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Jonathan Keelean, 6, of Burke, followed the outdoor train display around the station during the annual Holiday Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Thomas the Train, he said, was one of his favorites.

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# All Aboard!

## Fairfax Station Railroad Museum kicks off holidays with model train display.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
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**T**rains in all shapes and sizes — from vintage Lionel to Lego and Thomas — puffed and chugged down the track during the 22nd annual Holiday Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum last weekend.

“We come to this event every year, and it’s a great way to kick-off the holidays,” said Debbie Johnson of Reston, who said her sons love to climb the museum’s caboose.

The event, held at the historic railroad museum, is hosted by the Friends of Fairfax Station, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining and operating the rebuilt Fairfax Station railroad depot as a museum.

“Everyone loves trains, especially during the holidays,” said Kay Gilbert, treasurer and former president of the Friends of Fairfax Station. Gilbert said the event usually draws about 1,000 train aficionados each year. “Many model railroad clubs set up at this event, and there’s something for everyone.”

**MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS** from the HO

Potomac Module Crew, Monty’s Lego trains and the Northern Virginia NTRAK N scale club participated in the event. The Washington Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society was back with its popular G-scale outdoor trains, with tracks winding around the entire station. The museum also has a permanent display case of Standard-gauge model trains on loan.

In addition to its display at the holiday show, NTRAK has a permanent N-scale layout in the caboose, and sets up modules to run trains in the Community Room the 3rd Sunday of each month (excluding December and January).

“I think this is the most versatile hobby there is,” said Ellsworth Geib, 76, who displayed one of the smallest model trains — the Z-gauge. “You can do everything from running trains, creating scenery and making it look realistic. I’ve loved trains since I was a small boy.”

The next event is Sunday, Jan. 15 from 1-4 p.m., when the Washington Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society presents its Garden (G) scale train display. For more information about upcoming events or renting space at the museum, call 703-425-9225 or visit [www.fairfaxstation.org](http://www.fairfaxstation.org)



**Santa made a guest appearance at the annual Holiday Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, delivering candy canes and good cheer. He posed with fan Rachel Earl, 5, of Fairfax Station, in front of the antique cars on display at the event**



**Scott McDonald, of Steam in the Garden, tinkers with his real steam train at the annual Holiday Train Show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.**

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### Fairfax County’s ‘Little Gem’

Steeped in Civil War history, the Fairfax Station Railroad Depot was once the hub of a growing community in the 1800s. During the Civil War, Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, tended to thousands of soldiers who were sent from the Fairfax Station depot to Alexandria and Washington hospitals. The depot was the last operating station when it was closed by Southern Railway in 1973.

In 1975, a group of local citizens headed by Lena Wyckoff and the Clifton Community Woman’s Club began efforts to save the old depot. Southern Railway donated the building, and the Fried and Moore families donated land just up the hill from the original site.

A fundraising non-profit, The Friends of the Fairfax Station, formed in 1978, receiving financial and volunteer assistance from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and local groups to reconstruct the station. The museum was built by local high school students through Fairfax County’s Vocation Educational Foundation. It was dedicated in 1987 and the museum opened the following year.

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**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) pumped up the crowd of 200-plus Obama supporters at the opening of Obama's first field office in Northern Virginia on Saturday, Dec. 3. Connolly applauded Fairfax County's Democratic Committee Chairman, Rex Simmons, for holding on to almost all Democratic state and local seats in Fairfax during the Nov. 8**

## Obama Campaign Comes to Fairfax

**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly addresses crowd of 200-plus supporters.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**P**resident Barack Obama was not there, but U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) made sure the president's presence was felt at the opening of the first Northern Virginia field office for the Obama 2012 Campaign in Fairfax.

Connolly gave a stump speech to the 250 volunteers and supporters who crowded into the campaign office on Saturday, Dec. 3. The office is located in a strip mall on Lee Highway in Fairfax.

"If we needed living proof that President Obama is going to invest heavily in Virginia, this is it," Connolly said to shouts of "amen" and "that's right." "No president has been more vilified than Barack Obama, and throughout it all he has remained gracious, a true leader."

**CONNOLLY INTRODUCED** the prominent area Democrats who attended the opening, including State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), Del. Ken Plum (D-36), Del. David Bulova (D-37), Kate Hanley, who preceded Connolly as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and Ryan McElveen, one of the newly-elected Democrats to the Fairfax County School Board.

Petersen predicted Virginia would be a battleground state in 2012. "The President has to do everything he did in 2008 to win across Fairfax County. In a lot of ways, the stakes are higher, because the statewide race will be closer," Petersen said, adding that the anti-Washington rhetoric doesn't play well



**Fairfax County Democrats gathered at the opening of Obama's first field office in Northern Virginia on Saturday, Dec. 3., including - from left - Del. Ken Plum (D-36), Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and Del. David Bulova (D-37).**

in Northern Virginia where many people are invested in a healthy, functioning federal government.

Many local supporters who attended Saturday's event said they volunteered for the campaign in 2008, and intend to volunteer again. "I'm working-class and he works for me," said Paul Strasberg, an economist

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**Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who recently won his first full term in a hotly-contested race, celebrated at the annual Taste of Braddock on Thursday, Dec. 1. Holding sons Andrew (in red) and Stephen (in blue), Cook greeted more than 300 constituents.**

## Eat, Drink and Be Merry

**Annual Taste of Braddock draws record crowd.**

**P**ete the Penguin greeted more than 300 guests at the annual Taste of Braddock Holiday Open House Thursday, Dec. 1, at Braddock Hall in Burke.

"This is a great way to start the holiday season, and offers a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community to celebrate all that is the Braddock district," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), whose office hosted the party.

The family-friendly event in-

cluded catered dishes from more than 25 local businesses, as well as desserts prepared by students from Annandale High School's culinary arts department.

Bill Barfield, chairman of the Braddock District Council of Community Associations, organized the food for the event. "This event shows what a close-knit community we have. Local businesses are always very supportive," Barfield said.

— VICTORIA ROSS



**Braddock Hall in Burke was filled to capacity with more than 300 guests at the annual Taste of Braddock Holiday Open House on Thursday, Dec. 1.**

## THE COUNTY LINE

# Whose Road is it Anyway? County vs. State: A heated debate on who should fix area roads.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

State and local government officials agree that Fairfax County's roads are in deplorable shape, but who should fix the problem has sparked a heated political debate.

On Dec. 1, Fairfax County, along with Prince William and Loudoun Counties, issued a joint statement firmly opposing any hint of legislation from the Virginia General Assembly that would shift road maintenance responsibilities from the Commonwealth to counties, a process known as road devolution.

"Road devolution is going to be a huge issue in Richmond this year," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "The idea of local control is universally embraced, but the problem comes down to the cash, and the state is not going to give us the money we need to take over our roads."

County officials argue that devolution would lock in the state's chronic underfunding of secondary roads, and county taxpayers would be on the hook for the cumulative effects of deficient maintenance measures when the big bills come due.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has reported that more than a third of secondary roads throughout the state are in poor condition, and estimates that \$75 to \$100 million is required to bring just one percent of the state's 27,166 mile lanes up to performance standards.

McKay, who chairs the Board's Legislative Committee, said the cost to Fairfax County taxpayers could be close to \$200 million.

