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Dominion seniors make their way to the football field for the Class of 2008 Graduation Commencement, June 20, for the school's 293 seniors.



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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.

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# Rooftop Campout

**Principal, directors of guidance and athletics keep bargain, spend night on school's roof.**

The night before Dominion High School's graduation, while the seniors were preparing for the next morning's ceremony, the school's principal, guidance director and athletic director were making themselves at home on the roof of the school.

Principal John Brewer had struck a deal with the senior class that he would spend the night on the roof if everyone in the class applied for something, such as college, trade school or the military, by the end of the year. His fate was sealed on June 11, when Andre King applied for the Disney Career Start Program. King was the final student to submit an application.

Guidance director Kevin Terry had to accompany Brewer on the roof because he had come up with the deal. "This was all Terry's



**From left, guidance director Kevin Terry, Principal John Brewer and athletic director Joe Fleming sit on their rooftop campsite over the entrance to the school.**

PHOTO BY MIKE DiCICCO/THE CONNECTION

idea," said Brewer. "I just said, 'Whatever, Terry. That's 287 kids. It's not going to happen.'"

"In my contract, it says, 'Other duties as assigned by the principal,'" said athletic director Joe Fleming.

"A lot of kids wanted to see him on the roof," said Terry.

— MIKE DiCICCO

## Duncan Does It All

**Field cleats or stage shoes, they both fit his playbill.**

By ANDREA ZENTZ  
THE CONNECTION

**H**e can do it all — sing a beautiful solo, play a leading role in a drama production, do impressions of Shawn Connery and Dr. Phil, and ... knock down a 250-pound football player on the 50-yard line.

Robbie Duncan, Class of 2008, will be remembered as a standout at Park View

High School as much for his versatility as his sense of responsibility and compassion for others. And then again, Duncan's wit will probably play large among his peers and football coach, Andy Hill.

"They say I look like him," Duncan said, referring to his coach. "I started doing his voice and it sounded just like him."

Hill had to agree. "He makes fun of me all of the

time. He can put my sunglasses on and pretend to give my speeches and do my mannerisms," the coach said. "It's pretty funny."

The two are close in size and hair coloring. They both have blondish brown hair while Duncan, at 6 feet 4 inches, is an inch taller.

Duncan also entertains his peers with lines from popular movies and imitations of Austin Powers, Sylvester Stallone, Peter Griffin and others.

**FOOTBALL IS A** major part of Duncan's life. He and his dad, the Rev. Randy Duncan, and his younger brother, Ryan, keep ESPN and NFL networks on all of the time. "We like to watch our sports."

Ryan, 13, has set his sights on becoming an NFL quarterback, but his older brother is postponing a career decision. Sports broadcasting and teaching physical education are options, Duncan said. "And NFL, well that's a long shot. But it's a possibility. You never know."

The Park View Patriots made the playoffs during the past three seasons. They were district champions during Duncan's sophomore and junior years. He lettered varsity in his freshman year,

**"It's fun, as long as it isn't weird-type dancing, ballet or something."**

— Robbie Duncan, Park View High School, Class of 2008

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## County Enters Program

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

**T**he 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 suspected of being in the country illegally, which was a sticking point for Simpson initially.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

## 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](http://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.

**T**he 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.

"A small majority still purchases fireworks illegally from other states and brings them across the border, but they are flat-out breaking the law," Brower said.

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

### COMMUNITY NOTES

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**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

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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](http://www.loudoun.gov/default.aspx?tabid=810) and click on the link for 2008 Approved Consumer Fireworks.

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.

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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.

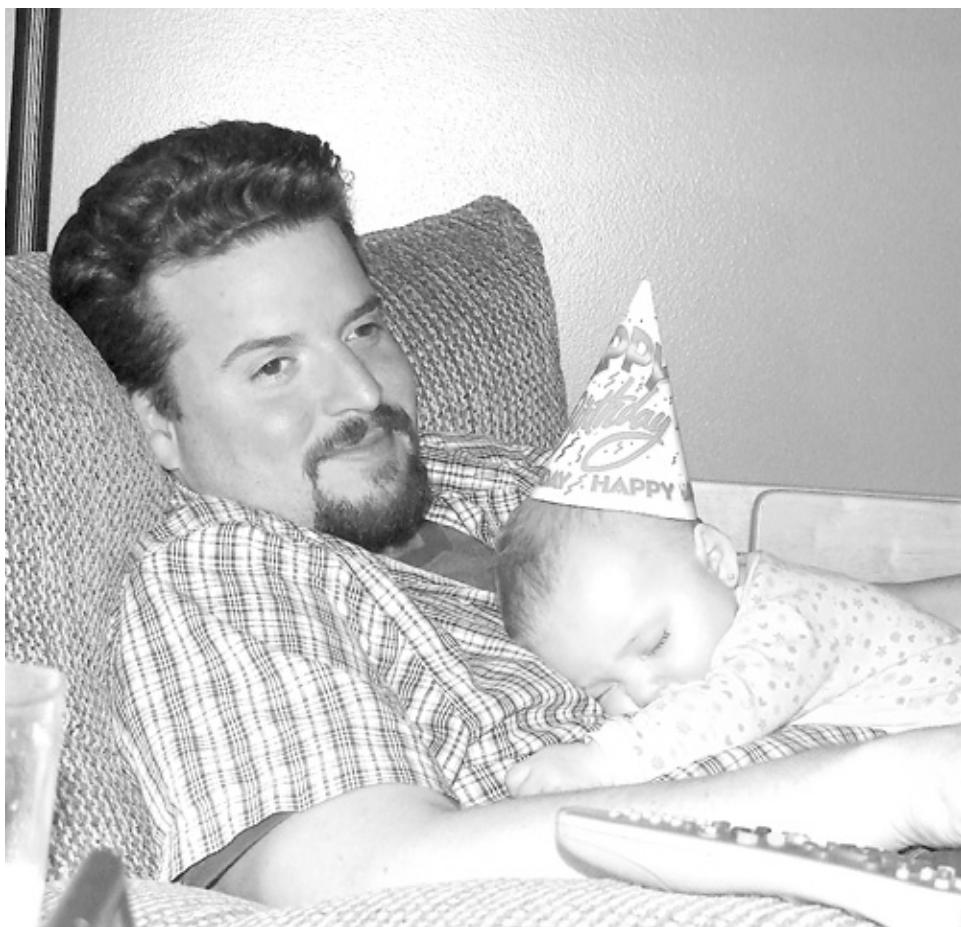
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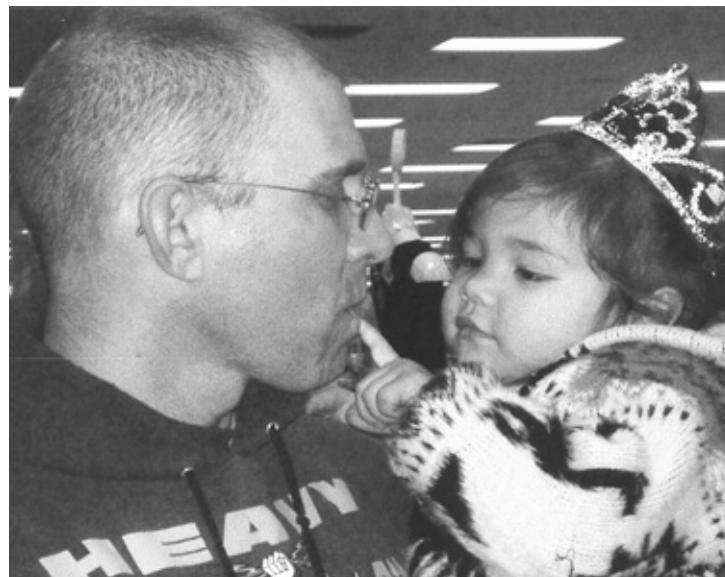
The 2008 edition of the Loudoun County **"Guide to Services"** is now available. The guide is a comprehensive handbook of information about services provided by the county government, as well as services provided by other governmental and nongovernmental agencies. Copies of the guide are available at 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](mailto:pivs@loudoun.gov) or 703-777-0113.

## ME & MY DAD

Each year, the Loudoun Connection invites readers to submit photographs for this gallery of dads and their children for Father's Day.



Submitted by the Monroe family of Cascades: Kaylee, 8 months, "celebrating" her father, Robie's, birthday.



Mark Wilson of Potomac Falls and his daughter, Rebecca Wilson, 4, at a family reunion in Pennsylvania, June 16, 2007.



