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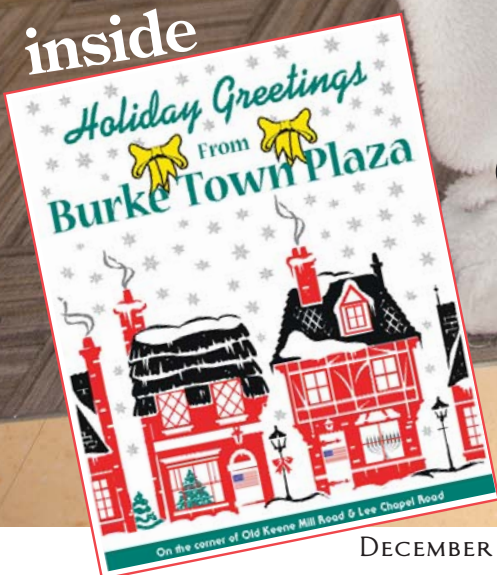
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William Austin, Jonathan Ramos, Baxter Hanna and Erin Bender, all of Springfield pose with Frosty, Rudolph, and the Frog-Prince at Lee High School.



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8:00 PM "25 Ark Lane" Advanced Acting for Young People—theSPACE at Old Town Plaza

12/5 12:00 PM Christmas in Camp—Historic Blenheim

12:00 PM "The Big Bad Musical" Acting for Young People—theSPACE at Old Town Plaza

4:00 PM "Tis the Season"—Main St Community Band—Woodson HS

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5:00-7:00 PM Fairfax Art League Holiday Reception—Old Town Hall

12/10 8:00 PM Bonita Lestina Series at Old Town Hall Colombia Flute Choir "Celebrating the Season"

12/12 2:00 PM Holiday Music at Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center

12/17 6:00 PM Holiday Celebration Art Show—theSPACE at Old Town Plaza

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Forty-five Lee High School students perform as characters during the show.



Emily Kelly, and Katie Halverson, both sophomores, act as seating 'elves,' helping everyone get settled before the concert begins.

Holiday Tradition

Lee High School students entertain audience of children at annual Tiny Tots Concert.

The Robert E. Lee High School band and drama departments presented their annual Tiny Tots Concert this week, to the delight of all in attendance. The Wind Ensemble Symphonic Band played a variety of favor-

ite theme songs while characters from movies walked through the crowd and said hello to the audience. The concert is a fund raiser for the band and drama departments, and has become a seasonal favorite for all who participate.



Baxter Hanna of Springfield dances with Nala while the orchestra plays.



Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer is stopped during the concert.



Caroline Apergis of Springfield was thrilled to see Mickey and Minnie Mouse at the show.



Kelly May, the Lee High School band director, conducts during the Tiny Tots Concert.

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GIFTS & GIVING

Chamber Kicks Off Charity Clothing Drive

Business group asks people to drop off food and outerwear in bins at local businesses.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is accepting donations of non-perishable food and winter outerwear at a handful of local business through Dec. 17.

Collections made through the drive will benefit Ecumenical Community Helping Others [ECHO] and United Community Ministries, two local charities that provide emergency assistance in the Springfield area.

"We are a local chamber and we want to support charities that provide services to residents living in this area because they are individuals that buy our products. It is very important to follow the 'shop local, give local' mantra," said Nancy-jo Manney, the chamber's executive director.

THOSE INTERESTED in donating should place the food and clothing in marked bins at businesses designated as collection sites.

According to Manney, the organization is particularly interested in seeing coat donations, particularly children's sizes 6 to 16 and in adult plus sizes.

"Children grow and they need new coats every year. Children also lose their coats," said Meg Brantley, executive director of ECHO. "We are always in the market for more boys and girls coats."

People should not be shy about walking into one of the drop off sites just to make a donation. Business owners are not necessarily expecting them to purchase their goods or services as well, said Manney.

"We are notifying our guests when they check in but our box is located at the front of the hotel and we don't mind at all if residents just come in to make a donation," said Sheree Peace with the Comfort Inn on Loisdale Court near the Springfield Mall.

Karen Fountain is making a special effort to get the message out about the charity drive to her customers at Flowers N Ferns in Burke.

"We have a sign out front and we will also put something in our bills that go out tomorrow. It is will be a statement stuffer telling our customers about the ECHO box," said Fountain, who manages the flower shop.

Fountain said she is especially pleased that the donated items will be going to people directly in the community through



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce is asking people to consider donating winter coats during their food and clothing drive this year.

local food pantries and coat closets.

The following businesses are also collection sites for donations: Hard Times Cafe in Springfield, Hilton Springfield, Interstate Relocation Services, NOVA Pediatrics, Safford Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Springfield and Union First Market Bank branches in

Burke, central Springfield and west Springfield.

DONATIONS CAN also be made during bingo nights sponsored by Springfield Volunteer Fire Department and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7327.

Faith Communities Begin Winter Shelter Program

Homeless stay in local places of worship during winter months.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Kraig Stoneman was working at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield five years ago when FACETS, a local social service organization, sent out an e-mail asking if any of the local faith communities would mind hosting a new, roaming hypothermia shelter for one week.

A few churches and one synagogue in the area were already volunteering to open their doors to homeless singles seeking refuge from the cold during that winter. Stoneman thought it was a good idea for Prince of Peace to participate, but he wasn't sure other members of the congregation would be as excited.

At the time, FACETS was looking for someone to run the temporary facility during the week of Christmas specifically, including Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

"I thought there might be some push back. As people were coming to the church to worship on Christmas Eve, they would be stepping around homeless people sleeping on the floor," said Stoneman.

To his surprise, other members of the

Lutheran church enthusiastically embraced the project and Prince of Peace has been hosting the hypothermia shelter over the Christmas holiday ever since.

"Everyone felt like it was the exact right thing to do, especially for this time of year," said Stoneman.

THE CENTRAL FAIRFAX hypothermia program, which turned six-years-old this year, is one of three or four such operations across Fairfax County.

Over a five-month period from December to March, the central county shelter will move to 27 different places of worship in Burke, Springfield, Annandale and Fairfax. Three additional churches, which are not large enough to accommodate the sleep over, also help out with food and supervision, said Amanda Andere, chief executive officer of FACETS.

"There wasn't a shelter in that part of the county and there was always a need," said Andere, of how the program got started.

Andere said the hypothermia program not only provides a dry, warm place for residents who are homeless to stay in the winter but also provides an opportunity for counselors at FACETS to try and help address any underlying issues that may be contributing to a guest's homelessness.