"The start-up costs of taking this over would be significant, and my greatest fear is that we'd be pitting roads against schools and public safety," he said. He added that any additional costs associated with road devolution would necessitate a tax hike and likely take money away from projects such as new school construction and renovation of existing schools.

He compared road devolution to the state driving a new car into the ground, and then sticking the county with the repair bills.

"The biggest advocate of devolution is the state. They would like nothing more than to hand it over to us, because they've wrecked it."

**IN A DEC. 2 PUBLIC LETTER**, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) joined her Republican counterparts in Prince William and Loudoun County contending that road devolution is really an unfunded mandate that would likely come under the guise of transportation funding reform.

"Although we are of different political parties, we are firmly united in opposition to devolution because of the massive property tax increase it will produce for the residents and businesses of Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties... The cost could exceed \$500 per household," according to the statement.



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**VDOT crews repair a bridge in Lorton that was washed out by Tropical Storm Lee in September.**



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Bulova said that General Assembly created the problem by neglecting the roads, and they should be the ones to fix it.

"Once the state abandons this responsibility, it will never take it back," Bulova said. "Local governments and taxpayers should not be expected to shoulder what is now a responsibility of the commonwealth."

Although Gov. Robert McDonnell has not yet proposed specific road devolution legislation, House Republicans have been looking at ways to shift spiraling road-maintenance responsibilities back to localities for several years.

In 2005, the General Assembly directed VDOT to develop legislative recommendations, in conjunction with representatives of counties, on the process for any county that wants to assume responsibility for their secondary construction program. So far, no county has taken the state up on its offer.

Bulova noted that over the past few years the General Assembly has pushed the financial burden for more than \$1 billion in services down to local municipalities without sharing state revenues to pay for them. "Then, they claim they have not raised taxes," she said, adding that it's a "shell game" that does nothing to address the state's nearly depleted construction funding.

But not everyone agrees that devolution is a problem.

"[Local control of local roads] is a great idea," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who has been a member of the House since 1994 and a key player in obtaining funding for road projects in his district, which covers

Springfield and Lorton. "We would not have to ask Richmond which roads to get repaved. We could ask our county supervisors, who personally know which roads are in need of repair."

Albo said legislation, along with a reallocation of resources to pay for it, is likely this session.

"I think it's highly likely that we pass it because this is the system we currently use for cities, so we are not reinventing the wheel," Albo said.

Currently, counties do not have the same taxing authority as cities and towns. Cities, such as Arlington, have more latitude in raising revenue through other means, such as cigarette, hotel and restaurant taxes, while the majority of Fairfax County's revenue is derived from property taxes.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) agrees that road devolution should be a local option, but with the stipulation that adequate revenue comes with the responsibility. "There needs to be an agreed formula which holds the county harmless if it decides to maintain its own roads," Petersen said.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), who made "local control of local roads" his signature campaign issue, said board members should see road devolution as an opportunity instead of an obstacle.

"Virginia is not the norm. We're one of only a few states where the state has maintenance and construction responsibilities for local roads," Cook said.

**THE COMMONWEALTH'S SYSTEM** goes back to the Great Depression. During

the 1930s, many counties struggled with road maintenance, creating uneven levels of road maintenance and affecting commerce. In 1932, the Virginia General Assembly passed the Byrd Act, which gave VDOT all maintenance, operational, and construction responsibilities for secondary roads, with the exception of Arlington and Henrico counties.

"This is an opportunity, and the board is saying we don't even want to have a dialogue. This could be the best thing for us if it's done right, and they don't know the state is not going to change the funding formula. We should be chomping at the bit to take this over; instead, we are thumbing our nose at the Governor."

Cook said he has talked directly with McDonnell and Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton, and he sees an opportunity for Fairfax County to benefit from road devolution.

Cook said the way to make road devolution viable for Fairfax County includes having the state transfer ownership of the land and redoing the funding formula to be more in line with urban jurisdictions that control local roads.

"Don't fall for the argument that this is going to cost \$200 million," Cook said. "That is misleading, because it only costs us if we choose to do a better job than the state. That's not an imposed cost. If we're getting at least what the state is already spending, and we have control, that's better than no control at all."

Asked what local control would look like, Cook said residents would see medians and roads mowed more frequently, potholes would be filled within a week of reporting and roads would be repaved every 10-20 years instead of 20-40 years, among other benefits.

But McKay and other board members are not so optimistic.

Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) one of the three Republicans on the board, said he generally thinks the most effective government is local government, but for Fairfax County to take over control of its secondary roads, a few other items must come with the mandate.

"The state needs to make up for years of neglect, there needs to be a guaranteed funding stream, and it needs to be at a level necessary to perform the maintenance – not the current level," Herrity said. "Otherwise the state is just transferring the burden and years of neglect onto Fairfax County taxpayers."

"There's no question Fairfax County could do a better job, but I am very suspect that the state is going to give us the tools to fix the problem. In my mind, this has to be dead on arrival," McKay said.

Fairfax County's position on road devolution is part of its 2012 legislative agenda, which will go before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Dec. 6, for a final vote. On Wednesday, McKay chairs a joint session between board members and Fairfax County legislators during which the County's legislative agenda will be presented.



**Latasha Gunter of Fairfax adds a note to the wall at the opening of Obama's first field office in Northern Virginia on Saturday, Dec. 3. Supporters were asked to write "Why I'm In."**



**Paul Strasberg of Fairfax brought his sons, Andrew, 10 and Zach, 13, to the opening of Obama's first field office in Northern Virginia on Saturday, Dec. 3.**

## Obama Campaign Opens Fairfax Office

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who lives in Fairfax.

"I like President Obama because he doesn't make up all these crazy ideas," said Zach Strasberg, 13, a student at Robinson Secondary School. "He doesn't harass people, like Herman Cain does."

Latasha Gunter of Fairfax said education was a key issue for her. "I feel like the President has made a strong effort to reach across the table. He works effortlessly to support change for all Americans."

Olivia Hinebaugh of Vienna brought her 15-month-old son, Callum and husband Jason to the event. She said she supported President Obama's health care plan. "My biggest struggle after I graduated from college was getting health coverage. I was a preschool teacher. We were ready to start a family, and I couldn't get health coverage. Personally, that's why I'm a huge supporter," she said.

Organizing for America-Virginia hosted the event, and opened offices in Newport News as well as Fairfax

on Saturday. Along with the campaign's statewide headquarters in Richmond, the field offices will serve as community hubs for 2012 election activities.

**ON FRIDAY, DEC. 2,** Democratic Party of Virginia Chairman Brian Moran joined Organizing for America-Virginia volunteers as they delivered the signatures required to put President Obama on Virginia ballots in 2012.

In order for candidates to be eligible for their party's nomination in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the state Board of Elections requires the signatures of 10,000 registered voters, including 400 from each congressional district in the state.

"Nearly three weeks ahead of the Board of Elections deadline, the Organizing for America volunteers delivered more than 15,000 notarized signatures collected through grassroots efforts in every corner of the Commonwealth," said Marianne von Nordeck, press secretary for Organizing for America.

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# OPINION

## More on Giving Locally Local organizations need your help right now to help needy families.

Organizations that help needy families and individuals in Northern Virginia have seen a dramatic increase in requests for assistance since the recession hit in 2008, and right now those organizations need your help to meet the need.

