

Dore' Skidmore, Vienna artist and co-chair of the Treasury of Art Show, submitted a painted wood carving of a kayaking trip she and her daughter took on the Occoquan River. Skidmore uses miniature Japanese carving tools to produce her detailing. The woman in the painting is Skidmore's daughter.

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**Wolftrap ES sixth-grader Lucas Thompson serves a pre-Thanksgiving dinner to 97-year-old Dora Lerman. Doris Amsbaugh, seated next to Lerman, said the annual Thanksgiving dinner is special because the children and teachers of the school make it special, preparing the food and serving it.**



**Matthew Gearhart, son of parent coordinator Beth Gearhart, escorts a guest into the Vienna Community Center for the annual Wolftrap Elementary School 50/90 Club Thanksgiving dinner.**

## A Special Thanksgiving at Wolftrap

DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

For 25 years, Wolftrap Elementary School's sixth-grade students, their parents and teachers have hosted a pre-Thanksgiving dinner for members of Vienna's 50/90 Club. The club, which meets once a month at the Vienna Community Center, draws its participants from the area's senior citizens. On Nov. 20, the tradition continued.

Twenty-five to 30 students volunteered to serve the senior guests, and more than 50 parents bought and prepared the holiday dishes and volunteered their support on Saturday. The parent volunteers, said 50/90 Club Parent Coordinators Beth Gearhart and Mary McIntyre, are role models for their children.

"Vienna does a lot for the school and we appreciate it," said McIntyre. "As a family, it's our way to give back to the community, a chance to show my children how to serve the community and pay back for all the benefits they have received from it."

**THE DINNER** is held at the community center on the third Saturday in November. The Wolftrap students arrive about an hour prior to the dinner to set up the tables and settings. Kindergarten, first, and second grade students from the school make the placements during class. Sixth grade students



**Sixth grade student volunteers feast on their Thanksgiving meal after serving the senior citizens of the 50/90 Club.**

and their parents make the table decorations at Wolftrap's own Thanksgiving celebration, which is traditionally held the Thursday before the 50/90 event.

"I always have been taught that it's good to help the elderly and the homeless," said student Claire Heiden. "And I thought this would be a good way to give back to the community."

Bailey Rosenberger said that she, too, was taught by her parents to give back to the community and she loves doing community service projects.

"All the people were really nice," Bailey said. "It feels good to help someone."

More than 100 guests showed up to dine together and listen to the Shriners' band play classic melodies. While typical 50/90 monthly dinners bring in approximately 70 guests, the Thanksgiving dinner always has a larger turnout.

For Thelma Brown, the dinner is special because it means "being together with friends and it's a celebration for those who no

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## GIVING THANKS IN VIENNA

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving Day, the Vienna and Oakton Connection has asked area residents to respond to the following three questions:

- 1) What will you give thanks for this Thanksgiving?
- 2) What are you thankful for living and/or working in Vienna and Oakton?
- 3) What advice would you give to someone looking for more special things to be thankful for here?

Here are the responses, in alphabetical order.



**Tom Bauer,**

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna

"I am most thankful for God's unconditional love and amazing grace. I'm also especially thankful for my loving family.

One reason it is a special blessing to live in the Northern Virginia area is the multitude of programs and opportunities for the youth of our area to realize their potential."



**Lorraine Turner Coons** of Vienna/Turner Framing, Inc., Great Falls (front row, middle)

1. Mostly my family and friends, of course. But also, as a business owner, I am thankful for our loyal customers in a struggling economy for helping us keep our great employees and a 37 year old business.

2. Great parks and trails.

3. We're lucky to have so much offered within a short distance—great restaurants, stores, pro sports, museums as well as hiking and biking right in your back yard.



**Don Hawks,**

Pastor of Oakton United Methodist Church

1. As always, the love of fam-

ily and friends and the joy of having two young granddaughters who teach me to take life and myself less seriously and to be more playful.

2. The many opportunities for work, learning and recreation. The blessing of serving as Pastor of "the friendly church on the corner," Oakton United Methodist Church.

3. Develop the daily practice of gratitude. Count your blessings: Write each one down, daily, and in the moment give thanks to God. See a difficulty having within it a seed for new

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## WEEK IN VIENNA



### Holiday Design Presentation

Margaret Fleegal (right) of Twinbrook Florist and her designer, Mike Burch, presented a Holiday Design program at Five Hills Garden Club in Vienna on Nov. 16. Gail Gile (left), club member, hosted Fleegal.

### 2010 Halloween Parade Winners Announced

The Town of Vienna and the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce have announced the winning entries in the 2010 Vienna Halloween Parade held Oct. 27. Winners were recognized at the Nov. 15 Town Council meeting.

- ❖ Best in Show - Creativeworx SDF
- ❖ Youth Band - 1st Place: George C. Marshall High School Band
- ❖ Adult Band - 1st Place: Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band
- ❖ Floats (with music) - 1st Place: Fairfax Jubil-Aires; 2nd Place: Navy Federal Credit Union; 3rd Place: Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
- ❖ Floats (without music)- 1st Place: Northwest Federal Credit Union; 2nd Place: Montessori School of Oakton; 3rd Place: Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180
- ❖ Youth Performing Groups - 1st Place: Creativeworx SDF; 2nd Place: Cuppett Performing Arts Center; 3rd Place: Vienna Dance Academy
- ❖ Adult Performing Groups - 1st Place: Caporales Universitarios San Simon; 2nd Place: Kena Shriners; 3rd Place: Gotta-Swing Dancers
- ❖ Antique Vehicles - 1st Place: Chuck Kunstbeck and Glen Bates (tie); 2nd Place: Girl Scout Troop 527; 3rd Place: Dr. Edward Mickolus

### Cardinal Bank Community Fund Supports Women's Center

The Cardinal Bank Community Fund has awarded \$1,500 to The Women's Center in Vienna. Cardinal's grant award will help The Women's Center continue to deliver quality mental health counseling, career services and educational programs for women and families.

Cardinal's Alice P. Frazier, EVP and Chief Operating Officer, and Lynn H. Gulick, SVP and Commercial Services Executive, made the check presentation to Vicki Kirkbride, Executive Director of The Women's Center. Through its grant program, the Cardinal Bank Community Fund has benefited more than 40 local organizations and service programs since its inception, keeping sight of the Fund's mission and deep commitment to giving back to the communities where we live, work, and raise our families.



Debi Elliott, a Vienna artist, won the People's Choice Award for her painting, "Central Park South."

PHOTO BY TARA HOUTAWAY

## Local Artists Win Treasury of Art Prizes

Annual art show drew more than 300 entries.

Reston artist Jill Banks garnered third place in the 41st Annual Treasury of Art Show and Sale hosted by the Vienna Arts Society over the weekend of Nov. 19. Vienna artist Debi Elliott came away with an Honorable Mention for her watercolor inspired by the Victorian homes of a New Jersey town, and Teresa Ahmad, formerly of Vienna, was awarded the George Dumas Special Award for her stylized pen and ink drawing of open-shelled oysters on a bed of seaweed.

