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It's all about choices.



We all like to choose for ourselves. And few choices are more critical than the healthcare decisions we make for our families and ourselves. But with only one hospital in Loudoun County, and fewer than 600 doctors practicing here compared to more than 5,000 in Fairfax County, the only way many Loudoun residents can exercise a choice in healthcare providers is by driving far away.

Broadlands Regional Medical Center will offer a choice of hospitals and it will bring more primary care doctors and specialists to Loudoun County. HCA, the company that will own and operate Broadlands, has a national reputation for attracting excellent physicians to its facilities. The new hospital campus will give Loudoun residents the choices they deserve without the long drive and inconvenience.

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Finishing Perfectly

Adnan Alam never misses a day of school.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI
THE CONNECTION

At the Briar Woods High School senior awards ceremony, June 6, Adnan Alam thought his accomplishment had slipped by unnoticed. Principal Ed Starzenski announced the names of all the seniors who had not missed a day of high school and he was not among them.

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"I was hoping he wouldn't say anything," Alam said.

Alas, it was not to be, Starzenski told the students gathered in the auditorium, Alam not only had perfect attendance all four



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

SEE NEW, PAGE 17 The cheerleaders at Briar Woods honor Adnan Alam's perfect attendance by decorating his car.

Church Eager to Help

Fourteen Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church members give support to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

BY BIANCA MITCHELL
THE CONNECTION

Beginning two years ago, a group from the Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church in Ashburn, has journeyed to Biloxi, Miss., to help out with the relief efforts resulting from Hurricane Katrina. This July, the church members' annual tradition will live on, as it sends a group on a return mission to the storm stricken southern town.

A GROUP OF six youth and eight adults ages 16-64, all members of Our Savior's Way, will be led by the church's

director of Christian education intern Tyler Tollefson. He said, "The trip will help us to share Jesus and a sense of community with the victims of Katrina." Four people in the group will make this their second or third trip to the area, while the rest are new to

Donate to the Mission

The car wash will take place, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 28. The wash is free with a donation to the mission trip fund. Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church is located at 43115 Waxpool Road, Ashburn. Send donations to the Church in an envelope marked "Biloxi."

the mission. Caroline Olsen, a 19-year-old rising sophomore at Pacific Lutheran University in Washington state, is one of the returning members. She has been a member of Our Savior's Way for about three and a half years and often takes advantage of the mission trips that the church has to offer for its teen and adult members. "This trip is an incredible experience every year," Olsen said. "The OSWLC has such a great bond of community and we enjoy each other's company. Getting to work together on something like this is such a positive experience."

Other group members are not sure what to expect from the expedition to the town, which is more than 1,000 miles away. Bill

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County Enters Program

New program allows Loudoun Sheriff's Office to initiate deportation proceedings.

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office announced last Tuesday that the county has entered into a formal agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to adopt new policies regarding illegal immigrants under section 287(g) of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

The agreement, negotiated between Loudoun Sheriff Steve Simpson and ICE, allows trained deputies from the Sheriff's Office to initiate deportation procedures for illegal immigrants who commit crimes. The agreement makes it possible for local law enforcement to identify and detain those who are in the U.S. illegally and break laws.

TO PREPARE his officers for the new program, Simpson sent three members of the county's Gang Intelligence Unit to South Carolina to participate in a four-week training course run by ICE. As part of the training, the officers will learn how to use the ICE database to look up and identify potential illegal immigrants to see if they have committed any crimes

or if they are wanted for any offenses. Upon their return, they will have the authority to enforce federal immigration laws in Loudoun County.

Loudoun, which is one of 47 active 287(g) participants across the country, has faced some criticism from civil rights groups concerned that the program will encourage racial profiling. The ACLU of Virginia has already filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking documents related to the agreement to further study the specifics of the program to ensure that there are strict rules put in place to ensure that minority groups will not be unfairly targeted.

According to local officials, the plan simply puts into writing what the county and federal government have already been doing. Last year, the Sheriff's Office sent 107 suspected illegal immigrants to ICE, and this year, 66 have been handed over.

Under the new agreement, ICE has a 72-hour window to pick up detainees

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New Shelter Fees

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a fee increase, beginning July 1, for Animal Care & Control services to help offset costs for two new Animal Care & Control staff positions.

The cost for a Loudoun County dog license will be \$10 annually regardless of the spay/neuter status of the dog.

Adoption fees will also be changing. To clarify the overall fee for adopting animals, a separate spay/neuter fee will be charged for dogs and cats requiring the surgery. By law, all dogs and cats that have not previously been altered are spayed or neutered prior to going home with their adopter.

To help encourage the adoption of older pets, the department will continue to offer a discounted adoption fee for members of its "Gray Whiskers Club," which are cats and dogs age 7 years or older.

A complete list of new fees, including fees for boarding and impoundment, is available on the Web site, www.loudoun.gov/animals.

The Loudoun County Department of Animal Care & Control is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford.

Woman Charged

A 39-year-old Ashburn woman has been charged in a May 31 incident where she allegedly went to a former employer's house and held him and his wife at gunpoint in their Leesburg home.

Last month, deputies responded to a residence in the 18500 block of Seminole Court in Leesburg around 10:30 a.m. In the incident, the woman allegedly entered the home of her former employer and brandished a firearm.

Inside the home were the husband, his wife and their daughter. The daughter ran to a neighbor's house where they contacted authorities. The suspect is accused of holding the husband and wife at gunpoint for approximately 30 minutes.

Members of the Loudoun Sheriff's Office established a perimeter around the residence and made contact with the woman. Members of the Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team (SERT) and the Hostage Negotiations Team responded to the scene. The woman was eventually taken into custody and the firearm was recovered. No one was injured in the incident.

She has been charged with one count of breaking and entering while armed and two counts of abduction. She was being held at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center without bond.

Seeking Witnesses

The Loudoun Sheriff's Office is seeking additional witnesses to a two-vehicle crash that seriously injured a motorcyclist Thursday, June 19.

Around 12:30 p.m., deputies were called to the area of Cascades Parkway at Price-Cascades Plaza in Sterling for a report of crash involving a motorcycle. According to the report, a 2004 Ford F-150, driven by Deborah Kremer, 50, of Springfield, was attempting to turn left into Price-Cascades Plaza from southbound Cascades Parkway when the rear of her pickup was struck in the rear passenger-side area by northbound 2007 Honda CBR1000RR sport motorcycle operated by Nicholas Noll, 31, of Ashburn.

Noll was airlifted to Inova Fairfax hospital for life-threatening injuries. He was listed in stable condition. Noll was wearing motorcycle protective gear including a DOT-approved full-face helmet, a padded motorcycle riding jacket, gloves and motorcycle boots at the time of the crash. Kremer was uninjured in the incident.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation. Deputies were able to speak with at least one witness who remained at the scene, however, anyone else who may have witnessed this crash but has not yet spoken with the Sheriff's Office is requested to contact Deputy Specialist J. M. McClintic with the Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit at 703-771-5798.

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NEWS

Guidelines for a Fun and Safe Fourth of July

Staying safe is the top priority with fireworks.

The old axiom proves accurate far too often: you play with fire, you get burned. This holds true especially when dealing with fireworks, always a major safety concern every time the calendar turns to the Fourth of July.

According to the National Council on Fireworks Safety, since 2000, an average of 9,742 fireworks-related injuries take place in the U.S. each year. Being that the Fourth is foremost when it comes to launching them, awareness and attention to the dangers of self-ignited fireworks are essential to ensure a happy and healthy holiday for the whole family.

"Even though we work with the industry to make sure they meet the criteria for Virginia law, we still recommend people take advantage of public display sites," W. Keith Brower Jr., chief fire marshal for Loudoun County, said. "That is by far the safest way to enjoy fireworks."

STATE AND local laws regulate fireworks tightly, but for those who wish to have their own displays, there are a few legal options available. Permissible fireworks include sparklers, fountains, cones and snakes. It is illegal to possess or ignite any fireworks that explode, rise into the air, travel laterally on the ground or shoot projectiles into the air. That means no Roman candles, bottle rockets, missiles and shells, or a Class 1 misdemeanor, carrying a sentence of up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500 awaits.

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Chief Fire Marshal Brower stated that if residents must purchase and light fireworks on their own, adult

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— W. Keith Brower Jr.,
Chief Fire Marshal for Loudoun County.

Staying Safe and Playing by the Rules

For a full list of permissible fireworks and public display sites, visit the Fire Marshal's page on the Loudoun County Web site located at www.loudoun.gov/default.aspx?tabid=810 and click on the link for 2008 Approved Consumer Fireworks.

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supervision and full attention are needed. Brower also implores people to have a garden hose handy and keep the fireworks in a spacious area with your audience standing at least 20-25 feet away when setting them off. After the fireworks are finished, Brower stresses that disposal in a metal receptacle is crucial, as often times fireworks do not burn completely and can catch fire in garbage cans.

According to the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management, between June 28-July 5 there are 12 fireworks displays in the Loudoun County area. However, if residents still prefer to light their own, various retail merchants, primarily in roadside stands or tents, will be selling state and county-approved fireworks.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

COMMUNITY NOTES

Send announcements, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to *The Loudoun Connection*, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail to loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call Jennifer Lesinski at 703-917-6454. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

The Giving Circle of HOPE, which helps needy people in Northern Virginia by awarding grants and conducting service programs, has opened its 2008 grant cycle. Grants of \$1,000-\$5,000 are

awarded to nonprofit organizations in December through a competitive process. Grant guidelines and applications are due by **Sept. 1** and may be accessed at www.givingcircleofHOPE.org or requested by e-mail at givingcircle@hotmail.com.

The Loudoun County **affordable dwelling unit (ADU) program** is accepting applications for 22 units available for adults age 55 and over at Potomac Green, an adult retirement planned community in Ashburn. Contact the ADU program of the Department of Family Services, 703-

737-8043.

The 2008 edition of the Loudoun County **"Guide to Services"** is now available. The guide is a comprehensive handbook of information about services provided by the county government, as well as services provided by other governmental and nongovernmental agencies. Copies of the guide are available at Loudoun County community centers, public libraries and at the front counters of county government departments and agencies. Copies of the guide are also available by contacting pivs@loudoun.gov or 703-777-0113.

COMMUNITY

Church Prepares for Biloxi Mission Trip

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Pfancuff, one of the adult travelers, said, "I get information from those who have gone before. Most of all, I pray for the success of our trip and that we are able to touch lives through what we are doing."

ONCE IN BILOXI the group will be based at Camp Biloxi, a base for volunteers run by the nonprofit disaster relief organization, Recovery Assistance Incorporated. According to the camp's Web site, volunteers at the camp have helped more than 1,700 families move back into their damaged homes. Even with the great volume of volunteers moving in and out of Camp Biloxi daily, there are still about 900 residences on the list of houses to be repaired. The Our Savior's Way group will join the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church, both of Biloxi and Lutheran Disaster Response and the Orphan Grain Train, two national support organizations, at the camp.

Olsen described a normal day: "Every morning we would go to a little clubhouse in the church and get assignments for the day. The first day we put insulation in a house and did some basic yard work to get stuff cleaned up. We worked from 8 a.m. to

4 in the afternoon every day. It was hot, but despite the heat and humidity, it was a rewarding experience where you learn to appreciate all that you have. You work so hard and you are just hot and tired and exhausted the entire time, but none of that seems to matter."