"We help veterans apply for benefits. We provide employment counseling and work on interview skills. Some of our clients have very rich employment histories," said Andere.

A member of FACETS staff is always on site at the church or synagogue while the shelter is open, she added.

FACETS also makes an effort to "recruit" guests to the shelter by going to areas, including small tent cities in the woods, where they know people might be living outside.

Since homeless people are not necessarily as visible in Fairfax as they are in urban settings like downtown Washington, D.C., some local residents are unaware that homelessness is a local problem, said Andere.

"Most homeless people here are not wearing dirty rags and out on the street corner.

They are the working poor," said Andere.

By involving the local faith communities in hypothermia prevention, FACETS is raising awareness among area residents about homelessness in the region, she said.

Several local volunteers said they had learned a lot through volunteering with the program.

"It is an opportunity to get to know people in a different way and to recognize that people who are homeless are not that different than we are. It breaks down some of those barriers," said Melissa Porter-Miller, associate pastor at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke.

St. Stephen's happened to host a shelter during one of the large blizzards last year. Since the guests were unable to leave the church during the day, Porter-Miller said many of the volunteers had to improvise, bringing in extra food, puzzles and board games for round-the-clock entertainment.

"We pretty much had people that came in and stayed here for three days. The guests helped us shovel and went around to other homes and helped them shovel out too," said Miller-Porter.

HOSTING THE SHELTER, which rotates during different places of worship in central Fairfax throughout the winter, during

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ENTERTAINMENT

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/DEC. 2

Art and Law. 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-993-8898.

FRIDAY/DEC. 3

The Virginia Opera: Mozart's "Così fan tutte." 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors." 8 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Gian Carlo Menotti's classic story. \$20 adults, \$15 students and seniors. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Holiday Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. christine.peterson@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 4

21st Annual Model Train Display. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax. N-track trains will be running. \$5 adults, \$1 children. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.

Northern Virginia Chorale with the NVCC Annandale Chorale. 7 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. A mix of madrigals, motets, carols and holiday songs, featuring Conrad

Susa's Carols and Lullabies. Tickets \$10-\$25, under age 12 free. www.northernvirginiachorale.org or 703-239-2180

Open House, Concert and Live Nativity. Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Refreshments available. www.livingsaviorlutheran.org. Christmas Open House. 2-7 p.m. Live Nativity Scene. 2-5 p.m. Live animals and St. Nicholas. West Point Alumni Glee Club Christmas Concert. 7 p.m.

Vendor Fair and Christmas Bazaar. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 6222 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Saint Nicholas will be in attendance for pictures. Proceeds benefit the children of Angelus Academy. mmgrippo@hotmail.com.

Artnotes: James Gahres. 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Solo piano performance of original works and interpretations. \$15-\$25. 703-594-2900 or www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Turtle Island String Quartet. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut and mandolinist Mike Marshall. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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SUNDAY/DEC. 5

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The Virginia Opera: Mozart's "Così fan tutte." 2:30 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

Our Daily Bread Presents Dave LaMotte. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Proceeds benefit Our Daily Bread's Holiday program, matching individuals, businesses and community groups with needy families throughout the Fairfax County area. www.our-daily-bread.com or jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/DEC. 10

Waverly Consort's "A Christmas Story." 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. In the spirit of the medieval church dramas and mystery plays, eight singers and five instrumentalists play reproductions of medieval instruments. \$21-\$42, youth through grade 12 half price. Tickets available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/DEC. 11

Second Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's

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All Aboard for Holiday Display

The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum is hosting the 21st Annual Model Train Display this Saturday and Sunday. The museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. N-track trains will be running. See listings for times and admission.

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OPINION

Safety Net for Celebrating with Alcohol

Plan ahead, have a designated driver and carry the SoberRide number.

The season for holiday parties is upon us, and with it the increased incidence of driving under the influence. This year, with increased awareness about so-called "distracted driving," it's worth noting that both driving after drinking at a party and using your cell phone while you drive are behaviors you can control.

The possible consequences of driving drunk and underage drinking are often hard to comprehend, but the stories and grief of local families who have lost loved ones to such accidents provide a chilling reminder.

William Cameron Schlifke, born in Fairfax and a graduate of Robinson Secondary School, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, less than three days after he was rear-ended in Newport News. He was 22. Schlifke was serving as designated driver for friends in his fraternity at Christopher Newport University. The driver who crashed into him, 20 at the time and also a student at CNU, was arrested at the scene and charged with DUI refusal, reckless driving and underage possession of alcohol, and was convicted of manslaughter.

Unfortunately, such tragedy is not rare. In fall 2008, a different young man from Fairfax was sentenced to three years in jail for involuntary manslaughter because of a drunk-driving accident on Dec. 3, 2007 that resulted in the death of one of his friends in the car and permanent injury for another. One family lost

a beloved daughter after she clung to life for five brutal days; one family has seen their active son reduced to 70 pounds and "unresponsive" and living in a nursing home.

Such tragedies, if they do not touch us personally, often seem remote. Perhaps in these tough economic times, it's also worth adding up some the financial cost of an arrest for driving under the influence. In Fairfax County, there were more than 3,100 arrests for driving under the influence in 2008. In Arlington, 677 arrests. In Alexandria, 515 arrests. In the City of Fairfax, 181 arrests.

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Such an arrest is likely to cost as much as \$20,000 or more in legal fees. A conviction results in long term increases in insurances costs of \$1,500 a year or more. A conviction could result in losing a job. And once convicted you'll have to answer "yes" on any job application that asks if you have been convicted of a crime.

DON'T TAKE THE RISK. Plan ahead, leave your car at home, take public transportation, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home on your own this holiday season, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has provided you with a safety net called SoberRide. Take their number with you when you head out, and

be sure any young adults (must be 21 or over) in your family are similarly armed.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is a public-private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington-metropolitan area. The program gave more than 500 people a safe ride home on Halloween weekend this year.

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

WRAP's 2010 Holiday SoberRide program is available beginning from 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17 to 6 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older. (Callers are responsible for anything over \$30.)

Safely Home

Washington Regional Alcohol Program's 2010 Holiday SoberRide program will begin at 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, and run through 6 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011. To receive a free cab ride home up to a \$30 fare, call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older. WRAP needs sponsors and contributions to continue to offer this service. See www.wrap.org to contribute.

Coming Together for Historic Preservation

Chairwoman says Sixth Annual Fairfax History Conference a success.