The juried art show and sale drew more than 300 entries from artists in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and from along the eastern seaboard. Juror William Woodward selected 155 pieces for presentation in the show that began on Friday, Nov. 19 and closed late Sunday afternoon. All pieces were available for sale.

"For every one, there's a piece of art that touches you, that speaks to us on a spiritual level," said Elliott.

The Vienna Arts Society maintains a gallery and class center at 115 Pleasant St., NW. For more information on the gallery or to purchase artwork, go to [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org)

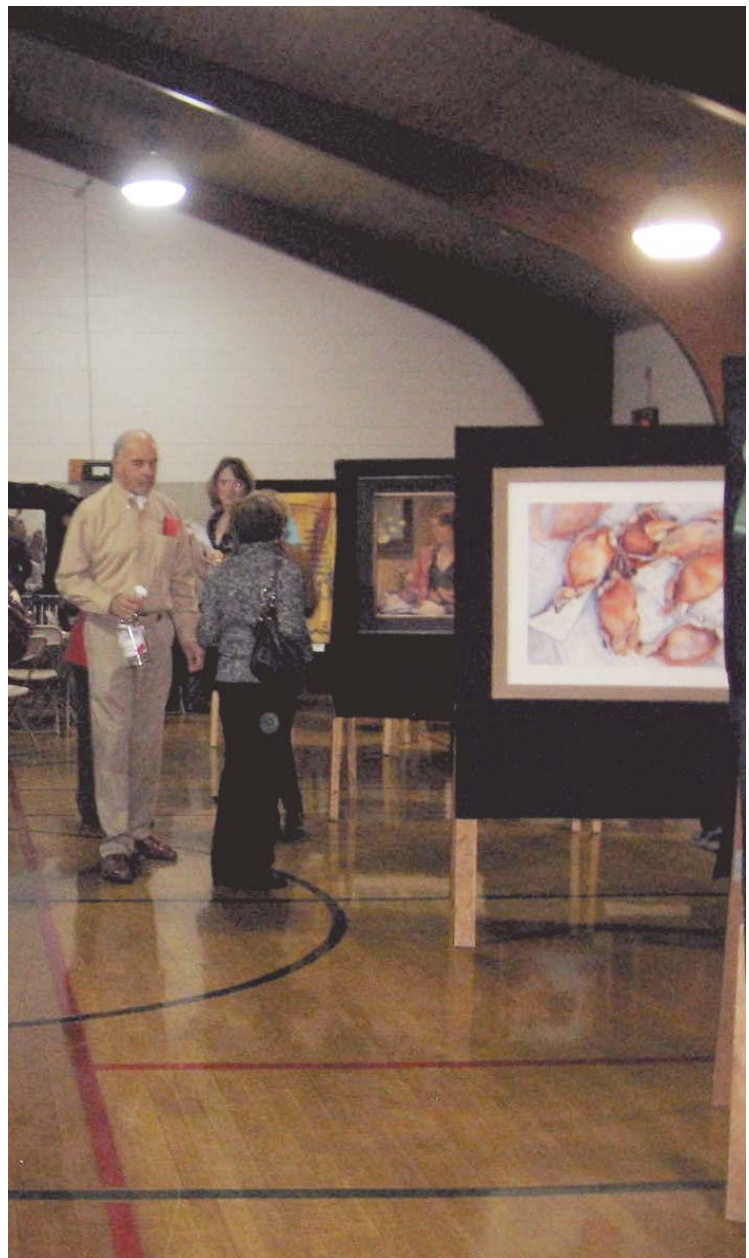


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The Nov. 20 evening jazz reception hosted artists and their families and visitors to the show.

—DONNA MANZ

# Vienna Town Manager Retires

**O**n Nov. 15, Town Manager John Schoeberlein notified Town Council of his intent to retire effective May 1, 2011. While his contract only requires 90 days notice prior to leaving employment with the Town, he opted to give more than six months in order to provide Council with adequate time to search and hire a replacement.

Schoeberlein was appointed Town Manager of Vienna in April 1985 and has more than 40 years experience in local government. Prior to his appointment in Vienna, he worked as County Administrator for Winnebago County, Ill., City



**John Schoeberlein**

Manager and Assistant City Manager for Pompano Beach, Fla., and City Clerk for Highland Park, Ill.

Reflecting on Schoeberlein's announcement, Mayor Jane Seeman said, "During his career with the Town, John has consistently held a keen eye toward fiscal responsibility when making recommendations to Town Council and preparing the Town's annual budget. I admire and appreciate John's reliability and dependability and his ability to navigate critical situations with a steady hand. He will truly be missed as both a leader and a colleague."

In his letter to Town Council,

Schoeberlein stated, "During my 25 plus years as Town Manager, I have had the honor and opportunity to work with many dedicated Council members and Town staff that care deeply about the Town of Vienna. Even though I will miss the people I work with, I am looking forward to this next phase of my life."

He and his wife Julie plan on staying in town and enjoying retirement life.

Town Council will hold a closed Executive Session on Dec. 6, to discuss the procedures and next steps to seek and select Schoeberlein's successor.