She hopes that with this year's larger group, each person will be able to try many different tasks, instead of working on the same tasks for the duration of the trip.

Tollefson also looks forward to the rewarding experience and shared one of his favorite stories of a previous mission, told to him by a mission group member. "One of the families would cook the group a hot meal for lunch. It was southern food, like New Orleans gumbo and rice. While the group worked on the house, the family shared their life story," he said.

Previous training isn't necessary for the trip, but the group does meet regularly to discuss the mission. During these meetings, returning individuals share their knowledge with the new members and the group prays together for a successful mission. Once in Biloxi, the group will have on-site supervisors to help with the skills that they will need to rebuild the town.

Not only do these missions benefit the Katrina victims, but they also benefit the

volunteers who gladly give up their vacation time to help out. "I now realize that mission work is going to be a much bigger part of my life and not just some little trips that I went on with my church in high school," Olsen said.

IN ADDITION TO emotional and physical aid, the group plans to donate monetary aid to the families in need. Through a busy schedule of fund-raising events, the group hopes to gain at least \$5,000 in order to help pay for the trip. The first \$3,000 will go to travel expenses such as food, lodging and driving. Pfancuff laughed as he said, "One of the biggest changes we will see on this trip from previous years is the price of gas."

The remaining \$2,000 will be left at Camp Biloxi to help the families and future volunteer mission groups.

Fund-raising efforts this year have been largely increased in order to meet the church's \$5,000 goal. The church has put on several different fund-raising events in the past months. "One of the most successful techniques has been door-to-door solicitation," Pfancuff said. In addition, the mission members have sold coupon books, coffee mugs and have even asked friends and family to sponsor them for every hour of



The trip is a bonding experience for members of the church.

labor that they will complete during the trip. Phrivent, an insurance and finance company associated with Lutherans, sets aside a certain amount of money every year from its profits to help churches go on missions like this one. The Our Savior's Way group

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CLASS OF 2008

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Flying High and Proud

Briar Woods graduates 205 seniors June 17.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Listening to the noise filling up the Patriot Center, Last Tuesday, one would think it was midway through the second half of a George Mason basketball game. The raucous crowd cheered like a three pointer was just hit to win a tournament game, but this was no athletic event, it was a myriad of proud parents, friends and family rooting for their graduates at the Briar Woods High School graduation.

The ceremony, which was only the second in B.W.H.S. history, drew a large and excited crowd for good reason.

THE BRIAR WOODS Class of 2008 is an incredibly eclectic and accomplished group, with the graduates moving on to many different places and receiving recognition for multiple academic achievements.

Valedictorian Leslie Luginbill, bound for the University of Virginia, summed up her class' abilities when she said "How do you begin to describe a class as diverse and as talented at this?" said. "There's no possible way to fit our talents into one speech."

According to Havener, 118 students received the governor's seal on their diplomas for graduating with at least a B average and having completed one advanced

placement class, and perhaps most impressively, 23 finished their high-school career with a 4.0 average or higher. As a whole, the class earned more than \$675,000 in scholarships and grants.

The Class of 2008 received life lessons to supplement their education from commencement speaker Brett Fuller, former chaplain for the Washington Redskins and current chaplain of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Fuller stressed that there are five tools for a successful and rewarding life: integrity, relationship commitment, perseverance, spiritual hunger and service to humanity.

"There's a world that desperately needs great leaders like you to help solve their problems," Fuller said. "If you do these things, 20 years from now, this world will be better because you graduated."

The Class of 2008 not only includes students who are attending schools like William & Mary, Villanova and Virginia Tech, but also seven young men and women who are moving on to serve the United States in the armed forces. One student is going into the Army, Army ROTC, Air Force, Navy ROTC and three are going into the Marine Corps.

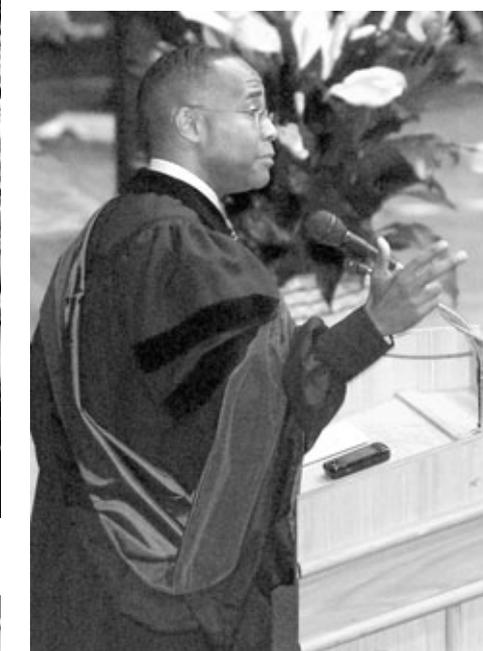
Combining the Briar Woods education and the sage advice provided by Fuller, these Falcons are equipped for the next part of their lives, as Havener said, ready to "fly high and proud into the future."



Natasha Abi-Najm waves to friends and family members.



Briar Woods High School held its commencement exercise for the 205 members of the Class of 2008, June 17.



Brett Fuller gives the commencement address to the Briar Woods High School Class of 2008.



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BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

TRUSTEES MEETING. 7:30 p.m., at the Library Administration Building, 908A Trailview Blvd., Leesburg. The Loudoun County Library board of trustees meeting has been rescheduled from June 18. Visit www.library.loudoun.gov for future events.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

BLOOD DRIVE. Noon-4 p.m., Inova Bloodmobile, Brambleton Town Center parking area. The Brambleton Community Association in conjunction with the Inova health system blood services holds a blood drive to assist with area blood bank

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Children ages 3-5 can celebrate summer with arts, crafts and group play at the **summer explorers** precamp. Classes meet for one week, Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. either from **June 25-27** or **July 30-Aug. 1**. Cost: \$25. Advance registration required, call 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudoun.gov.

A **hip hop/break/jazz workshop** will be held **June 26-27** and **July 28-Aug. 1**, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jazz shoes are required. Bring a snack each day. Camp fee of \$150 per child. For children ages 10-15. Held at the Creative Dance Center in Ashburn. To register contact the Douglass Community Center at 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudoun.gov.

The Loudoun County Extension Office Program Room, 30B Catocin Circle, Leesburg, is offering a **self-defense workshop, July 1**, at 4 p.m., and is recommended for ages 12-18. Register online at library.loudoun.gov or call 703-777-0690.

ESL Conversational English, an informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice English, at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn, **July 1, 8 and 15**, from 7-9 p.m. Not a class but an opportunity to meet new people, share culture and have fun. Only English will be spoken. All levels welcome. Recommended for adults. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

Rhythm, Rhyme and Tune Time: Early Literacy through Music at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Sing, chant, play instruments and move creatively as children explore the sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up the language. Wednesdays, at 11:15 a.m., from **July 9-Aug. 13**. Recommended for newborn to age 4 with parent/caregiver. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-737-8105.

Babygarten, a fun and informational program that focuses on how nursery rhymes, songs and books can enrich children's lives, at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn, **July 9-Aug. 13**. Recommended for newborn through 18 months with parent/caregiver. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-737-8105.

supplies. Appointments and walk-ins welcome. Call 1-866-256-6372 or visit www.inova.org/donate_blood.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

JTHG MEETING. 6 p.m., at Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road, Leesburg. The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership will hold a public meeting to review and discuss draft recommendations for the management of portions of U.S. Route 15/20/231/22 and to nominate the route for designation as one of "America's Byways" by the Federal Highway Administration. Call Shelley Mastran at 703-318-0276 or e-mail shellmast@comcast.net.

Dance Tech Workshop. Dance-intensive work on ballet, jazz and lyrical technique with turns and leaps. Ballet or jazz shoes required. For ages 7-11. Fee: \$150 per person. Held at the Creative Dance Center in Ashburn, **Aug. 4-8**, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To register, contact the Douglass Community Center at 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudoun.gov.

Claude Moore Recreation Center is offering **Fit Kids** classes for ages 2-5 years old. New session includes tumbling classes, fit kids fitness and a special class for 2-3 year olds: Balls, Balls, Balls. Call 571-258-3600 for times.

The Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, is offering **music together, Tuesdays and Fridays**, from 9:30-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m. The class offers developmentally appropriate early childhood curriculum for parents, children and primary-care givers. Call 571-258-3500.

The Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, is offering **My First Preschool, Mondays and Wednesdays**, from 9-10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; and **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, from 9-10:30 a.m. Class for children who will be 2 years old by Sept, 1, 2008. Call 571-258-3500.

Leesburg Senior Activity Center, 215 Depot Court, Leesburg, is offering **stretch and tone classes** where participants use bands and hand weights, every **Thursday**, 11-11:45 a.m. Free. Call 703-737-8039.

Leesburg Senior Activity Center, 215 Depot Court, Leesburg, is offering **tai chi**, which involves three primary subjects: health, meditation and martial arts, **Mondays**, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Call 703-737-8039.

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Spartans Celebrate Graduation

Broad Run sends 354 graduates into the real world.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI
THE CONNECTION

The Broad Run Class of 2008 filed into the George Mason Patriot Center to the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" Wednesday, June 18. And although they would be leaving high-school graduates, they would always be joined by a special bond, Shannon Shepherd said in her senior address.

"Broad Run High School will always hold a special place in our hearts and we all have different reasons," Shepherd said. "This may be the last day some of us wear maroon and gold on the outside, but we will always be Spartans.

"Go out and explore the world and take on new memories," she said.

THE CLASS of 2008 graduated 354 seniors and earned nearly \$2 million in scholarships, Principal Edgar Markley said. Seventy-four percent of the class received advanced study diplomas, 26 received certificates from the Monroe Technology Center, 61 percent are attending four-year colleges and 28 percent are attending two-year colleges. In addition, three graduates will attend military academies, while 10 seniors enlisted in the armed forces.

"The destinations of the class are as diverse as the class itself," Markley said.

He gave the seniors three pieces of advice: everyone needs a plan, a purpose; ev-

eryone needs to keep their lives in perspective and balance; and everyone needs to give back to their community and world.

Kathleen Mercurio, who graduated with a 4.44 GPA, was class valedictorian and introduced the commencement speaker, Broad Run alum and comedian Patton Oswalt. Jeanne Jeong, who finished with a 4.33 GPA, was named salutatorian. The facility scholarship, worth \$1,000, was awarded to Natalie Beach.

AFTER BEING introduced by Mercurio, Oswalt replied, "4.44? Really, Kathleen? Well, you just shook hands with 2.74."

While Oswalt, a member of the Class of 1987 and a Northern Virginia native, infused his speech with mostly humor, he did manage to sneak in some words of wisdom for the departing senior class.

"Each of you have been given a harsh gift ... the chance to enter adulthood when the earth is teetering on the sphincter of oblivion. You are jumping into the deep end," he said. "You guys have no choice but to be exceptional. You either have to be exceptional or you're doomed.

"All of you are richer and wiser than you know," Oswalt said. "Reputation, posterity and cool are traps ... they equal fear. The path is made by walking ... you get to choose how good stuff will affect you. There is no them."

Schools Superintendent Edgar Hatrick, who began his teaching career at Broad Run, also addressed the class.

"This class has done so much to add to the accomplishments and traditions of Broad Run," Hatrick said. "The traditions of your school are strong and in a moment that all becomes your past. The decision you have now is what you're going to do with that past you have built."