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# Titans Overcome Adversity to Graduate

Dominion High School celebrates graduation with outdoor ceremony.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**D**ominion High School Principal John Brewer called the "Class of '08 the Great," this year's graduating seniors, "the most prolific group of people who have overcome challenges and obstacles I've met in my life."

During his address at the school's graduation, held Friday morning on the football field, Brewer named some of the class' remarkable members. He noted that the class contained such examples of academic excellence as National Merit scholar Andrew Livingstone, regional science fair winner Erica Gouse, and Ian Saeger and Justin Cook, who earned perfect SAT scores. Among the class leaders he named were Imra Jauhar, who had a paper published in the Oxford Journal; Tony Hasper, voted the soccer team's most valuable player; and Robbie Carmack, a relatively new student who Brewer originally thought "had a chip on his shoulder" but now regarded as "the kindest, most smiling young man."

Brewer also noted that, when it came to service, Allie Reed had worked to help injured veterans, while Livingstone and Shabnam Rahimi founded the school's Athlete to Athlete program, which brings together Dominion athletes and athletes with special needs.

**HE SAID HE** thought the students' successes resulted from having faced many challenges in life, and he noted that, during the class's four years together, at least 12 students had lost close family members. "I want you to know you have made your loved ones proud," Brewer said. "They would be so proud of you today."

One of those students was Rhina Montoya, recipient of the new Titan Triumph award. In the last four years, she had lost four family members. "I never expected to graduate with so much going on," Montoya said. She recalled reading "Don Quixote" for class and how she had realized that the windmills Quixote fought represented problems like poverty, bad grades and lost family members. "As we go on to pursue our dreams, let us be a little bit like Don Quixote — determined to win and achieve our goals, even if they seem a little crazy to those around us," she concluded.

In her senior address, Clara Everhart compared the her class' education to shopping in a grocery store, picking up cans of English and finding life's lessons in the produce section. Her own cart, she said, was "stocked with English and just enough algebra to keep me from getting scurvy." However, said Everhart, the graduates would not



**Following the presentation of the last diploma to the 293 graduates of Dominion High School, Jessica Atkins, Kirstin Baker and Eloise Banting celebrate with the rest of their classmates.**

pay for their goods until sometime in the future. "Now, all we have to do is take our receipt — our diploma."

Livingstone, the valedictorian, said the class' achievements "do not disappear upon receiving our diplomas this morning," but rather lived on in the graduates' potential to continue to succeed. He called the class "one of the most spirited groups of individuals I have ever seen," noting that pep rallies had even inspired crowd surfing and he told his classmates to hold onto that enthusiasm. "Never hold back when attacking a challenge," Livingstone instructed.

**IN KEEPING** with the young school's tradition, the keynote speech was given by a faculty member, departing history and government teacher Michael Bukva.

Bukva remarked that most Loudoun graduates heard speeches from all manner of celebrities and distinguished individuals. While he might not be famous, he said, he was sure some members of the class would be, and he urged those who became billionaires to remember their favorite teacher.

He left the class with six pieces of advice: "If you can't be on time, be early," he said. "Being late will get you nowhere but the unemployment line." He urged them to simultaneously pay attention to detail and do quality work. "Take your time and hurry up," Bukva said. He reminded them that if they wanted to get somewhere, they needed to remember where they had been and know where they were and where they wanted to be.

"You've got to find your passion. You've got to find what you love," he continued, saying satisfying work, not the number of zeros in one's salary, is "the true pursuit of happiness." He told his former students



**Friends and family members cheer for their graduates of Dominion High School June 20.**



**Dominion seniors make their way to the football field.**

never to settle for mediocrity. "You must strive for perfection, which you can never achieve." Finally, he said, "Remember those who helped you along the way. Forget those who don't and thank those who do."

"I look out and I see Ben Dickerson fall-

ing asleep," said Bukva before leaving the podium. "Another sign of a great lesson."

Other years, the school has given two faculty scholarships, but this year's class got three. The scholarships went to Adriana Santamaria, Laurence Benson and Alyssa Edgerton.

## HEALTH

# Program Brings Drug Savings

Program saves Loudoun residents 22 percent on each script.

By JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

The high cost of prescription drugs has driven people to cross borders, order shady Internet scripts or simply stop taking their medication. Finally, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Board of Supervisors Chairman

"I think it'll be good for anyone who could use a little help paying for meds. We are fortunate."

— Jennifer Montgomery,  
Loudoun Free Clinic, director

Scott York announced June 10 that Loudoun County became the latest member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to enroll in

Caremark Rx Inc.'s Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. The program, designed to save NACo members money on medications, has already saved cardholders more than \$95 million nationwide and Loudoun residents can enjoy the savings now as well.

"We were looking for a way to add a very meaningful benefit for our members," Jim Philipps, NACo, media relations manager, said. "It is easily our most successful member program; it could not be easier to use."

**THROUGH THIS PROGRAM**, residents can obtain a card that when presented at a pharmacy automatically provides a discount on any prescription. Everyone within the county is eligible for the program regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. The average savings when using the card is approximately 22 percent, said Philipps.

Starting as a 17-county pilot in May 2005, the program has expanded rapidly as 1,022 of NACo's 2,300 member counties are participating

with Loudoun being the most recent to join the fray and its residents already seeing returns.

The Loudoun County Free Clinic, which

provides health services to uninsured, low-income individuals, is just one place where the rewards are being reaped. Jennifer Montgomery, director of the Free Clinic, tells of a patient who is undergoing hormone treatment. Montgomery said, the clinic, which takes care of all medications out of pocket, was paying \$245 for each filled script of the hormone. However, after the cards were made available, the fee plummeted to \$193.08.

"Anything that can help save our patients and us money is a great thing," Montgomery said. "You have to do some research [on the exact savings for each prescription], but it is worth it because it saves money."

**THOUGH THE** program cuts anywhere from 15-34 percent off the price of all medications, taxpayers have no reason to fear it as no additional taxes or subsidies are needed to lower the prices for the end consumer. Caremark directly negotiates with the pharmaceutical companies so that NACo members can receive the discount without anyone footing the bill.

Philipps said, the incentive for the drug companies and pharmacies to take a smaller profit lies in the tenets of capitalism. The drug giants shave a few dollars off their prices to sell more product, and the pharmacies maintain that discount and sell

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The prescription drug benefit card.

lower to garner more foot traffic, where people would undoubtedly purchase other items while in the store.

"It truly is a win-win for everyone," Philipps said. "NACo makes no money and no federal, state or local money is involved."

Claire Smith, spokesperson for the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, said the cards can be found in local pharmacies, senior and community centers and at the Department of Family Services, located at the Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way, N.E., in Leesburg. "I think it'll be good for anyone who could use a little help paying for meds," Montgomery said. "We are fortunate."

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# Taking on New Challenges

Park View celebrates the future and looks back through music.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

The Class of 2008 went out in a truly musical fashion last Thursday at the 32nd Commencement of Park View High School. Music before, during and after provided a unique graduation experience for the 310 students moving on.

Music pervaded all aspects of the ceremony with several different performances that elicited the whole gamut of emotions. The school band opened the proceedings with a great rendition of "Bridge Over Troubled Water," the class president lead the crowd through memories and experiences with an acoustic performance, and even the commencement speaker got in on the action with an original tune he wrote specifically for this graduation.

Phillip Bernier, a recent Park View graduate and one of the stars of the show "Dance Wars," came back to his alma mater to give a lengthy speech on how hard work and dedication to your passions can lead to big-

ger and better things: "Don't stop, keep going," Bernier said. "Don't be afraid of new challenges. Think of them as new adventures. Life is a huge challenge that is just getting started."

**CLASS PRESIDENT** Lisa Day impressed with an original song of her own joined by several of her classmates who accompanied her on vocals and guitar. The song, which was about looking back at the past while keeping an eye on the future, was a perfect segue into valedictorian Allison Light's address. Light challenged her fellow graduates to never lose their enthusiasm for life and to "never forget what got you to the place you are at today."

"Your memories should never be abandoned," Light said. "The past makes you, you. As you approach your new life, I challenge you to be who you want to be. It is your duty to make this world your own and leave your mark on it. You must always keep dreaming."

