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Mary Dulaney, 5, of Sterling, leaps through one of many inflatable attractions at Dulles Town Center's pre-Fourth of July Liberty Festival.

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Board Focuses on Zoning Violations

A number of proposals regarding zoning complaints sent to be vetted by staff last month.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

With complaints about unsightly lawns and other zoning violations skyrocketing over the last year or so in eastern Loudoun, the Board of Supervisors sent a number of proposals to county staff at its June 17 meeting that are designed to protect neighborhoods' appearances.

"When you contact zoning, it's almost like you're talking to a deaf ear."

— Robert Winterbottom, Sugarland Run HOA, president

homeowners association are particularly vulnerable. "We need certain values instilled to protect the feel of the community," York said.

Sterling Park, one of the county's

"I think the concern is the look and feel of a community," Chairman Scott York (I-At Large) said. "As a community grows older, you have certain issues," he said, noting that older developments tend to take on the role of affordable housing and that neighborhoods with no



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

If one of several Board of Supervisors proposals to clean up neighborhoods is put into effect, households like this one on Sterling Boulevard North will no longer be allowed to leave cars on the lawn.

oldest developments and one that lacks a homeowners association, has become the epicenter for urban blight in Loudoun as a nationwide increase in foreclosures leaves many homes, particularly in more affordable areas, vacant. Also at issue are overcrowded houses and their impact on neighbors. Residents have frequently raised concerns about unkempt homes and lawns, cars parked on yards and utility vehicles lining roadways.

AT THE MEETING, Sterling Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R) submitted two proposals — one that the county allow complaints about zoning violations to be filed online and one that volunteers be allowed to mow uncut lawns. York, who also lives in Sterling, offered a zoning amendment that would restrict parking on lawns and Supervisor Susan Buckley (D-Sugarland Run) asked staff to explore more efficient ways of recouping the cost of zoning en-

forcement, when the county cleans up unlawful property conditions and then bills the owner.

The board voted to send all four items to staff for review.

York said the one proposal that might not pass muster would be Delgaudio's request for volunteers to be allowed to mow unkempt lawns. "That one, probably, at the end of the day, is going to be problematic

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Policy Draws Support, Criticism

287(g) program allows police officers to initiate deportation proceedings.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Acontentious issue for Loudoun County and its residents just became a bit more fervid the past few weeks with an agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the federal government. On June 17, it was announced that the county had entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to adopt new policies regarding illegal immigration under section 287(g) of the federal Immi-

gration and Nationality Act.

The MOA for the county allows trained deputies to initiate deportation proceedings for illegal immigrants suspected of committing crimes. The agreement allows the deputies to have access to a database created by ICE that tracks illegal immigrants in the U.S. so that local officers can easily identify those suspected of being here illegally.

TO PREPARE HIS officers for the new program, Loudoun County Sheriff Stephen 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. Upon their return, they will have the authority to enforce federal immigration laws in the county.

"What we are doing is skipping a step in the process," Kraig Troxell, Sheriff's Office spokesman, said. "[In the past], if we came

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Ambulance Transport Costs

Beginning July 1, residents will be billed for ambulance transport.

BY BIANCA MITCHELL
THE CONNECTION

Soon Loudoun County residents will run into an extra cost. After July 1, anyone who is transported by a Fairfax County ambulance from an address in Loudoun County will be billed for the ambulance transport.

New Fees

- ❖ Basic Life Support \$400
- ❖ Advanced Life Support \$500
- ❖ Advanced Life Support 2 \$675
- ❖ Mileage Fee \$10 per mile

"Fairfax County began billing its residents in April 2005," Dan Schmidt, spokesperson for Fairfax Fire and Rescue, said. In fact, Loudoun

County is one of the few counties that does not bill its citizens for ambulance transport. This new policy relates to the Mutual Aid/Automatic Response program between the Fairfax and Loudoun counties fire and rescue departments. "Mutual Aid and assistance is when occasionally, Fairfax County ambulances will come into Loudoun County if they are the closest to the

emergency and vice versa," Mary Maguire, Department of Fire, Rescue & SEE BILLING, PAGE 5

Death Investigated

The death of a 21-year-old inmate at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center is under investigation by the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

The inmate, Matthew Douglas Simpson, of Sterling, had a known medical history and was discovered deceased in his cell shortly before 11 a.m. Tuesday. According to the report, Simpson was booked into the facility shortly after 4 p.m. Monday afternoon after he was found in violation of his probation of two felony charges of possession of a controlled substance. He was being held without bond awaiting a scheduled meeting of the Loudoun County Adult Drug Treatment Court.

The cause and manner of his death is under investigation by medical examiners with the Office of the Virginia Medical Examiner in Fairfax County. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is investigating the circumstances that led to his death.

Child Sustains Burn Injuries

The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's office is investigating a significant burn injury to a child that involved fireworks. At approximately 8:30 p.m. Monday evening, June 30, an 8-year-old male was transported to the burn unit at Children's Hospital from the vicinity of Potomac View Road near Palisades Parkway in Cascades. The child had sustained second-degree burns to 45 percent of the upper body and arms. It is believed that the burns were a result of fireworks the child was holding which ignited his shirt.

Justice Program Grants

Loudoun County has been awarded grants from the state to support criminal justice programs. In total, 295 grants totaling more than \$39 million were awarded.

The county's school resources incentive grants fund received \$15,730 from the state along with a local match of \$32,052. The county's community corrections program received \$573,193 from the state.