During a special senior musical presentation, Kristin Baltimore, Katie Barton, Elizabeth Bates, Nehemias Cerritos, Dawn Doiron, Ryan Goodwin, Ibtisam Kahn, Dennis Markley, Gurleen Pannu, Jessica Ross, Robyn Roberts and Nathan Troph interpret in signs.



Matt Escano, Camille Hontiveros, Mackenzie Kelleher and Alex Testere sing the national anthem.



Principal Edgar Markley gives Natalie Beach a hug after awarding her with the scholarship.



Principal Edgar Marker presents the diplomas to the Class of 2008.

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CRIME

The following incidents were reported by the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. This report is not all-inclusive for cases reported.

LOITERING

22300 block S. Sterling Boulevard, Sterling. June 22, 7:40 p.m. Deputies responded to the area for a large crowd in the parking lot at the listed location. Deputies then contacted the Office of the Fire Marshal for possible overcrowding violations at Pepe's Place restaurant. The business was cited for overcrowding and placed on a temporary restriction of their business license by the Office of the Fire Marshal. The business will be closed for approximately two weeks. Agents from the Virginia Department of Alcohol Beverage Control were contacted for further investigation of possible alcohol violations.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY

50 block Sugarland Square Court, Sterling. June 22, 5:35 p.m. A 30-year-old male of no fixed address was charged with unlawful entry into an unoccupied residence.

FIGHT/ASSAULT BY MOB

46900 block Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling. June 22, 1:30-1:56 p.m. A 28-year-old male, a 30-year-old male, 32-year-old male, all of Centerville, and an 18-year-old male of Chantilly and a 21-year-old male of Sterling were charged with assault by mob and obstruction of justice. Deputies were initially called to the Shell gas station for a fight in progress. A 30-year-old Leesburg man had been assaulted by five males. A suspect vehicle was observed leaving the scene at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle.

FIGHT

140 block N .Cottage Road, Sterling. June 20, 1:50 p.m. Deputies responded to the area for a report of a possible fight in progress. Three victims were located who said an unknown subject threw an object at them from a vehicle. The suspect was located. Charges are pending in the case.

LARCENY

43100 block Broadlands Center Plaza, Ashburn. June 20, 5:57 p.m. Unknown subject(s) entered Robeks Fruit Smoothies and removed a tip jar. A possible suspect is described as a white male, late teens to early 20s, 5 feet 8 inches to 6 feet tall, with brown hair and a thin build.

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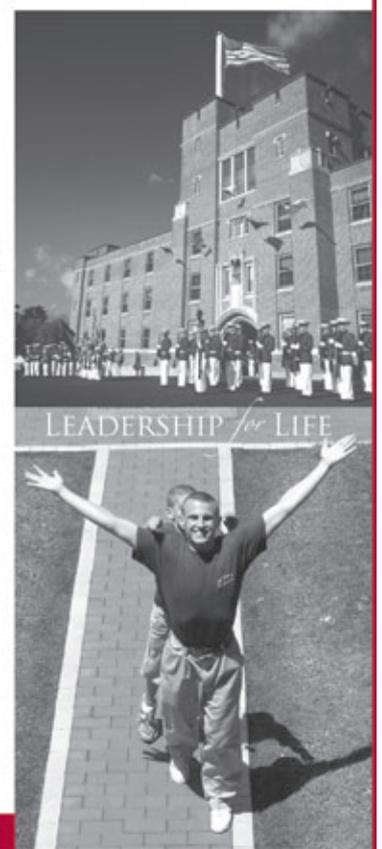
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Hoping for Something Special

Special session in search of transportation solutions begins this week.

Snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, the Virginia Supreme Court overturned an unlikely and hopeful transportation funding plan passed by the Virginia General Assembly earlier this year.

At the same time, funding for rail to Dulles has hit several bumps that could derail the project.

EDITORIALS But at the beginning of this week, members of the General Assembly were back in Richmond, supposedly to produce a plan that would replace the \$300 million or more that the now defunct plan would have raised.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D) has made some sensible proposals, but the forces of “no, never, no taxes” say they will scuttle many if not all of the possible sources of new revenue to pay for transit, roads and other transportation improvements.

Kaine points out that Dulles Airport and the Port of Virginia are responsible for an estimated 375,000 jobs and \$895 million in state revenue. “These are our two most valuable con-

nections with the global economy, but they depend upon a network that will allow easy movement of people and goods to and from these critical transportation hubs,” Kaine said at the opening of the special session Monday.

Here’s what he proposes:

- ❖ Raising the annual vehicle registration fee by \$10 and increasing the sales tax on automobiles from 3 to 4 percent. Virginia’s auto title tax would still be significantly below the national average.

- ❖ Fix the regional packages by imposing a 1 percent regional sales tax on goods other than food, medicine or automobiles.

- ❖ A grantors’ tax on property sale proceeds — 25 cents for each \$100 in value to create a Transportation Change Fund, with 75 percent of the revenue going for new transit strategies

and 25 percent dedicated to projects for economic development. This would support public transit, carpooling, teleworking, etc.

These add up to a sensible proposal and would provide money needed for maintenance as well as dedicated funding for Metro.

Meanwhile, if you’re sitting in traffic, higher gas prices might be the future source of some relief. Finally, with a clear economic motivation, perhaps some real alternatives will arise, some plan that calls for something other than millions of people with jobs getting into cars one person at a time and heading to and from work at about the same time every weekday.

We can only hope that new technologies and new approaches developed over the next decade or two will provide less need to clog the roadways.

Without Basics

Electrical storms have left many people without electricity in Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington and Alexandria in the past few weeks, most of us for brief periods, but some for a couple of days at a time.

Across the river in Montgomery County, hundreds of thousands of people lived without drinkable water for a couple of days.

Being without either or both serves as a reminder that ordinary events (rather than terrorism) also require a little preparedness.

Recommended: Three days worth of non-perishable food and water for everyone in your household, plus flashlights, a battery powered radio and extra batteries. What’s in your storage cupboard?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Few Ideas on Transportation

The following is an open letter to Gov. Tim Kaine (D) and members of the General Assembly.

Dear Governor Kaine and members of the General Assembly:

We are encouraged by your initiatives over the past two years to address Virginia’s land use and transportation challenges. Public support for better growth management remains at high levels, making your efforts to better link land use and transportation critically important. Your collective initiatives have included increased support for transit and freight rail, traffic impact studies, urban development areas, land conservation, stronger access management policies and

changes to subdivision street standards.

At the same time, the impact of rising energy prices on Virginians’ strained household budgets creates a new imperative to be strategic in our transportation investments and to provide more transportation choices. Virginia’s transportation funding project lists were generated by the

Virginia Department of Transportation in the VTRANS 2025

plan and by Virginia’s regional transportation planning organizations at a time when energy prices were much lower. The project lists do not account for the impact of record energy prices and were developed without consideration of how more efficient patterns of land use and community design could reduce the burden of auto travel, offer more transportation options and reduce the amount of transportation infrastructure needed.

Therefore, we believe that tying funding to re-evaluation of our transportation and land-use plans should be a core component of any transportation funding proposal. We believe that location efficiency, energy efficiency and improved “accessibility” to jobs, housing and services (not

merely “mobility” for its own sake) should be the goal of Virginia’s land use, economic development, transportation and infrastructure policies. Doing so will ensure that we are

prudent with taxpayer resources, energy efficient and economically competitive. We need to put new money behind new ideas developed through a more transparent and inclusive public process beginning with local and regional planning processes.

We recommend that you consider incorporating the following requirements in any agreed upon transportation funding package:

- 1) Re-evaluate the statewide plan, regional plans and major projects in an open process with the public and in light of significantly higher fuel prices, the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the benefits to be gained from more efficient land use and community design.

- 2) Improve the efficiency of the existing transportation system and focus on short-term demand reduction measures before capacity expansion. These measures should include

- robust telecommuting programs and broadband investment, access management, transit and carpool incentives and public road pricing and parking pricing to manage demand on

- saturated highways in metro regions. A 5-10 percent reduction in highway demand can return a highway to free-flowing conditions far more cheaply than a costly expansion project.

- 3) Tie funding to performance standards that include improved operational efficiency; reduction in per capita vehicle miles traveled; increased mode share for transit, freight rail,

telecommuting, pedestrians/bicycles; and adoption of urban development areas with interconnected streets and new urbanist design principles. Alternatively, create a significant fund for providing bonus revenues to regions and local governments that reduce travel demand and approve more efficient patterns of development in well-designed Urban Development Areas.

- 4) Include funding for technical assistance to local governments and planning district commissions to assist communities with integration and adoption of the new tools

approved by the General Assembly and Commonwealth Transportation Board including assistance with access management, city and town revitalization, transit-oriented development and well-defined UDAs using new urbanist design and “complete streets” with interconnected local street networks.

- 5) Require a clear analysis of Virginia highway maintenance spending to allow the public and General Assembly to more fully understand the maintenance situation. The analysis

should include current and trend data on the reported condition of Virginia’s roads, maintenance

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and repaired roadways and the potential for reducing long-term maintenance costs through longer life roadways (per the European model) and extended warranties by private road contractors who perform the work.

6) Dedicate significant funds (at least 35 percent of new funds) to transit, freight rail, intercity passenger rail, bicycle and pedestrian

facilities; and significant funds to local street

projects to create more transportation options that are energy efficient while reducing traffic on the state's highways and major arterial roadways.

7) Transit, passenger rail and freight rail are critical investments in a world of higher energy prices but must be tied to well-planned transit-oriented development and industrial centers to be cost effective. With over 60 percent of the state's population, gross state

product and most of the congestion, the Northern Virginia-Fredericksburg-Richmond-Williamsburg-Hampton Roads rail corridor should be a top state passenger rail priority, while freight rail investments are needed throughout Virginia.

We stand ready to participate in the discussions over the coming weeks leading to the special session and we look forward to working with you to move Virginia forward to an economically and environmentally sustainable future.

Please feel free to contact our lead representatives: Stewart Schwartz, CSG, 703-599-6437; Lisa Guthrie, VALCV, 804-225 1902; or Trip Pollard, 434-977-4090.

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Bulldogs Bid Farewell

Stone Bridge celebrates graduation.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI
THE CONNECTION

Schools Superintendent Edgar Hatrick told the Class of 2008 he never gets tired of talking about Stone Bridge. He recalled receiving a golf shirt at the school's first home game in 2000. But he said he was equally proud of the seniors seated before him waiting for their high-school diplomas Wednesday, June 18, at the Patriot Center on the campus of George Mason University.

"In the eight short years the school has been open the number of accomplishments has been nothing short of amazing," Hatrick said. "And you who have been here for the past four years have added to those accomplishments."

STONE BRIDGE graduated a class of 382 seniors, which saw 123 students awarded a total of \$3.3 million in scholarships. In addition, 45 seniors achieved a 4.0 GPA or higher, 93 percent of the class is attending either a two- or four-year college and 25 Bulldogs will be competing in their respective sports at the college level. Three members of the Class of 2008 will attend service academies.

"You have had an opportunity to try things that weren't available 10 years ago, five years ago and in some cases nowhere else," Hatrick said. "The question is, what will you do with what you have already accomplished? What will your new history be?"

"If you don't look forward, you will always be in the past and that is not where you want to be," he said.