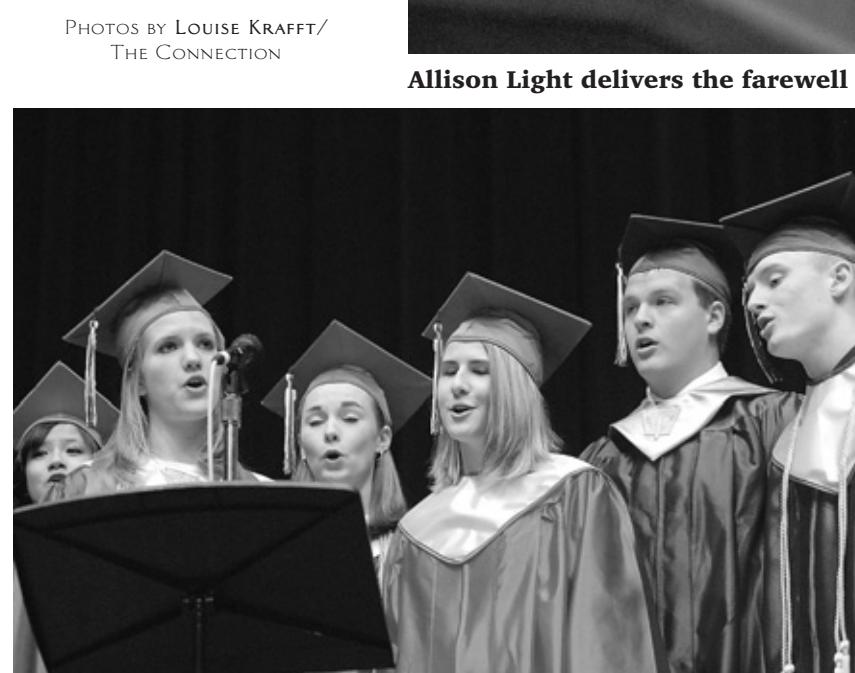
One last bit of music was needed to send the graduates off right and of course that song was the Park View Alma Mater. All 310 students stood and sang together, announcing to the world that "even when our days here are through, we will cherish the memories we have of you." Judging by the ceremony, the graduates will do exactly that as they move onto the next chapter in their lives.



Allison Light delivers the farewell address to her classmates.



Park View Principal Virginia Minshew presents diplomas to the Class of 2008.



The Park View Choir sings "This Song."

**"It is your duty to make this world your own and leave your mark on it."**  
— Allison Light, valedictorian



School Board member J. Warren Geurin (Sterling) welcomes the graduates.

## BULLETIN

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](http://www.library.loudoun.gov) for future events.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

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### SCHOOLS NOTES

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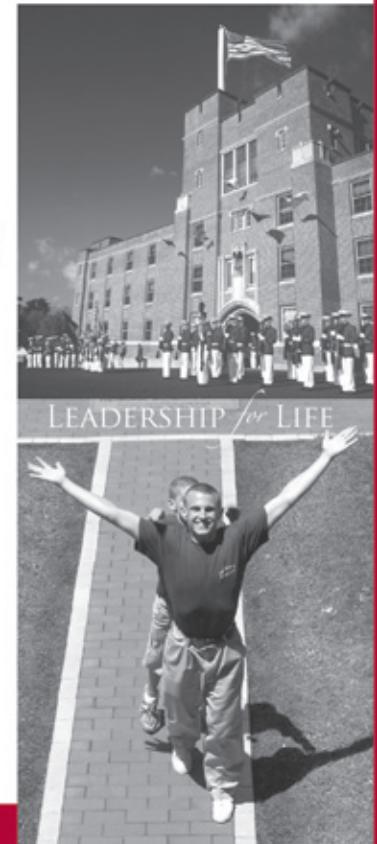
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# OPINION

# Hoping for Something Special

## Special session in search of transportation solutions begins this week in Richmond.

**S**natching 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.

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 connections with the global economy, but they

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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.

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

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### 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 costs per lane mile for various road types and districts, average life of new 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

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# Panthers Prepare to Stalk Success

Potomac Falls graduates face choices ahead.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**P**rincipal David Spage asked Potomac Falls High School's 2008 graduating class to carry on with an outlook he said the class had helped to instill in him, as he addressed the class at last Thursday's graduation ceremony at the Patriot Center in Fairfax.

"Continue to use optimism in your life ahead," he told the graduates. A positive outlook, he said, would allow them to better the lives of others and society as a whole. "It will help you with success, sometimes more than talent," he said. "Even if only some of you do this, you will have an impact."

**ALREADY, SAID SPAGE,** the class had met with success, as 85 percent of the graduates would go on to college the next year, while 9 percent would join the military or work force.

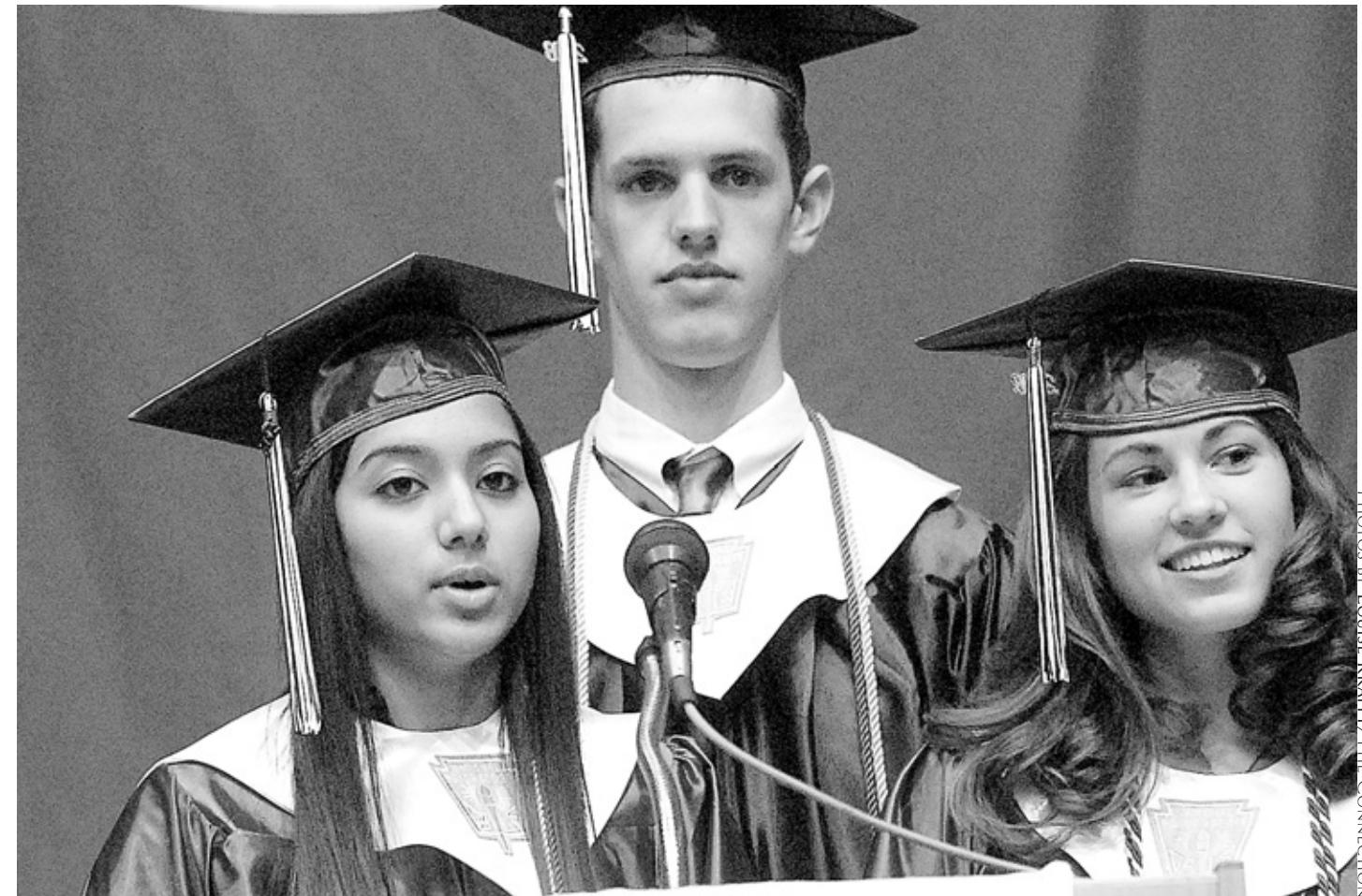
Co-valedictorian Susan Gretzkowski called on her classmates to rise above what she called America's identity crisis. She told of her grandfather, who had helped to position her by working through the Great Depression, translating Morse code for the Navy and going to college on the GI Bill. Meanwhile, today's "post-everything generation," she said, is bombarded with the idea that the American Dream is impossible.