Operation Nets Arrests

An operation targeting adults who buy alcohol for underage teens saw 15 people charged Friday, June 27, in the Sterling Park area.

As part of the operation, a 19-year-old volunteer, working with the Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit, was in the Sterling area. The operation, referred to as a "shoulder tap," took place over a six-hours and saw the teen ask individuals entering the store to purchase alcohol for her. Eight people were arrested for purchasing alcohol for an underage person.

The operation was conducted in cooperation with the Loudoun County Chapter of Mother's Against Drunk Driving.

Other arrests during Friday night's operation included two charged with narcotics violations, one for littering, one for open container, one for driving under the influence, one for driving on a suspended license and one for driving without a license.

Accidental Fire

The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office has determined that the fire in a small engine repair garage located at 43055 John Mosby Highway was accidental. An adult male, who was working on equipment in the garage when the fire started, was flown by helicopter to Washington Hospital Center for treatment of burn injuries sustained in the fire.

Just before 3 p.m., Thursday, June 26, fire and rescue personnel from Loudoun County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management, Dulles South, Arcola, Aldie, Fairfax County, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and Prince William County responded to the scene of a structure fire at 43055 John Mosby Highway near South Riding. The fire resulted in \$25,000 damage to a garage that was connected to an unoccupied house.

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Dulles Town Center resident Luanna Ruiz, 3, makes a request during a Mr. Knick Knack set.

July Fourth Warm-Up

Crowds turn out for Dulles Town Center's Liberty Festival.

In preparation for the Fourth of July, Dulles Town Center staged Liberty Festival last Saturday evening. Families from across Loudoun and Fairfax counties turned out for the free event, which included live performances on stages inside and outside the mall, an array of children's amusements and fireworks.

— MIKE DICICCO



While his father, Brian, looks on, 3-year-old Casey Fiore of Leesburg tests his strength with a little help from his mother, Lisa.

Still to Come

Remaining public fireworks displays include:

- ❖ **July 3:** Sterling Park Golf, Swim & Tennis Club; South Riding Golf Club, both at 9:30 p.m. Rain date July 5.
- ❖ **July 4:** Ida Lee Park; Ashburn Village, both at 9:30 p.m. Rain date July 5.
- ❖ **July 5:** Lansdowne Resort, 9:25 p.m. No rain date.

For information on other area displays, approved consumer fireworks and safety tips, visit the county Fire Marshal Office Web page at <http://www.loudoun.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=810>.



Alexandra Bognar, 6, of Leesburg, gets some climbing advice on the rock wall.

Billing Policy in Effect

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Emergency Management for Loudoun County spokesperson, said. Therefore, by charging Loudoun County residents to use Fairfax ambulances, the cost of using the services will simply become equal between Fairfax and Loudoun county residents.

SOME LOUDOUN and Fairfax residents are concerned about the change. Others see this change as the right thing to do. "This is something that Fairfax County has been doing for a few years. By adding this policy, I believe that the fire and rescue departments are simply creating a fair and equal situation between Fairfax and Loudoun counties," said John Deardourff, a Fairfax resident.

For individuals with health insurance, this bill will be paid for by their insurance company.

People without insurance will not be denied service. "We are not here to cause any financial hardship for residents. If someone cannot afford to pay they have the option to ask for a fee waiver. We are very compassionate when it comes to waiving a transport fee for someone that cannot afford to pay," Schmidt said.



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Fairfax Fire and Rescue ambulances will now bill Loudoun residents for runs.

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Controversial New Immigration Policy Enacted

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across someone who is suspected of being here illegally, ICE had to come to Loudoun County to conduct an investigation. Now, three trained deputies will be able to identify illegal immigrants under ICE guidelines."

According to Troxell, the program, which ICE launched in 1996, is years in the making for Loudoun County. The county already had a working relationship with the federal government, as in 2003 the U.S. Congress approved funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, which was created to address the growing gang problem in Loudoun County.

IN 2005, WITH communication and cooperation established, talks began between the Sheriff's Office and the federal government to have Loudoun become a part of the 287(g) program, as the government said that it needed more manpower to combat the illegal immigrant problem.

Initially, Simpson hesitated to enter into an agreement with ICE because overcrowding in jails was a serious problem. According to Troxell, the only jail to use was one that dated back to 1954 that was originally built to house only a few dozen inmates. However, by 2003, it was holding more than 200 inmates, so Simpson was reluctant to sign onto a program that would undoubtedly call for more jail space.

"The sheriff had concern that if we signed

onto the program, then where are we going to put local inmates?" Troxell said. "Our local inmates would have to be shipped elsewhere."

In the summer of 2007, ICE let Simpson know that it would be possible to alter the original proposal and that ICE would pick up any illegal immigrants from the Loudoun jail within 72 hours of their sentence being completed and that the county would be reimbursed by the federal government for the costs of holding a detainee. Satisfied with the latest proposal, Simpson consented to the MOA.

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.

"If there is a population who does not want to admit they're here and they are committing crimes, they cannot be ignored," Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling), a fervent 287(g) supporter, said. "We cannot just ignore some of the violent crimes. We can send these guys back and stop them from committing crimes."

THOUGH THE PROGRAM has its supporters, Loudoun, which is one of 47 active 287(g) participants across the country, has faced a good deal criticism from civil rights groups concerned that the program will

encourage racial profiling.

The ACLU of Virginia filed a Freedom of Information Act request June 20 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 guarantee that minority groups will not be discriminatorily targeted.