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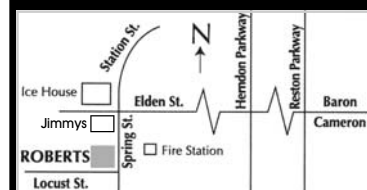
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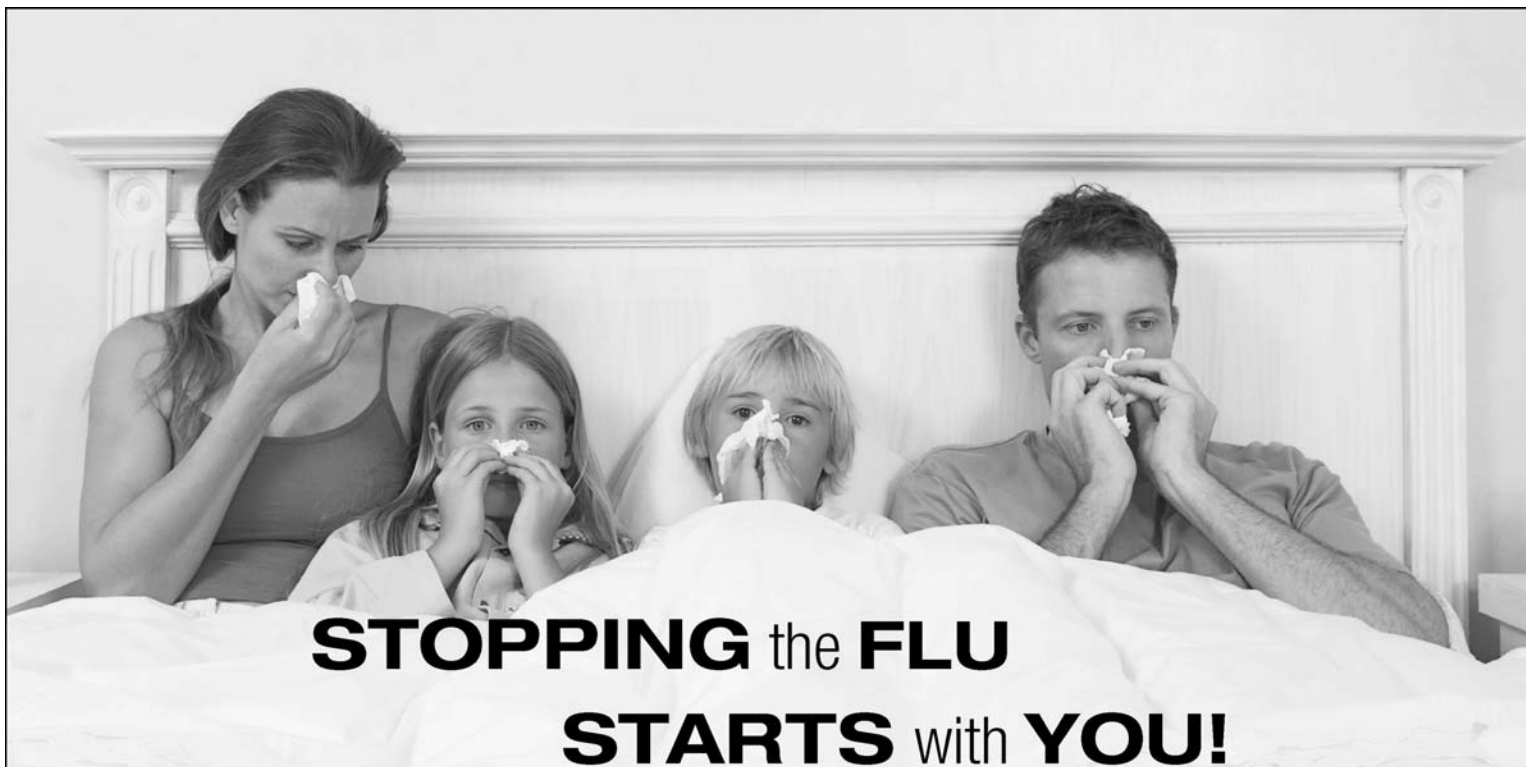
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# OPINION

## Shop Locally

Local businesses are invested in community.

While the rest of the world would like to remember small businesses for just one day this year, “small business Saturday,” Connection readers know that local businesses are a mainstay of our communities. Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive.

While the economic situation is daunting, even locally where things are much better than nationally, even families who feel financially secure will be more frugal in this holiday season than before the recession. Recently, there is more life in the economy, though, and most local families will shop and give during the next month. Many people have started ahead of the traditional kickoff date for Christmas shopping, the Friday after Thanksgiving. Hanukkah begins Dec. 2.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of the shopping in some of the area’s locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambience available by shopping in the heart of a town that is decked out for the season.

Small retail shops are part of what defines

any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her business in a way that no chain can.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fund raising for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing holiday events.

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Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face some of the toughest chal-

lenges imaginable right now. The costs of being in business have grown tremendously while revenues are not.

Competition from Big Box stores and the Internet make the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally-owned retailers.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. In this area, almost everyone will do some shopping via the Internet.

But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores.

## Remember to Give Locally Too

Remember that people applying for food stamps and seeking help from food banks has more than doubled in the last few years in Northern Virginia. Local charities are scrambling to meet tremendous increased demand for holiday help as well.

Organizations like SHARE of McLean and LINK depend on volunteers and contributions to try to meet the expanding need for food and warm clothes on a daily basis.

Beyond that, organizations stretch to provide the basics for a holiday meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and the hope of pre-

sents for many children who might otherwise not receive a single holiday gift.

There are many ways to give, with some local charities connecting the donor to a specific family to provide a holiday food basket and fulfill some wishes for gifts. Many organizations encourage the donation of gift cards. Every local group seeking to help the needy right now is facing extra demand and needs both volunteer and financial help.

— MARY KIMM,

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### VIEWPOINTS

## What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?

-DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION



**Steve Drosos,**  
owner, Northern Virginia Contracting, Vienna  
**“Eating turkey with my family. Every year my wife cooks a big turkey and everybody comes home to my house for Thanksgiving, my kids and grandkids, my brother and his family, everyone.”**



**Susan Scott,**  
homemaker, Vienna  
**“I’m most thankful for the health of my children. That everyone’s healthy, thank God. I’m very grateful that my daughter conquered breast cancer.”**



**Elvira Rojas,**  
salon staff, Vienna (from Peru)  
**“We are celebrating with our kids and our neighbors. I’m thankful for food on the table and I thank God I’m celebrating it here in this beautiful country. I’m grateful I have my ‘green card.’ I’m grateful I’m in America. I’m grateful for my family and I’m healthy.”**



**Eddie Rabadi,**  
owner, Johnny’s Pizza, Vienna  
**“I’m thankful for a lot of things. Thankful for my son, 13 months now and a shining star. Thankful I have a family — wife, son, mom, brothers and sisters - and a business in Vienna.”**



**Dr. Christopher Bonacci,**  
oral and maxillofacial surgeon, Vienna  
**“My family’s and staff’s health and my ability to continue to care for my patients without interference from third parties.”**

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## A Light in Darkness

To the Editor:

We wish to commend and thank Delegates Mark Keam from Vienna and James LeMunyon from Oak Hill for introducing legislation that will make legislative voting histories available online, and we encourage them to reintroduce the legislation this year, since it died in Senate committee.

Their efforts to advance the cause of open government could do much to promote the common good for the citizens of Virginia. We ask citizens to endorse what recently appeared in an editorial appearing in The Richmond Times Dispatch: "For the measure to provide optimum value, however, it will have to include not only floor votes and committee votes, but also the heretofore unrecorded subcommittee votes."

Therefore, we encourage them to again include in their legislative proposal "floor votes and committee votes, but also the heretofore unrecorded subcommittee votes."

This legislation will do much to provide a light in the current political darkness, a darkness that provides cover for politicians who are hostile to transparency.

Again, we fully support their efforts and good work in this matter.

**John Horejsi,**  
Coordinator  
Social Action Linking  
Together (SALT)  
**Robert Stewart,**  
Ignatian Volunteer  
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**Bobby Pontzer and her husband, Jon, stand in the kitchen, which serves half-time as a peanut brittle factory.**

## Christmas Treat Becomes Business

BY LISA GILLESPIE  
THE CONNECTION

**B**obby Pontzer's kitchen is like most other suburban kitchens—tidy granite counters, stainless steel appliances and a coo-coo clock chiming every 15 minutes in the other room. There's one difference though: Four days out of the week for 10 to 13 hours a day, this kitchen turns into a candy-making factory.