"We are not bound to this futile and hopeless fate," she said. She and her peers always have a choice between protesting social injustices and watching football, between going to a political rally and obsessing over their Facebook pages, she said. "We like instant gratification," said Gretzkowski, noting that her generation marveled at "super sweet-16 parties" and had iPod buds "permanently glued to at least one ear."

"What happened to self-sacrifice?" she asked. She encouraged her classmates to reach out to the world around them and to embrace "an attitude of gratitude" rather than one of futility. "Greatness is reached when ordinary people rise to extraordinary circumstances," Gretzkowski said.

Her fellow valedictorian, Veronica Shalotenko, took the opportunity to tell a familiar story. When the Three Little Pigs left home, they, like the graduates, had complete control over their lives for the first time, Shalotenko said. They just made different decisions. "No matter what we choose to do, we all have the same potential to succeed," she said.

Like the little pigs, the graduates had the choice between what was easiest — a house of straw — and what would yield the best results — a house of bricks. Effort would equal results, said Shalotenko, noting that



**The three class salutatorians: Zainab Raza, Jillian Marie Biral and Jeffrey Edward Geiger, introduce the guest.**

her classmates had already learned this lesson while facing "the most selective college application process ever." She assured that their teachers and parents had armed them with the tools to build a house no wolf could blow down, should they choose to do so.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER** U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) gave the graduates a lesson in priorities, urging them to value character, integrity and courage above things like salary and style. How they treated people who could not do them any good or fight back would be the determination of their character, said Wolf.

He said people of accomplishment sometimes neglected their families and he urged the class not to make the same mistake. "Do not put off," he said. "Time passes quickly."

"Do not be afraid to take on tough issues," he urged. He recalled Robert F. Kennedy speaking to a group of South African students, warning them of the danger of timidity. "Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle," he quoted, adding that this sort of daring would be necessary to make changes for the better.

He told the graduates not to be afraid to take low-paying or inglorious work if it was something they were passionate about. "Do not make money, power or prestige the focus of your life," he said.

Wolf read from a passage that hangs in his office and his kitchen, saying it was not wealth or fame that made life worthwhile, but family and helping others. "And nothing else makes much sense."



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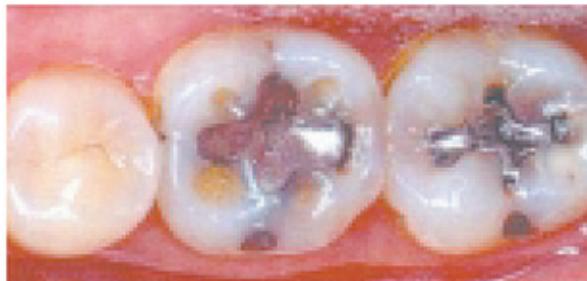
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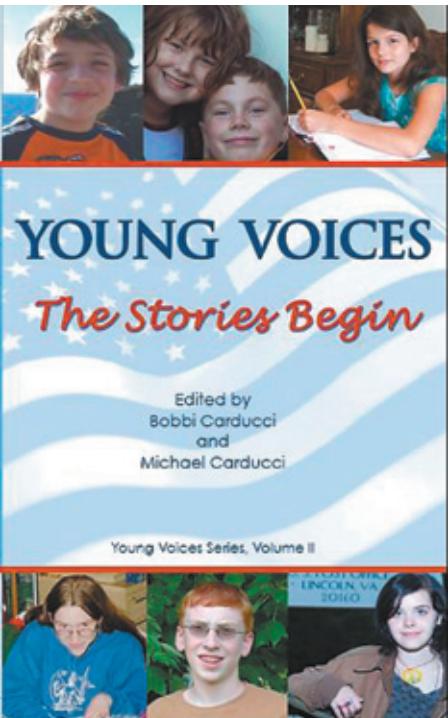
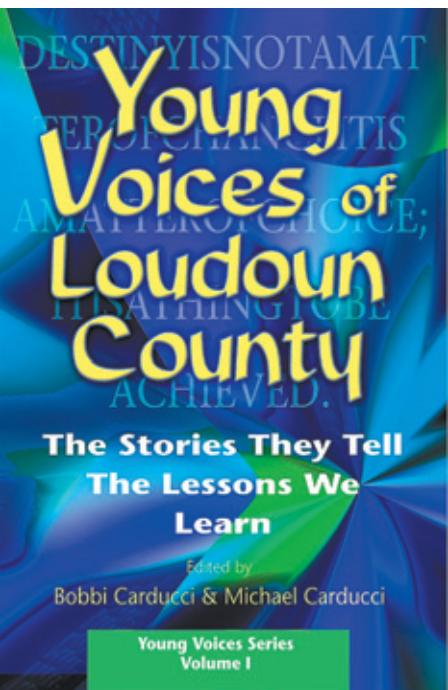
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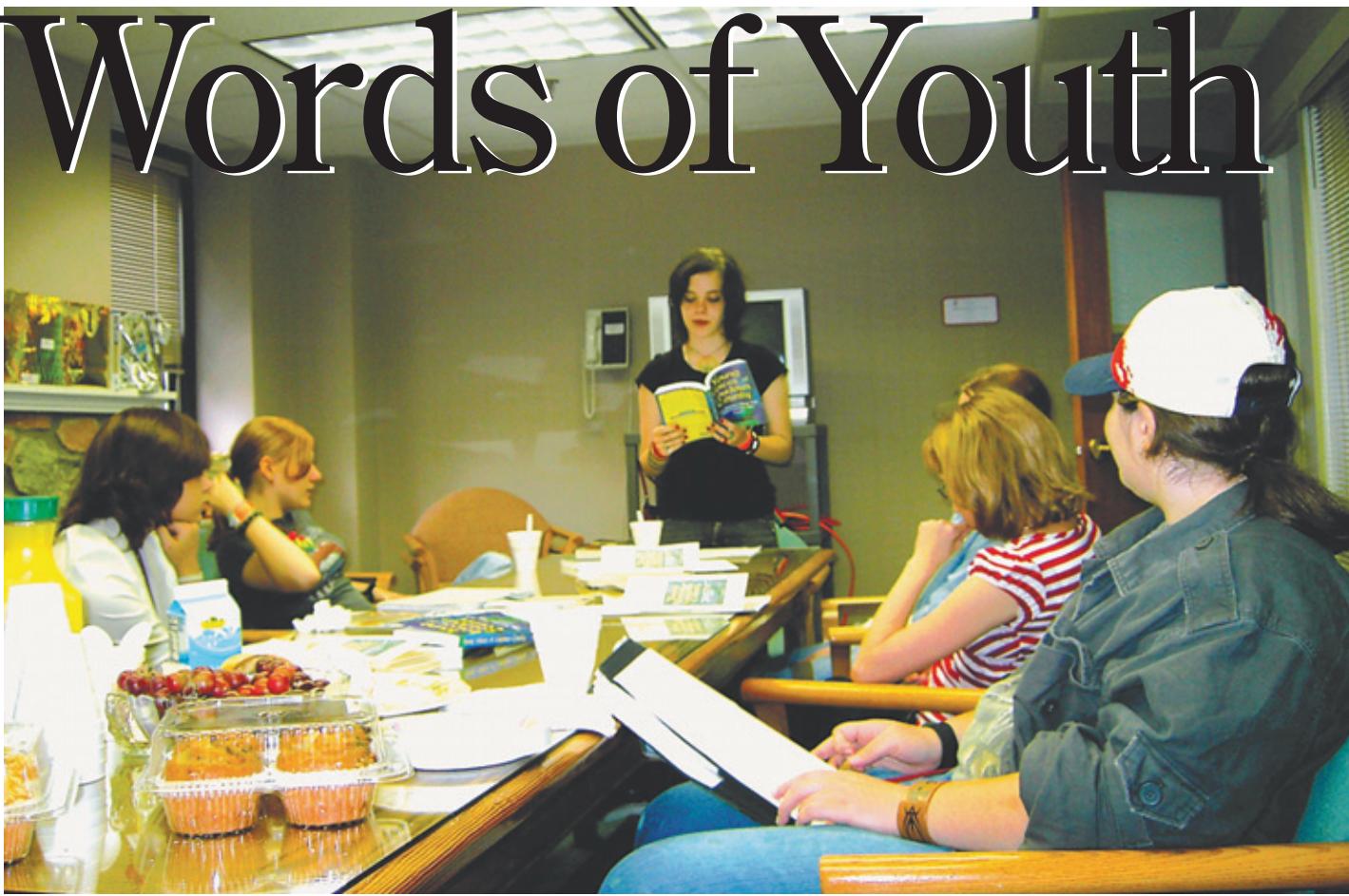
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The first meeting of the Young Voices Foundation Writer's Group took place in Purcellville Library.