BY LYNNE GARVEY-HODGE
HISTORY COMMISSIONER

With more than 100 attendees, the Sixth Annual Fairfax County History Conference, Preserving Our Paths in History, Nov. 6 was a tremendous success this year.

Dedicated to the memories of local historians Nan and Ross Netherton, event was sponsored by the Fairfax County History Commission, the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Fairfax Museum & Visitors Center and Preservation Virginia.

Conference Committee members were Rob Orisson (Preservation Virginia), Dr. Elizabeth Crowell, Fairfax County Park Authority; Fairfax County History Commissioners Naomi Zeavin, Esther McCullough, Sallie Lyons, Barbara Naef, Anne Barnes, Carole Herrick, Mary Lipsey and Mike Irwin; and Susan Gray, Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center.

Nine authors and nine exhibitors participated as well and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)



Michael Rierson received the Fairfax County History Lifetime Achievement Award. Shown here are Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Rierson, Conference Chairwoman Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Barbara Naef.

kicked off the conference reminiscing about the importance of historic preservation, by sharing the story of Ilda, an early 20th century interracial community enclave near the site of the Jewish Community Center on Route 236. The community had been long forgotten and then rediscovered when the Virginia Department of Transportation began to expand the roads at that intersection.

Bulova also presented history awards to outstanding citizens which included Lifetime Achievement Awards to Ed Wenzel, for his 22

year work preserving and protecting Ox Hill Battlefield; John McAnaw, for more than 25 years of dedicated service as a Civil War historian and protector of land in the Kings Park area; and Michael Rierson, for more than 33 years of dedicated service with the Fairfax County Park Authority in preserving and protecting numerous county sites from Sully Plantation to Fryling Pan Park.

John Browne was presented with the Beth

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the Christmas holiday does take some extra coordination, said Stoneman.

FACETS expects the hosting church and its volunteers to provide supper, breakfast and a brown bag lunch for the guest every day of their week. Members of the congregation are also asked to stay in the church overnight while the men and women are sleeping.

Prince of Peace must also carefully plan the timing of the hypothermia events around their own Christmas festivities.

"We average over 2,000 members of the congregation during the week of Christmas. We get about 500 people coming to each worship service," said Stoneman.

In addition to their own events, Prince of Peace also lends its space to a few ethnic churches, including the Ethiopian community and Korean community, who also have to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Since they host the shelter on Christmas, Prince of Peace also tends to go above and beyond what FACETS typically asks of its hosts.

For example, the guests are allowed to stay in the church building during the day on Christmas. Under normal circumstances, they are not allowed to stay at the sites of the hypothermia shelter between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., he said.

Last year, one of the congregation's families also gave each of the guests a gift basket with bathroom products in celebration of the holidays, said Stoneman.

"I get more joy out of doing this than anything else at Christmas time," said Stoneman.

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THURSDAY/DEC. 2

Coping with the Holidays after the Death of a Loved One. 7:30 p.m. Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 3

"Consuming Kids: the Commercialization of Childhood." 7 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court, Burke. The film focuses on the growth of child marketing in the wake of deregulation, showing how youth marketers have used advances in psychology, anthropology, and neuroscience to transform American children into one of the most profitable consumer demographics in the world. Free admission. 703-503-4579 or www.accotinkuuc.org.

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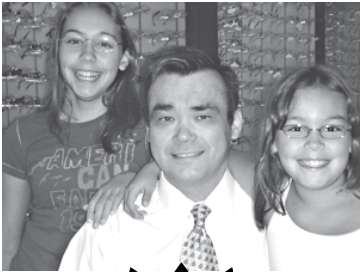
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Wine Gifts for the Holidays

BY MIKE POTASHNIK
& DON WINKLER
INTERNATIONAL WINE REVIEW

Why not give wine for the holidays? Wine makes a great gift. Both the casual wine drinker and the seasoned wine enthusiast will be excited to receive a gift of wine.

Local wine shops are a great place to browse for that special wine gift. One of the many benefits of living in Northern Virginia and Maryland is the abundance of choices of wines from all over the world and at every price level.

Make your gifts exotic by choosing wines from lesser known countries and producers. Some countries like Argentina and Chile are well known for their wines, whereas Austria and Portugal are relatively new international producers.

Of course, which wine you buy as a gift depends on both your pocketbook and the person you're giving to. We usually think of wine-drinkers as falling into three categories: The Casual Wine Drinker, who may not know the difference between Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio. Serious Wine Drinkers, who know what they like but pretty much limit themselves to the popular brands. And the Semi-Pro who knows wine and probably has more than a few bottles stashed in a wine cooler, closet or cellar.

Let's consider which wines each of these might like to receive for the Holidays. We've limited our choices to wines that should be available in most good wine stores. All prices are retail prices recommended by the winery or importer; the shelf price is often lower.

❖ **The Casual Wine Drinker.** While you might not be spending lots of money on the casual wine drinker, you can still give a bottle that will give a lot of pleasure. Stick



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with the well-known varietals, but find a new producer or new region. Argentine Malbec would fit the bill. Ask your purveyor for a mid-priced Malbec from a producer like Andeluna, Salentein, or Doña Paula. We recently tasted the 2009 Doña Paula Los Cardos Malbec and especially like it. Best of all, it costs just \$10 a bottle.

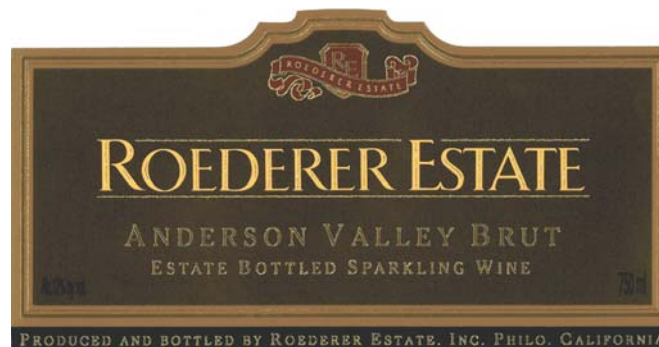
Everyone these days loves Pinot Noir, and a good one for the casual drinker has been produced by Carneros winemaker, Sean Minor. His 2009 4 Bears Pinot Noir (\$17) is ripe, flavorful and fleshy and is unbeatable for the price.

A good, sparkling wine is another option. One that all casual wine drinkers would love is the Roederer Estate (\$18) from California's Anderson Valley.

If your friend prefers white wines, try a cool coastal Chardonnay from California. When we visited the Santa Lucia Highlands



Mike Patashnik and Don Winkler of International Wine Review offer tips for the gift of wine this holiday season.