Pontzer and her husband, John, run their peanut brittle company, Betty Jane's Sweet Delights, out of their home in Dunn Loring, where boxes of stacked packaged peanut brittle wait to be shipped in their living room. This year they will produce two tons of peanut brittle, or 5,333 12 oz. packages.

The third youngest out of seven children, Bobby grew up in a one-stoplight town outside Erie, Penn. At 15, her father died, leaving her mother Betty Jean Pontzer to support Bobby and her younger brother, who were still in grade school and her older siblings who were all below the age of 25. Her mother made barely enough to scrape by, but Bobby remembers her mother always made holidays

special.

"Instead of giving gifts because we didn't have a lot of money, she would make the peanut brittle and other things," Bobby said. "I saw her struggle all her life as a single parent and woman. I vowed I wouldn't let it happen to me." So, after high school, Bobby went to school for nursing and later got a masters in business. Because of her professional experience, she knew how much work it would take to start a profitable business.

"I had to learn how to find a good lawyer, what a trademark was, how to find a good designer and how to pitch to stores," Bobby took it on as a full-time job, while John kept working. "I wouldn't have dreamed about starting the business if John hadn't been on board, it couldn't have happened."

**BOBBY AND JOHN** met at Pennsylvania State University in 1982 and were married three years later. Like her mother, Bobby would make the peanut brittle every year around Christmas and friends would say they should make a business. It wasn't until Bobby's mother died in 1999 that she started seriously considering the idea. Three years ago, she quit her

### More Information

You can buy it online, at The Pink Shop / Very Virginia in Leesburg, The Wine Cabinet in Reston, Out of Site Wines in Vienna and Maple Avenue Market in Vienna. A 12 oz. package is 11.95.

<http://www.bettyjanesweetdelights.com/>

job as a healthcare administrator and started the company, and now their weekends are taken up with farmer's markets, craft fairs and a good amount of driving.

"I work at least six days a week, for sometimes up to 13 hours. We recently decided that one weekend we'll take off, but even then, we do work on the website or other little details," Bobby said.

Gerri Graugnard, Bobby's older sister, makes the peanut brittle as well during the holidays but refers all larger orders to her sister. "My mom had the ability to do a lot of things at once and that's what she's doing. She's taken the extra step of taking business classes in addition to producing so much candy, which is amazing."

Bobby makes each batch of the candy individually and by hand in her kitchen. She doesn't allow anyone in when she makes it because of safety (the candy must reach



**Bobby Pontzer displays her peanut brittle alongside her storage area, which currently resides in a corner in their living room.**

310 degrees) and the amount of concentration that goes into mass production. In two pots, she staggers the boiling points so she can constantly stir the sugar concoction and then add peanuts. Then each pot must be poured onto sanitized trays, cooled and then broken into pieces. One batch, which produces up to five 12 oz. packages, takes six hours to complete, not including packaging. She's gotten up to producing 24 batches in that six-hour period.

**THE RESULT** is crunchy and easy-to-bite. At the Vienna Farmer's Market, where John makes a "guest appearance" once a month, he asks an older man if he wants to try some. "No, no, I can't," the man said pointing to his teeth. "But Betty Jane's peanut brittle isn't like your factory-made peanut brittle. This is a misconception we have to get over, but once

people try it, they're surprised," John said. He admits that they have to offer free samples because otherwise customers won't know that it is different. "We can't say it won't break your teeth because of liability insurance, but it really won't."

Bobby's five remaining siblings helped in the creation of the company, voting on logos and giving advice.

Her older sister, Anne English traveled at least once a year to help with production and shows before she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.

"I'd go to shows and see people congregating around our stand. It brings out inner feelings about loved ones that are no longer around for an older generation," English said. "She takes something that our mother did and made it part of her life to honor our mother."

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# FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**The Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive NE, Vienna, will be having the annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.- to 3 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction, and available for purchase will be crafts, wreaths, centerpieces, poinsettias, See's Candy, and baked goods. Lunch will be available.

**Centering Prayer offered at St. Dunstan's**, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, Tuesdays at 7-7:45 p.m. Centering prayer is meditation and contemplative

prayer, wordless, trusting, opening of self to the divine presence. Instruction offered. [marjorie.cole@gmail.com](mailto:marjorie.cole@gmail.com).

**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or [www.epiphanypreschool.com](http://www.epiphanypreschool.com).

**Vienna Assembly of God** has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or [www.ViennaAG.com](http://www.ViennaAG.com).

**Vienna Christian Healing**

**Rooms**, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or [www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

**Trinity United Methodist Church**, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. S

unday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org).

**English classes at McLean Baptist Church** on Mondays, including beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events.

Free class and registration, but students must buy their own books. 9:30 a.m. at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. 703-356-8080 or [www.mcleanbaptist.org](http://www.mcleanbaptist.org).

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 703-356-7533.

**Chesterbrook United Methodist Church** is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleen Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or [www.ChesterbrookUMC.org](http://www.ChesterbrookUMC.org).

**Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches** invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m.

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## FRIDAY/NOV. 26

**28th Annual Art and Craft Showcase.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. More than eighty local artisans with pottery, fused and stained glass, jewelry, fabric and weavings, photography and more. Admission \$3. [www.nvhg.org](http://www.nvhg.org).

**Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.** 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church Chapel, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Free, tickets required. 703-938-9050, x135 or [grapevinebooks@viennapres.org](mailto:grapevinebooks@viennapres.org).

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**Moch Pryderi and the Songs of Wales.** 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. A six-piece Celtic band. \$15. Reserve at 703-759-3309. [www.oldbrogue.com](http://www.oldbrogue.com).

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**Concerts at the Alden, Josef Spacel, violin.** 3 p.m. Join Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library and the Alden Theatre as they present Josef Spacel, an accomplished violinist who has performed all over the world. Admission is free. Alden Theatre at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue in McLean.

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**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo.** 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. [www.vvfd.org](http://www.vvfd.org).

**Jammin' Java Songwriter's Circle: I Love The 80s.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**"Nutcracker Ballet."** 2 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Presented by



Caroline Doherty as Sugar Plum Fairy, in the 2009 CBT production of the "Nutcracker Ballet". The Classical Ballet Theatre of Northern Virginia presents the "Nutcracker Ballet" on Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 at the Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets are \$18-\$22, and special pricing is available for military families and Girl Scouts. [www.cbntva.org](http://www.cbntva.org) or 703-471-0750.