CLASS of 2002 member Grant Harris,

returned to his alma mater to deliver the commencement address. Harris was the first Bulldog to be offered an athletic scholarship. He has since earned his MBA and works as a management consultant.

"I certainly didn't see this night six years ago when I was sitting there where you are today," Harris said.

He told the class a bit of advice his dad had given him, "It's not all about you."

"Tonight I'm speaking in front of a large audience, but my words are for the Class of 2008 and since I have an hour, you might as well get comfortable," he joked.

He reminded the graduates that at one time, he was just like them and that six years later he stands before them sharing what he has learned.

He urged the class not to wait to give back because you never know what will happen tomorrow. No matter how small you think your contribution may be, it could mean the world to someone else. "Remember the small stuff matters," he said.

He also took the time to mend some fences.

"I'd like to take the time to apologize to the teachers who had to deal with me. For all the emotional scars and the premature gray hairs, I'm sorry."

Harris also warned the graduates about the real world.

"I can tell you now, the world doesn't give you credit for being tough. It gives you credit for making a difference in this world," he said.

VALEDICTORIAN Breanna Donald compared her high-school experience to a skydiving adventure she took just two weeks prior to graduation.

"Like skydiving, high school is an experience you will never forget," Donald said. "Today, I wish you all luck in your next leaps of faith, your next adventure."

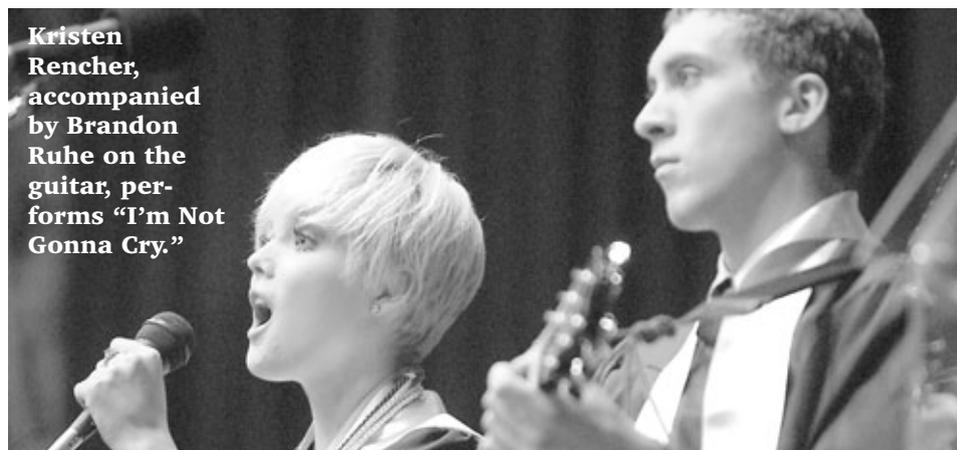


Stone Bridge High School students arriving at George Mason University for the Class of 2008 Graduation Commencement, June 18, are seen in a reflection of a water puddle.

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Meagan Miller was just one of the 389 graduates of the Stone Bridge High School Class of 2008.



Kristen Rencher, accompanied by Brandon Ruhe on the guitar, performs "I'm Not Gonna Cry."



Domanique Dove enters the Patriot Center with his classmates for the Class of 2008 graduation ceremony of Stone Bridge High School last week.

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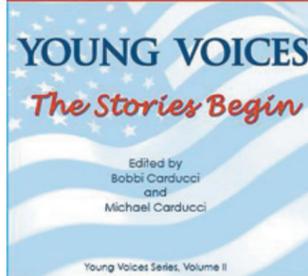
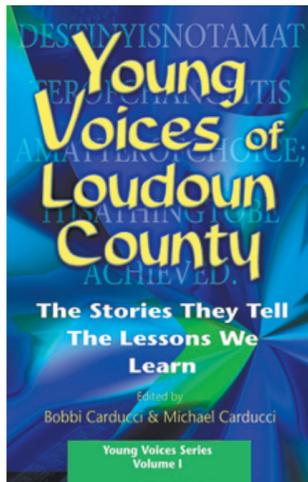
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Words of Youth



The first meeting of the Young Voices Foundation Writer's Group took place in Purcellville Library.

The Young Voices Foundation creates a support network for young writers.

BY MATTHEW RAZAK
THE CONNECTION

As a child Bobbi Carducci always loved writing but she found few places for her to gain support for her craft. As she got older she found writing groups and is now a professional writer living in Loudoun County, but she says very little has changed in terms of support for young writers in the world. Thus, when an adult writing group she was in got to talking about how they wished there were more outlets for young writers in the area, Carducci took action.

"The more I thought about it, the more I thought I want to be an instrument for change here," Carducci said. "So I suggested we start mentoring young writers or a contest with the kids. And we talked about it and we started Community Voice Media, a little publishing company specifically to reach out to these young kids."

Since then that little publishing company has morphed into a nationwide writing competition for children, two Loudoun youth writing groups and two published books of Loudoun youth's writing. The organization, now operating as The Young Voices Foundation along with the publishing company, has been running for the past three years and hopes to eventually have groups nationwide where young writers can not only gain knowledge about how to write better, but also be encouraged about their writing.

"It's awesome to be published. Every writer will tell you that it's the best thing in the world and that seeing your name in print is amazing. If its something that you think

you did really well then it gives you a really big boost of confidence that you can do it," Stacy Johnson, who founded the Young Writer's Group of Eastern Loudoun after deciding that the trip to Purcellville was a bit too long, said.

AT THE MOMENT the foundation has two youth writer's groups, running one in Purcellville at the Purcellville Library and another newer group in Leesburg that meets at the Thomas Balch Library. Both groups meet monthly and participants discuss each other's work, offering friendly criticism and suggestions.

"We have critique sessions and it really helps you to improve your writing and you get some really great input on what you're doing and different opinions from the audience we might want it to go to," Johnson said.

A meeting consists of working on a certain topic like sentence structure or story flow and then moving on to critiquing each writer's work for the month. Writers need to send their work out a week ahead of time so the other group members can go over it and critique it. Carducci said that all the critiques are friendly and that the group focuses on structure and the art of writing more than subject matter in order to avoid arguments over differences of opinion.

"We will look at all kinds of writing and I don't expect them all to end up being writers, but we want to teach them that they can meet their personal writing goals whatever they may be," Carducci said.

Writers can be of any age, too. The group has worked with children just learning to write to seniors who are about to go off to college. The focus is on how to write better and come up with great story ideas. Carducci even allows younger children to have their stories typed up by their parents as long as they're the children's story and no one else's.

"Parents can even proof read for them. That's part of the process. You want things

to look as good as you can before you send it anywhere. You have to follow the grammar rules and you have to do it right or it won't work out," Carducci said.

The foundation will also bring in professional writers to talk with the groups about how they write and how they got to where they are in their careers. Professional writers have ranged from novelists to journalist all of whom work with the participants to improve their skills.

"I like that they have actual authors come in," Rachel Roman, a rising senior at Potomac Falls High School who lives in Sterling and has been published in both the foundation's books, said. "And it's cool because they're from here so it's easy to relate to them and they know how to work in the area."

Another benefit of the monthly group is that it motivates children to not only write more often, but to improve their writing. Many of the participants say that the program helps them to write better in school both creatively and on essays and class work. Carducci says that it is the focus on how to write well and creatively that helps students write better in school and the fact that they are motivated to write more.

"They absolutely write more confidently. Most kids are hungry for someone to tell them that their writing has value. A lot of students haven't heard that they are capable as a writer and it's because a lot of them aren't sure where to go or what to do with it and this gives them a chance to bring it somewhere," Carducci said.

THE YOUNG VOICES Foundation does more than just hold monthly meetings. The other major part of the program is a yearly writing contest for young writer's where the winners are published. The contest has run for two years and has produced two books, "Young Voices of Loudoun County: The Stories They Tell, the Lessons We Learn" and "Young Voices: The Stories Begin." The books are officially published and "of a very high

"Most kids are hungry for someone to tell them that their writing has value."

— Bobbi Carducci

quality" said Carducci.

"I thought it was pretty cool that it was an actual book and that it wasn't just a newspaper article. It is registered with the Library of Congress and is in my school library," Roman said.

The competition is judged by a group of professional writers including Twila Liggett who founded "Reading Rainbow," a children's television show centered around books. There are three categories that children may enter — elementary, middle and high school — with a chance to place first through third each year. After the winners are chosen there is an award ceremony with speakers and medals given and each writer who is published gets a free copy of the book. As of now the competition is open for entrants nationwide and entries from 27 states have been received, but Carducci said the group still wants more from the local area.

The focus of the Young Voices Foundation isn't only on its own contest.

"We provide [young writers] with opportunities and inform them about writing contests from around the country. It's pretty much like an adult writers group, but we focus on the young people. Our future goal is to continue this and develop a literary magazine completely run by the kids, so they can learn about publishing and writing."

Carducci also goes to local youth groups like Girl and Boy Scouts to discuss writing and inform them of all the opportunities they might have and how they can become more involved with writing.

AS FOR THE FUTURE of the foundation, Carducci hopes to continue the group's growth to a nationwide level with young writers groups across the country meeting monthly and working together to support each other's writing. The foundation is in the process of setting up other groups in the state of Virginia as well as other states around the country.

"There's not an organized program for mentoring young writers," Carducci said. "Not on a national level and not even on a county level. The kids don't know where to go with the talent. Athletes and musicians have lots of support groups and ways to practice and there isn't always a way for writers."

To accomplish this expansion the group is trying to raise more funds. A Poetry Slam was scheduled for this month but has been pushed back until the fall so that the students can organize it better and get more poets to come. Those interested are welcome to participate as the group is looking for writers and poets actively.

"As a group, we're trying to start a poetry slam. We're going to get the poets who want to do it first and then deciding on a date," Johnson said.

Since the writer's groups are free, money for support is raised through donations and other outlets. The group has a Yahoo Good Search program where every time a product is bought off of Yahoo it gets a certain amount donated to the foundation and it has a few sponsors, but would always like more. The foundation is also looking for volunteers.

FESTIVAL

Bucking into Leesburg



Money earned from sales from the rodeo will benefit the community by helping with schools, community events and supporting the neighborhood. Cox said there are many different areas that the money will go into, but that it is entirely not for profit.

A bucking bull is not easy to stay on, but all the same people keep hopping on their backs trying to hold on. This sight and many more rodeo standards will be at Chapel View Farm come Saturday, June 28, when it hosts a rodeo to support the Lucketts community. The rodeo will feature professional bull riders, barrel racing and a plethora of other contests and activities.

"It's going to be a professional bull riding rodeo and it's going to consist of barrel racing, trick riders and bronco riders and of course, bull riding. We'll have live entertainment a couple of bands and food," Lisa Cox, one of the organizers and owner of the Chapel View Farm, said.

The farm will be converting some of its land into a bull-riding arena with bleachers for watching the riders and an expected crowd of more than 2,000 people. The event is geared toward families and will allow attendees an up-close look at all the events and a chance to meet the professional bull riders. This will be the

first time the farm has played host to a rodeo and a chance for residents to check out an event that isn't always this close to home.

"We wanted to do something different — a new event. We wanted to bring a new event to the area and several people suggested a rodeo and if it's successful it will become an annual event. We want some family entertainment for the area," Cox said.

ALONG WITH the rodeo, which starts at 7 p.m. with the gates opening at 5 p.m., there will be plenty of food and treats for families and children. The food is being supplied by Hog Will BBQ, a local barbecue provider. Children will be able to play games and get their face painted. The rodeo will also include music throughout the day featuring bands from throughout the area.