WINE ADVICE

Mike Potashnik and Don Winkler have for the past 30 years traveled the globe and tasted thousands of wines in search of the best wines and innovative winemakers to recommend to consumers and wine professionals. They have published the International Wine Review, based in McLean, since 2005.

Wine makes a great holiday gift.

last year we enjoyed the 2008 Mer Soleil Barrel Fermented Chardonnay (\$19). While a little more pricey than the other wines recommended here, it's a sure thing.

❖ **The Serious Wine Drinker.** The Serious Wine Drinker is likely to be a little more open than the Casual Wine Drinker to trying something new. Here we recommend you find something that will stretch his or her wine knowledge just a bit. Our first choice might be a different varietal from a reliable producer. One such bottle we tasted this past year is Montes Alpha Carmenere (\$19) from Chile. It's a reasonably priced, delicious, full-bodied red wine from a very good Chilean winery. (We also offer many suggestions on pairing Carmenere and food on our website www.i-winereview.com.) Among white wines, we'd recommend an Austrian Grüner Veltliner such as Anton Bauer's 2009 Rosenberg Reserve (\$24) or other Anton Bauer cuvees. They combine flavor, acidity, and minerality that is hard to find in one bottle.

Red table wine from Portugal would also be different. We recommend the 2008 Quinta Vale Meão Meandro (\$20), the 2008 Quinta do Vallado Tinto (\$29), or the Herdade do Esporão Reserva (\$21) all

wines which have abundant red and black fruit, spice, and complex flavors.

❖ **The Semi-Pro.** The Semi-Pro is the most difficult to buy for. If you have lots to spend, you can pick a top end wine that is certain not to disappoint. The 2008 Phelps Insignia (\$185) is one such wine — expensive but worth it, and the person receiving it will recognize both its quality and value.

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Artists' Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center Building 5, 96012 Ox Road, Studio 505, Lorton. With artists Eileen Olsen and Marni Maree. 703-644-5375.

SUNDAY/DEC. 12

Encore Theatrical Arts Project:

"Santa Got Frostbite." 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theatre, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Christmas chaos and fun for the whole family in a Broadway-style, song and dance holiday spectacular. Tickets \$18-\$21.

The Holidays at Mason: Believe in Miracles.

7 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Mason Symphony Orchestra, University Chorale and University Singers perform selections composed by Alan Silvestri, Glen Ballard and John Rutter. Audience-sing-along. \$20 adults, \$15 students and seniors. Limited number of free tickets for students with a valid Mason ID. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

"Ring in the Season" Handbell Concert.

3 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Five handbell choirs perform seasonal favorites. Dessert reception to follow. Free admission, childcare provided. Donations accepted. dcarnes@messiahumc.org.

THURSDAY/DEC. 16

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Encore Holiday Aims To Dazzle, Delight

Local dance school stages 'Santa Got Frostbite.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Featuring dazzling costumes, colorful sets and songs and dances bursting with Christmas spirit, Encore Theatrical Arts Project (ETAP) presents its holiday show, "Santa Got Frostbite."

Marking the group's 15th anniversary, it's a new and original musical showcasing the talents of guest performers Tina and Dan Delafield, plus nearly 40 students who mainly attend school in Centreville or Chantilly.

"Tabitha Dees designed the set, and it makes you feel you're in a magical space," said director Raynor van der Merwe. "There's Christmas in New York, with Rockefeller Center and Radio City Music Hall; the North Pole; and an enormous Santa's Workshop with staircases and Nutcrackers."

WATCH (Washington Area Theatre Community Honors) award-winner van der Merwe also choreographed the show, so her dancers will perform with split-second precision. They've been rehearsing since August.

"I have so many wonderful singers, too," said van der Merwe. "They truly are growing to be triple threats, singing, dancing and acting."

Performances are at Northern Virginia Community College's Richard J. Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. Show times are Saturday Dec. 11, at 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18, at 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$18-\$21; call



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Raggedly Ann and Andy dancers take the stage during Encore Theatrical Arts Project's holiday show, 'Santa Got Frostbite.'

703-222-5511 or see www.Encore-tap.org.

Written by Brandon Kalbaugh, "Santa Got Frostbite" shows what happens when Jack Frost, who is always jealous of Santa Claus, tries to shift the spotlight from Santa to himself. "If Santa or the elves drink coffee, instead of hot chocolate, they fall under Jack Frost's spell," said van der Merwe. "But with the help of the reindeer, Mrs. Claus saves the day."

The Encore dancers rehearse more than 20 hours a week, leading up to the performances, and van der Merwe said it's rewarding to see their passion and dedication.

"They get inspired by Encore alumni success, such as Paige Williams, now a Rockette," she said. "And they also have their own sense of pride in performing well."

Noting the camaraderie between the dancers and audience during Encore's holiday shows, she said this year's extravaganza will affect all of the audience's senses. "It's lighthearted and is something for the whole family," she said. "This Broadway-style spectacular will take their mind off everything else and transport them to a special place, and everybody will leave the theater feeling uplifted."

Centreville High senior Ali Waldman has been with Encore since fourth grade and appreciates the opportunities it's given her. "We performed in Spain, in various theaters and for different groups and get to meet a lot of people," she said. "And I love the rush I get from performing on stage."

Over the years, said Waldman, van der Merwe's taught her many life lessons that helped her prepare for college. "I know I'll be fine because of the time-management skills and other things she's taught me," said Waldman.

Her favorite number in this show is "Wooden Soldiers," in which the dancers wear long red jackets, black pants and tall

hats like Buckingham Palace guards. "It's fun moving stiffly like a wooden soldier." She added that the product will bring joy to the audience. "It's also really funny," said Waldman. "Everything about this show is phenomenal."

"If Santa or the elves drink coffee, instead of hot chocolate, they fall under Jack Frost's spell."

— Raynor van der Merwe

Katie Dudzik, also a Centreville senior, is delighted that what she loves to do makes people smile. "Being in Encore is amazing," she said. "We all share a special bond because we've been through so much together, and it shows on stage when we perform."

She said van der Merwe has taught her discipline and that "you can do anything as long as you set your mind to

it. Go after what you love and put your whole heart into it, and you'll be happy."

Dudzik especially likes the "Reindeer" song in which the dancers wear brown-velvet jackets and antlers. "It's really upbeat and fun and is technically difficult, so it's a real crowd-pleaser," she said. "All the dancers work well to make the show come together; it puts you in the holiday mood. Our costumes and sets are always fantastic, our singing is wonderful and our dancing is just great."