Connection reporter Victoria Ross cites the examples of Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) and Food for Others. In 2010, ECHO assisted more than 1,472 households, an increase of nearly 30 percent from before

the recession. And Food for Others delivered a record 2.7 million pounds of food to an average of 125 families a day last year.

More than 45,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are from families poor enough to qualify for free or reduced priced meals. That's more than 25 percent of students in the schools. In Arlington, 34 percent of students are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced meals. In the City of Alexandria, more than 54 percent of students are poor.

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### Where To Give

In no particular order:

- ❖ Our Daily Bread — ODB has been serving needy families in Fairfax County for 25 years. For more information on their holiday programs, including how to sponsor a family, go to [www.odbfairfax.com](http://www.odbfairfax.com).
- ❖ Food for Others — Food for Others is the largest distributor of free food directly to people in need in Northern Virginia, provides the assistance needed by unemployed and low-income neighbors. The non-profit provides a safety net for people who suddenly face unforeseen emergencies such as a family illness or the loss of a job or a spouse. Located at 2938 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031, 703-207-9173. [www.foodforothers.com](http://www.foodforothers.com)
- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 703-569-9160. Open to receive donations at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org).
- ❖ Lorton Community Action Center operates the Act II Thrift Shop at 9506 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sales from the shop generate funds for LCAC and clients also shop there. While donations are welcome during store hours, visitors are asked to call first at 703-339-8611 before dropping off. [www.lortonaction.org](http://www.lortonaction.org).
- ❖ Comfort for America's Uniformed Services (CAUSE) — CAUSE ensures that recuperating service

members have opportunities for recreation and social interaction and receive concrete signs of appreciation for all that they have done. 4114 Legato Road Suite B, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-591-4968, [cause-usa.org](http://cause-usa.org)

- ❖ National Capital Food Bank, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063. [www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org)
- ❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries — food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). For more information or to sponsor a family, call 703-988-9656, ext. 105. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send them to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. 703-988-9656.
- ❖ The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon, VA 20171, 571-235-3577. Last year, 139 community volunteers — nurses, nurse practitioners, and physicians — gave more than 1,300 hours of their time to see patients. [jsfreeclinic.org](http://jsfreeclinic.org).
- ❖ Alternative House — Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, 2100 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182, 703-506-9191. [www.thealternativehouse.org](http://www.thealternativehouse.org).

In Fairfax County, 46,000 live below the poverty line; more than 80,000 have no health insurance.

In Northern Virginia, thousands are unemployed and many more are underemployed. Among the homeless in Northern Virginia, many are working poor, families with at least one wage-earner who doesn't make enough to pay for housing for the family. About half of the homeless in Northern Virginia are children.

Here are some suggestions about how to help, but there are dozens of other opportunities.

- ❖ Reston Interfaith, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston, serving Reston and Herndon. 571-323-9555, [www.restoninterfaith.org](http://www.restoninterfaith.org). Programs and services include the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Emergency Food Pantry, Hypothermia Prevention Program and the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- ❖ FACETS — Information about supply donations and FACETS holiday gifts drive is available on the website at [www.facetscares.org](http://www.facetscares.org). Additionally, FACETS is always in need of volunteers, and offers a variety of one-time and ongoing opportunities. People who are interested in volunteering can contact 703-865-4251 or [volunteer@facetscares.org](mailto:volunteer@facetscares.org).
- ❖ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna 703-281-7614
- ❖ Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-222-0880
- ❖ Lamb Center, [www.thelambcenter.org](http://www.thelambcenter.org), Fairfax 703-691-3178
- ❖ Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, 703-385-3267
- ❖ United Community Ministries, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, 22306
- ❖ National Capital Food Bank, 6833 Hill Park Drive, Lorton, serving all of Northern Virginia, 703-541-3063, [www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org)

## Free, Safe Ride Home from Holiday Celebrations

Once again, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will provide a safety net for those who might celebrate the holiday season with alcohol and unexpectedly need a safe ride home.

WRAP's 2011 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning Friday, Dec. 16, and running until

Jan. 1, 2012.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service. All requests for SoberRide service must be called to and dispatched from 1-800-200-8294. Callers will be responsible for any amount over \$30.

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cal residents have a safe way home on high-risk holidays, keeping likely impaired drivers off the roads. Since 1993, WRAP has provided nearly 53,000 safe rides home. SoberRide operates during the December/January holiday season, St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Deer Hunting: Hunter's View

To the Editor:

A recent letter (Saving the Deer Population, The Connection, Dec. 1-7) offered suggestions and comments that are, I am sure, well intended. But they lack scientific support or rational processing. I fully agree with the author that the County does need to do more to address the Lyme disease issue and I believe the 4-Poster program is a step in the right direction. The DeerDeter device is also effective and should be considered in doing repair, replacement and new road construction.

But to suggest that the reason deer are running across the roads in the fall is because there are hunters in the woods is simply wrong. Deer are most active at

night when visibility is less for drivers as well as deer. They are active all year long. They become particularly active during the fall, whether in areas where hunting is severely restricted, such as Fairfax, or in rural areas because this is the time of year when baby deer are made by aggressive, determined and not so bright male deer who with no regard for family, child care or housing issues, run across six lane highways in pursuit of female deer. They don't think about it, and they are going to do it whether there are hunters behind them or not.

And as to killing deer (harvesting if you need political correctness) being futile because they will be replaced by another deer, this is, again, simply not so. The deer population in Virginia was a small fraction of what it is today when I

first started hunting 40 years ago. It had been decimated by over hunting, poaching, market hunting and other causes. The simple fact is that if we do not kill (harvest, cull, whatever) more deer our deer will succumb to chronic wasting disease. Google that for an eye full.

I won't add that hunters in Virginia supply hundreds of meals of low fat, high quality meat to shelters and the underprivileged through the Hungry/Hunters Who Care programs. We pay for the licenses to shoot deer and we donate the deer and many of us donate the processing money as well through direct donations.

Yes, arrows do wound deer. So do bullets. And so do automobiles and motorcycles. And poor hunting skills do result in unfortunate suffering to some deer. People die

in car accidents but we would scoff at banning automobiles as a solution.

Ironically restricting hunting in Fairfax County to bow hunting (with an onerous and usually impossible exception) does result in some inexperienced gun hunters hunting with bows and this does increase the number of arrow wounded and lost deer. None of us feel good about wounding and/or losing a deer and the fact that we spend as much time practicing our craft and tracking deer is a tribute to that concern.

Giving deer human characteristics makes for nice children's movies. But it is inaccurate and unrealistic and the more you learn about deer the more one will understand that, if one wants to.

**Michael Valentine**  
Fairfax Station

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## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Police Target Shopping Swindlers

Phony credit cards, stolen IDs and out-of-state shoplifting scammers are being targeted by Fairfax County Police Retail Anti-Theft Teams once again this holiday season. In an annual effort that began "Black Friday," officers are patrolling the malls and shopping centers across the county, hoping to keep the areas safe and crime-free.

Teams of officers are working in shopping malls and retail businesses in both uniformed and plain-clothed capacities. They're targeting all shoplifters, but particularly the "professionals" that distract store employees while associates across the store attempt to conceal and steal merchandise.

In 2010, officers assigned to the retail theft operations made significant arrests, charging suspects with fraud, forgery, embezzlement, possession of stolen property, distribution of narcotics and more. In the Fair Oaks Police District, 41 adults and 23 juveniles were charged with 182 felony and misdemeanor offenses.