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p.m. along Historic Church St., Vienna. Santa, a petting zoo and roasting marshmallows. Live music. Tour the Caboose, the Knights of Columbus building at 214 Lawyers Road, N.W. and the Vienna Presbyterian Old Chapel. Toys For Tots collection at Encompass Design Build, 211 Mill St., and collection of

non-perishable food items for the Committee For Helping Other (CHO) near the stage. 703-938-5187 or [www.historicvienna.org](http://www.historicvienna.org).

**Levi Kreis, Eric Himan and Jason Antone.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## MONDAY/NOV. 29

**Church Street Holiday Stroll.** 6-9

## TUESDAY NOV. 30

**Lunafest.** 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1

**TFDI Tour Feat. Tony Luca, Jay Nash and Matt Duke.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 2

**Cartoon Johnny Holiday CD Release Show** at 7:30 p.m. and **It's First Dubstep & DnB Banger, Grime Syndicate and Ameerkat vs Matheus** at 10 p.m.. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**44th Annual McLean Holiday Homes Tour.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Holyrood Drive and Countryside Court. Five traditional homes elaborately decorated for the holidays. A sixth house will contain jewelry, art and clothing vendors. Admission \$25-\$30. Proceeds benefit local charities. Tickets available at Mesmeralda's in McLean, Karin's Florist in Vienna, Great Dogs of Great Falls or the Woman's Club at [www.mcleanwc.org](http://www.mcleanwc.org). Kay Burnell at 703-821-9144 or Laura Sheridan at 703-556-0197.

**MPA Exhibition Opening and Reception.** 7-9 p.m. Join the McLean Project for the Arts for an evening reception as it opens three new exhibits. The exhibits will be open Thursday, Dec. 2, through Saturday, Jan. 8. Emerson Gallery: Figuration Today - The Surrealist Influence; Atrium Gallery: Amalgamate - Paintings by Cindy Neuschwander; Ramp Gallery: Fleeting Images - Monoprints by Stephanie George.

Art gallery hours are Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. For more information, call 703-790-1953 or visit the MPA website.

**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](http://www.tickets.com).

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11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue in McLean.

**Old Firehouse Teen Center Dance.** 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Friday night dance for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Design wearable spray art, customize a t-shirt. [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org).

**Atomic Tom** at 7 p.m. and **Super bob, Uncrowned and Rebel Inc** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.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](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

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**GMCC Reindog Pageant.** At Langley Shopping Center, 1366 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. [www.mcleanwinterfest.org](http://www.mcleanwinterfest.org) or [lynn.gulick@cardinalbank.com](mailto:lynn.gulick@cardinalbank.com).

**Make a Holiday Wreath.** 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. \$40, includes instruction and everything needed to make a holiday wreath. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

**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](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**McLean Orchestra Holiday Concerts: 'Twas the Night,** 8 p.m. Guest Conductor Ernest Green, a Cover Conductor with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and Artistic Director of Live Arts Maryland and the Music Director of the Annapolis Chamber Orchestra at the Kennedy Center for the Performing 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](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**McLean WinterFest Parade.** 4 p.m. from Fleetwood Road down Chain Bridge Road to Brawner St. The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce will hold its traditional tree lighting on Holiday Island immediately following the parade. This year's parade has a longer route, a variety of free refreshments, and scheduled entertainment prior to the parade start. [www.mcleanwinterfest.org](http://www.mcleanwinterfest.org) or [lynn.gulick@cardinalbank.com](mailto:lynn.gulick@cardinalbank.com).

**Holiday Shopping and Community Expo.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. George C.

Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Pictures with Santa, hand-crafted items, raffle, live entertainment and more. [tdsantana@fps.edu](mailto:tdsantana@fps.edu) or 703-424-8364.

**Ballyho and Mojo.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Christmas Craft Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Jewelry, photography, artwork, preserves, floral arrangements, music CDs, books and more. 15% of the proceeds benefit Unity of Fairfax Church and Unity Church of Chantilly. [www.unityoffairfax.org](http://www.unityoffairfax.org).

**"The Nutcracker."** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at George Mason High School, 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Performed by the Kintz-Mejia Academy of Ballet of McLean. \$25. [www.northernvirginiaopera.com](http://www.northernvirginiaopera.com) or 703-893-0404 ext. 217.

**Alternative Gift Fair.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 543 Beulah Road, N.E., Vienna. Purchase handcrafts or donate livestock, mosquito nets or micro-loans through Heifer International, Episcopal Relief and Development and 5 Talents International. Secret Santa Shop for children. St. Nicholas Festival from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m. 703-255-1411 or [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com).

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**Open House.** 1-5 p.m. Elite Piano Academy, 8230 Boone Blvd., Suite 100A, Vienna. Private and group lessons available. [www.hyunmichung.net](http://www.hyunmichung.net).

## SUNDAY/DEC. 5

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# NEWS

## Generations Meet at Thanksgiving Feast

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longer cook Thanksgiving dinner.” Like many other guests who voiced a sentiment, 50/90 Club coordinator Paul Schmitt believes the event is special because the sixth-graders of Wolftrap take on the project every year. And because sixth grade is the students’ final year at Wolftrap, every year brings in new student volunteers, he said.

Escort Matthew Gearhart, wearing a black suit, is a Boy Scout who likes to do community service.

“I thought it would be a lot of fun and I like helping people,” the sixth-grader said.

Gearhart and McIntyre enlist the food donations and the parents delivered the food directly to the Community Center. Parents staffed the tables that held freshly-carved turkey, gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter and pureed sweet potatoes. The dessert tables held pumpkin and apple pies. Students served the diners and parent volunteers cleaned up after the dinner. Gearhart feels that the Thanksgiving dinner for the 50/90 Club is an opportunity for the children to show respect for their elders.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS** stresses empathy, respect and responsibility in its civics program, and sixth grade teacher Ellen Collins said the students’ presence at the Thanksgiving dinner exhibits those character traits.

“They’re here serving people in the community,” Collins said.

Teachers have a brief coaching session with the student volunteers before dinnertime begins. Left-over food was brought over to the Vienna Volunteer



**For Thelma Brown, the annual Thanksgiving dinner and concert is a time to be together with friends.**

Fire Department by parents.

“I think this is the greatest Wolftrap event,” said McIntyre. “I love it and it’s fun.”

Kassing recalls memorable “glitches,” such as the time the kitchen was double-booked with an event that included wine, and none of the students were permitted to enter the kitchen. Another year, there was a new gas oven and no one knew how to turn it on.

“Despite the glitches, though, the dinner always turns out to be a success and people from two widespread generations have a rare moment to connect and enrich each other’s lives,” said Kassing.