Melissa Pyne, a Fairfax High senior and member of the Fairfax Dance Academy at



Santa reviews a line of dancers.

HOLIDAY Encore

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her school, is in her ninth year with Encore. She said that she's bonded with people outside her home and the peers who'll help further her future. She said all dancers start out with passion, but van der Merwe "makes sure it stays alive."

Her favorite number is "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" because it's bright and peppy, "stylized and versatile, and includes everyone from Santa to elves to Rockettes." And, she added, "The 'Multiplying Santas' number is always exciting to see."

Pyne also likes the new, Starbuck's waitress costumes that are white with green-satin aprons. "They're gorgeous and so well-put-together," she said.

Sully Station's Yanelle Artieda, who is homeschooled, has danced with Encore since she was 9. "I used to dance at a ballet company," she said. "Then I saw an Encore Christmas show, with the whole package, singing, dancing and acting, and decided that's what I like."

COLLEGE NOTES

The following students graduated from Virginia Tech: **Varun Tandon** of Springfield majored in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering. Tandon is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010 and has been commissioned in the U.S. Navy spring 2011; **Kimberly Leshner** of Springfield majored in wildlife science in the College of Natural Resources. Leshner is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010 and has been commissioned in the U.S. Navy; **John Steger** of Springfield majored in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Steger is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010 and has been commissioned in the U.S. Army; **Daniel Stalcup** of Springfield majored in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Stalcup is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010 and has been commissioned in the U.S. Army; **Jason Nguyen** of Springfield majored in psychology in the College of Sciences. Nguyen is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010 and has been commissioned in the U.S. Army; **John DeLaura** of Springfield majored in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. DeLaura is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2009 and has been commissioned in the U.S. Air Force; **Joseph Feerst** of Springfield majored in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering. Feerst is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2009 and has been commissioned in the U.S. Air Force; **Ashley Mamzellis-Heim** of Springfield majored in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering. Mamzellis-Heim is a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Class of 2010; **Mark Lu** of Springfield majored in economics, science in the College of Science.

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Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich accounted for six touchdowns during Lake Braddock's 56-18 win over Chantilly in Saturday's region championship game.

Back-To-Back for Bruins

Lake Braddock crushes Chantilly for second straight region title

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Chantilly football team ran option on the first play from scrimmage during Saturday's Division 6 Northern Region championship game. The Chargers botched the pitch, putting the ball on the ground and Lake Braddock recovered on the Chantilly 7-yard line.

On the ensuing play, Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich scored on the ground to give the Bruins a 7-0 lead.

Game over.

Chantilly's fumble on the first play not only represented a bad start, it sealed the Chargers' fate within the game's first 10 seconds. Lake Braddock rode the momentum surge to a 56-18 blowout victory and a second consecutive region title on its home field. The Bruins will host Battlefield of the Northwest Region in the Group AAA Division 6 state semifinals on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m.

"It's a new team, it's a new feeling," said Nebrich, who quarterbacked the Bruins to a state runner-up finish last season. "Last year was real special because it was our first [region title]. Coming out and winning back-to-back with this specific group of guys, it makes it that much more fun for us."

Nebrich completed 15 of 16 pass attempts for 235 yards and two touchdowns. He rushed 19 times for 99 yards and four touchdowns and led the Bruins to the end zone on each of their four first-half possessions.

Chantilly punted on its second possession and

quickly fell behind 14-0 on Nebrich's second rushing touchdown run of the day. A 15-play, 77-yard drive resulted in a field goal on the Chargers' third possession but Lake Braddock reached the end zone twice more in the second quarter and led 28-3 at halftime.

Chantilly's ground-oriented offense didn't have the firepower to overcome the deficit it created by turning the ball over on the game's first play.

"They outplayed us," Chantilly head coach Michael Lalli said. "They played really well. We just wanted to come and complete and play well. We did some good things but we did, unfortunately, some bad things, too. We fell behind too fast."

When asked how tough it was to come back from the early fumble and touchdown, Lalli looked at the scoreboard and said, "56-18."

"It wasn't so much that" play, Lalli said. "You can overcome the one mistake. We let them score so many [times] before we made our adjustments. We started moving the ball on them, but we weren't getting the stops. Once we got the stops, we stopped moving the ball."

Lake Braddock led 35-3 entering the fourth quarter. The Bruins seemingly moved the ball at will through the air or on the ground.

"A lot of these games end up [coming down to] matchups: who matches up against who," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "I thought it was a favorable matchup for us as opposed to, say, Robinson, who might have had a little more speed in the defensive secondary. Even though Chantilly beat them in the regular season, I felt pretty good about our chances coming in."

Chantilly defeated Robinson during the regular season, but the Rams handed Lake Braddock its only regular season defeat and lost to Lake Braddock by one point in the regional semifinals.

Nebrich's top target Saturday — and throughout the season — was Matt Zanellato, who the night

Zanellato a Winner Before, After Game

Lake Braddock receiver commits to Penn State, wins region title.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock receiver Matt Zanellato had something to prove after transferring from Robinson prior to his senior year, and he intended to silence his critics.

If putting up big numbers in the Bruins' powerful spread offense wasn't enough, Zanellato's doozy of a weekend might have done the trick.

The receiver verbally committed to Penn State on Friday and then caught 10 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns during Lake Braddock's 56-18 win over Chantilly in the region championship game on Saturday.

"Getting the offer [from Penn State] and winning the region is really big to me and my family," Zanellato said, "to put an end to all the naysayers who said I shouldn't have transferred and said I made a mistake."

The 6-foot-3, 190-pound Zanellato said he fell in love with Penn State while visiting with his brother, who attends the university.

Zanellato's move from Robinson's ground-oriented Wing-T offense to Lake Braddock's receiver-friendly spread attack led to some big-time pass-catching numbers. Zanellato has 86 receptions for 1,588 yards and 19 touchdowns through 13 games. On Saturday, he caught two more touchdown passes, including a 27-yarder that gave Lake Braddock a 28-3 lead in the second quarter.

"I knew Matt was getting down the field and he had the height advantage on his corner," said quarterback Michael Nebrich, who got hit after the throw and was lying on his back when Zanellato scored. "Once I felt the pressure I knew I just had to throw it up to him and he was going to make a play and he did. I actually thought I threw it out of bounds at first. When I heard the crowd go crazy [I knew something good happened]. I didn't even know he had a touchdown until I got up. That's just a great play by Matt."