### Residents Can Help Santa

As the holidays approach, some children in Fairfax County won't have to wait until Christmas Eve to see Santa. He and his elves will be rumbling down the streets here next week. Once again, Santa will temporarily trade in his sleigh and reindeer for a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The Fairfax County Police Motorcycle Squad, in cooperation with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Fairfax City Police, Falls Church Sheriff's Office and the Town of Vienna Police will escort Santa on his 25th annual Ride for Children.

On Monday, Dec. 12, Santa's elves will pick up toys and other donations from police stations and other government facilities throughout the county. Then on Tuesday, Dec. 13, Santa will visit seven local schools.

Anyone wishing to make a donation should bring a new, unwrapped toy, game, book or other gift to any county police station, their designated school or to the Fairfax County print shop at the Government Center. All donations should be made before Dec. 12 at 9 a.m.



### Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Sunday, December 11 from 1-3 in Room 216

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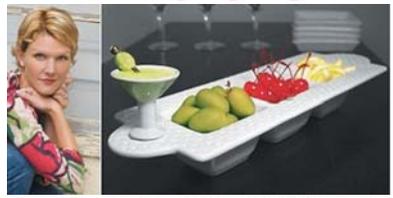
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Carl "Bud" Kloss, Betty Kenealy and Houston Wynn stand in front of the Christmas tree at Greenspring Retirement Village in Springfield. The three residents were all living near Pearl Harbor when it was bombed by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941.



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Betty Kenealy holds up a copy of the Dec. 8 Honolulu Star-Bulletin declaring "War!" after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and Manila on Dec. 7, 1941.

# Witnessing Pearl Harbor Attack

## Greenspring residents witnessed 'Day of Infamy.'

By VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Seventy years ago this week, 14-year-old Carl "Bud" Kloss was getting ready for church when he heard the drone of aircraft above his home on the U.S. Naval

base on Pearl Harbor. It was shortly before 8 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941.

"It was unusual to hear planes on a Sunday. I went up to the porch and saw four planes circling, and then I saw them peel off and the bombs started dropping," Kloss said, recalling the chilling vision

of the distinctive red circles that adorned Japanese aircraft. Within seconds of seeing the planes, Kloss said he heard the muffled thuds of the bombs as they exploded in Pearl Harbor.

Hurrying down to the harbor in his Sunday best, Kloss climbed to the top of an unfinished building

to "check it out." He said he saw flames shooting skyward as the battleship USS Arizona exploded, destroyed by Japanese torpedo bombers that sent 1,177 of the 1,400 member crew to their deaths.

"It was the first eight minutes of the attack. A man told me to get out of there, and I didn't have to be told twice. I started running back to my house when I saw torpedo planes making a run over the base," he said.

"I saw my father waving from our front porch to get the hell inside. I remember one woman came out of her house with a smoking towel. When she opened it, it contained a piece of shrapnel," Kloss said. "No one was really prepared for it, and we didn't realize how dangerous it was at the time."

In a perfectly synchronized attack, Japanese planes attacked in two waves. The first wave, arriving just before 8 a.m., began its assault with dive-bombing and strafing against Navy and Army airfields to cripple U.S. fighter planes.

ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, 40 torpedo planes roared in low over Pearl Harbor, launching their

weapons against warships moored on both sides of Ford Island, the U.S. Navy's center of gravity for its Pacific fleet. Around 9 a.m., the second Japanese wave hit, pummeling Pearl Harbor's "Battleship Row" for the next hour with dive bombers and machine gun fire. The incessant barrage of armor-piercing bombs sank several battleships within minutes of being hit.

Kloss said his family spent the night of Dec. 7 in the town of

Oahu. When they returned to the harbor the next day, they saw "a big hole in the ground" where the base's movie theater used to be.

"It's hard to imagine now, but we didn't have TV then. No one gathered around the TV set to see what was happening. We

walked to the harbor, and saw it with our own eyes," Kloss said.

Now 85 and a Greenspring resident for two years, Kloss is one of thousands of aging Pearl Harbor survivors who will mark the 70th anniversary of the Japanese air and naval assault that claimed 2,390 American lives and propelled the United States into World War II.

Another Greenspring resident, SEE PEARL HARBOR, PAGE 9

**"I remember driving away from the harbor that morning, and looking in the rear-view mirror. All I could see was great big fireball."**

— Carl Kloss

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# Pearl Harbor Survivors

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Elizabeth “Betty” Kenealy, 79, also remembers the attacks. She was 9 years old, and her father was a sheet metal worker for the U.S. Navy. She said the morning of Dec. 7 started off “clear and serene,” and she and her brothers were looking at airplanes from a field near John Rogers Airport — now Honolulu International Airport.

“We were on our way to church when my father heard loud noises, and saw the Japanese planes. He immediately packed everyone in the car and drove us 30 minutes away to Kaimuki,” she said.

When her family returned to the area, they found out that everyone left on the field that morning had been killed, and their own house had been hit by machine gun fire.

Houston Wynn, who has lived at Greenspring for nearly a decade, was 25-years-old in 1941. On Dec. 7, he had just started a new job working as a landscape architect on officers’ houses around Pearl Harbor. Awakened by an aircraft shell exploding in the yard next door, he and a friend rushed to the harbor.

“Most of the ships were still burning and smoking when we got there,” Wynn said. Now 95, Wynn said he vividly recalls listening to radio reports assuring listeners that the commotion was just an air raid and no one was in any danger. “But the reporter sounded very nervous,” Wynn said.

The attacks ended about 9:45 that morning, after decimating the entire Pacific fleet.

**SEVENTY YEARS LATER**, there are fewer and fewer Pearl Harbor survivors: When the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association was formed in 1958, it started with 18,000 members. Today there are around 3,000.

Still, some have memories that remain strong.

Following the attacks, Kloss said he and his mother worked at a temporary hospital, tending to the injured, many of whom were burned beyond recognition. “We fed them, and wrapped a lot of bandages,” he said. Kloss’ father, a career Naval officer, soon moved the family to San Diego.

“A year later, the U.S. Navy released photos of the destruction. It was illegal to talk about it at the time, you know ‘loose lips sink ships,’ so no one in my high school knew I had been there,” he said.

“But I can tell you, it’s something you never forget,” he said, pausing. “I remember driving away from the harbor that morning, and looking in the rear-view mirror. All I could see was great big fireball.”



Carl “Bud” Kloss was 14 when he saw Japanese planes bombing Pearl Harbor on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. “I saw them dive down in the harbor, and I ran down the street to see what was going on.”