"It's live entertainment and its very exciting for the kids to see the bulls and the riders getting on them for 8 seconds. It's a huge ride for the kids to watch. And the bronco rides are just as cool," Cox said.

ticket the rodeo community by helping with schools, community events and supporting the neighborhood. Cox said there are many different areas that the money will go into, but that it is entirely not for profit.

"I'm looking forward to having a very successful event and to be able to give lots of money back to the community. We want to be able to give back to the community and get some things done there," Cox said.

The rodeo will take place at Chapel View Farm, 14290 Chapel Lane, Leesburg. Advance tickets are \$12 and gate admission is \$15. Free for children 6 and under. Call 703-431-9578.

— MATTHEW RAZAK

FOOD & DRINK

Send announcements, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to *The Loudoun Connection*, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail to loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com.

Chef Aaron McCloud's "perfect margarita tequila dinner" at Vintage 50 Restaurant and Brew Lounge, 50 Catocin Circle, Leesburg, 7 p.m., **June 26**. The five-course menu features food with Latin influences paired with five unique tequilas and ends with the "perfect margarita." Cost: \$60/ per person. Call 703-777-2169.

Good Taste! Tours (GTT), a culinary arts excursion company will be offering weekend getaways in rural Virginia for cuisine enthusiasts. Participants will become immersed in the regional cuisine of rural Virginia through dining occasions, hands-on cooking classes, chef demonstrations, wine tastings and much more. Must be 21 years old or older. The dates for the first three tours in 2008 are: **Friday, June 27-Sunday, June 29; Friday, July 11-Sunday, July 13; and Friday, July 18-July, 20**. To book a tour, contact Good Taste! Tours at 540-822-5000 or visit www.goodtastetours.com.

Olwen Woodier is offering a **cooking class** at Glenfiddich Farm, 17642 Ganby Road, Leesburg, from **July 9-11**. Woodier will lead two-hour classes followed by a four-course meal. Cost: \$50 per person for lunch class, \$60 per person for dinner class. Registration and prepayment can be made by calling 703-771-3056 or by visiting www.glenfarmcooking.com.

Austrian wines paired with Tuskie's premier cuisine at Tuscarora Mill, 203 Harrison St., Leesburg, 7 p.m., **July 10**. Cost: \$85 per person. Call 703-771-9300 or visit <http://www.tuskies.com>.

THE ARTS

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Last Chance

The College Community Theater's summer production of "Glengarry Glen Ross" at Northern Virginia Community College's Loudoun Campus runs **June 27-28**. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m. in the Waddell Theater. General admission tickets, for this mature audience show, are \$12 per person, NVCC students and seniors \$10. Call 703-948-7701 or go to www.nvcc.edu/cct.

Photographs by **Aaron Duplissey** will be on display at the Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Sterling, **through June**. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

Pastel art by **Hope Hanes** will be on display at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn, **through June**. Visit www.lcpl.liv.va.us.

Ongoing

"**The Actor's Image: The Japan-Virginia Society Collection of Ukiyo-e Prints**" will be on display in Waddell Gallery at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College **until June 27**. Featuring Kabuki Theater and its famous actors, these 19th century woodblock prints offer an array of images that invite viewers into the world of Japanese art and theater. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. The campus is located at 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway in Sterling.



By Farrow-Savos

A series of **aerial photographs** by Loudoun County photographer Jim Hanna is on exhibit at Washington Dulles International Airport **through Aug. 26**. The exhibit, coordinated by the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority and Gallery 222, is the fourth in the program's rotating series of displays. The exhibit is installed in the area beyond the security checkpoints in the Main Terminal on the Arrivals Level. Visit www.gallery222.com.

The Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) present the annual juried exhibition Arts Council @ GRACE, **through Aug. 1**. Art works in all media by 21 artists, including Sterling artist **Elissa Farrow-Savos**, will be exhibited at the GRACE gallery located in Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. An artist perspective evening will be held Thursday, **July 10**, at 7:30 p.m. The GRACE gallery is open Tuesdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.restonarts.org or call GRACE at 703-471-9242.

CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

1960S FILMS. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Enjoy a screening of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf." Recommended for adults. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

MEET THE AUTHOR. 6-9 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Donna Andrews, local mystery writer, talks about her experiences as a writer and what it takes to craft a good mystery. Recommended for adults. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

HUI HULA. 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Enjoy the spectacle as the dancers, wearing colorful, authentic costumes, perform both ancient chants and modern-style Hawaiian Hula, using a variety of traditional dance implements. Recommended for the family. Free, limited, tickets are available at the library starting half an hour before the performance. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

ONE-MAN BAND. 4 p.m., Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. The Sterling Library and The Sterling Community Center present Peter McCory and his One-Man Band. While singing and strumming guitar or banjo, he's tooting harmonicas, kazoos and whistles and playing drums, cymbals and cow bell ... all at the same time. Pick up tickets 30 minutes prior to show. Call 703-430-9480. Free event.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

MOVIE. 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Bring popcorn and drinks. Film will be "The Aristocats." Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

GHOULIES AND GHOSTS. 2-3 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. What is the Abominable Snowman? Do the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot really exist? Are they dangerous? Come learn about these fantastical creatures from myth and legend from all over the world. Recommended for ages 6-12. Register online at www.lcpl.lib.va.us or phone 703-430-9500.

UNCLE HENRY. 2:30-5:30 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Visit the Nature Bus Museum, which contains displays and hands-on features from the marine world, geology, insects and wildlife. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Free, limited, tickets are available at the library starting half an hour before the program. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

BEACH JEWELRY MAKING. 2-4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Cascades. Make summer-sensational jewelry items out of shells and found objects. All supplies provided. Recommended for ages 12-18. Register online at www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

LEGO ROBOTICS. 6-8 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Construct a robot out of Legos then learn how to program it to perform simple tasks. Recommended for ages 12-18. Register online at www.lcpl.lib.va.us or phone the library.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

JAZZ ON THE POTOMAC. 5:30-10 p.m., Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodbridge Parkway, Lansdowne. Features The Rob Maletick Group. Enjoy summer foods prepared by the culinary team. Call 703-729-8400 or visit http://www.lansdowneresort.com.

OPEN SKATE NIGHT. 5-7 p.m., Douglass Community Center hockey rink, 405 E. Market St., Leesburg. Bring skates or Rollerblades for a night of skating on the huge outdoor rink. Pay at rink. Call 703-771-5913. Cost: \$1.

DAZZLING DINOSAURS. 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Learn some amazing dinosaur facts and read some fun dinosaur stories. Finish up with a dinosaur craft and treat. Recommended for ages 3-8. Register online at http://library.loudoun.gov or phone 703-737-8105.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28



LOUDOUN SUMMER MUSIC FEST. Sunday, June 29, 5 p.m., Belmont Country Club, 19661 Belmont Manor Lane, Ashburn. Keller Williams will perform with Yonder Mountain String Band. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 703-327-9096 or visit http://www.liveatbelmont.com.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL. 12-2 p.m., Heritage Farm Museum, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Celebrate "dairy month" with an ice cream social. The court of the Virginia Dairy Princess Program will be on hand to serve ice cream and answer questions. Free with paid museum ticket. The first 100 participants will receive a complementary tiara. Preregistration required, call 571-258-3800.

ACOUSTIC ON THE GREEN. 7-9, Leesburg Town Green. Performance features Lighthouse. Free, visit www.acousticonthegreen.com.

LOUDOUN SUMMER MUSIC FEST. 5 p.m., Belmont Country Club, 19661 Belmont Manor Lane, Ashburn. REO Speedwagon with Shane Hines & The Trance will perform. Cost: \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 703-327-9096 or visit http://www.liveatbelmont.com.

PIANO XPRESS. 1-3 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Piano instruction at an introductory level. Ages 7-11. Register online at www.lcpl.lib.va.us or phone 703-444-3228.

WORLD WAR I LIVING HISTORY. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Features re-enactments of Gov. and Mrs. Westmoreland Davis, as well as local citizens, discussing life on the home front and their contributions to the war effort. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Visit http://www.morvenpark.org. Call 703-777-6034.

DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES.

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Bles Park, Ashburn. Registration required. Join Andy Rabin and Kevin Munroe on a free, fun and informative day of "dragon-hunting" visiting some of the dragonfly and damselfly habitats. Learn how to catch, handle, identify and release these insects. Adults and interested children are welcome. Begins at Bles Park in Ashburn and then on to one or two other sites in the county. To register and for questions e-mail Andy Rabin at stylurus@gmail.com or call 703-723-6926.

BIRDING THE BLUE RIDGE CENTER. 8 a.m., Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, Harpers Ferry Road, Route. 671, in northwestern Loudoun County. Free bird walk at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship. Meet at the Neersville Volunteer Fire Station on Route 671 at 8 a.m. Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org.

MR. KNICK KNACK. 11 a.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. An energetic, family concert with Mr. Knick Knack. Recommended for all ages. Free, tickets are available at the library starting half an hour before the program. Visit http://library.loudoun.gov.

RODEO. 7-9:30 p.m., Chapel View Farm, 14290 Chapel Lane, Leesburg. All ages. An evening of old-fashioned family fun with bull riding, barrel racing, children's activities, live entertainment and more. Sponsored by Lucketts Community Center Advisory Board. Call 703-431-9578. Advance tickets \$12, gate admission \$15. Free for children 6 and under.

4-MILER. 6:30 p.m., Gold's Gym Ashburn, 20099 Ashbrook Place, Ashburn. The third annual Potomac River Running Twilight Festival 4-Miler features live music, post-race food and beverages and activities for the children, awards, ChampionChip timing, five-year age groups and a T-shirt guaranteed to every preregistered participant. Cost: \$25 preregistration for the 4-Miler, \$30 race day, \$15 1-Mile Family Fun Run. Call 703-729-0133 or visit http://www.potomacriverrunning.com/details.asp?p=events_twilight_festival.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

BLUEMONT CONCERT. 7 p.m., lawn of the Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg. Features Martinsburg Jazz Orchestra. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on and a picnic to enjoy before the show. Cost: \$5 per person, \$4 for Bluemont Friends and seniors, \$2 for children 12 and under; proceeds go to support Bluemont's year-round Artist-In-Education program in area schools.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS ANIMAL SHOW. 11 a.m., Loudoun County Extension Office Program Room, 30B Catocin Circle, Leesburg; 2:30 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls and 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. See live animals in the library and learn about the adaptations they use to survive in the wild. Recommended for all ages. Free tickets available at the library, starting half an hour before the performance. Visit http://library.loudoun.gov.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

MURDER AT THE LIBRARY. 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. A role-playing game to deduce the murderer by eliminating the other players using strategy and teamwork. Recommended for ages 12-18. Register online at http://library.loudoun.gov.

THE FOURTH



Here are a few of the places around Loudoun County to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Saturday, **June 28, Liberty Festival,** 5-9:30 p.m., Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Enjoy music, children's activities and fireworks. Free.

The Sterling Golf, Swim and Tennis Club will be hosting the 3rd Annual **Independence Day Celebration** Thursday, **July 3,** from 4-10 p.m. The club will be offering food and beverages until 9 p.m., free swimming from 4-8 p.m., entertainment from 6-9 p.m. and a fireworks display around 9:15 p.m. Parking on site, visit www.SterlingGolfClub.com for location and sponsorship information.