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- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – National Clearinghouse for LTC, March 26, 2008  
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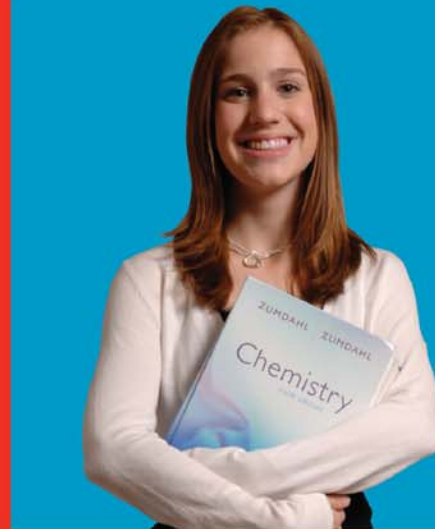


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# GIVING THANKS IN VIENNA

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learning and growth. At the end of the day, review, and count your



**Mark Keam,**  
State Delegate (D-35)

1. First and foremost, I am thankful for the good health of my family. I thank the Lord for blessing my wife, my kids and me with relatively strong physical and mental conditions. Without our health, all other blessings in life are simply not as meaningful.

I am also thankful for the opportunity to serve in public office as

blessings. Remember all the blessings in your past as well. Above

well as having a good job in the private sector. With many of our neighbors still looking for work and with ongoing economic uncertainties, I am grateful that I have two jobs I love.

Finally, I am thankful for being an American and that I live in a place where we can truly enjoy freedoms unimaginable in many parts of the world. Having grown up in other countries, I know for a fact that there is no better place where people can dream and work hard to achieve those dreams. We have a democracy that allows regular citizens to choose our leaders, and to transfer power to new leaders peacefully, as we saw earlier this month with the Congressional elections.

2. This is a great place to raise a family and for folks to feel a part of a community. Whether you live in the Town of Vienna or surrounding communities of Oakton, Dunn Loring, or Tysons, you can't go wrong with the quality of life, great schools, vibrant social life and humming local economy, and civic-minded neighbors who do

all, throw out regret—every day is a chance to start over again.

their part to give back to this community.

There are so many ways to get involved locally from schools, sports, churches, and civic associations to enjoying a night out on the town. There are also numerous local traditions of Vienna like Farmers Market, Halloween Parade, Viva Vienna, and Church Street Stroll. These activities are family friendly and there are plenty of ways to volunteer if you want to do a little bit more than just observe.

Our neighborhood is the perfect hometown for newcomers as well as for the more established families. We love it here and we hope it remains this way for generations to come.

3. Jump in with both feet and make this your town! All the local community organizations are always looking for new volunteers to help maintain the tradition of civic participation. Step up and take the initiative to get involved with a cause you care about, and you'll find that folks all around you will support your leadership.

## Mark Krikstan,

Artistic Director at 1st Stage, Tysons Corner's non-profit professional theater

1. For the opportunity to work with all of the talented people who contribute to 1st Stage, for the warm support we've received from Fairfax County and Tysons Corner, and all of the loyal patrons who come to see our plays, musicals and the art in our gallery.

2. This is such a vibrant place and it is fascinating to see the city that is slowly rising at the center of Tysons Corner.

To be a part of it, and to be embraced as a cultural institution here, is thrilling.

3. Remember that we are more than the commerce we generate. The arts are critical to nourishing the soul of our community. And we have so many talented, passionate people in our midst — painters, sculptors, singers, actors, directors, and all of the technical people who, from behind the scenes, help make art happen. Embrace these people and their work.



**Front row, from left, Mark Krikstan and Lucas Beck. Back row, Jane Margulies Kalbfeld, Deb Cerie (partially hidden), Cheryl Patton Wu and Doug Lovejoy.**

great friends that surround us. I am also thankful that we are successfully weathering the downturn in the economy and still able to remain optimistic for the future.

2. For me, Vienna has proven to be not only the best place to grow up but also the best place to serve and protect the community. Vienna is the safe, family oriented community that it is, in large part due to the continued work of the Town of Vienna government and the officers, employees, and staff that serve only Town of Vienna residents. I am thankful to be working within a professional, honest, upstanding agency with

integrity that truly enjoys serving a community that supports and appreciates their efforts.

3. I would suggest that folks looking for additional things to be thankful for take a look around at other areas of the country and world that are less fortunate, less safe, less stable, and less prosperous. From our dedicated members of the armed forces on down to the youth safety patrols that help our kids walk to school, everyone has at one point or another contributed to their community and should feel proud and thankful that they are reaping what they have sown.



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 Pursuant to the requirements of 9 VAC 20-80-310 of the Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations, 9 VAC 20-80-310A.5, The Crippen Companies will hold a public meeting to discuss the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy for the Stump Dump CDD landfill. The facility at which the meeting will be held, is located 820 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls, Virginia, 22066 - 1538.  
 As a result of apparently exceeding a Groundwater Protection Standard, the facility has conducted a Proposal of Presumptive Remedy. The purpose of the public meeting is to acquaint the public with the technical aspects of the proposed corrective measures, and how the facility plans to meet the standards and regulatory requirements. The meeting will identify issues of concern and facilitate communication between The Crippen Companies and the Public.  
 The public meeting will be held on December 9, 2010, at 1:00 PM, at the referenced location. Comments on the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy will be accepted until 5:00 PM on December 24, 2010.  
 The Public may view a copy the Proposal of Presumptive Remedy report at the Great Falls Public Library located at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia 22066. Comments from the Public are encouraged. All comments must be in writing and be delivered to Mr. Burwin Reed at 3730 Greentree Lane, Dumfries, Virginia 22026.  
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**OBITUARY**  
 VIENNA, Va. — **Philip Alan Smith, 82**, of Vienna, Va., passed away at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Va.  
 He was born in Columbus, Oh. in 1927, was raised in Cleveland and Delaware, Oh., where he graduated from Ohio Wesleyan with B.A. degree in journalism in 1950. He also served in the U.S. Army, 1946-1947. Surviving are his wife, Nevada D., of 58 years; two daughters, Kimberly A. Smith, New York, N.Y.; and Jill S. Funkhouser, Oakton, Va.; a sister, JoAnn Leavenworth, Hudson, Ohio; and a grandson, Andrew S. Funkhouser, Oakton, Va.  
 Phil Smith began his career as editor of the Star-Republican newspaper in Blanchester, Oh. He was then employed for the Ohio Secretary of State, 1951-1953, and later at Ohio Petroleum Marketers Assoc., 1953-1961. In Findlay, Ohio he worked for Marathon Oil Company from 1961 until 1969. After Marathon, he worked in various writing, editing and communications capacities for Ketchum, Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa.; as Public Information Director of the American Bar Assoc. in Chicago, Ill.; and then as Communications Director for the National School Boards Assoc., in Alexandria, Va. until 1991 when he retired.  
 He was a member of the National Press Club, Public Relations Society of America, National School Boards Association, Education Writers Association, and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.  
 A funeral service was held at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, where he was a member, with a military service at Fairfax Memorial Park Cemetery in Fairfax, Va.