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## Firefighters Collect Toys for Tots

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**Origami Workshop**, 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn basic folds, create an animal figure, practice geometry and algebra math skills. Maximum attendance 15, age 9-12 years. Register at 703-249-1520.  
**English Conversation Group**, 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English and improve English-speaking skills. Adults. 703-249-1520.  
**Toddler Time**, 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories, songs, fingerplays and more. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-293-6227.  
**Book Club Kids**, 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Children should be familiar with Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin. This story before coming. Age 3-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.  
**Computer Basics Training**, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills and navigating the Internet. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**FRIDAY/DEC. 9**  
**Messiah Singalong**, 7:30 p.m. Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. The Parish Choir and director Michael Mentzel lead a sing-along of Part I of the Messiah and the Hallelujah Chorus accompanied by a chamber orchestra, organ, and soloists. Bring a score or purchase one at the door. Donations benefit Crosslink International. www.crosslinkinternational.net. 703-273-1300  
**Graham Colton (full band) and Steve Moakler**, 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.  
**Symphony Orchestra and Combined Choirs Sing-Along Messiah**, 7 p.m. George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Adults \$10, students and seniors \$5. 703-993-1380 or http://music.gmu.edu.  
**E is for Elephant**, 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-249-1520.  
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**SUNDAY/DEC. 11**  
**Children's Christmas Musical Drama**, 11 a.m. Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. The Children's Ministry will present the Christmas musical drama "The Bethlehem Project." 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.  
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**MONDAY/DEC. 12**  
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**Ooh La La! A Fancy Nancy Party**, 3:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Wearing your most glamorous wardrobe with all your best accessories. Age 5-10. 703-978-5600.

**TUESDAY/DEC. 13**  
**Handel's Messiah**, 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. All choral

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**Franconia United Methodist Church**, 6037 Franconia Road in Alexandria, will celebrate Advent on Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Services. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45, and childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The church is

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 ♦Christmas Eve Services, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.  
 ♦Christmas Day Service, 11 a.m. Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.  
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**Pohick Church**, 9301 Richmond Highway in Lorton, will have a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m., with a series of readings, Advent and Christmas carols, hymns and a choral anthem. At 11 a.m. the Pohick Church Docent Guild will give guided tours of the historic colonial church, which has been restored back to the days when George Washington and George

**WEDNESDAY/DEC. 14**  
**Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker**, 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$28-\$122, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT.

**THURSDAY/DEC. 15**  
**Sesame Street Live: Elmo Makes Music**, 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird and more take to the stage to share their love of music. Tickets \$15-\$75, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT.  
**Buon Natale Featuring Natalie York & Friends in a benefit for Food for Others**, 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.  
**Jason Linett Comedy Hypnosis Show**, 7 p.m. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road,

Mason were parishioners. 703-339-6572 or www.pohick.org.

**The Immanuel Bible Church MOPS** group meets on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. MOPS is a group for pregnant or parenting mothers of children from infancy to kindergarten. 703-922-4295 or www.MOPS.org.

The following is a list of events at **Mount Calvary Baptist Church**, 4325 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax:  
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 ♦Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., except for the fourth Sunday of the month, when Sunday School is at 9 a.m.  
 ♦Sunday morning service at 11 a.m.  
 ♦Commonwealth Care Center ministry every first and third Thursday night. Call 703-273-1455.

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**English Conversation Group**, 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English and improve English-speaking skills. Adults. 703-249-1520.  
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**FRIDAY/DEC. 16**  
**Sesame Street Live: Elmo Makes Music**, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Big Bird and more take to the stage to share their love of music. Tickets \$15-\$75, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT.  
**Bill Kirchen's Honkey Tonk Holiday Show**, 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.  
**Toot & Puddle's Friendship**, 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Holly Hobby's stories about two little piglets who are best friends. Ages 3-5 years with adult. 703-249-1520.  
**English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600.

**SATURDAY/DEC. 17**  
**Christmas in Cape Breton**, 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster performs traditional and contemporary Celtic melodies and Christmas carols. \$25-\$50. www.gmu.edu.  
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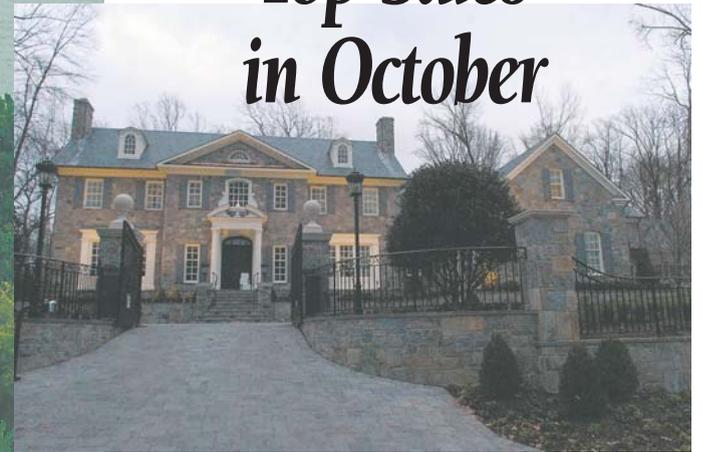
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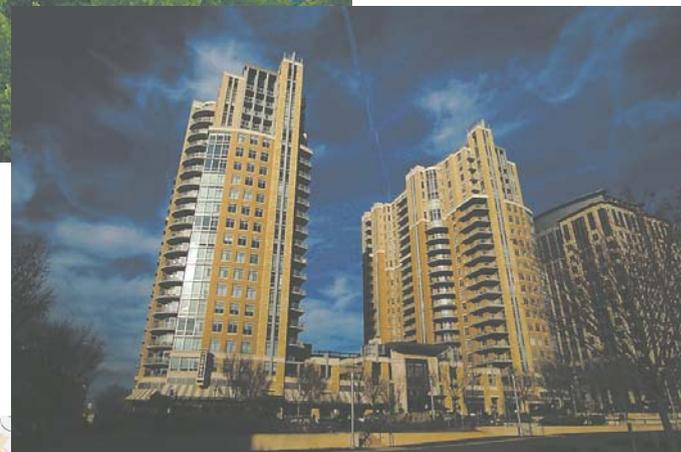
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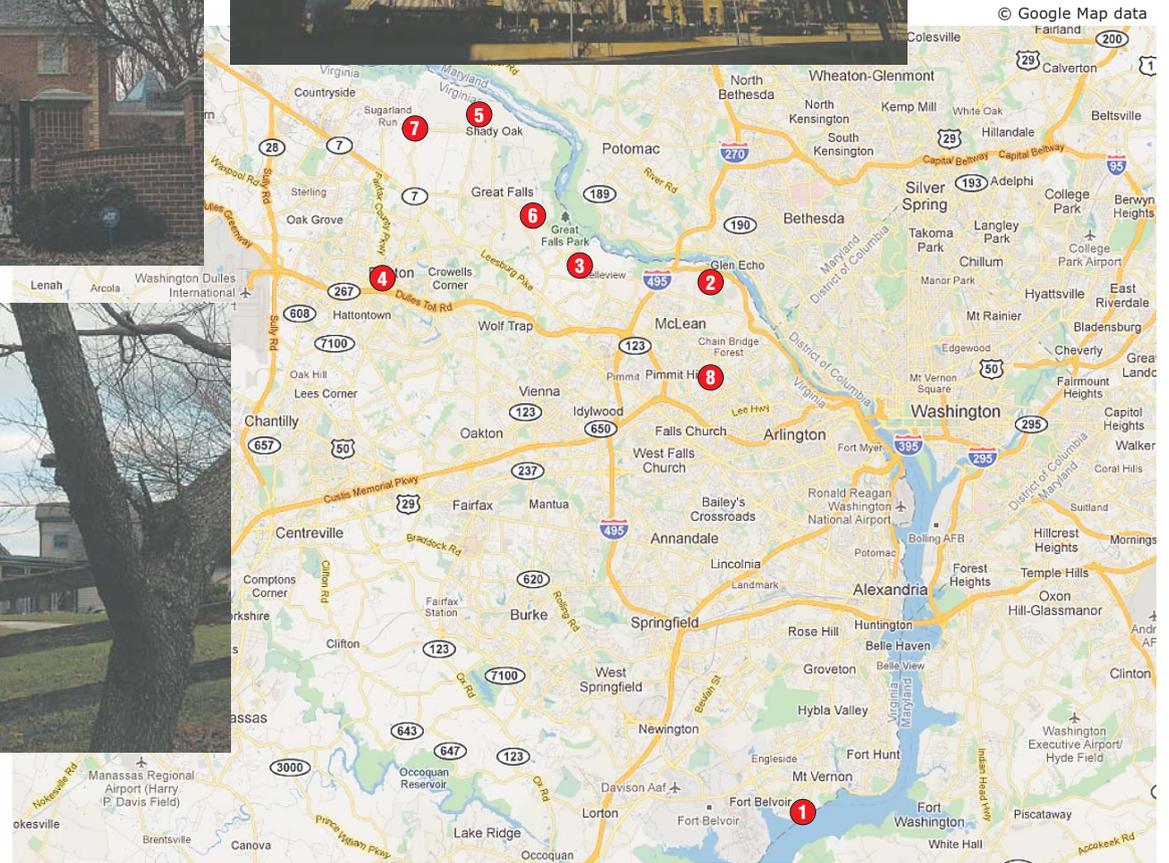
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# Home Life Style Holiday Tested