Leesburg's Fourth of July celebration, Friday, **July 4,** begins with a hometown parade, beginning at Ida

Lee Park, 60 Ida Lee Drive, Leesburg, and traveling down King Street through the historic district to Catocin Circle. The event continues with a "Celebration in the Park" at Ida Lee with food vendors and live music. The grand finale will be a fireworks display over the park at 9:30 p.m. Parade begins at 10 a.m.; Celebration in the Park gates open at 6 p.m., live music begins at 7 p.m., fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Call 703-777-1368 or visit www.idalee.org.

Ol' Time Fourth of July Celebration, Friday, **July 4,** at Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages. Celebrate an old-fashioned Fourth of July with pony and wagon rides, music, crafts, Reptiles Alive, nature exhibits and historic tours, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Play old-time and family-participation games. Use the Loudoun Park Lane entrance. Pay at door. A \$5 per family suggested donation.

HOBBY



Loudoun Amateur Radio Week

The Loudoun Amateur Radio Group (LARG) is gearing up to celebrate Loudoun Amateur Radio Week, which has been declared by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors as an annual observance for the third week of June. In addition to Amateur Radio Week, the group will participate in an annual national emergency preparedness exercise called "Field Day," June 28 and 29. LARG will hold this year's Field Day at Banshee Reeks Park, south of Leesburg, and will be operating from 2 p.m., Saturday, June 28 until 2 p.m., Sunday, June 29. The public is invited to visit the Field Day site at 14282 Rehoboth Church Road, Lovettsville, Saturday between 2:30-4 p.m. and Sunday between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. During Field Day, operators and Amateur Radio Clubs across the country set up in local parks, at shopping malls or even in their own backyards and get on the air-using generators or battery power. Visit www.helloradio.org.

CLASS OF 2008

Going to School Every Day

FROM PAGE 3

years of high school, he had not been absent since his first day at Sully Elementary School.

"It was a good moment. Everyone was cheering for me. The cheerleaders wrote all over my car," Alam, who graduated June 17, said.

WAYDE BYARD, spokesman for Loudoun County Public Schools, said Alam's feat is rare.

"We only have two to three a year who do it," Byard said. "It's quite a trick."

Byard said the school system keeps close track of attendance, since some forms of state and federal funding require school systems to provide attendance numbers. Each year the database numbers are reviewed and something like perfect attendance gets noticed, Byard said.

To celebrate, Alam's family arranged a surprise party at a local restaurant last Saturday that included his elementary school principal.

"He was our first child and we wanted to set an example for our other children," said

dad, Syed Akhtar Alam, of encouraging their son to try for perfect attendance.

The family even created a scholarship at Sully for fifth-graders who earn perfect attendance. The scholarship has since been discontinued.

ADNAN ALAM credits his parents with his being able to achieve his feat.

"My parents were the ones pushing me the whole time," the Belmont Glen resident said. "I probably wouldn't have done it if it wasn't for them."

It also took a little luck. Adnan Alam suffered bronchitis, strep throat and other childhood illness, but always seemed to contract them during winter or summer break. If he did feel a little under the weather during the school year, he would go to school long enough to receive credit for being present then head to the health clinic to be sent

home.

"It just seemed normal to go to school," he said.

For his accomplishment, Adnan Alam received a framed certificate.

But now that he is heading off to Virginia Tech, his streak will most likely come to an

end.

"I'll try, but it's college," he said.

HE PLANS to study engineering at Tech with a goal of a career in the music industry. Besides an interest in sound engineering, Adnan Alam has played guitar since middle school.

Despite his interest in music, he does not belong to a band, he said, because it's hard to find people who are dependable and who share his musical tastes.

"I like to mix genres. For example, I combine Pakistani music with Metallica," he said.

This summer, he hopes to be able to perform at an annual Pakistani festival in Maryland. Since it is the only one of its kind in the area, the August festival is televised around the world. He describes the festival as being similar to Independence Day on the Mall.

Regardless of whether he gets to perform or not, Adnan Alam wants to concentrate on his degree before testing the musical waters, he said, most likely in Chicago.

"I want to get an education first then go head first into music," Adnan Alam said, "And if that doesn't work, I have an engineering degree."

In school, besides maintaining his atten-



Adnan Alam

dance record, Adnan Alam also played lacrosse, was a member of the Spanish Club and National Honor Society and is active with the All Dulles Area Muslim Society.

For now, Adnan Alam plans to take it fairly easy this summer. His only plans are to work. He works the 10 p.m.-7 a.m. shift at Harris Teeter grocery store, he said, just to see if he could do it.

"I want to take it easy after 12 years," Adnan Alam said.

"It's quite a trick."

— **Wayde Byard, LCPS, spokesman**

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Day of the Week, Date and Time:

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Address of the Place Event Will Be Held:

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Andrew McNight, singer, song-writer, guitarist and poet, will lead the service at the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling Sunday, June 29, at the 10:30 a.m. service. UUS meets every Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center at 22135 Davis Drive. Call 703-406-3068 or visit uusterling.org.

Gateway Community Church's "Celebrate Recovery" is meeting at Arcola Community Center located at 24328 Goshen Road. Celebrate Recovery is a biblically based 12-step program

for addressing addiction, co-dependency, anger and other self-destructive behaviors. It meets every Tuesday night from 7 - 9 p.m. E-mail cr@www.gatewaychurch.org or call 703-327-2700.

Riverside Presbyterian Church's Kenya Café will be open, from 9:15-10:30 a.m., Sundays, at Potomac Falls High School. It offers a friendly, comfortable spot to grab a cup of coffee, chat with others or just relax and read the paper while the children are in small group. The café is also designed to raise awareness of Riverside's partnerships in Kenya and other parts of the world.

Feel free to join the church for worship at 10:35 a.m. Contact 703-444-3528 or www.riversidechurch.com.

The Shepherd's Table is organized by Loudoun Church Alliance in association with Prison Fellowship at Lansdowne, local churches and faith-

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Congregation Sha'are Shalom is offering preschoolers the opportunity to receive a Jewish education in a developmentally appropriate early childhood setting.

The Rosie Uran Jewish Education Center is now registering students for the 2008-2009 school year. Information is available at the synagogue Web site: http://www.sha-areshalom.org/edu_rujec.php. Participatory visits by parents and prospective students are welcome. Call 703-737-0686 to speak with Sheri Brown, director.



Loudoun County Transit received the Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Award from the Virginia Transit Association May 20 at a ceremony in Crystal City. From left, Ron Price, Gam Printers; Nancy Gourley and Sharon Affinito, Office of Transportation Services and Michael Socha, Virginia Regional Transit.

VTA Receives Award

Loudoun County Transit has received the Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Award from the Virginia Transit Association for its efforts to publicize the Loudoun County bus services and schedules guide, which was extensively updated last year. The new guide, published in November 2007, was a joint effort by the Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services and Virginia Regional Transit.

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Certification Council (UPPCC).

On Wednesday, May 7, Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Sean Morgan was recognized by the Virginia State Police Insurance Fraud Program (ISP) for his efforts in this field. Morgan was instrumental in raising the awareness level among Virginia prosecutors by assisting in the development of an educational program and serving as a panel member during a recent training where over 700 Virginia prosecutors attended.

The Piedmont Arts Foundation named seven students as recipients of the 2008 Piedmont Arts Foundation Drama Award. Receiving an unre-

stricted grant is: Brigitte Thieme-Burdette of Dominion High School, Paul Burgess of Briar Woods High School, Sarah Klenk of Stone Bridge High School, Caitlin Carbone of Potomac Falls High School, Alexander Testere of Broad Run High School, Alex Beard of Potomac Falls High School, Kelly O'Grady of Potomac Falls High School.

Air Force Airman Ryan Foster has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Eric and Nancy Foster of Churchill Downs Drive, Ashburn. Foster is a 2005 graduate of Bethel High School, Hampton.

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42956 CHANCERY TER	3	3	1		ASHBURN	\$477,000	Townhouse	0.12	05/15/08
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2008 Senior Send-Off

As this year's class of graduating seniors prepare for the next phase of their lives, the Connection Newspapers would like to take one more look at the student-athletes that made a difference, on and off the field, during their four years of high school. Honorees were chosen for a variety of reasons – whether to highlight the top athletes in our area one last time, to shine light on an athlete who may have been overlooked during their time in school, to praise those whose success on the field was matched by their success in the classroom, or just to tell a story that needs to be told.

Special thanks to Robbie Hammer, Craig Sterbutzel, John C. Marcario, Nicolas A. LaMont, Michael Garcia, Andrew Dodson, Greg Rosenstein, John Smith and the entire production staff at the Connection Newspapers.

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The Spartans' Steady Soccer Force

Senior Kelly Smith is a key contributor to Broad Run's state AA girls' soccer title run.

BY RICH SANDERS
 THE CONNECTION

On a championship team made up of mostly underclassmen, Broad Run High girls' soccer player and senior Kelly Smith brought leadership, a solid work ethic and quality play to the Spartans' team.

So many key parts made up Broad Run's incredible, unbeaten state AA championship run this past spring. The team had extremely skilled players at all positions, and outstanding depth as well.

In Smith, one of two seniors on the squad (the other being Carina Chavez), the Spartans had a count-on, outside midfielder player who let her steady play do the talking. She finished the season with 10 goals and six assists for the 24-0 Broad Run team. She scored one of her team's goals in its 4-1 state semifinals victory over Hidden Valley of Roanoke on June 6 at Radford University. That score gave Broad Run a 3-1 lead with just under 13 minutes remaining in the contest.

The Spartans won the game and ulti-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Broad Run's Kelly Smith makes her move with the ball at last month's state AA playoffs at Radford University.

mately garnered the state crown the following afternoon by defeating Courtland High, 1-0.

Smith, a team tri-captain for the Spartans during the spring season, said Broad Run experienced its vast success partly as a result of its team cohesiveness.

"I think it's our team chemistry," she said. "We really have grown together. Our goal was to go all the way."

SMITH, who just recently graduated with her senior classmates, was a four-year varsity starter for Broad Run. Coach Claire Collins loved Smith's on-field demeanor during games and her focus on being a qual-

ity player and leader.

"She's a quiet leader who leads by her skills," said Collins, of the steady Smith. "She's a great kid and comes from a great family. She's a talented player."

"We really have grown together. Our goal was to go all the way."

—Broad Run Girls' soccer Player Kelly Smith

Smith's speed and powerful kicks were two of her best physical skills as a player.

"She can shoot the ball from far outside," said Collins. "Her kicks are so powerful."

She also has a nose for the ball and the goal. On her state semis score, she broke free off the right side and saw her initial shot attempt thwarted. But she pounced on the loose ball and knocked it into the net for the goal that pretty much iced the contest.

Fittingly, Broad Run's other senior, Chavez, scored the game's final goal late in that contest to account for the 4-1 final.

SHE HAS ALWAYS loved playing the sport. At age 12, Smith played within the Sterling Youth Association league. In more recent years, she has been a member of the Net Force U17 and McLean Premier U18 travel teams.

"I love the adrenaline you get from playing on a team and wanting to win," said Smith, who will be attend

Ashburn Connection Athlete of the Week

June 26 Through July 2

Broad Run girls' soccer seniors Carina Chavez, left, and Kelly Smith were the lone 12th graders on the Spartans' state title team. Both scored goals at the state tournament.