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— Bobbi Carducci

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"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.

"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 work in the area."

### 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](http://www.goodtastetours.com).

"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."

"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 to somewhere," Carducci said.

### ONGOING

"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. 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

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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, kazoo 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](http://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](http://www.lcpl.lib.va.us) or phone 703-430-9500.

**UNCLE HENRY.** 2:30-5:30 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catoctin 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 [www.lansdownerresort.com](http://www.lansdownerresort.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 Lighthorse. Free, visit [www.acousticonthegreen.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Luckett's 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](http://www.potomacriverrunning.com/details.asp?p=events_twilight_festival).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 29

**BLUERMONT 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 Catoctin 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](http://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 Catoctin 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 beings 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](http://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](http://www.helloradio.org).

CLASS OF 2008

# Athlete Wears More Than One Shoe

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when he played both junior varsity and varsity. As a senior, he was recognized as "Best Offensive Lineman."

In addition, Duncan made First Team All District the past two years and Second Team All Region as a senior. He also was among the "All Game Day" magazine's selection of top high-school players in the area.

Hill said Duncan is ready for the next level of football, which is a feat in itself considering as few as 7 percent of high-school athletes go onto the collegian level. Hill, who took on the coaching job three years ago, said his predecessor, Charlie Pierce, had flagged Duncan as a player with a lot of potential. "I'm proud he has lived up to it and worked for it," Hill said.

**"If you set your mind to it though, you can do just about anything."**

— Robbie Duncan, Park View High School, Class of 2008

The coach described Duncan as someone who can be counted on and who is always looking to help others. "He shares the gifts he has been given — football, humor, drama, his singing, even his knowledge, whether tutoring a classmate or a teammate," Hill said. "He's just an all around good guy."

**DAVID SWEET**, Park View's choral director and chair of the Fine Arts Department, said it is rare to have a student who excels as an athlete, a singer and academically. Duncan is a member of the National Honor Society and the Thespian Society. An outstanding bass, he auditioned and won a spot on Park View's prestigious show choir "Persuasion." He also made All Dis-



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**Robbie Duncan excels on and off the football field.**

trict Choir and All County Choir during his four years of high school. And he made All State Choir during his junior and senior years and the 2008 Virginia Music Educators Association Honors Choir.

"Students these days often don't have diverse interests. They concentrate on one thing, academics or sports," Sweet said. "They don't have time for it all."

Football and Persuasion both require serious time commitments, he added. "It can be a war a little bit with his time."

Coach Hill has been accommodating, though. For example, he allowed Duncan to come off the football field and join the chorus in singing the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Sweet said Duncan's diverse interests have taught him the important life skills of making the right choices and utilizing time wisely. He also has learned to handle teasing.

Duncan admits that he has been the target of good-natured razzing and "it was a little weird first" when he moved from the football field to the stage. "It's fun, as long as it isn't weird-type dancing, ballet or something," he said.

Ballet may be good enough for the Cleveland Browns, but Duncan wants no part of it. He's a Washington Redskins fan anyway and looks up to linemen Chris Samuels and Randy Thomas.

"It feels good to be part of something good and successful, whether it's football, drama or choir or anything like that," Duncan said.

**BESIDES SCHOOL** interests, church has been a vital part of his life. He has held major roles in youth musicals and participated in mission trips involving building Habitat for Humanity houses and teaching Bible school to Jamaican children. His father is pastor of the Sterling United Methodist Church.

His mother, Robin Duncan, said her oldest son was shy at first about singing in church or in public, but he became comfortable with it during his middle-school years. She remembers the first time Robbie, then 7, and his younger brothers, Ricky, 4, and Ryan, 3, sang "I Believe I Can Fly" in front of a Wakefield, Va., library. A singing teacher and pastor's wife, she was not above bribing her sons into performing publicly. "They were not real thrilled by it," she said,

laughing. "I had to bribe them with brand new video games."

The entire family now sings individually and together during youth musicals and occasional Sunday services. Duncan said his faith has kept him away from unsavory influences.

"Having God in my life, if I ever feel like I need support and strength to get through things, I would look to Him to have Him guide me in anyway possible," he said.

He also has counted on his mentors, namely Hill and his parents. "Coach Hill has always preached about having good character and doing what is right," Duncan said. His parents' advice has been similar. "They always preached about making the right choices and staying close to God and stuff like that."

**FAMILY WAS** part of the reason Duncan chose to attend Old Dominion University in the fall. The school is five minutes from his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

"Grandpa, mom and dad all went there," he said.

Duncan accepted a preferred walk-on offer from Old Dominion, which will field a football team for the first time since 1940. "The fact that I can be part of the beginning of its football program, being the first on the team, it's pretty exciting."

His grandfather, the late Bobby Hoffman, was co-captain for the Monarchs basketball team from 1960-62, leading the university to a 33-7 record in his final two seasons and completing his career with 1,047 points. Hoffman, who was inducted into the Old Dominion University Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, died of a heart attack two months ago.

"Now, I'm going there and playing it for him. I'm going to do my best and live up to his name," Duncan said. "I'm sure he'll be watching from heaven."

For now though, Duncan said he has mixed feelings about graduation. "You're excited and you want to leave, yet you don't," he said. "That means you are by yourself pretty much ... If you set your mind to it though, you can do just about anything."

## LETTERS

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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-

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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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**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.

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**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

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

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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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**Nahed Najmyar** of Potomac Falls, a student in Virginia Tech's College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was recently presented with the Ora Goodwin Roop scholarship. The Ora Goodwin Roop scholarship is given to an undergraduate or graduate student who

demonstrates academic achievement and provides leadership to the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**James P. Fisher**, Esq. was appointed to one of two positions reserved for lawyers on the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission. The seven-member statewide commission is constituted from three Judges, two lawyers and two citizen members who must each be elected by both houses of the General Assembly. The commission adjudicates complaints and ethics related matters brought against Virginia judges and has statewide jurisdiction.

Fisher was a former town attorney for Warrenton and now serves as Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for

Loudoun County.

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.

**Dennis Khau** of Sterling received a bachelor of arts with a major in environmental science from Roanoke College May 3.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lam Khau of Willowood Place.

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## 2008 Senior Send-Off

**A**s 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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# SPORTS

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## Position Change? No Problem

**Park View softball's Louk emerges into a steady backstop and team leader.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Samantha Louk was moved to the catcher position from outfield prior to her senior season as a member of the Park View High girls' softball team, she took the change in stride and had a positive attitude about it.

Louk had loved playing in the outfield the year before as a junior, but she understood coach Ed Abner's purpose for the position change — it was simply the best move for a team that had lost its previous starting catcher to graduation. Abner believed Louk was best suited to play the position.

"You're more involved in the game," said Louk, who was batterymate of best friend and senior pitcher Laura Heironimus. "I really liked the switch because catcher is such a pivotal position."

Both players were first string at their respective positions for the first time as seniors. Heironimus, the prior year, had been Park View's backup pitcher. As 12<sup>th</sup> graders, the twosome was working together as pitcher-catcher.

"It was real cool," said Louk, of working with ace pitcher Heironimus. "It worked out very well."

Louk, on top of her physical duties behind the plate, was also asked to call pitches throughout games.

"You put a lot more thought into it when you're calling the game," said Louk.

Both players made the transitions to their new roles and their important positions extremely well. Park View, led by both Louk and Heironimus, finished second place in the regular season of the eight-team Dulles District standings, behind first place Broad Run. It marked the second straight season in which the Patriots earned a second place finish.

Park View, which went 11-3 in district play over the regular season, saw its season end with a district tournament loss to Loudoun County in a semifinals game.

But overall, it was an outstanding season for Park View, and team leaders Louk and Heironimus were huge factors in the teams' success.

**LOUK** had an outstanding season. She was solid defensively and called a good game, and also threw out several base runners attempting to steal. At the plate, she batted over .400 to lead the team.

She earned First Team All-District honors and also made the All-District Academic Team with a 3.5 GPA.

"She was a phenomenal player and called



PHOTOS COURTESY/LOUK FAMILY

**Sam Louk batted over .400 for the Patriots and earned First Team All-Dulles District accolades this past spring.**



**Park View High graduate Samantha Louk**

phenomenal games," said coach Abner, of Louk. "She got better every game."

Louk was pleased with her season and the team's season overall.

"Making first Team All-District was a big deal for me," she said. "I just felt like we had a really good group of kids and a real connection."