"The principal question here is whose residency status is going to be checked and whose is not," Kent Willis, executive director of the ACLU of Virginia, said. "If you allow people to operate under their own prejudices, they will profile based on race. If [the program] is implemented without discrimination in any way, then there will be nothing illegal about it and we will have no issues."

Yvette Castro-Green of La Voz of Loudoun, which assists immigrants in the process of integration, said that there is some fear in the Hispanic community about this program, but she is sure that the Sheriff's Office will handle the matter appropriately.

"It is a little unsettling. Established immigrants are nervous now because they fear they will get stopped for no reason," Castro-Green said. "There needs to be some sort of protocol in place and we are confident that the Sheriff's Office has instituted them."

The Sheriff's Office contends that there will be no racial profiling involved in the program and that checks are indeed already in place to prevent it from occurring.

"We already have a policy to prohibit racial bias or profiling in officers' duties," Troxell said. "The way the MOA is set up is that it is not something where we can knock on your door or just pull you over; you have

to be already in custody. If there is information that you are in the county illegally like multiple IDs or documents you cannot provide and if the charges meet ICE guidelines, you are subject to further investigation."

SEVERAL OTHER areas in Northern Virginia are also under the ICE umbrella. Local law-enforcement agencies that have MOAs with ICE on 287(g) include Prince William, Shenandoah and Rockingham counties and the Town of Herndon.

Herndon has not seen any instances of racial profiling and is reporting the program as a success to this point, with 81 contacts with ICE and 37 awaiting deportation hearings this year to date.

"Herndon police have been aggressive in communication with the community about what this program actually is and what it is not," Ann Curtis, town public information officer, said. "They have done well reaching out."

At press time, according to Troxell, the county is just waiting on final signatures from ICE officials to make the program official. Though facing criticism, local supporters are confident that the program can be executed in a legal, nondiscriminatory fashion while reducing crime.

"I think that it will enhance the county as a county that is committed to the rule of law," Richard Budzinski of Help Save Loudoun, a civic organization formed to address and troubleshoot community improvement issues, said. "It focuses on illegal immigrants who commit felonies, bad guys in gangs and allows local law enforcement to serve as the eyes and ears of the federal government for immigration issues."

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Proposals Aim to Strengthen Zoning Enforcement

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from a liability standpoint," he said. No one can mow a property without permission from the owner unless it is in violation of the zoning ordinance. If the property is in violation, it is the county's responsibility to correct the condition, hence the county would be liable for any injury caused to any volunteer working there. York called the proposal "an intriguing idea" but said it could invite trouble.

Delgaudio took issue with York's assessment, saying companies could volunteer to do the work and cover their workers under their own liability policies. He noted that volunteers had planted trees along Sterling Boulevard and were engaged in a number of other projects in the community. "It doesn't make sense that we can have hundreds of people volunteering for everything else but cutting grass," he said.

Meanwhile, said Delgaudio, many residents are mowing neighbors' lawns regardless of legalities.

YORK SAID HE hoped Delgaudio's proposal for online submission of zoning complaints would come to fruition. Neighbor-

ing Fairfax and Prince William counties have already set up such systems. The only issue, said York, would be ensuring that staff could identify who was filing the complaints. "There was one time when they were anonymous and people were using them just as a method of revenge," he said, although he noted that some people had concerns about identifying themselves, out of fear of retribution.

Delgaudio said he was pleased that some progress was being made toward addressing problems in his district, but he wondered why action hadn't been taken sooner and he expressed some skepticism about staff's and other supervisors' enthusiasm for enforcing zoning violations.

He had personally filed 200 zoning complaints for unkempt lawns and he said 180 of those lawns had finally been mowed by the owners. However, he said, "They're not getting the 20 hard cases done."

"They're pointing their finger and saying they're short-staffed," he said of county staff. "It's a lack of will to enforce the law."

HE ALSO WONDERED what was coming of a proactive zoning enforcement pilot

program initiated late last year. The program, to be piloted on Williamsburg Road and Argonne Avenue, both in Sterling Park, was to actively seek out and correct zoning violations. Delgaudio said he had not heard any reports of action taken through the program and noted that at least one of the homes with uncut grass was on Argonne Avenue.

It would take a greater collective political will, he said, to turn the situation around in his district. "It can't just be a lone couple of supervisors here," Delgaudio said. "We've got a problem that is solvable, but they're using a wet noodle on it."

Delgaudio also said the zoning violations were not reflective of Sterling's general population. "The people doing this are a couple of dozen antisocial creeps who need to be run out of Sterling," he said.

MEANWHILE, THE Sugarland Run neighborhood has been able to effectively deal with the sorts of situations that are plaguing Sterling Park and other parts of the Sugarland Run District, simply because it has a strong homeowners association, said Robert Winterbottom, the association's

president.

As the foreclosure rate began to rise, the Sugarland Run Homeowners Association developed a policy last year that provided for the neighborhood to send a contracted company to mow lawns once they reached a certain height, he said. Whoever ends up owning the house is billed for the mowing. If someone parks a car on a front lawn, said Winterbottom, "the Architectural Review Committee is on that pretty quickly." Also, he said, the presence of a community police officer has reduced graffiti and other crimes.

Winterbottom said the neighborhood's biggest problem was overcrowded homes housing multiple families or large numbers of unrelated individuals. "There's no good way to deal with that," he said, adding that it was difficult to get a response from the Planning and Zoning Department and that it appeared to be hard for the department to enforce overcrowding laws. "When you contact zoning, it's almost like you're talking to a deaf ear," he said. He called the ability to file zoning complaints online "a great idea" but added, "If you get no response, it doesn't matter how easy it is."