BY JOHN BYRD  
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

**W**hat a relief to be living in a “holiday-tested” house as the season approaches.

Such are the reflections of Marie Brill, on the kitchen-centric floor plan she and her husband introduced into their busy lifestyle just last year as the holidays commenced.

And what can this baby do?

A sit-down dinner for forty or more. Family gatherings at Thanksgiving, Christmas, open house parties. Birthdays. Anniversaries.

“We’re the hub for our extended family,” Brill says. “So I appreciate a plan that makes it easier to prepare meals and spend time with guests. I can stand at the range oven facing the living room. The visual connection really adds to the festivities.”

A food preparation island, well-organized workspaces and several strategically located built-ins facilitate multi-tasking. Yet the kitchen artfully integrated so the entire first floor functions as an upscale entertainment suite.

The effect, Brill says, is a far cry from the compartmentalized warren of small rooms that dominated the home the couple purchased in late 2009.

Certainly, the existing house — a circa 1980s center hall Colonial on a tree-shaded lot in Burke — had potential for a young family that includes two preschoolers. There’s a large backyard; a comfortable, well-located neighborhood.

“But when I took a critical look at the first level floor plan,” Brill says, “I knew entertaining was going to be difficult.”

For starters, there was the problem of the tiny (8-by-14-foot) galley kitchen situated in the rear and sandwiched between a small dining room and an equally constrained family room. With a front-facing formal living room, Brill pictured holiday parties as one endless trudge from the stove to the front parlor and back.

“We interviewed several remodeling firms,” Brill says. “Sonny Nazemian, at Michael Nash Design Build, however, of-



**Removing a load-bearing wall by means of a high-tech beam, the Brill’s center-hall colonial in Burke now has open spaces suitable for entertaining.**

fered plausible solutions the first time we walked through the house together. When I stopped by his office a few days later, he presented me with detailed conceptual drawings. His ideas really worked.”

## RECONFIGURATION AND UPGRADE

Since the Brills were especially interested in a more open first floor socializing scheme, Nazemian — who is certified as both a remodeler and an interior designer — proposed a reconfiguration of rooms that places a gourmet kitchen squarely into the home’s mainstream.

To augment formal dining, the family room was re-purposed into the new dining room complete with fireplace. Space formerly allocated to the old dining room was, likewise, co-opted into the footprint of a substantially enlarged kitchen suite — which now boasts a sunny breakfast nook.

Satisfying the Brills’ passion for enhanced visual linkage was another matter.

To open up sightlines, Nazemian removed a load-bearing wall between the family room from the kitchen, shifting upper level support to microlaminate beams resting on vertical shafts. A wall between the old

**Kitchen-centric, open floor plan well-suited for extended family entertaining.**

kitchen and dining room was also deleted. As an interior design solution, Nazemian proposed decorative archways that conceal supports, keep sightlines clear and add dramatic midroom accents. In the dining room, glass-facing cabinetry provides easy access to china and stemware.

“I’ve found that a successful open plan demands cohesive interior design,” Nazemian says. “The point is to create a greater whole.”

On this score, the kitchen floor is now a

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PHOTOS BY GREG HADLEY



**A food preparation island, well-organized workspaces and several strategically located built-ins allow the entire first floor to function as an entertainment suite.**

## Creating the Holiday Table

**Local designers offer suggestions for dressing a festive table and caring for guests.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A** festive holiday table requires more than prime rib and plum pudding. From incorporating natural elements to maintaining a consistent theme, local entertaining and design gurus dole out advice for creating a tablescape as enticing

as the food it holds.

Candlelight creates a warm ambience, but Ann O’Shields, owner of The Nest Egg in Fairfax suggests skipping tall tapers.

“Low candles set a really nice glow on the table and give it a really nice feeling as well,” said O’Shields. “I always recommend doing unscented candles so they don’t interfere with all the fragrances from your

holiday meals.”

Vienna-based design consultant Denise Willard of Décor by Denise suggests choosing a color scheme, but limiting the palette.

“A simple way to give your holiday decorations a designer look is to stick to two or three colors at most,” said Willard. “This year the silver and green color combination is hot.”

O’Shields agrees that simpler is better. “Whether you want to decorate with blues and browns and silver or go more tradi-



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**Mixing sizes and adding patterns creates visual holiday harmony.**

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## HomeLifeStyle

# Holiday Table

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tional and use red and gold, keep your palate at a minimum for really high impact.”

Let the colors of your room inspire you, especially when choosing flowers.

“Pick a color scheme that goes in your environment,” said Evelyn Kinville, lead floral designer for Behnke’s Florist Shop in Potomac. “If it is neutral, then you want to add in other colors. Choose colors that go in the room, maybe the colors of the linens. Sometimes people will bring in the china [and try] to pick [the colors in the pattern].”

Bring the outdoors in by using elements from nature, even from your own property, on your table.

“The outdoor, woody, organic feel is really popular right now,” said O’Shields. “You can incorporate [things] from your own back yard, whether it is pinecones or holly. [You don’t have to purchase] brand new decorations every year. You can freshen up what you have by using new elements from outside.”

Rustic floral centerpieces are also popular. “Woodsy [arrangements] are well-received in Potomac,” said Kinville. “There is a [plant] called angel vine. It looks almost like grapevine except that it is very, very fine. Add it to a fresh centerpiece to give it a woody look.”

But remember that when you’re creating concepts for the table, height matters.

“When setting your table for a dinner, keep in mind the height of things that you’re putting together and how many people will be at the table,” said O’Shields. “You don’t want it to be so high that you can’t see the person across from you.

For the most polished look, choose a theme and keep it consistent.

“I always think that if you pick a theme and do it well throughout and don’t falter, you’ll be satisfied whether you spend a lot of money or not,” said Michael Corrado, owner and head designer at Devers Design Group in Arlington. “If your theme is candy cane, for example, and everything you do [is] red, white and candy cane oriented, it is going to be very successful looking. If you start faltering, that is when your event looks mish-mashed and not well organized.”