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# Suspected Serial Burglar Apprehended

Suspect in more than 100 burglaries and larcenies caught in Montgomery County.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

A man police suspect is responsible for the serial burglaries throughout Northern Virginia and Maryland has been caught by Montgomery County Police. Brad K. Edmonds, 34, of Oxon Hill, Md. was arrested Nov. 17 at approximately 4:30 a.m., after a joint surveillance team from Montgomery and Fairfax Counties witnessed him attempt to break into a residence in Potomac, Md.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE

**Brad K. Edmonds, 34, of Oxon Hill Md., was arrested Nov. 17 in Potomac, Md. Montgomery and Fairfax County Police believe Edmonds is the man responsible for the string of more than 100 burglaries in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area that started Aug. 24.**

The series of burglaries started in Fairfax County on Aug. 24 and spanned across several police districts. The burglar preyed on mostly unlocked houses and parked cars, stealing cash, some personal items and even several firearms. It is estimated more than 100 such burglaries and larcenies took place in Fairfax County since then.

There were also suspected incidents in Loudoun and Prince Williams Counties.

The crimes has several things in common that alerted police to the possibility of a serial burglar, including the fact that they were nighttime burglaries, while people were home, which McLean district station commander Capt. Steve Thompson called "extremely rare."

Col. David Rohrer, Fairfax County Chief of Police, said that since the suspect had been entering homes while people were home, it was important to catch the suspect before someone got hurt.

"Nighttime burglaries of occupied homes present heightened risk of safety for the public and propelled this investigation into very high priority operations for the Fairfax County Police Department. I commend our patrol officers and detectives for their dedication to the long sustained hours of work these cases required. I am also grateful to our policing partners, particularly the Montgomery County Police Department, for their collaboration, and to our communities for their patience, cooperation and support during this investigation."

A McLean resident first reported a suspicious vehicle in their neigh-

borhood Nov. 8. Police made a traffic stop, and this first brought Edmonds to police attention, and they were able to link his vehicle to the series of robberies.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) hosted a series of public meetings throughout his district during the series of crimes, always urging the public to be vigilant, saying "when we do catch him, it's going to be because someone saw something and called the police right away."

Detectives followed Edmonds for several nights and mornings before the arrest, finally making their move after watching him break into two vehicles, make a residential burglary and attempt another one. He was apprehended at the intersection of River Road and Falls Road.

Edmonds is currently being held on a \$425,000 bond at the Montgomery County Detention Center. He has been charged with first-degree burglary, attempted first-degree burglary, two counts of malicious destruction of property under \$500, two counts of theft between \$1,000 and \$10,000, two counts of rogue and vagabond, theft under \$1,000, fourth-degree burglary tools, possession of a firearm after a felony conviction, possession of a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to a Fairfax County Police press release, the task force is continuing its investigation and anticipates placing charges against Edmonson in Fairfax County.

www.childrensacademy.com.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 2

**Strategies for Securing Guaranteed Retirement Income in Uncertain Times** is the subject of a seminar to be given by Trey House, a Financial Advisor in Morgan Stanley Smith Barney's Wealth Management office in Vienna. The seminar will be given at 8 a.m. at The Westin Tysons Corner, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Admission is free and reservations can be made by calling Trey at 703-790-7178 or emailing [trey.house@mssb.com](mailto:trey.house@mssb.com).

**Beulah Road Al-Anon Group.** 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. [revku@cox.net](mailto:revku@cox.net).

overview of each. Hosted by The Women's Center - David Levy, Esquire, Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy PLC, 7 - 9 p.m.,

The Women's Center, 127 Park Street, N.E., Vienna. \$35 Registration Fee / \$25 (Members). For more info or to register go to [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or call 703-281-2657.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1

**Parents and Caregiver Support Group for Special Needs Children.** 7:30 p.m. at Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River turnpike, Fairfax. Meets first Wednesday of each month. Register at 703-537-3040.

**McLean Children's Academy Registration Open House.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 6900 Elm St., McLean. For kindergarten enrichment and preschool classes, registration for Fall 2011. 703-734-2353 or

# HOLIDAY CALENDAR



**The Great Falls Studios Annual Holiday Art Show and Sale will be Dec. 11 and 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Village Green Day School, 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Paintings, pottery, photographs, jewelry, art quilts, weaving, lithographs, and woodcarving and more were created by Great Falls artists, most of whom work out of home studios. A drawing for several \$50 door prizes will be held Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. A portion of the sale proceeds go to the school. Free admission. 703-442-9251.**

Send announcements to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 24

**Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service.** 7:30 p.m. at the United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Participants will include leaders of the Shoreshim Community, All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), Washington Plaza Baptist Church, Community of All People United Church of Christ, United Christian Parish and Reston Interfaith, Virginia Delegate Ken Plum and Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins. A social time will follow the service. Open to all. 703-620-3065 or [www.unitedchristianparish.org](http://www.unitedchristianparish.org).

## FRIDAY/NOV. 26

**28th Annual Art and Craft Showcase.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. More than eighty local artisans with pottery, fused and stained glass, jewelry, fabric and weavings, photography and more. Admission \$3. [www.nvhwg.org](http://www.nvhwg.org).

## SATURDAY/NOV. 27

**A Chanticleer Christmas.** 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Traditional carols, sacred works and holiday favorites. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticketholders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$24-\$48. Charge at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.** 7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church Chapel, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Free, tickets required. 703-938-9050, x135 or [grapevinebooks@viennapres.org](mailto:grapevinebooks@viennapres.org).

**"Nutcracker Ballet."** 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Presented by the Classical Ballet Theatre of Northern Virginia. Tickets \$18-\$22, special pricing available for military families and Girl Scouts. [www.cbntva.org](http://www.cbntva.org) or 703-471-0750.

## SUNDAY/NOV. 28

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## MONDAY/NOV. 29

**Church Street Holiday Stroll.** 6-9 p.m. along Historic Church St., Vienna. Santa, a petting zoo and roasting marshmallows. Live music. Tour the Caboose, the Knights of Columbus building at 214 Lawyers Road, N.W. and the Vienna Presbyterian Old Chapel. Toys For Tots collection at Encompass Design Build, 211 Mill St., and collection of non-perishable food items for the Committee For Helping Other (CHO) near the stage. 703-938-5187 or [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 2

**Cartoon Johnny Holiday CD Release Show.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### THURSDAY/NOV. 25

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### TUESDAY/NOV. 30

**VTRCC Holiday Mixer.** 5:30 p.m. Weston Tyson's Corner, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

**Five Wellness Habits that Can Save Your Life:** There are five steps that should not be a secret to any one of us to keep ourselves healthy and well. We will discuss an



# Virginia Cross Country Season Concludes

## Northern Region runners fare well in state championship races.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Even high school cross country runners from the Northern Region, two girls and five boys, earned top 15 medals at the Virginia State AAA championship meet races, which were held Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Great Meadow course in The Plains.