Surplus Sale Too Good To Be True?

Good deals can be found at the Loudoun County Surplus Store.

BY BIANCA MITCHELL
THE CONNECTION

Now in its eighth year of operation, the Loudoun County Surplus Store features a wide selection of bicycles, books, electronics and office equipment. This Saturday, the store opened its doors to the public for one of its weekly sales. Mike Fleming, who runs the store, sees the sale as a deal. "Items can sell for as low as one dollar," he said.

All items are county government surplus and any profits are returned to county coffers.

But are these low priced items really worth your money? Deals such as 30 books for \$5 or 25 computer monitors for \$2 each make the sale appear to be too good to be true.

"Items can sell for as low as one dollar."

— Mike Fleming, Loudoun County Surplus Store director

ing books and a skateboard. It was her daughter Markie's first visit to the surplus sale. "I actually liked it. I think it's pretty cool!" she said.

But is the sale actually as great as it seems? For things like books, phones, tools and bikes the answer is yes. For electronics, the answer is not so concrete. The keyboards and other accessories on display appear to be in working condition and there is a power station where customers can check to see if what they are

buying actually works. However, most customers are not aware that the computers themselves have had their software, operating systems and hard drives removed.

MANY OF THE customers aren't interested in the electronics, but instead come to pick up a good read. "It's a good deal, I usually get books," Sheila Pollard, of Loudoun County, said. Hundreds of books, old and new, fill bookshelves and boxes and account for much of the inventory in the store. Colleen Millsap thinks that more schools should be made aware of the book sale. "It's so surprising that more schools don't take advantage of the book selection here. Buying new books is so expensive for teachers and schools and here you can get so many great books for so cheap."

For the most part the store seems to receive positive feedback from its customers. Whether or not the store is worth the shopper's time simply depends on what customers are looking for and what they are willing to take a chance on purchasing. The most important thing to know as a shopper at the store is that the best items go early. "Most of the hot items like tools are the first to go at 8 a.m." Fleming said.

Visit the Sale

The Loudoun County Surplus Store, is located at 14 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 106, Leesburg, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the first, second and third Fridays of the month and the fourth Saturday of the month.



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Children and Teens at Risk

Summer in the suburbs shouldn't mean biking, skateboarding head injury.

No typical Northern Virginia parent would knowingly expose his or her children to, say, a virus that had a low but significant chance of causing brain damage.

We are affluent, educated, hyper-involved parents. We worry about who might be contacting our children in cyberspace, about stranger abductions, water quality, salmonella, even about whether a system of lower grades might be hurting teenagers. There is nothing, it would seem, that we would not do to protect our children.

So why is it that during summer in the suburbs you see a steady stream of children of all ages flying up and down the rolling hills of their communities on bikes and skateboards and scooters, but often not a helmet in sight?

Thousands of children and teens each year sustain a major brain injury in Virginia, and the consequences can be devastating.

Bicycling injuries account for a very large percentage of the injuries, and while wearing a bicycle helmet reduces the risk of brain injury by approximately 90 percent, according

to a Virginia survey, only half of Virginia's children between 5 and 15 always wear their helmets. Casual observation would lead one to believe helmet use is a lot lower than 50 percent.

A nationwide study found that only 24 percent of U.S. children regularly wear a helmet when riding a bike, and that passing and enforcing local ordinances requiring children to wear helmets significantly increased the rate.

Most of us have seen television reports recently about the after effects of head injuries in soldiers injured in Iraq. But if your child crashes while he or she is riding a bike or skateboard without a helmet, you could be living with the same outcome.

CDC estimates that at least 5.3 million Americans, approximately 2 percent of the U.S. population, currently need lifelong help to perform activities of daily living as a result of a head injury. The two age groups at highest risk for brain injury are children under 4 years old, and 15-to-19 year olds.

And it's good practice: Telling your 10-year-old he or she must wear might not be comfort-

EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

Help Wanted: Snow Jobs Available

Job seekers need to be wary of Internet scammers

BY EDWARD JOHNSON

Desperate people do desperate things. The fallout that can result from losing a job is wrought with examples of rational people making irrational decisions. That's because losing a job equates to more than simply a loss of income. The adverse consequences can quickly pile up and become insurmountable. Even though the ability to earn money may be on pause, you cannot put a pause on monthly bills. In short notice, an uncertain future becomes reality. Add in a troubled economy, a high unemployment rate and the ease by which unscrupulous businesses can hide behind a fake web site and you have the job-scammer's perfect storm.

In a recent report on job searching, The Conference Board noted that in 2007, 73 percent of job seekers reported using online resources. While the Internet has made searching for jobs easier, it also provides an opportunity for ID thieves and schemers to take advantage of eager — and unsuspecting — job seekers.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) provides the following guidance to help people spot the most common red flags associated with online

job search scams:

Red Flag #1: Employer e-mails are full of grammatical and spelling errors

Most online fraud is perpetrated by scammers located outside the U.S. Their first language usually isn't English and this is often evident in their poor grasp of the language that can include poor grammar and the misspelling of common words.

Red Flag #2: E-mails purporting to be from job posting Web sites claiming there's a problem with a job hunter's account

After creating a user account on sites like Monster.com or Careerbuilder.com, a job hunter might receive an e-mail saying there has been a problem with their account or they need to follow a hyperlink to install new software. Such phishing e-mails are designed to convince readers to click a link within the message to fix the issue, but actually take them to a Web site that will install malware or viruses on their computer.