SCOUTS INC. gives Zanellato a grade of 45 out of 100 on ESPN.com. Athletes are also rated on a 1-5 scale, with five-star recruits being the nation's elite. Zanellato did not receive a star as he is below the minimum rating of 55. ESPN Recruiting writes an athlete with a rating of 55-67.9 "does not show the physical tools or skill set at this point to project at the major college level, but could contribute at mid-major or FCS programs."

Zanellato did receive three stars for an average "user rating."

Lake Braddock will host Battlefield on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m., in the Group AAA Division 6 state semifinals.



Lake Braddock receiver Matt Zanellato caught 10 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns against Chantilly in Saturday's region title game.

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Hayfield Football Season Ends at Region Finals

Hawks fail to recover from poor start in title game loss to Stone Bridge.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Hayfield, like so many teams that have lost to Northern Region Division 5 high school football power Stone Bridge over the years, experienced firsthand last Saturday afternoon that anything less than a close to perfect game against the Bulldogs is not enough to beat them.

The Hawks hardly embarrassed themselves and, in fact, did several things quite well in their Division 5 region title game at Stone Bridge last week. But, in the end, it was not nearly enough as the unbeaten and defending region champion Bulldogs from Ashburn handily defeated a talented Hayfield squad by a 35-7 score.

"They're a formidable group," said Hayfield head coach Roy Hill, of Stone Bridge. "They just don't beat themselves,



Hayfield head coach Roy Hill, center, talks to his team following the season-ending loss in Ashburn last Saturday.

that's the biggest thing."

With the loss, Hayfield saw its season end with an 8-5 overall record. The Hawks experienced an outstanding season this fall, overcoming an early season three-game losing streak that put them at 2-3 halfway through the regular season. The team won four of its final five games to finish the regu-

lar season at 6-4 going into the eight-team Division 5 playoffs.

There, the Hawks remained one of the hotter teams in the region as they dominated host McLean, 34-13, in a quarterfinals round playoff encounter. It was a huge victory for Hayfield, which eliminated a Highlanders' squad that had been 8-0 at one

point before finally falling in a week nine affair against Liberty District opponent Stone Bridge. McLean, under head coach Jim Patrick, was one of the biggest success stories of the region this fall but its storybook autumn came to a grinding halt with the postseason setback to the Hawks.

Following the win over McLean, Hayfield continued to roll as it defeated National District foe and home team Washington-Lee, 28-7, in a semifinals game played on Nov. 19. The victory avenged a 23-7 regular season loss to the Generals way back in week three and was a testimony to how much better the Hawks had become over the course of the season.

The win over W-L put Hayfield into the region finals against a Stone Bridge team that had overwhelmed its opponents all season long with lopsided victories — the lone exception being a week one 7-3 win over Westfield.

IN THE REGION finals game, Hayfield played the Bulldogs tough for close to three quarters, despite an opening kickoff nightmare to start the game in which Kyle Gouveia, son of former Washington Redskins linebacker Kurt Gouveia, returned the ball 88 yards for a touchdown to put

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—Alexander Pope

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COMMUNITY



Recipients of the Ross Netherton Award are members of the Hunter Mill Defense League History Committee, from left, Tom Evans, Bob Eldridge, Jim Lewis, Charlie Balch and Steve Hull. The award was presented by Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and Conference Chairwoman Lynne Garvey-Hodge.

Local Historians Recognized

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Mitchell award for his work researching the Ravensworth estate, dating back to 1796, the original home of William Fitzhugh and land that once covered nearly an eighth of the county.

Susan Hellman received the Nan Netherton award for her outstanding research and documentation on the property called "Kenmore."

Cora Foley was not present, but she received the first Cultural Heritage Engagement Award, Maddy McCoy, also not present, received a Distinguished Service award for her assistance on the "Kenmore" paper as well as for her work creating the African-American Slave index of Fairfax County.

Rick Castelli received the Edith Moore Sprouse award for his extensive research on Fenwick Park.

The Hunter Mill Defense League History Committee received the most prestigious award that the Fairfax County History Commission bestows, the Ross Netherton Award, for their work in creating the DVD "Danger Between the Lines," a documentary relating the story of the people living amid the turmoil along Hunter Mill Road during the Civil War. Tom Evans, Jim Lewis, Charlie Balch, Bob Eldridge and Steve Hull accepted the award.

The Awards committee included Commissioners Naomi Zeavin, Bob Beach, Jack L. Hiller and Lynne Garvey-Hodge, chairwoman.

"We have never received so many awards nominations as we have this year, and we are delighted with the quality of the work done in preserving the county's history," said Hiller.

Thomas Jefferson High School students, under the leadership of history teacher Larry Helm, also submitted historic papers.

The keynote speaker was Elizabeth Kostelny, who spoke on the importance of historic preservation,

even during economically difficult times. As executive director of Preservation Virginia, she spoke on "Growing Virginia's Movement – Historic Preservation in the 21st Century" and encouraged Fairfax County to continue doing good work in preserving the rich historic resources of the county and affirmed the conference as evidence of this good work.

Michael C. Rierson gave a lively, animated talk on his time with the Park Authority, "It Docent Matter — The Beginnings of a Museum & Historic Preservation Program."

Andrea Loewenwarter from the Fairfax Museum & Visitors Center shared the history of preserving the newly renovated and preserved Blenheim Mansion, "Preserving Historic Blenheim" and the county Archaeology staff was on hand to discuss their work in their offices located at the conference site, the James Lee Community Center.

Local railroad historian Ron Beavers spoke with tremendous energy and exuberance on "Fairfax County Railroads — Pre-Civil War & What is Left Today"

and the final presentations of the conference reflected preservation of a number of local sites. Chuck Mauro spoke on the preservation and history of Laura Ratcliffe's home, "Merrybrook," David Goetz on John Singleton Mosby's home in Warrenton, "Brentmoor" and Mary Lipsey spoke on the good work of the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association.

The Annandale High School culinary department under the leadership of Christine Gloninger provided attendees with a delicious continental breakfast and colorful, nutritious lunch. With plenty of prizes provided from the Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center for Trivia Question winners, a sunny day, ample parking, good food and excellent presentations, the crowd left well satisfied and anxious for the Seventh Annual Fairfax County History Conference already in the planning for 2011.

"We have never received so many awards nominations as we have this year."

— Jack L. Hiller

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SPORTS

Hawks Fall To Stone Bridge in Region Finals

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the guests in an immediate 7-0 hole. It was the kind of mistake Hayfield could ill afford against a Stone Bridge team that had scored 40 or more points eight times during the season.

"Our special teams hurt us," said Hill. "We didn't execute on coverage."

