All events are free and open to the public.



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