Red Flag #3: An employer asks for extensive personal information such as social security or bank account numbers

Some job seekers have been surprised to learn they've gotten a job without having to do a single interview. However, when the employer then asked for personal information in order to fill out the necessary paperwork sus-

Protect Their Brains

The Brain Injury Association of Virginia, www.biav.net, recommends:

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FOURTH OF JULY

Loudoun County will feature a multitude of Fourth of July celebrations throughout the county. Here are a few featuring fireworks and other events.

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

Leesburg's Fourth of July celebration, Friday, **July 4**, begins with a hometown parade, beginning at Ida Lee Park, 60 Ida Lee Drive, Leesburg, and traveling down King Street through the historic district to 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 begins at 10 a.m.; Celebration in the Park gates open at 6 p.m., live music begins at 7 p.m., fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Call 703-777-1368.

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.

Ashburn Village will celebrate the Fourth of July with a parade, party and fireworks starting at 10:30 a.m., **July 4**. Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. Contact cmiller@ashburnvillage.com.

Lansdowne Resort, Woodridge Parkway, Lansdowne, will feature fireworks **July 5**. Call 703-729-8400 or visit www.lansdowneresort.com.



Olwen Woodier helps a student in one of her classes prepare a meal.

Fun in the Kitchen

Glenfiddich Farm offers hands-on cooking classes.

BY MATTHEW RAZAK
THE CONNECTION

Olwen Woodier has been around the world and every where she has gone she's tried to learn to cook something new, use a new flavor and explore new cooking ideas. When she's home at Glenfiddich Farm in Leesburg she tries to share those ideas, but not just with guests she has over for dinner, but with everyone. To do this the author of six cookbooks decided to start a cooking class at her home featuring foods from around the world.

"One thing that attracted me was the cuisine she uses," Isabelle Hopkinson of Ashburn, who regularly attends the classes with a group of friends, said. "I learned a lot about Middle Eastern style of cooking that I never knew. She'll do all these different styles like Italian or she'll do a food theme like squash. She uses things from all over, which is very interesting."

THE CLASS ITSELF is very hands-on with participants doing much of the cooking themselves while Woodier explains what to do in general terms and goes over the recipes with everyone. The class will break up into small groups and each will be charged with a certain aspect of whatever dish they are working on. While people are perfectly welcome to sit back and relax Woodier said

that most enjoy getting in and cooking.

"I started doing demonstration only," Woodier said of how her class started. "But within the year I opened it up to hands-on. Most people like hands-on. We do lots of Asian menus and themes and a lot of cooking techniques from Europe. I traveled around the world a lot and was exposed to a lot of foreign flavors."

The classes are single sessions in which the participants usually cook a four-course meal with Woodier explaining what to do and then sit down and enjoy it together. Woodier offers two styles of classes, one on Wednesdays, which take place during the day and deliver a lunch-time meal and the other on Friday nights, which feature dinner-time fare. Both courses take place in her kitchen, which offers professional cookers and ovens along with a large mirror so people can watch what she is doing when they aren't cooking themselves.

"Wednesday classes are very different from the Friday evenings," Woodier said. "Wednesday classes attract stay-at-home mothers or people who are retired, but Fridays are more a mix of couples who want to learn or a group of friends."

THE CLASS also accommodates all skill levels. Woodier has had absolute novices to experienced chefs attend her class. Woodier helps those that aren't sure what to do and let's the experienced chefs work how they

would like. This doesn't mean that experienced chefs don't learn anything though.

"I absolutely learn new things," Joyce Baker, owners of Bakersfield Catering, said. "I've taken cooking classes in Italy and cooking classes all over the world ... I took the basic training boot camp at the culinary institute last year and learned how to do things faster and better and that's how I feel about Olwen's classes. I learn something new that I was doing the long way or some new ingredient I would have never thought of. You're always learning something new or different and you learn from the other people there, too."

Hopkinson agrees, saying that even though she is an experienced chef she is constantly learning new things and sees inexperienced chefs gaining confidence in the kitchen. "She makes it very simple. I've been cooking since I was 12, so the cooking is not a surprise for me. So for me, it's a social thing. Some ladies don't cook as often, so it's a great way to come and have a nice meal and learn some things. Olwen will always explain all the techniques. You always learn something believe it or not. Sometime it's using an ingredient you've never used or cooking in a different way," she said.

THE SOCIAL aspect of the classes is something that differentiates Glenfiddich Farm's cooking classes from others. Since the class is so hands-on and eating the food is part

More

The next cooking classes will be on food that is garden fresh and will be Wednesday, July 9 and Friday, July 11, at Glenfiddich Farm, 17642 Canby Road, Leesburg. To register, e-mail glenfarmcooking@cs.com or call 703-771-3056 or 703-431-9507.

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Vive Le Vin

This coming weekend Americans will celebrate their country's independence with fireworks, food and fun during a plethora of Fourth of July celebrations. But the U.S. is not the only country in the world to celebrate its independence in July, the French do also. Every July 14 the French national holiday Bastille Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth of the modern French nation and while Loudoun and France don't have that many close ties it doesn't mean that Willowcroft Farms can't use it as a reason to throw a French wine tasting event on July 12.

"We did it last year and it was a big success," Kelly Tech, the marketing director at Willowcroft, said. "We have French interns every year who come for three months and it is sort of to celebrate them. Our wine maker loves all things French, too, so we pick out the top French wines and have little finger foods and have some fun."

THE WINEMAKERS at Willowcroft will hold a wine tasting featuring three or four French wines and a few of their own from

1-5 p.m. Wines were selected for their taste and the region of France they are from. Each region creates a different flavor and a different style of wine so that knowing where it comes from is important.