A few minutes after the kickoff return for a touchdown to begin the game, Stone Bridge, upon getting the ball again, marched 52 yards in seven plays for a touchdown that came when Bulldog senior quarterback Brian Rody, on a rollout right play, tossed a scoring pass to senior receiver Spencer Rositano, who made an outstanding, reaching catch in the back of the end zone on a ball that appeared to be thrown too high. Just like that, less than 5 minutes into the game, Stone Bridge was ahead 14-0.

Hayfield quieted the large, partisan Stone Bridge crowd with its best offensive possession of the game, as the Hawks drove the ball 80 yards over 11 plays and scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by senior quarterback Jason Stewart. Following the point-after kick by Paul Schwartz, Hayfield was back in the game, trailing 14-7, with just over 2 minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

The key play of the Hayfield scoring drive came on a third-and-10 play at the Stone Bridge 36-yard line when Stewart, rolling left, connected on a 32-yard pass play to junior tight end Justin Dill to put the ball at the four yard line, setting up the touchdown two plays later.

Hayfield, on the scoring march, had big runs of 20, 10 and 12 yards by receiver Hayden Knudson (on a reverse) and running backs Justin Marshall (16 carries, 50 yards) and Steve Lynch, respectively.

Hayfield's momentum following the score was short-lived, however, as Stone Bridge, on its next possession, drove 64 yards over 15 plays and scored on a one-yard run by star running back Marcus Harris. On the scoring drive, the Bulldogs converted two fourth down plays, including a fourth-and-three at its own 43.

The Bulldogs were driving again on their next possession, from their own 16 to the Hayfield 36 before Hawks' junior linebacker Craig Luskey ended the threat with a fumble recovery in the Stone Bridge backfield in



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Hayfield defensive back Sahid Kargbo (33) upends Stone Bridge running back Adrian Thomas in Saturday's region title game.

the final minute of the half.

Hayfield, down 21-7, had its best chance to stay in the game when it took the second half kickoff and moved the ball from its 20-yard line to the Stone Bridge 12 in a long drive. But the Hawks lost nine yards over the next two plays before being unable to convert on a fourth down play.

"We had a long drive [in the third quarter] but didn't score," said Hill. "It's all about scoring."

Stone Bridge then effectively put the game away when it drove 79 yards in just six plays, the touchdown coming on a 12-yard run by Adrian Thomas.

At that point, with less than two minutes in the third quarter remaining, Stone Bridge was in total control at 28-7. The Bulldogs would score a final touchdown early in the final quarter.

Stewart, the Hayfield QB, completed 7-of-13 passes for 106 yards for the game. He

was sacked three times but, for the most part, had time to throw. Sean Townsend (3 catches, 57 yards) was his primary target.

"I think it was the best defense we faced all year," said Stewart. "But in the first half I really thought we were going to win. We were moving the ball."

Hayfield received a bad break in the first quarter when key playmaker Knudson, who caught nine touchdowns this season at receiver while intercepting seven balls as a member of the Hayfield defensive secondary, left the game with a leg injury.

The Stone Bridge offense, out of its single wing package in which the ball can be snapped out of the shotgun to either the quarterback or a running back, rushed for close to 250 yards, led by Harris (22 carries, 127 yards). Rody, the QB, completed seven-of-12 passes for 108 yards.

"They took care of the ball most of the game," said Hayfield's Steve Lynch, a key

two-way player for the Hawks this season at running back and linebacker. "They were the better team today. They're a well-disciplined team and they have good coaches. They run that offense well."

The loss hardly takes away from what was a banner season for the Hawks in getting to the region championship game.

"We lost three games in a row [early in the season] and a lot of people were doubting us," said Lynch. "But we kept working hard."

Stewart credited his coach with guiding the Hawks. "Coach Hill is like a father to all of us," said the QB. "I'll always love him. He led us in the right direction."

Hill said his team overcame early season injuries and ultimately realized its expectations. "It took a while for us to get going. But our stated goal at the beginning of the season was to still be practicing at Thanksgiving and we did that," said Hill.

Next Up for Lake Braddock: Battlefield on Dec. 4

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before the game verbally committed to Penn State. The senior transfer from Robinson caught 10 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns, including a 27-yard reception that put the Bruins ahead by 25 in the second quarter.

"All season, all of [my teammates] have their yellow hats and their region championships last year and they'd give me crap,"

Zanellato said. "Hey, you don't have one of these.' It made me a little more motivated to get my own regional title."

Greg Jones returned an interception 88 yards for a Lake Braddock touchdown in the third quarter, giving the Bruins a 35-3 lead. Kyle Shanahan put the finishing touches on the day's scoring with an 11-yard touchdown run.

Chantilly's Jimmy Hicks rushed 13 times for 64 yards and a touchdown. His 5-yard

scoring run cut the Chargers' deficit to 35-10 early in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Carson Romine completed 14 of 24 passes for 163 yards and was intercepted twice. Tight end Trey Huelskamp caught four passes for 66 yards.

CHANTILLY'S second touchdown came on via special teams. William Hill-Pensamiento fielded a kickoff at his own 1-yard line and brought it out to the 30 before fumbling.

Teammate Ross Simms scooped up the loose ball and raced the remaining 70 yards for a touchdown. Hicks completed a pass to Hill-Pensamiento for the two-point conversion, making the score 42-18.

While Lake Braddock advanced to states, Chantilly's season ended with a 10 wins and a region runner-up finish.

"Every week, someone stepped up," Lalli said. "Every week they played together as a team. They didn't quit."

GIFTS & GIVING

Hayfield Grad Opens New T-Shirt Store

Shop carries new and used T-shirts as well as vintage clothing.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Stan Darke got his start designing T-shirts in art class at Hayfield Secondary School. Darke, now 38, created a "beach week" shirt for his fellow Hayfield seniors in 1990.

"I have always wanted to open my own store," said Darke, who grew up in Lorton.

The Fairfax County native just launched The Factory, a T-shirt and vintage clothing shop, on Main Street in Old Town Fairfax last month.

The retail outlet carries mostly used and new T-shirts, some of which feature Darke's own designs. The store offers assorted vintage apparel, including boots, dresses, belts, bags and button-down shirts for an affordable price.

"I have wanted to do retail. In the past, I have looked at malls, town centers and various shopping centers. Then, I found this place. It was a lot more affordable and the idea of vintage clothing fits in well with Old Town Fairfax," said Darke.