Don’t be afraid to break tradition. Holly and mistletoe are holiday mainstays, but O’Shields says sometimes it is wise to mix old and new.

“If you have plates that you like that were passed down to you, you can use them and add in some new, modern elements, like mercury glass pieces,” she said. “A good way to keep your decorations current is by adding in modern elements.”

# Holiday Entertainment Tested

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diagonal pattern of soft beige porcelain tiles. Emerald pearl granite surfaces are deployed for the food preparation island, butler’s pantry and counter tops. Cherrywood cabinet facings present a crisply refined finish. Suspended above work and serving stations, Tuscan-style pendant lights offer a softly amber illumination.

As always, inspired color combinations both particularize and unify. Earthy reds highlighting the breakfast room contrast with the softer pastels of porcelain backsplashes, drawing out the rich overtones of the cabinet and counter surfaces. The white ceiling neutralizes the bolder statements, but also



**Ann O’Shields, owner of the Nest Egg in Fairfax.**

## FOR YOUR GUESTS

Use care in choosing a menu, keeping in mind possible dietary restrictions of your guests.

“Make sure you understand all of your guests’ needs and are doing your best to make sure that you have food for everyone so that no one feels overlooked or left out,” said Scott Hoffner, corporate chef for Main Event Caterers in Arlington. “Keep in mind that the dietary restrictions of the average person are much different than [they were] even just a few years ago. There is a huge turn to vegetarianism and veganism, and you have gluten issues and religious factors in terms of pork or shellfish.”

Hoffner believes a menu with farm-to-table fare will make a memorable meal.

“Find food that is local, fresh and in season,” said Hoffner. “At the end of that day, that is what is going to give you the best result.”

A little planning can make your guests more comfortable.

Place cards can ease anxiety especially when guests don’t know each other.

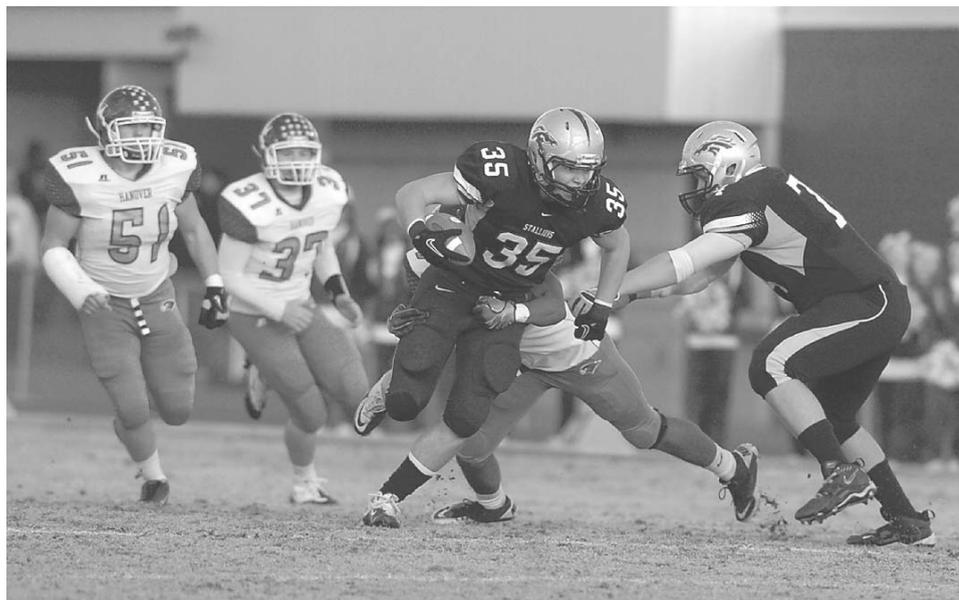
“They put guests at ease,” she said. “If you see the table and you see that there is already a place for you, there are not awkward [moments] of looking for a seat [and trying to determine] who you should sit by. They take the anxiety out, especially if guests don’t know each other.”

invites the eye to explore spatial expanses that unfold in all directions.

Other details demonstrate the surprising versatility of a contractor service that includes a well-endowed showroom backed with accommodating suppliers.

A slab of granite above the fireplace in the dining room, for instance, caught the Brills attention as a potential *objet d’arte*. Yet the surprising turn was that Nazemian’s fabricator allowed the couple to hand-draw a jagged outline for the slab’s topmost edge, shaping the piece to their liking.

“The company was really committed to satisfying our aesthetic requirements,” Brill says. “The attention to detail is impressive.”



South County running back Peter Basnight looks to break free from a tackle attempt during the Stallions' state playoff home win over Hanover last Saturday.



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Andrew Rector (28) of South County tackles a Hanover ball carrier during Saturday's state semifinals game. In the background is Stallion linebacker Timmy Hunt (44).

# Stallions Gallop to State Football Finals

South County proves dominant in state semis victory over Hanover.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Behind an outstanding game from lefty-throwing quarterback Shane Foley and an offensive line which dominated play in the trenches, the South County Secondary football team soundly defeated Hanover High (Mechanicsville), 38-22, in a Div. 5 Virginia State AAA semifinals football playoff game last Saturday evening. The postseason contest, which began at 4 p.m., took place at South County's home field in Lorton.

With the win, South County continued what has been as dramatic a turnaround season as has perhaps ever been seen from a Northern Region football team. The Stallions began the season with three straight losses — to Hayfield, Oakton, and West Potomac — but have since won 11 straight and now find themselves preparing for this Saturday afternoon's state championship game against annual Div. 5 power Phoebus High (Hampton). The title game is scheduled to be played at the University of Virginia's Scott Stadium in Charlottesville beginning at noon.

"Honestly, 11 weeks ago, nobody thought we'd be playing for a state championship," said South County senior wide receiver/kicker Michael Ferguson, who caught three touchdown passes, converted a field goal, and connected on all five of his extra point kicks in the win over Hanover. "Week after week it's become more of a reality."

South County's 11-game win streak following its tough start has been fascinating to watch. The Stallions, under first year head coach Gerry Pannoni, had never before — in the school's relatively short seven-year history — won any type of postseason football title. Following the 0-3 start, South County won all seven of its remaining regular season games to make its record 7-3, earning the Stallions a part of the Patriot

District title along with West Potomac and Lake Braddock.

Then, in the eight-team Div. 5 region playoffs, the Stallions continued their red-hot play with victories over three quality opponents — Madison, 31-0; defending Div. 5 region champion Stone Bridge, 25-3; and previously unbeaten Yorktown, 37-13. The latter victory over the Patriots (National District) coming in the region finals.

That earned South County its' first-ever trip to the state playoffs.

"The past 11 weeks, it's really been unexplainable," said South County senior running back Jake Josephs, who caught a touchdown pass and threw for one as well — on a halfback option play. "Everything has worked. If something goes wrong [in a game], the next play works. When we were 0-3 we all got together and said 'That's it, no more losses or we're done.'"

Hanover, the Div. 5 Central Region champion, had no answers for slowing down South County's rolling offense on Saturday as Foley, the Stallions' southpaw quarterback, behind ample protection from his offensive line, smoked the Hawks by connecting on 13-of-16 passes for 200 yards and three touchdowns. The signal caller threw no interceptions and was not sacked.