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SPORTS

Briar Woods High's Center of Attention

Falcons' football center John Maghamez is a cornerstone player for coach Charlie Pierce's program.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

As a youngster, John Maghamez was a loyal Virginia Cavaliers fan. He loved rooting on the UVA football, basketball and other athletic teams that represented the dark blue and orange of Charlottesville.

Now, as a recent Briar Woods High School graduate, Maghamez is about to live one of his childhood dreams. Maghamez, who started at center position the past three years for the Falcons' football team, is going to have a chance to play the sport at Virginia this upcoming fall.

"I called up and committed to [UVA]. I said to them I wanted to be a Cavalier."

— Briar Woods Graduate
John Maghamez

Maghamez, who is 6-foot 3 inches, 285 pounds, will be a part of this year's Cavaliers' football program as a preferred walk-on. He will be red-shirted this fall, meaning he will not play in any games in the 2008 season, in order to get acclimated to both the university's academic life and the demands of preparing himself physically and mentally for the rigors of a four-year college football career within the ACC.

Briar Woods head football coach Charlie Pierce contacted the UVA foot-



John Maghamez (75) carries the team banner high prior to one of Briar Woods' football games last season.

ball program during Maghamez' senior year of high school to let them know he had an unheralded player who could potentially help the Cavaliers on the gridiron. Pierce, who over the years has conducted summer football camps on the UVA campus, has a familiarity with the UVA staff and encouraged them to take a hard look at Maghamez. They did and eventually offered him the opportunity to play on the team as a non-scholarship player.

Maghamez, earlier in his search for a school, had looked at the potential of attending and playing football at colleges as Davidson University (N.C.), Columbia University (N.Y.) and William & Mary. One day, Pierce said to him, "You've always loved

UVA, let's give it a shot."

That started the ball rolling for Maghamez to apply to Virginia and to test the waters for him to be a part of the football team. Ultimately, when it was understood that Maghamez was being offered a chance to do just that, he did not hesitate to give his consent. So, in late March, he contacted UVA to let them know of his decision.

"I called up and committed to the team," he said. "I said to them I wanted to be a Cavalier."

Maghamez, who as a senior became the first Briar Woods' athlete to ever earn First Team All-State honors, understands he will have to work hard at the sport over his upcoming red short season and throughout his

collegiate career.

"I know I have my work cut out for me," said Maghamez. "It won't be easy. I've been working out six days a week, I have the mindset of an underdog."

Maghamez said he will continue to play center in college. Coach Pierce, who played the same position during his collegiate days, said Maghamez will need to continue working on his strength among other things.

"He needs to get a lot stronger and quicker," said Pierce. "He's already got the heart and determination [to excel] in place. He's always wanted to go to UVA."

AT BRIAR WOODS, Maghamez was one of the program's building block players, along with QB Alex Munro, over its initial years of existence.

The Brambleton area school opened just three years ago. The football team played a JV schedule over its first year of existence in the fall of 2005 before playing a varsity schedule within the tough Dulles District each of the past two seasons. Amazingly, the Falcons have put together consecutive winning seasons and even made the Region II playoffs for the first time last fall.

Maghamez, as the team's center game-in and game-out over the last three years, has been a huge part of the Falcons' success. He led an offensive line that allowed just nine sacks over all of last season.

"You couldn't ask for a better lineman to anchor the line," said Pierce, in an interview last November. "He makes the calls for the blocks. I was a center in college and know what it takes."

More recently, Pierce reflected on what Maghamez brought to the Falcons' football program.

"John was accountable [for the line calls] and a leader on the field and in the school," said the coach. "He always blocked through the whistle and wanted to dominate [his opponent] until the whistle blew."

Maghamez struggled through some shoulder problems during his senior season, but managed to continue playing at a high level.

"He played through it," said Pierce. "People recognized him as being the best center in the district."

The two-year Briar Woods captain earned First Team All-District, All-Region and All-State accolades as a 12th grader. His picture is displayed in the school's athletic trophy showcase as a result of his First Team All-State selection.

He said the football team was determined to be a winner right from the time the school's doors opened.

"From day one, we always had the mindset we were going to take the program far," said Maghamez, of the determination of both players and coaches over the last three years. "When it really happened, it was amazing to think that a second year varsity team could go that far."

Along with his football prowess, Pierce has been a stellar student in the classroom where he carried a 4.0 GPA, made the Na

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Smith Is Team Tri-Captain for State Champs

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ing Old Dominion University this upcoming school year.

Smith plans on studying graphic design in college. At Broad Run, she was a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She split her time in school buildings between Broad Run and the Monroe Technology Center in Leesburg.

"I made friends at both schools," she said, with a smile.

The future certainly looks awfully bright for the quiet leader who helped lead Broad Run soccer to greatness.

Smith, No. 14, will be attending Old Dominion University this upcoming school year.



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SPORTS

Kevin Elliott: Man for All Sports Seasons

Stone Bridge's Kevin Elliott is part of three sports teams in his lone year at the Ashburn school.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Kevin Elliott has seen both the good times and the bad times as a high school athlete over the past four years.

Elliott, a three-sport athlete who spent his first three years of high school at Herndon High before transferring to Stone Bridge High for his senior year, has dealt with injury setbacks and losing seasons. He has also experienced the ultimate success in high school sports as a member of Stone Bridge's state AAA championship football team.

He elected to come to Stone Bridge for his 12th grade year partly because he wished to be a part of head coach Mickey Thompson's highly successful Bulldogs' football program. Kevin's dad had been a member of Thompson's coaching staff when he was at the helm of the Park View High football team several years earlier. And more recently, his father had also been a part of Thompson's Stone Bridge staff as well.

So Kevin, through his dad, had some background with coach Thompson and understood the high caliber of program he would be a part of in becoming a Bulldog.

And what a ride it turned out to be for Elliott, who was part of a Stone Bridge football team last fall that won Liberty District, Northern Region and state titles. Elliott started at a cornerback position for the state champs.

"The team was great and it was a great experience going 14-1 and winning a state championship," said Elliott, a Second Team All-District selection.

Kevin said the Bulldogs were not faint of heart.

"We always came out [for games] thinking we would [win decisively] over everybody," he said. "We had the mentality we'd beat every team every Friday night. But we definitely still respected the opposition."

Coach Thompson would have it no other way. He always has encouraged his players to respect the opposing team, no matter what the talent level across the ball might be.

Elliott said the football fever surrounding the Bulldogs' as they went into the postseason was at an incredible level.

"We had so many people coming to our games," said Elliott, of a Stone Bridge team that defeated Edison for the Div. 5 region



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Kevin Elliott (9) started at a cornerback position for the State AAA champion Bulldogs last fall.

crown and Potomac High for the state title. "The atmosphere was fantastic."

Elliott loved the team camaraderie he had with his Bulldog teammates. He had known coach Thompson's sons — starting Bulldog quarterback Patrick, a senior, and defensive end Zach, a junior— while growing up. So knowing those two helped him to feel more at ease when he first joined the team.

"They kind of showed me the ropes," he said. "Getting to know [my teammates] was great. And winning the state championship was awesome."

THROUGHOUT his high school athletic career, Elliott played three sports — football, basketball and lacrosse. The first time he ever played football was his freshmen year at Herndon. By his sophomore year, Elliott was the Hornets' starting JV quarterback and a starting linebacker as well. The following year, as a junior, Elliott played varsity where he was utilized as a special team's player.

As a basketball player at Herndon, Elliott was part of a program under longtime, successful head coach Gary Hall, one of the top hoops coaches in Northern Region history. Elliott played a shooting guard position for the Hornets as a junior.

"Playing for coach Hall was awesome," said Elliott. "He's a great coach. He always stressed working hard. Practices were always very intense. We were always ready to play."

And as a Herndon lacrosse player in the spring, Elliott saw his first varsity playing time late in his sophomore season before spending his junior year playing for the Herndon varsity as a midfielder.

When he transferred to Stone Bridge, Elliott continued to be a three-sport guy. Following the marvelous football season last fall, he played shooting guard for coach Sonny Green's Bulldogs' basketball team.

Stone Bridge did not win a lot in hoops last winter, but Stone Bridge always played hard.

"We were in a lot of the games," said Elliott. "It didn't go the way we hoped it would, but we were close [to being good]."

Late in the basketball season, Elliott suffered a stress fracture foot injury.

By the spring lacrosse season, he was still mending from the injury and had to sit out the first few games. He enjoyed his season playing lacrosse under Stone Bridge coach Scott Mitchell.

"At practice, we brought it every day," said Elliott, of the team's sound approach to the game. "We were mostly a young team. Lacrosse is a sport that's building [at Stone Bridge]. It will start being real big. [In lax] there's the hand-eye coordination [aspect] and a lot of contact like in football."

Mitchell said Elliott made quite an impression in his one and only season with Stone Bridge lacrosse.

"The impact he had was pretty astonishing," said Mitchell. "He's just a good kid and a good athlete. He missed the first couple of weeks [due to the injury] but came to all the practices."

Mitchell utilized Elliott positionally wherever he was needed most to help the team.

"He played offense and defense and never complained," said Mitchell. "Whenever we had something we needed to fill, he'd do that for us as an offensive midfielder or defensive midfielder. He had a great attitude, and he's tough. Sometimes we needed a physical presence and he'd bring that. He wasn't afraid to take the ball to the goal."

ELLIOTT earned several honors throughout his high school athletic career. He garnered team sportsmanship awards three times (Herndon High freshman hoops, Herndon JV lacrosse and Stone Bridge hoops).

He also won a Mark McGinley Scholarship Award a few weeks ago, given to 10 area athletes who excelled in athletics and academics and who are headed to four-year colleges on partial athletic scholarships. The award is named after McGinley, a former Madison High athlete who died in New York City during the September 11 attacks in 2001. McGinley, as a student-athlete at Madison, epitomized the hard-working student-athlete who got the most out of his abilities.

Elliott was nominated for the award by coach Mitchell, among others.

"He best exemplifies what it means to be a student-athlete," said Mitchell.

Elliott, who graduated with his senior class on June 18, will be attending Concorde University in West Virginia this fall. There, he will be a member of the Div. 2 football program. Elliott is expecting to play free safety position.



Stone Bridge High graduate Kevin Elliott

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Falcons' Maghamez Headed for Virginia

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tional Honor Society and received an Academic of Excellence Award. He was Vice President of the Student Government Association as a senior and was sports editor of the school newspaper, The Falcon Flier. He hopes to one day work in the sports journalism field.

"He's well respected in school, very articulate and respectful to adults," said Pierce.

In July, Maghamez will play in the annual East-West All-Star Football showcase game in Hampton. He will be a member

of the East squad. The game is for graduated seniors.

Maghamez, who is a born again Christian and a member of McLean Bible Church, credits his faith with the success he has realized.

"I'm a strong Christian and have always given God all the credit," he said.

He is grateful for the support he has received from his coaches and his family, particularly parents Al and Michele.

"I want to thank coach Pierce for everything he's done for me," said Maghamez. "He's a class act. And I want to thank my parents."