"French wine, at least reds, are very earthy and very full of taste. It's very similar to Virginia wine in fact. They concentrate on the fruit and don't over emphasize the alcohol part of it. They try to be true to the fruit," Tech said.

There will be wine experts on hand at the event to discuss the different types of French wine and help tasters find wines to their liking. Most of the wines will be easy to find in the area and Tech said that part of the experience is being able to go home and buy the wine you tasted. None of the French wines will be on sale at Willowcroft but they will have bottles of their own wine there.

"We go with pretty common wines. I try to go with wines that people can get, but that are very interesting. We hope people will like them," Tech said.

The tasting will also feature French-style food, which has been catered in and a bit of French music playing. Willowcroft tries



to present wines from around the world throughout the year and Tech said that celebrating Bastille Day is the perfect reason to present French wines.

"The French wine makers have so much experience. They've just been around forever and they know what they are doing. They go with their own grapes and perfect them. They've perfected it after so

many years. I love European wine. It's my second favorite after ours of course," Tech said.

Willowcroft Farm Vineyards is located at 38906 Mt. Gilead Road, Leesburg. The cost for the event is \$10. Call 703-777-8161 or visit www.willowcroftwine.com.

— MATTHEW RAZAK

Learning to Cook at Any Age at Glenfiddich Farm

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of it, much of the time is simply spent talking and meeting new people. Woodier says that the cooking is conducive to getting to know people.

"It's not only cooking, it is a great social outing. It's very casual and laid back and I go in a group of ladies and you make a nice meal together. To me it's probably more a social than cooking thing," Hopkinson said.

Newcomers shouldn't be afraid to jump in though, as the classes are open and friendly and always looking for new participants. Nor should they be afraid of experimenting with the recipes. Woodier runs her classes very openly allowing for different interpretations of recipes. If someone thinks a dish will taste better with a little more of one ingredient they are perfectly welcome to experiment. The class is designed around having fun cooking not following the recipe perfectly.

"It's easy for a new person to jump in because everything is detailed. We'll modify [recipes] as we go along and we make up our own recipe and work around it. There is a flexibility there as well, so you can experiment or go along with the recipe," Baker said.

MOST OF THE recipes cooked in the class are not just for the classroom either. Woodier selects recipes and ingredients that can be found locally and buys all the ingredients locally too, with an emphasis on eating healthy. Participants are sent home with the dish's recipe, notes on any changes that might have been made in the cooking pro-

cess and many use them at home with their families.

"The whole premise is that people can go home and do them," Woodier said. "I give out the recipes and people do use them. Some of them are a bit more complicated than the others but you can do them all on your own."

Hopkinson has brought home her recipes to feed her family on multiple occasions and gotten very good responses. While the food and ingredients might be from around the world, the dishes appeal to most palettes and the class also teaches how to present food in a more decorative way with garnishes and toppings.

"I would imagine someone with an unappreciative pallet would feel a little skeptical of the food, but they would like it when they tried it," Baker said. "She has a lot of keep it simple suppers though that are very simple in flavor, too."

THE COOKING SCHOOL also offers a summer children's cooking camp where children can have fun and learn how to cook. The next installment of the camp is coming up in July and August and feature recipes and cooking lessons that children can handle. One camp is for 8- to 11-year-olds and features a more free-form style of cooking without to many strict recipes.

"They harvest herbs and whatever is in season and collect chicken eggs and on Friday they have a pottery lesson, too, with my husband. They do plenty of cooking. Last year, they made meatloaf and mixed up big bowls of a meatloaf mix and they



Children at the The Cookery Camp harvests beans and tomatoes.

made egg rolls and we had a fantastic pizza day," Woodier said.

The other camp is for older children between the ages of 12 and 16 and features more instructional cooking and detailed recipes. The camp teaches children how to cook and experiment in the kitchen and also shows children that cooking can be fun.

"My son did the cooking camp last year," Hopkinson said. "It made him actually have fun cooking because it was something he was doing himself. It's a great way for the kids to experiment and be creative. They come home and they want to make what they did at class."

Making cooking fun and interesting is

something that Woodier believes is as important as cooking one's own food is both healthier and saves money. Getting children interested in this from an early age is something that she said helps drive that point home.

"The children aren't always cooking at home and I think their parents like them to come because it opens them up to the idea of cooking and the idea of eating different foods. Some kids come and they will eat anything and yet others have a very limited palette and for them it's a case of learning to try something in the company of their peers without feeling too much afraid or feeling silly," Woodier said.

CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

HIDE 'N SEEK. 9:30-11 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-6. Discover camouflage like spots on fawns, play a hide-and-seek game and make a craft. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

1960s FILMS. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Watch "Dr. Strangelove." Recommended for adults; admission is free. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us for a complete listing of future movie showings.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

TRIO CALIENTE CONCERT. 7-9 p.m., Brambleton Town Center. Features Latin, gypsy rumba and jazz beats from Trio Caliente. All ages are welcome to attend; admission is free. Lawn chairs or blankets recommended. Visit www.brambleton.com or call the Brambleton Visitor's Center at 703-542-2925.

FOOTPRINTS AND FINGERPRINTS. 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St, Sterling. Investigate the beauty of footprints and fingerprints. Take home a set of own fingerprints. Recommended for ages 6-11. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-430-9500.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

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

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Claude Moore park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All Ages. Join an archaeologist, help screen, wash and sort artifacts behind the Lanesville House in Claude Moore Park's Historic District. Free.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. 6-9:30 p.m., Tarara Vineyard and Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg. Tarara's Sounds of Summer Series

presents Shane Hicks & The Trance. Cost: \$15 per person, free for children 6 and under. Advance discounted tickets available online. Call 703-771-7100, Ext. 233 or visit www.tarara.com.