The right-handed, clean-up slugger was one of the most feared hitters in the district.

"She's a line drive hitter and drove in key runs for us in the season," said Abner, of Louk. "Most of her [five] doubles were rockets to right center field or left center field and into the gaps."

While Park View had numerous players back from its 2007 team that had finished

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—Park View Catcher Sam Louk

a strong 15-7 overall, the Patriots' infield had several underclassmen whom were getting their feet wet as varsity starters. Abner credited Louk, a team captain, with providing solid leadership to those players in particular.

"Our four infielders were mostly sophomores and freshmen and she had a calming influence on them," said Abner. "She was the person who kept the team together. They looked for her to come through. She's a phenomenal leader and led by example."

Louk said Park View's young infielders were all talented. They just needed game experience.

"All the girls could play well physically," said Louk, who over the years has played travel softball with the Ashburn Shooting Stars, the 14U Virginia Crush and the 16U Baseliners. "Laura and I just had to calm them down sometimes in the infield when they got nervous."

**AS A SOPHOMORE** in 2006, Abner was a part-time starter. The following season,

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## SPORTS

# 'Dee Dee' Proves Dominant at Dominion

Fryer is four-time team MVP for Titans' softball.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Diondra 'Dee Dee' Fryer accepted a scholarship offer from the University of Tennessee in December of 2006 to play softball on a full ride, she naturally accepted.

Fryer had just attended a softball camp at the renowned SEC school and had impressed the Volunteers' coaching staff. Tennessee head women's softball coach Ralph Weekly offered the scholarship and Fryer said yes.

Then, Fryer, a junior at Dominion High School at the time, had second thoughts.

"I had told [the coaching staff] at the end of camp that I would go there. [But then] I was actually really nervous and thought to myself, 'What did I just do [committing to] going to a big school like that?'" recalled Fryer, of her immediate second guessing of her important choice. "I was getting letters from different colleges."

The initial fear factor soon wore off and Fryer, an All-Region caliber high school player, was pleased with her choice.

"I just fell in love with it, the sports and everything," said Fryer, of her impression on a visit to the Knoxville campus. "The campus is beautiful. I'm really a sports girl and I'm football crazy."

And they are certainly football crazy at Tennessee where the Volunteers annually put out one of the better teams in the country. The school is also known for its NCAA championship women's basketball squad and its outstanding track program.

Being a sports fan herself and someone who one day would like to work in the sports medicine field, Fryer should be a perfect fit at Tennessee.



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**Dominion High graduate Diondra Fryer**

**THE POPULAR** Fryer certainly made her mark as a member of the Dominion High softball program over the past four years. A versatile player who was willing to play where she was needed defensively, Fryer, who is likely to play first base at Tennessee, was a four-time team MVP for the Titans and a First Team All-Region II and All-Dulles District selection in her senior years.

This past spring season as a senior under first year Titans' head coach Tom Chuba, Fryer, as her team's No. 3 hitter in the line-up, batted .581, scored 28 runs, batted in 13 and belted four home runs. She also earned a school record number of walks and struck out just once all



PHOTO COURTESY/FRYER FAMILY

**The versatile Fryer, who was named First Team All-State each of the past two years, saw action at both shortstop and third base this past spring season for the Titans.**

season.

"She's a very patient hitter," said Chuba, who took over the program after former Dominion coach Chris Tully moved on to Potomac Falls as the assistant athletic director. "She knows the strike zone and would work the count."

In a loss to powerful Broad Run, Fryer had her team's lone hit against pitching sensation Caitlyn Delahaba, who a few weeks ago led the Spartans to their second consecutive unbeaten season and state AA crown.

Chuba said Fryer is a student of hitting, as well as a teacher. "She studies hitting and loves to hit," he said. "She would watch her teammates and

spot [problems] in their swing. If she goes into coaching, she'll be fabulous."

Defensively, Fryer played infield and outfield for the Titans over her career. When the team's starting shortstop, Stephanie Fedrigo, was ill earlier in the spring, Fryer stepped in and did a good job filling in at the position. Later, she played third base. Like any good ball player, Fryer wanted to do what was best for her team.

"If you needed me at shortstop, left field or second base — whatever was best for the team," she said. "It's nice to be a versatile player."

Said Chuba, "Dee Dee could play any position. She loves the outfield. She played where we needed her to play. She did it and worked at it. She'd always want me [or an assistant] to hit her groundballs. She had been an outfielder prior to [her senior] year."

**AS A YOUNGSTER** growing up in New SEE FRYER, PAGE 22



COURTESY PHOTO

Fryer, who has a true passion for softball, has always brought a little pizzazz to the softball diamond.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Dee Dee played youth baseball as a girl in Newport, N.C.**

## Louk Is Softball Leader

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as a junior, she was a full-time starting outfielder. She earned All-District accolades for the first time that season.

And she had another outstanding season as a senior at her new position — catcher. Louk could not have been more proud of the way Louk took on both her catching duties and her role as a team captain.

"She's everything I've ever asked of a player," he



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**Samantha Louk gained a love for the game as a young girl.**

said. "She's a phenomenal young lady and I will miss her. She was my favorite, I think. She's going to be hard to replace. She really came through for us."

Louk will attend the University of Mary Washington (Fredericksburg) this upcoming school year. She wants to study political science. She has earned some scholarship money through a program from Wegman's, where she is working this summer.

## SPORTS

# A Career for the Record Books

Potomac Falls boys' soccer standout Uche Onyeador is perhaps the best Virginia high school player ever.

By RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**N**ow, looking back, it's almost impossible to comprehend how dominant a force Potomac Falls High boys' soccer player Uche Onyeador was over his four years with the Panthers.

Onyeador, Virginia's all-time leading high school goal scorer who is headed to Georgetown University on a full-ride scholarship, made his mark in a big-time way in Dulles District, Region II and state AA competition over the past four years.

"His role was to score," said Potomac Falls soccer coach Dave Gryder. "That's why he got a scholarship and all the awards."

Onyeador, who recently graduated with his Potomac Falls senior classmates, finished his high school varsity career with 127 goals, more than any player at any Virginia division level — triple-A (larger schools), double-A or single-A. He tallied 28 goals as a freshman, 31 as a sophomore, 42 as a junior and 26 this past spring as a senior.

The star forward was a three-time, First Team All-State, All-Region and All-District selection throughout his career.

In his senior season, Onyeador was playing on a Panthers' squad that had lost 16

players from the previous year's Region II champion. Every opponent, game-in and game-out, put a majority of their attention on slowing down Onyeador, who did not have the benefit of having the same amount of experienced and talented players around him as he had in prior seasons.

Although Potomac Falls was not able to repeat as district champs (the Panthers finished third in the district), Onyeador and his teammates competed as hard as ever.

"He was a huge factor to our success," said Gryder, who expected going into the spring season that the Panthers would not be as dominant. "We strived to be district champs, but as young as we were, it was a hard task. I couldn't have asked for anything more from Uche as a leader."

Onyeador, who finished his career with 46 assists, always worked extremely hard to better his game. Along with his God-given abilities, he has displayed a passion and hunger to be the best he can be in the sport he loves.

"He epitomized [the results] of working hard every day during the season and out of season," said Gryder. "He did not miss practices and was probably our hardest worker even though he was the best player in the state."

Onyeador's 26 goals as a senior led the district and region in scoring, but it was the lowest goal total of his career. Gryder said that was partly the result of having a lesser-experienced team around him.

"He's had a remarkable career for playing in such a diverse team-type sport," said Gryder. "A lot of people don't dominate soccer."

**ONYEADOR** broke the state's all-time scoring record during his team's 4-3 district overtime home win over Broad Run late in



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**It was a magical moment when Onyeador set the VHSL career scoring record this past spring.**

the regular season. The score, incredibly, came on a shot from midfield off the restart of play moments following a Broad Run score. The high, lofting shot got into the net just under the cross-bar, causing a spontaneous celebration by the large number of fans in attendance. It was Onyeador's 125<sup>th</sup> career goal, breaking the record of 124 that had been set in 2004. Teammates, Broad Run players and coaches congratulated the Panthers' star as play was temporarily halted following the record goal. Onyeador was presented with the record-breaking ball.

Onyeador was a coach's dream, not only because of his physical talent and desire to be a great player, but because of his coachability.

"He's very coachable and well liked by teammates, and also respected by opponents and coaches," said Gryder. "His teammates respect him. He's willing to learn and do what he's asked. He doesn't think he knows it all. He's different whereas he's willing to do what you ask of him and push himself."