His biggest target was Ferguson, who caught three touchdowns on pass plays of 27, 11, and 13 yards. The Stallions (11-3), who led 24-0 at halftime, utilized an impressive running attack in the win to bring balance to the offense. South County, in all, rushed for 162 yards, the top ball carrier being senior running back Peter Basnight (15 carries, 64 yards).

**FROM THE START** of Saturday's game, South County was in charge. On the game's opening kickoff, senior Ryan Taylor fielded a high, short kick and returned it 38 yards to start the Stallions' first possession on the Hanover 40 yard line. Six plays later, South

County was in the end zone as a result of a Foley hook-up with Ferguson from 27 yards out.

The Stallions began their second scoring march later in the quarter, moving the ball 80 yards over 10 plays with the touchdown coming on a 22 yard run by Drew Rector who, after taking a pitch to the right, methodically looked for running room, then dashed ahead. He was nearly tackled at about the 15, but used a spin move to ward off the defender before striding on into the end zone for the Stallions' second touchdown, which came on the fourth play of the second quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff moments later, South County, leading 14-0, made a huge special teams play. On a high, short kickoff to the right side of the field, the ball was not handled by Hanover and was instead recovered by Stallion player Devin Vandyke, a South County team captain. That set up the Stallions at the Hawks' 32. Six plays later, the South County offense electrified the excited home crowd on a third-and-goal halfback option pass play which resulted in a touchdown from 11 yards out. Foley pitched the ball back to all-purpose player Josephs, who then threw a pass towards the middle of the end zone which Ferguson, moving left to right, caught in traffic. Ferguson then knocked his third extra point kick of the game through the uprights and South County had a commanding 21-0 lead.

One play before the option pass touchdown, South County had fumbled the ball. But an alert Conor Quigley, a senior lineman, pounced on the loose ball on the 11.

**SOUTH COUNTY**, late in the first half, moved the ball from its 40 to the Hanover 12 over seven plays before Ferguson made it 24-0 with a 29 yard field goal with just less than two minutes left.

Ferguson actually made two field goals during that sequence. The first, from 34

yards away, was disallowed as a result of a defensive penalty prior to the kick. So Ferguson, from five yards closer, tried it again and converted again.

Hanover's offense, over the first half, managed just two first downs and 62 total yards.

The Hawks did come to life on the first possession of the second half with an 84-yard scoring drive, which took up just four plays. But South County, with its lead cut to 24-7, made a statement with an impressive 10-play, 66-yard touchdown drive which pretty much put an end to Hanover's thoughts of a comeback. On the touchdown, Foley, on a third-and-eight from the 13, found Ferguson over the middle. The receiver, on a left to right pass route, caught the ball at the goal line and got in for the score. His point-after kick made it 31-7 nearly midway through the third quarter.

The key play on that scoring drive came on a third down from the Stallions' own 37 when Foley threw a 30 yard pass to Basnight who, with two defenders right on him, made a nifty grab of the ball.

Hanover did score again in the third quarter before the Stallions, on the first play of the fourth quarter, scored their final touchdown when Foley, on a third-and-13 from the Hanover 21, connected with a wide open Josephs, who caught the ball on the left sideline right at the goal line. He fell over into the end zone for the score.

Hanover would later score in the final two minutes but South County had long since wrapped it up and had secured a trip to Saturday's state title game in Charlottesville. The Stallions' vocal student body, in the game's closing seconds, chanted, 'UVA, UVA.'

"This is just crazy," said elated South County offensive lineman Cody Smith, of the Stallions' making it to the state finals. "We've always wanted to go this far."

*To read more stories about South County football, go to [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com) and go to Fairfax Station Sports.*



**Robinson senior Tyler Hansen knocked down a career-high six 3-pointers during a victory against South County on Dec. 6.**



**Senior forward Brigitte Kuter is one of 11 returning athletes from a Robinson girls basketball team that reached last season's Northern Region semifinals.**

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## Hansen Buries Six Triples vs. Stallions

**Robinson's senior sharpshooter leads undefeated Rams in scoring.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson senior guard Tyler Hansen tries to follow a shooting regiment of making 100 3-pointers per day to help maintain her perimeter potency. On Dec. 6, her six triples were more than enough to lead the Rams past South County.

Hansen scored a game-high 20 points and set a career-high for 3-pointers made in a game as the Robinson girls basketball team improved to 3-0 with a 59-40 victory against the Stallions at South County Secondary School. Hansen leads an experienced Rams team in scoring early in the 2011-12 season, pouring in at least 20 each night.

"She's been shooting like that every game," Robinson head coach T.J. Dade said. "She's been really working on her game in the off-season and she's a consistent outside threat. I know it's early in the season, but to start off like that, she's got a ton of confidence. It helps us a lot."

Hansen developed her 3-point shooting talents over time. While it didn't come naturally, she put in the effort to become a long-

distance weapon.

"I've definitely worked on it a lot more since I became a threat with it," Hansen said. "As a younger kid, I was never really a good outside shooter. As I started working on it, I've been shooting every day at practice — before [and] after practice. ... I'm pretty much a gym rat when it comes to shooting."

Against South County, Hansen buried a trio of 3-pointers in the opening quarter to

**"She's always been a perimeter threat, but consistency is always the issue. This year, so far, it seems like she's taken care of that."**

— Robinson girls basketball coach  
T.J. Dade about Tyler Hansen

help Robinson build an 18-4 advantage. She added a transition bucket and a pair of 3s in the third period before knocking down her final 3-pointer of the night in the fourth quarter, giving the Rams a 30-point lead.

"She's always been a perimeter threat, but consistency is always the issue," Dade said. "This year, so far, it seems like she's taken care of that."

Hansen scored 20 points in a season-opening 63-59 victory over Annandale, and

dropped 21 during a 62-44 win against Loudoun County.

"When I'm coming down the court, if we're not fast-breaking it, my first look is to Tyler, just to see where she is on the court," senior point guard Megan Green said. "Her range is very impressive."

Hansen and Green are two of 11 returning athletes from a Robinson team that finished runner-up in the Concorde District and reached the Northern Region semifinals during the 2010-11 campaign. Green is averaging nearly 11 points per game and causes opponents fits as part of the Rams' trapping defense.

Six-foot-1 senior Christie Michals, who is committed to the University of Hartford, is a difference-maker at both ends of the floor. Against South County, Michals finished with seven points, seven rebounds and three steals. She is averaging nearly 10 points per contest.

Senior guard Noelle Martinson scored 10 points against the Stallions. Senior forward Jenna Lamb scored 13 against Annandale and had a 10-rebound effort against Loudoun County. Seniors Brigitte Kuter (forward), Caroline Parris (guard) and Cassie Wood (forward), juniors Paula Bobsin (guard) and Shannon Lopynski (guard) and sophomore Natalie Nohra (guard) also return from last season.

Robinson will travel to take on Lake Braddock at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9 and will go on the road to face defending region champion West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

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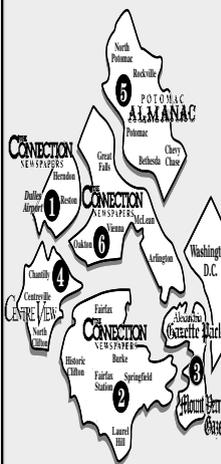
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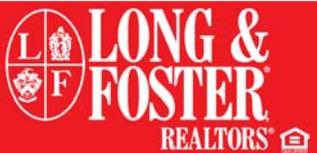
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