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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Obviously I'm aware that prescription medications, new or used (or rather unused) are prescribed for a specific medical reason/patient and as such are hardly as donatable/usable as an unopened jar of mayonnaise or a canned good, as an example of some of the items collected for good will. But if condiment makers can create a blend of mustard and mayonnaise (dijonaise), certainly the pharmaceutical companies or the creative minds at the F.D.A. (Food and Drug Administration) can devise a system, a secondary-type market, where prescription medications bought and paid for by person "x" can somehow be recertified/requalified as a 100 percent reusable option for those less able to pay. I mean, we recycle trash, can't we find a way to recycle health and welfare products, too?

Granted, this task is fraught with danger and regulatory reflux but what greater good is there than to provide aid and comfort to your own citizens — and fellow countryman — at a time when more and more of them, it seems, need it (the aging of the population) and an increasing percentage of them can't afford it; medications that is, to ease their troubled minds and insufficient incomes? If, as a country/planet, we are becoming an ever-greening/carbon footprint-type populace, and we're motivated to "save the trees," as but one example of the hundreds of selfless acts of compassion witnessed on a daily basis, can't we at least attempt to save/conservate the beneficiaries of all these other "conservation" efforts, too, the actual people themselves? I mean, it's only human, to save the humans, even if corporate America is involved, right? Despite the fact that corporations are entities (things, not individuals), they are in fact made up of human beings who know full well the trials and tribulations of their fellow man. It's getting them to take care of it that's the problem. If we could somehow devise a system that would enable corporate America to turn the problem into a solution, and a profitable one at that, thousands, if not millions of their fellow citizens (perhaps even some of their fellow shareholders) could benefit. And what better story to market than one that advances the causes and minimizes the concerns of an entire generation (the Baby Boomers), a generation that will dominate, demographically speaking, for decades yet to come? Who among us doesn't have bottles of prescription medications, some unopened even, accumulating dust, and serving no particular — and current — purpose other than taking up space? Certainly there has to be a better and more useful end for these potentially life saving, and at the very least, life changing medications, than a flush.

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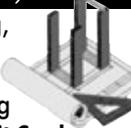
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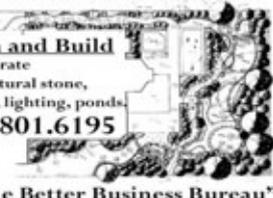
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Genene H. Debel-la, dated March 6, 2006, and recorded March 7, 2006, in Deed Book 18268 at page 1320 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

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the following property being the property contained in said Deed

of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 103, Section 3, Reflection Lake as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3401 at page 93, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2219 Gingell Place, Herndon, Virginia 20170.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.90 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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OBITUARY

Mary Luther Bowen, aged 68, passed away on Friday, June 13th. Mary will be remembered in our hearts as a loving and generous mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Mary always held a strong passion for travel (82 countries), learning, and her beloved country. She retired from the Federal Government after a variety of assignments including a stint at the US Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She will be buried with her best friend and husband, James Webster Bowen, at the National Arlington Cemetery. She is survived by her daughter, Renee Fulton, grandson James Fulton, and brother Larry Luther

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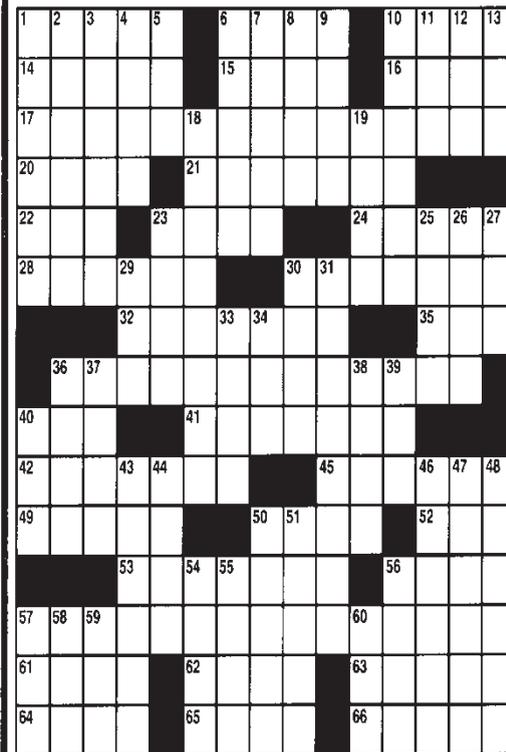
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- Fishhook's end
- Positive pole
- 70's-80's TV alien
- Theater award
- Place in the news, 3/28/79
- Genesis son
- Moderately slow, in music
- Drink in a mug
- Helen of —
- Shady retreat
- Examiner
- Shock
- Duracell competitor
- Bandleader Brown
- They're hard to walk on
- Mel's Diner waitress
- Baby's room
- Terriers and toy poodles, e.g.
- Marvelous, in slang

- Photographer Adams
- Air conditioner capacity, for short
- Scot's refusal
- Marsh plant
- Speaker's spot
- Offside setback
- Persia, now
- Clumsy dancer's obstacles
- Like a lot
- Not straight
- Not — eye in the house
- Legislative aides

- Lawyers' org.
- Tin Tin
- Retirement locale?
- Getting hitched
- Number on a baseball card
- Sign of weeping
- Torero's foe
- Smallest bills
- Country rtes.
- Robert Morse Tony-winning role
- Sounds of relief
- Amtrak posting

- Not digital
- d'
- Emphatic affirmative
- Justice Ruth — Ginsburg
- Slashed
- Socialite's "bye"
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- Prevaricate
- Wrath
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PEOPLE



Members of Cub Scouts Pack 1484 Den 11, Ashburn, Jacob Pritchard, Blake Barrus, Nicholas Gothard, Ben Hopper, Evan Schalow and Staci Barrus. Cub Scouts Pack 1484 Den 11 from Ashburn attended a driving tour of the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility to see how the landfill works and to learn more about waste reduction and recycling.

PEOPLE NOTES

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Elizabeth Lyon of Ashburn, a student in Virginia Tech's College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was presented with the Moody, Pratt, Minor scholarship, which is given to a rising senior who demonstrate academic achievement and professional accomplishment.

The Loudoun Literacy Council, a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to improving literacy for children and adults throughout Loudoun County, has moved into downtown Leesburg and hired a new executive director.

The new office is at 204 South King St., in the historic district of Leesburg. **Candace Olin Kroehl** became executive director in May 2008. She has many years of experience in education and

nonprofit organizations.

Twenty-six leaders recently graduated from the **Leadership Loudoun** program. During their class year, the graduates formed a network of diverse community leaders and gained a strengthened sense of personal and professional growth. The graduates are Carol Barbary, CH2MHILL; Tom Bowman, Toth Financial; Michael Cooper, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; Kim Crego, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority; Latasha Hall, Loudoun County Department of Family Services; Deena Lanham, Inova Loudoun Hospital; Tom Mallon, IBM; Jill McNabb, VeriSign; Marcos Montalvo, Reston Limousine; Charles Mumaw, Town of Leesburg Department of Engineering; Julie Pastor, Loudoun County Department of Planning; Steve Petrides, Rehau Inc.; Michael Pettit, Aerospace & Defense; Butch Porter, Goose Creek Financial; Roxane Remley, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Renton, Lighthouse Concepts; Milo Robinson, US Geological Survey; Lynn Rubin, LMR Consulting;

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Alex Chapple of Leesburg, a student in Virginia Tech's College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was presented with the Moody, Pratt, Minor scholarship, which is given to a rising senior who demonstrates academic achievement and professional accomplishment.

La Voz of Loudoun, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, announces the recruitment of a new executive director, **Yvette Castro-Green**, a Leesburg resident of eight years and founding member of La Voz. A first-generation Latina born to Central American parents, she holds a M.P.A. in international management and is the first in her family to attend college.

VOLUNTEERING

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The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors encourages residents to become actively involved in their county government.

There are currently vacancies for representatives from all of Loudoun County's election districts on the county and regional advisory boards, commissions and committees. For information about specific vacancies, contact Cindy Atkins, County Administration, 703-771-5034, or by e-mail at Cindy.Atkins@loudoun.gov.

Information about each board, committee and commission is available on the Loudoun County Government Web

site at www.loudoun.gov/advisory.

The Heritage Farm Museum located in Claude Moore Park in Sterling seeks volunteers to serve as program assistants and instructors programs in their new interactive exhibit hall. Ask about internships for college and graduate school students; paid positions also available for qualified applicants. Call curator Katie Jones at 571-258-3800.

Loudoun Volunteer Services is seeking volunteers to assist in emergencies. To register, visit www.loudoun.gov/volunteer and click on "Volunteer Reception Center Support Team." Contact Lisa Rose, 703-737-8424.

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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. announces the establishment of a new graduate chapter, **Phi Upsilon Zeta** in Loudoun County. Phi Upsilon Zeta is the first organization belonging to the National Pan-Hellenic Council to be chartered in Loudoun County. Visit www.zphib1920.org.

The **Loudoun County Young Democrats** held their first meeting to formalize the first, officially VAYD sanctioned Young Democrats organization in Loudoun County. During the meeting, the members adopted a new constitution, elected officers and discussed activities and events for the summer. The organizations first officers include Robert Latham, president; Marrett Ceo, vice president; Atticus Reaser, treasurer; Maddy Barnes, secretary; and Princess Mirabal, outreach chair.

The **Sterling Volunteer Fire Department** is offering children's birthday packages at the firehouse. All parties include a tour of the station and equipment. For more information visit www.SterlingFire.org and click on birthday parties.

The **Ruritan Club** in association with the Sai Long Martial Arts Academy will be offering free classes in Intuitive Response Training (IRT) to past victims of crime. This training is designed to teach the student how to effectively respond to a threat, recognizing a potential one and avoidance of such. This is a reality-based system of eight-weekly classes, which serves to re-empower a person who has been a victim of a crime. Contact: Sifu@sai-long.org with "Ruritan IRT" as the subject line for more specifics.

The **CountrySide Women's Club** announces its new officers for 2008-2009: Allyson Burns, president; Pam Lynn Tucker, first vice president; Anita Jones, second vice president; Sally Velt, treasurer and Betsy Meunier, secretary.

Adult book discussions occur every month at Ashburn, Cascades and Sterling Library. Each library has a different book to read each month. For a listing of books and how to join visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

Join the **NAACP Loudoun chapter** by visiting www.naacploudoun.org or visit the national site at <https://www.naacp.org/contribute/join.php>.

Contact the group by mail at, Loudoun Branch NAACP, P. O. Box 2439, Leesburg, VA 20177 or call 703-779-2990. All are welcome and needed.

NEWS

Church Mission

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has received grants for the past two years. Much of the remainder of the money comes from donations from church members.

Currently the Our Savior's Way Mission group has raised a more than \$2,400. They hope to raise much of the rest of the money through a car wash to be held at Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church parking lot, Saturday, June 28.

EVEN WITH THE immense amount of help flocking to the Biloxi area there is still so much to be done. Pfancuff said, "There is still a lot of work to be done there. The fact that so much work has already been done just shows the magnitude of the devastation in that area." Olsen agreed, "People have been working so hard to fix so much. It's amazing to see how much is left to be done. It's incredible to see how many baby steps need to be taken but also rewarding to see that you are a part of it." The group will leave July 6 and returns July 13.

Agreement

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suspected of being in the country illegally, which was a sticking point for Simpson initially. He feared that local jails would become overcrowded and that the county would spend too much money if the suspects were not picked up in a timely fashion.

Other local law enforcement agencies that have Memorandums of Agreement with ICE on 287(g) include Prince William, Shenandoah and Rockingham counties and Town of Herndon.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

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The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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