In the classroom, Onyeador carried a strong 3.0 grade point average throughout his high school career. He enjoyed school and his classmates.

"For teachers, administrators, he's one of those kids who comes with a smile and is warm to you," said Gryder. "He's going to Georgetown, a high academic school. He's not just going there as an athlete, but for the academics. He's very humbled about getting a full ride. He knows what is expected."

Onyeador will play under coach Brian Weise at Georgetown.

"Coach Weise showed a lot of confidence in me," said Onyeador, who verbally committed to play for the Hoyas last November before eventually signing his letter of intent. "He believes in me and believes I can be an important part of the team. That and playing in the Big East [Conference] swayed my decision."

During his career at Potomac Falls, Onyeador was part of a Potomac Falls program that won the state AA title two years ago when he was a sophomore. As a junior, the Panthers, led by Onyeador again, won district and region crowns before falling at the state quarterfinals.

## Fryer Headed for Tennessee on Softball Scholarship

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port, N.C., Fryer's first love was baseball. And she played the mostly-boys' sport within the local youth organization.

"I was such a tomboy and did that," she said with a giggle.

When her family eventually moved to the Sterling area of Northern Vir-

**"Dee Dee has brought to the team not only tremendous playing talent, but leadership"**

— Titans' head coach Tom Chuba

ginia, Fryer's mom encouraged her to try out girls' softball.

"I said, 'What is softball? It's a bigger ball, skinnier bat. What is this?'"

But she was a natural.

"My coaches were like, 'You're go-

ing to be a great hitter,'" recalled Fryer, who played center field as a youth. "Hitting wasn't that hard for me to pick up on."

Over the next several years, Fryer went on to play travel softball with such teams as the 10-under Baseliners of Loudoun, the Shooting Stars (from age 11 to 14) and the Shamrocks (from age 16 to 18). With the U-16 Shamrocks, she played under coach Jim Brackin for two years before playing under legendary area coach Tommy Orndorf with the U-18 Shamrocks.

Currently, the U-18 Shamrocks' summer team is looking to qualify for upcoming nationals.

Along with competing in both travel and high school softball, Fryer spent three years as a student athlete trainer for the Dominion High football team during the falls. She would like to one-day work as a college athletic trainer or perhaps go into coaching.

"I love sports medicine and being around sports, and I love football," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Fryer would like to work in the sports medicine field one day.**

Fryer, who recently graduated with her senior class at Dominion, has certainly brought a lot to the school and the Titans' softball program.

"Dee Dee has brought to the team not only tremendous playing talent, but leadership," said Chuba. "Players look up to her as their leader. She leads by example. She gets right in their practices and plays hard and expects that from her teammates. Dee Dee is so special."

Chuba said having Fryer, a team captain, on the team was like having another assistant coach.

"She understood the personnel," he said. "And that was just tremendous. She's going to be sorely missed."

Fryer is looking forward to her upcoming college career, both in the classroom and on the ball diamond.

"I've learned a lot playing high school softball and I've gained a lot of friends," she said. "High school has taught me how to be a leader. I'm going to take a lot of things [I've learned] to college."

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## Prescription For Pain Re-lief



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 countrymen — 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/conserve 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.

Our best and brightest have researched and tested, and mass-produced solutions to hundreds if not thousands of conditions/problems, everything from angina to xenophobia, problems that are symptomatic of the times in which we all live. Let's not allow their good work and good deeds to go undone. Why not find a way to "treat" every American with the respect and dignity he — or she — deserves? America is a wealthy country. Unfortunately, many of its citizens are not. So let's find a way to share that wealth, medically speaking. Now that would be a prescription worth paying for.

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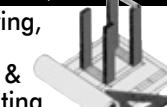
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the following property being the property contained in said Deed

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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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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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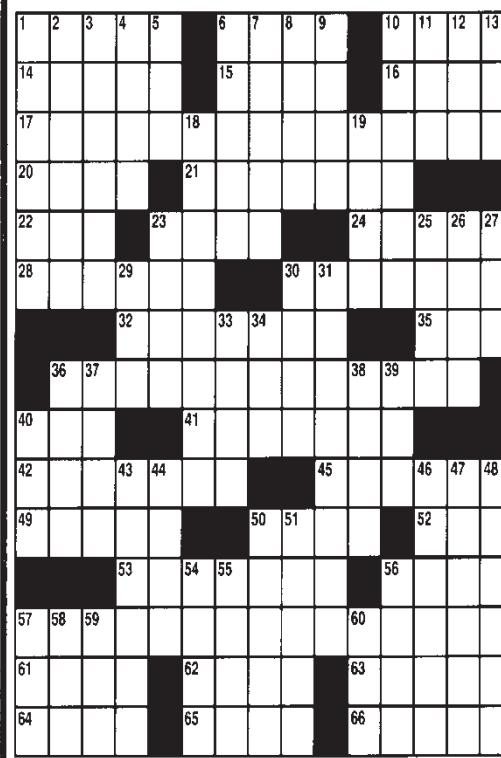
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- 37 "Stupid me!"
- 38 Blows it
- 39 Iris's place
- 40 Neighbor of Ga.
- 43 Clothed, informally
- 44 Oil of —
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# PEOPLE



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## PEOPLE NOTES

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Libraries for the Future (LFF) announced the selection of **Beth Wiseman**, Loudoun County Public Library's programming specialist, as one of 19 Lifelong Access Fellows, who will join a national network of library staff committed to transforming library services for active older adults.

The Lifelong Access Libraries Leadership Institute is part of a multi-year national Lifelong Access Libraries Initiative that is aimed at transforming library services for older adults with opportunities for active learning, creative exploration, and meaningful civic engagement.

**Nahed "Nikki" Najmyar**, a senior political science and business (finance) major, has been selected to serve as an ambassador for the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office in the College of

Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech. Najmyar will serve as a representative of the college at various events and as a mentor to other Virginia Tech students. Najmyar is the daughter of Khalil Hajmyar and Nassima Maqsudi from Potomac Falls.

**Renae Smith**, a 2008 Grove City (Pa.) College graduate from Sterling, was inducted into Scroll and Key, the scholastic honorary for senior students. It is the highest academic award given by the college. Not more than one student may be selected for each 15 members of the senior class.

**Manu Shukia** of Sterling was inducted into the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society for his academic achievement in studying computer science. Shukia, a graduate student in the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech, had to complete at least 64 hours of university courses, 18 hours in computer science and carry a minimum grade point average of 3.5 to be considered.

The Loudoun Literacy Council, a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to improving literacy for children and adults throughout Loudoun County, has moved into downtown Leesburg and hired a new executive di-

rector. 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.

**The Loudoun Sheriff's Office** took first place in the 2007 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge for traffic safety enforcement in the category of Virginia Sheriff's agencies whose total number of deputies falls between 451 and 700. As the largest full-service Sheriff's Office in the state the Loudoun Sheriff's Office stands alone in this category. The agency must still however, receive a minimum number of points to receive an award.

**Andrew Davidson**, the 17-year-old son of Rene and Tammy Davidson of Leesburg and a member of Sterling's Boy Scout Troop 966, recently joined the elite 2 percent of Boy Scouts nationally to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout during his Court of Honor on April 20. Andrew has been in Boy Scouts since 2002 and during his six years in Troop 966, he has held several leadership positions including troop quartermaster, assistant patrol leader and patrol leader. Andrew is also a member of the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow.

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

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p.m., **July 7-11**, rising second-through eighth-graders. Register for any of the days, includes opportunities to volunteer. Contact Jodie Leach at [jodieleach2@aol.com](mailto:jodieleach2@aol.com) or at 703-421-6310. St. Matthew's Church is located at 201 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling.

**Dance Camp.** Opportunity for children to learn or enhance skills in jazz, urban funk and rock jams through modern creative choreography at the Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market St., Leesburg. Classes run **July 14-18**, from 1-3 p.m., and **July 21-25**, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Bring a snack and water bottle. Camp is for ages 6-12 and the cost is \$70 per child. Contact the Douglass Community Center at 703-771-5913 or e-mail [dcc@loudoun.gov](mailto:dcc@loudoun.gov).

**Cheer Camp.** Learn team building, stunting, spotting and performance skills at the Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market St., Leesburg. The camp runs from **July 14-18**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and **July 21-25**, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$85. To register, contact the Loudoun Sheriff's Office Administration Building, located at 39 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg.