THE STORE OWNER also operates Darke Graphics, a custom screen printing shop in Burke. Darke Graphics handles custom printing on T-shirts, sweatshirts and other apparel for over 100 businesses and schools



Fairfax County native Stan Darke opened The Factory, a T-shirt and vintage clothing shop, in Old Town Fairfax last month.

in the Fairfax County area.

Darke started his first business shortly after graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1995.

At first, Darke's T-shirt printing was part-time and more like a hobby. But in 2003, Darke decided to leave his job teaching middle school art and work full-time at Darke Graphics.

He hired a sales director, Cornell Felton, who is also a Hayfield graduate.

"I don't think I'll ever do something where I am not my own boss again," said Darke.

Darke wanted to expand his business into the retail sector, primarily to showcase his

own T-shirt designs. He said much of the bulk work he does for schools and small businesses doesn't allow him to be creative as he would like.

"They usually come in with a design and idea of what they want. It is more rewarding, doing your own designs," he said.

Even before The Factory opened, Darke sold some of his original T-shirt designs through Darke Graphics office in Burke and over his website www.darkgraphics.com.

He tends to favor simple, urban graphics and many Darke's original shirts have a political theme.

One of his top sellers reads "Capitalism:

Get It While It Lasts" written in the style of the Coca-Cola Classic logo. Another shirt shows a panel of portraits where Barack Obama slowly morphs into George Bush, with "Change?" written under the photographs.

Yet another shirt is a play on the old Run-D.M.C. song "You Be Illin" from 1986. It has a picture of North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Il on the front with the line "Kim Jong-Il Be Illin" under it.

"It is a sense of humor thing. I have a dry or off-the-wall sense of humor," said Darke.

In addition to Darke's original designs, The Factory also carries several used and vintage T-shirts. Darke buys these shirts in bulk from all over the country and Canada.

"We have a combination of stuff. It is everything from those shirts from the 1970s with the wildlife scene or cute animal on the front to 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl champions shirts," said Darke.

"The buttery soft vintage tees are my favorites. I don't really care what is on them. There is nothing like a vintage T-shirt," he added.

The Factory is a nice addition to Old Town Fairfax's retail market. "We want a nice balance of different types of retail. We can't just rely on one type of retail. ... The more retail we have in Fairfax the better," said Steve Stombres, council member for the City of Fairfax.

Patrons who visit that store will hopefully go to other retail stores in the area.

"I think it would help our foot traffic and more foot traffic would be good for us," said Nick McVey, manager of the Fairfax Surf Shop, also in Old Town Fairfax.

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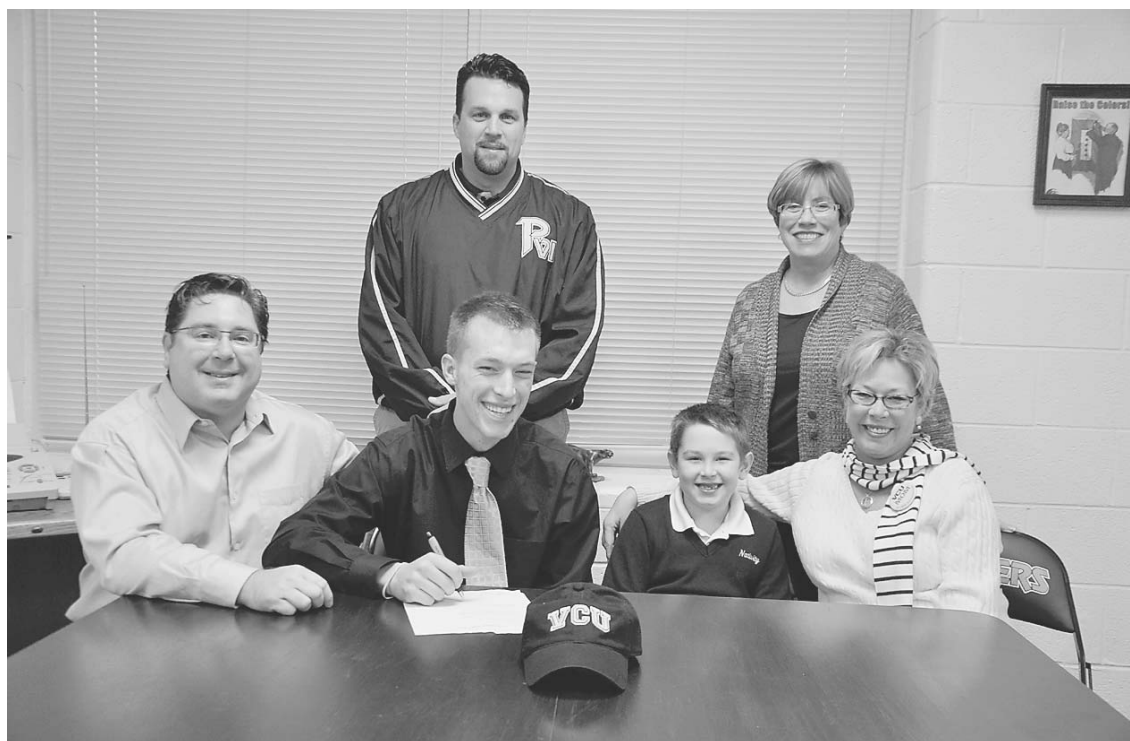
Leo A. Walker has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is the son of Anita S. Walker of Dorothy Lane, Springfield. Walker is a 2007 graduate of West Springfield High School.

Cassandra L. Moore graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The cadet is a student at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. Moore is the daughter of Dennis L. Moore and Karla C. Torrez of Raspberry Plain Place, Springfield. She is a 2007 graduate of Robinson Secondary School.

Buddy N. Shoukat has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Shoukat is the son of Mary V. and Michael M. Shoukat of Center Road, Springfield.



Air Force Airman Amy Dang graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Tammy Nguyen of Hibbling Avenue in Springfield. Dang is a 2010 graduate of Annandale High School.



Kianka Signs with VCU

Matt Kianka of Springfield, a senior at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, recently signed to play baseball for Virginia Commonwealth University. An outfielder for the Panthers, Kianka was

named to the First Team WCAC, and has also been named PVI Batting Champion. The PVI Panthers were State Champs in both 2008 and 2009 and WCAC Champs in 2009. Kianka is pictured with his parents Mark and Kim, brother Jake, PVI Athletic Director Billy Emerson and Principal Ginny Colwell.

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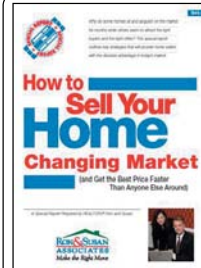


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