In the girls' race, the two Northern Region runners to finish among the leaders were Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase and Herndon's Carolyn Hennessey. Chase, a sophomore, finished second overall with a time of seventeen minutes, 41 seconds. She finished right behind Stafford High first place finisher Hannah Lowery (17:41), also a sophomore who barely crossed the finish line ahead of her Bruin rival. Meanwhile, Hennessey, a senior, finished in fourth place overall at 18:16. She finished behind third place Megan Moye of Cosby High (Midlothian), who timed at 18:03.

"It was as good as she could have possibly run," said Herndon coach Pete Sherry, of Hennessey's outing. "It was her best race. Her goal since the beginning of the year was to finish on the top four [at states]."

In the girls' team standings, the top finishers from the Northern Region were Thomas Jefferson High (136 points), Lake Braddock (160), West Potomac (188) and West Springfield (223), who finished in fourth, fifth, seventh and 10th places, respectively. Sixteen teams, in all, participated. Midlothian (104) won the girls' team title, ahead of second place

Maggie Walker (113) of Richmond.

Jefferson's top finishers were Stephanie Marzen (18th place) and Kelly Rogers (26th). Other good races from Northern Region runners came from Dale Lescher (16th place) of West Potomac, Myah Hicks (17th) of Edison, Madison sophomore Anna Stone (20th), Lake Braddock freshman Hannah Christen (21st), Washington-Lee's Isabel Amend (27th), Lake Braddock freshman Katie Roche (31st), West Springfield High's Maddie Wittich (35th), Lee High freshman Bailey Kolonich (36th), and Oakton's Hailey Dougherty (38th).

**IN THE BOYS' AAA RACE,** Annandale High's Ahmed Bile captured the individual title with a winning time of 15:27. The junior finished barely ahead of second place Silas Frantz (15:27) of Douglas Freeman High School in Richmond.

Chantilly High sophomore Sean McGorty finished in fourth place overall at 15:44, ahead of senior and fifth place finisher Sam Rubenking of Lake Braddock (15:45). Lee High's Abraham Jacob, a senior, earned a sixth place standing at 15:47 and Jefferson senior Jonathan Phillips (15:51) took ninth place.

Other top outings at states for local boys' runners came from West Springfield senior Colin Taylor (16th place), Woodson High junior Paul Gates (18th), and South County junior Dylan Miller (30th).

In the boys' team standings, the top finishers from the Northern Region were sixth place West Potomac (173), eighth place Lake Braddock (217), ninth place South Lakes (229) and 10th place Herndon. Midlothian High (46) was the team champion, besting second place Colonial Forge (104) of Stafford.

Lake Braddock's top finishers were Rubenking and Nick Tuck (23rd).

South Lakes' top two finishers were Nick Guarnaccia (21st place) and Will Sickenberger (33rd). Herndon's top runners were Jimmy Luehrs (20th) and Troy Hunsaker (34th).



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Girls runners compete at last Saturday's Virginia State AAA championship race at Great Meadows.

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**Marshall High School** has announced the hiring of Ann Jopke as its new head swim coach. Coach Jopke brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Statesmen swim program. She has been assisting on the collegiate level at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse the past two years. Prior to that, she worked with the Curl Burke Swim Club and the Northern Virginia Swim League. Coach Jopke is a teacher in the Fairfax County Public School system and currently coaches for Curl Burke in Alexandria. Marshall High School and the surrounding community are excited about the upcoming season with Coach Jopke leading the Statesmen program.

**Will Simonton**, a Vienna resident and 2010 graduate of Marshall High School, has made a verbal commitment to

play basketball at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Simonton, a 6-foot-11 inch center, is currently a post grad student at Fishburne Military Academy in Virginia. The NCAA Div. 1 UIC men's basketball team is coached by Howard Moore, who recruited Simonton. The Flames are members of the Horizon League.

Ed Huckaby, who coached three years in the Horizon League at Wright State, believes UIC is getting one heck of a prospect.

"He's just very skilled, put together at 225 or 230 pounds," said Huckaby, of Simonton. "He can face the basket and is comfortable out there, even at his size. When it's all said and done he is going to be one heck of a player. He is the type of big man you would find at Wisconsin or Butler. He can be that good."

**Garrett Roe (Vienna)** has been named an alternate team captain for the St. Cloud State

University (Minn.) men's ice hockey team for the upcoming 2010-2011 season. Roe is a senior on the NCAA Div. 1 squad. Last year, he tied for the team's scoring lead with 49 points from his forward position.

Roe was one of three captains named by head coach Bob Motzko.

"I am very confident in turning over the captain's duties to these three guys," said Motzko. "They are loyal and hard working young men who really carry the spirit of this program. I am certain they will do a great job leading this team in 2010-11. We couldn't be in better hands."

Roe has put together a storied career at St. Cloud State. He led the Huskies with 20 goals and 29 assists during his junior campaign, and he already ranks fifth in the team records with 142 career points and 87 career assists. He ranks 10th with 55 career goals and sixth with 23 power play goals.



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## Great Falls Madrid Captures Richmond Capital Classic Cup

**The Great Falls Madrid, a NCSL Div. 2, under 12 boys' soccer team coached by Jose Venegas of Hi Performance (HP) Soccer, competed in the 2010 Richmond Capital Classic Soccer Tournament over the weekend at the new and amazing SportsQuest facilities in Midlothian. The Madrid brought home the Championship Cup after a stellar outing, going undefeated in four games and shutting out the competition by 10 goals to none.**

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Paul VI Catholic High School** will host a cheerleading clinic on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10-4 p.m. Campers will learn motions, jumps, cheers, chants, dance, stunts and tumbling and create a short routine for participants to perform at a PVI basketball game. Two age groups: K-3 and 4-8. \$50 per student. Email [pvipanthers@gmail.com](mailto:pvipanthers@gmail.com) to register. Paul VI is located at 10675 Fairfax Blvd in Fairfax.

**Flint Hill Elementary School's Student Council Association** hosts its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the school: 2444 Flint Hill Rd., Vienna. The event features professional crafters, photos with Santa, a book sale, and a "Secret Santa" shop where children can shop for inexpensive gifts. Get your purchases gift wrapped for free as well. Refreshments are available for purchase at the Holiday Cafe and Bake Sale. Contact the school office for further information: 703-242-6100.

**Alanna Meehan** and **Alec Ostapovicz** of Madison High School earned gold medals in Food Innovations at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Ill.

Participants demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts of food product development by creating an original prototype formula, testing the product through focus groups, and developing a marketing strategy.

**Kailyn Hornbeck** and **Kathryn Hornbeck** of Madison High School earned silver medals in Life Event Planning at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Ill. Participants apply skills learned in Family and Consumer Sciences courses to manage the costs of an event.

**Kristen E. Barba** of Oakton was selected for dean's list first honors at Pace University of New York, N.Y.

**Maura A. Hughes** of Vienna was selected for dean's list third honors at Pace University of New York, N.Y.

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