**Abrakadoodle anime camp.** Learn the Japanese art of animation at the Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market St., Leesburg. Listen to Japanese folktales and learn Japanese games. The camp runs **July 14-18**, Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. Cost: \$185 includes all materials. For children ages 8-12. Contact the Douglass Community Center at 703-771-5913 or e-mail [dcc@loudoun.gov](mailto:dcc@loudoun.gov) to register.

**Sterling United Methodist** Church is holding its annual summer camp program from **July 14- Aug. 1**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. daily. Located at the church on 304 East Church Road, Sterling, the camp is open to children age 3 to those completing fourth grade. There will be activities including arts and crafts and field trips. Cost: \$125 pe week. To register, visit [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org), e-mail [sumscsumercamp@yahoo.com](mailto:sumscsumercamp@yahoo.com) or call 703-430-6455.

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The Small, Women- and Minority-owned (SWaM) mentoring program celebrated the graduation of its first class of participants during a reception June 27 at the Holiday Inn in Arlington. Lynette Spano Weist of SCI Consulting Services Inc. will be the guest speaker for the ceremony. Sixteen companies were selected for the first session including **Capital Construction of Sterling, Systems Engineering Inc. of Dulles** and **We Clean Inc. of South Riding**.

Meet leadership from the **Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce** at the Annual Chairman's Luncheon **July 15**, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Washington, Dulles Airport Hotel, 45425 Holiday Drive, Dulles. Cost: \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members. Preregistration required by **July 8**, visit [www.dullesregionalchamber.org](http://www.dullesregionalchamber.org).

**Nova Medical**, a primary-care practice with offices in Ashburn, Sterling, Leesburg and Warrenton, is now offering its employees the opportunity to become company owners. The company has implemented an Employee Stock Ownership Plan, making 100 percent of Nova Medical, including Nova Medical Group, Nova Urgent Care and The Medical Spa at Nova, owned by its employees.

**Virginia Commerce Bank** announces its newest branch opening. Located at 23510 Overland Drive, off Old Ox Road in Sterling, the new Dulles branch is the third location in Loudoun County and the 26 branch overall.

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 <p><b>Reston</b> \$499,900  <b>Peaceful Woods Setting!</b>          Spacious 3BR, 3.5BA, 3 fin level brick TH in North Point Park. Walking trails, pool &amp; tennis. Hdwds, FR adjoins kits w/granite. Large MBR w/sitting rm, cathedral ceiling, lux BA, sep shower &amp; soaking tub. Lower lev W/O to woods, gas FP, rec rm &amp; full BA.</p> <p>Call Rita 703-509-2805</p>	 <p><b>Oak Hill</b> \$679,900  <b>Bargain Price on the Stunning Colonial!</b>          Quality abounds on the 3-side brick colonial on wooded cul-de-sac. A home w/everything for the finest of entertaining from stained in place hardwoods on main level, stairs &amp; upper hall, library w/built-ins, grand new kitchen w/granite, 2-story FR w/stone FP &amp; French drs to deck, large LR &amp; DR plus 4 BR, 4.5BA &amp; fully fin lower level. Offered well below previous sales price &amp; below assessment!</p>	 <p><b>Fairfax</b> \$850,000  <b>Century Oak-On the Water!</b>          Resort style living in Fairfax County! 4BR, 3.5 BA former model home w/countless upgrades &amp; gleaming hwdws. 2-story foyer, 3-car side gar, corner lot, alarm/sound/sprinkler systems. Lots of light, walk to pool, tennis, huge deck overlooks lake! Fin W/O bsmnt w/huge windows, custom bar, full BA, exercise rm, OAKTON HS.</p> <p>Call Kirsten 571-426-9813  <a href="http://www.KirstenPrindle.LNFRE.com">www.KirstenPrindle.LNFRE.com</a></p>	 <p><b>Herndon</b> \$375,000  <b>Come Home!</b>          Beautiful and bright 3BR, 2.5BA home w/many updates inc: kitchen app, water heater, heat pump, carpet, fresh paint, gutters, garage door &amp; opener. No HOA! Gorgeous yard w/large deck.</p> <p>Call Karen 703-216-7437  <a href="mailto:Karen.Kidwell@LNFR.com">Karen.Kidwell@LNFR.com</a> for a showing.  <a href="http://www.KidwellRealty.com">www.KidwellRealty.com</a></p>
 <p><b>Potomac Falls</b> \$895,000  <b>On the 14th Green!</b>          5BR, 4.5BA, sf in Lowe's Island, views the Potomac! Open floor plan w/hardwoods, 2-sided FP in huge MBR, fin basement walks out to patio, deck off kitchen, 2 more fireplaces in LR &amp; FR. Office on main level and maintenance free.</p>	 <p><b>Reston</b> \$308,000  <b>Close to Everything!</b>          Beautiful 1st floor 2BR, 1BA condo in North Point! Wood floors, granite counters, 42" cherry cabinets. Patio off LR, separate dining area. Convenient to North Point &amp; Reston Town Center!</p>	 <p><b>Reston</b> \$649,000  <b>Best Single Family in Reston!</b>          Sunny, 5BR, 3.5BA, updated kit, 1st floor master BR, lower BR level au pair ste. Hdwds, fin W/O basement, FP, deck, new carpet, built-ins, front porch, fenced yard.</p>	 <p><b>Reston</b> \$225,000  <b>Location, Location!</b>          2BR, 1BA condo in the perfect location - close to shops, dining &amp; transportation! It's so homey w/wood burning FP, patio, loads of pkg for you &amp; your guests. New carpet &amp; windows and all of Reston amenities.</p>
 <p><b>Leesburg</b> \$480,000  <b>Gorgeous Colonial!</b>          5BR, 3.5BA w/3 fin levels, 2 car garage, updated kit w/SS app, breakfast area opening to large deck. FR w/stone FP. Totally fin bsmnt w/rec rm, BR &amp; full bath.</p> <p>Call Elias 703-568-0711</p>	 <p><b>Ashburn</b> \$475,000  <b>Great Buy!</b>          4BR, 2.5BA, fresh paint, newer siding, roof, updated kitchen, ceramic floors, huge MBR w/sitting room &amp; lux garden bath, deck &amp; fenced-in yard. Located on private cul-de-sac in Ashburn Village. Walk to pools, parks, tennis courts, bike path, Sports Pavilion &amp; shopping. Close to all major rds.</p> <p>Call Teri 703-220-9639</p>	 <p><b>Sterling</b> \$324,000  <b>Central Park at Lowe's Island!</b>          2BR, 2BA condo in a 55+ active adult community w/large rooms, 1 car front load garage, balcony-all on one level! The simplified life style with all the conveniences of a lovely home.</p> <p>Deborah Jackson 703-864-1925</p>	 <p><b>Herndon</b> \$259,900  <b>Reduced \$40,000!</b>          3BR, 2.5BA, end unit w/contemporary floor plan, new carpets, flooring &amp; fresh paint. Extra large country kitchen w/eat-in breakfast area &amp; separate 2 story DR! LR w/FP &amp; MBR w/MBA suite. Walk to dining &amp; shopping. This one has everything!</p> <p>Call JC Mernin 703-216-9669</p>
 <p><b>Leesburg</b> \$325,000  <b>Best Lot Prices in Loudoun!</b>          Over 4 acres in each of 2 lots. Surrounded by trees in one of the most premier communities in Loudoun. Includes installed well &amp; approval for 4BR drip irrigation septic system. Shared driveway with the home next door but can be reconfigured.</p>	 <p><b>Reston</b> \$439,000  <b>Shows Like a Model!</b>          4BR, 2.5 BA completely renovated end unit TH on oversized heavily treed lot. Updates inc: Hi eff windows, sgd throughout home expanded MBR, ceramic tile BA's deck w/spiral staircase, patios, counters, maple cbnts, kit appl, custom paint and so much more! Must be seen!</p> <p>Call Alicia 703-623-0463 or <a href="mailto:Aliciayo@comcast.net">Aliciayo@comcast.net</a></p>	 <p><b>Leesburg</b> \$520,000  <b>Land in Leesburg!</b>          10 acre lot on the Potomac. Beautiful cliff lot overlooking the Potomac and Sugland Mountain. Not buildable for one year. 13 home community w/65 acres of waterfront homeowners land. Toad to the waterfront.</p>	 <p><b>Reston</b> \$329,750  <b>Charming!</b>          2BR, 2BA, move-in condition, one level condo, private balcony, overlooking trees. So many updates-kitchen, vanities, hall entry, Karastan carpet, track lighting. Minutes to North Point shopping. All Reston amenities!!</p> <p>Call Judy Gruner 703-517-2464</p>



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