SUMMER BUG HUNT. 10-11:30 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Sing a song and hunt for wild bugs in a walk. Cost: \$4. Call 571-258-3700 to register.

FAMILY CAMPFIRE. 7:30-9 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Sing songs and hear Native American stories, then toast marshmallows, provided. Cost: \$4 per person. Call 571-258-3700 to register.

SUNDAY/JULY 6

BLUEMONT CONCERT. 7 p.m., lawn of the Loudoun County Courthouse,



Leesburg. Features Knicely American Combo: jazz, swing, bluegrass. 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. Contact the Bluemont office at 540-338-4640 or www.bluemont.org.

SUNDAY AT THE SANCTUARY. 1-2:30 p.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Children's Center Road, S.W., Leesburg. See what's going on in nature this summer at the Rust Nature Sanctuary. For adults and older children; 703-737-0021. Free.

MONDAY/JULY 7

MR. BRAIN AND THE BOPPETS. 2:30 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place; Potomac Falls and 7 p.m.; Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. High-energy and interactive rock concert. Recommended for all ages. Free tickets are available at the library, starting half an hour before the program. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

TUESDAY/JULY 8

ARTEMIS FOWL IS BACK. 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. "Artemis Fowl: Book 6, The

Time Paradox" arrives Tuesday, July 15. Celebrate with games and activities, enter a drawing to win the book. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-430-9500.

BAY FOSSIL FUN. 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Become a junior paleontologist. Look for and learn about fossils in a cup of sand from the Chesapeake Bay, with the help of experienced teacher and avid fossil collector, Patricia Morrison. Recommended for ages 8-11. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-444-3228, Ext. 309.

SOLVING CRIMES. 7 p.m., Rust Library, 308 Catoctin Circle, Leesburg. Join in for a presentation by the staff of the Sheriff's Department. Learn the who, what,

where, when and why of solving crimes. Recommended for ages 12-18. Register online at www.lcpl.lib.va.us.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 9

1960s FILMS. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Watch "Shame," just one of several films from the 1960's that the Ashburn Library will be showing on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Recommended for adults; admission is free. Visit www.lcpl.lib.va.us for a complete listing of future movie showings.

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WEEKDAY RUST RAMBLE. 10-11:30 p.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Children's Center Road, S.W., Leesburg. A summer morning stroll around the Rust Nature Sanctuary with a senior naturalist. For adults and older children; 703-737-0021. Free.

THURSDAY/JULY 10

AMAZING MAZES. 2 p.m., Sterling

Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Learn how to create a large life-size maze inside the Sterling Library. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Register at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-430-9500.

ANIME EVENT. 6:30-8 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Includes Dance Dance Revolution, costume and karaoke contests, vote on favorite anime series and more. Recommended for ages 12-18. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-444-3228.

CHORALE CONCERT. 7:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 W. Market St., Leesburg. Outdoor concert featuring Mozart and Americana Medleys. Bring a chair or blanket. Concessions will be served. Free. Call 703-777-4912.

OUR WILD NEIGHBORS: Living With Urban Wildlife. 7:30-8:45 p.m., Broadlands Nature Center, 21907 Claiborne Parkway, Broadlands. John Hadian, director of Urban Wildlife programs at the Humane Society of the United States, will talk about urban wildlife and resolving human-wildlife conflicts. Presented by the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Broadlands Association. Free, but RSVP 703-737-0021.

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TODDLERS ON THE MOVE. 11 a.m., Rust Library, 34D Catoctin Circle, Leesburg. Participate in stories, rhymes, movement and parachute play for toddlers on the go. Recommended for ages 12-24 months with parent or caregiver. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-777-0690.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

ACOUSTIC ON THE GREEN. 7-9 p.m., Leesburg Town Green. Featuring Chelsea Lee. Free, visit www.acousticonthegreen.com.

BOOK TALKS. 3 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Learn how to be a dynamic detective. Recommended for ages 7-11. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-777-0690.

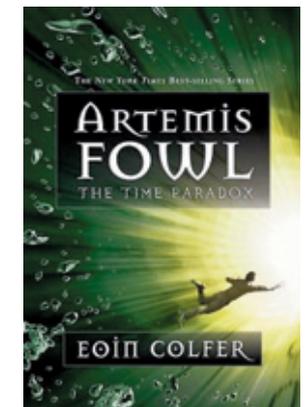
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FLEA MARKET. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 183 Ruritan Road, Sterling. The Ruritan Community will host a flea market. Refreshment stand will be open. Call 703-444-6039.

RUST AFTER HOURS. 7:30-9:30 p.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Children's Center Road, S.W., Leesburg. Spend an evening eavesdropping on bats, hooting for owls, black-lighting for bugs, and finding out what else might be out in the dark and how they're adapted to the night life. For adults and older children; RSVP 703-737-0021. Free.

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YARD SALE. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Contact Carol Wesley Wright at carolwright@starpower.net or 703-582-1640.

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Ongoing

A series of aerial photographs

by Loudoun County photographer Jim Hanna is on exhibit at Washington Dulles International Airport through **Aug. 26.**

The exhibit, coordinated by the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority and Gallery 222, is the fourth in the program's rotating series of displays. The exhibit is installed in the area beyond the security checkpoints in the Main Terminal on the Arrivals Level. Visit www.gallery222.com.

The Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) present the annual juried exhibition Arts Council @ GRACE, through **Aug. 1.** Art works in all me-

dia by 21 artists, including Sterling artist **Elissa Farrow-Savos**, will be exhibited at the GRACE gallery located in Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston, An artist perspective evening will be held Thursday, **July 10**, at 7:30 p.m.

The GRACE gallery is open Tuesdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.restonarts.org or call GRACE at 703-471-9242.

Coming Soon

"Four Seasons of Oatlands" Art Show and Sale, located at 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg. The juried art show runs from **July 7-27**,

Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. and is free of charge. Call 703-777-3174 or visit www.oatlands.org.

Paintings and drawings by Arlington resident **Frederick Markham** will be on exhibit, from **July 7-Aug. 1**, at the Waddell Art Gallery at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway, Sterling.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. Contact Donald Depuydt at 703-450-2627 or ddepuydt@nvcc.edu.

Not Just Shakespeare Theatre Com-

pany presents "As You Like It," at the reflecting pool at Morven Park, Leesburg, **July 12-13, 19-20, 26-27**, starting at 6 p.m. Visit www.notjustshakespeare.com for ticket info.

The Sterling Playmakers present "Oklahoma!" weekends **July 25-Aug. 10**, at Potomac Falls High School, 46400 Algonkian Parkway, Sterling.

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Bastille Day. Saturday, **July 12**, 1-5 p.m., Willowcroft Farm Vineyards, 38906 Mt. Gilead Road, Leesburg. Celebrate Bastille Day with French wines and food. Cost: \$10. Call 703-777-8161 or visit www.willowcroftwine.com.

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Knights Knocking Out the Competition

Local American Legion baseball team winning big in season's first half.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The summer has been a good one thus far for the Leesburg Post 181 American Legion baseball team, which has won seven of its first eight games to start the District 16 season.

Post 181, under first year manager Tom Whipple, has a solid line-up from top to bottom and has good overall depth on its squad.

The team is made up of college/high school aged players from the Loudoun County area. Players who attended or currently attend such local high schools as Broad Run, Stone Bridge, Park View, Dominion, Potomac Falls and Heritage make up the squad.

Most of the team's games are played on Wednesday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. Post 181's home playing fields are at Park View and Stone Bridge high schools.

One of the squad's best early season wins came on June 18 when Leesburg outscored Manassas Post 158 by a 13-9 final. Both teams went into that game carrying 4-0 records.

Post 181 did not win the game easily. It fell behind 7-1 early before rallying to win. The big hit in the game for Leesburg came on a three-run homer off the bat of Zack Boyd (Dominion High graduate). Other big games came from Steven Hershey (Broad Run High



Leesburg Post 181's Geoff McCowat, a Dominion High graduate, is part of a strong pitching staff for manager Tom Whipple's summer squad.

grad, current student at the University of Virginia), who belted a solo home run early in the game, and Kyle Irish (Park View grad, current Sheandoah University player), who went three-for-four with four RBIs.

A FEW WEEKS prior to the win over Manassas, Post 181 opened the season with a 13-4 win over Purcellville Post 293 in a game played at Park View High School.

Other earlier season victories have come over the Shenandoah Valley Sharks (in a double-header) and Front Royal Post 53.

The wins over the Sharks came in a June 15 twinbill played at James Wood High School in Winchester. Leesburg won the games, 11-1 and 5-4.

In both contests, Post 181's starting pitchers carried no-hitters after five innings of work. In the first game, Cole Shain (2008 Broad Run grad) earned the win, while Mike Palmer ('08 Stone Bridge grad) pitched an outstanding five innings of work in the latter game before being pulled because of his pitch count.

The following week, Leesburg defeated Front Royal, 10-1, in a road game. Big games for Leesburg came from shortstop Brian Wheaton (4-for-4, 3 stolen bases), center fielder Matt Irwin (5-for-5, six RBIs, 4 stolen bases) and Irish, who homered. Both Wheaton and Irwin graduated from Stone Bridge last month.

More recently, Leesburg swept a split double-header this past Sunday at Spotswood High (Penn Laird, Va.). The first

win came over North Rockingham, 7-0, and the second win came over East Rockingham, 16-2.

Leesburg's only loss thus far came over Vienna Post 180, a District 17 member, on June 25 at Stone Bridge. Vienna won that contest, 15-10.

"It was a back and forth game," recalled manager Whipple of the loss. "It was the tail end of beach week and we just ran out of players."

That loss to Vienna came three days after Leesburg had defeated Manassas in the contest of 4-0 teams. Many of Post 181's players were enjoying beach week after having graduated from their respective schools. So, the Leesburg team was missing several key players for both the Manassas and Vienna games.

"Our guys hung tough," said Whipple, of the win over Manassas. "Guys who don't get a lot of playing time played well."

WHIPPLE has been impressed with his squad's cohesiveness thus far.

"I think one of the major keys [to our success] is how kids from different [high school] programs have meshed right away," said Whipple. "They are having fun and they are happy to be here. It's fun for a coach."

The Leesburg offense is averaging 10 runs per game through eight games. Top hitters include Irish, Hershey and second baseman Mike Stancik ('08 Stone Bridge grad).

The skipper wants to see his defense improve.

"We have some players who are somewhat unfamiliar with their positions," said Whipple, who has some of his team members playing at different positions from the spring school season. "Our defense right now has to step it up a little bit."

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— Post 181 Manager Tom Whipple, on his Baseball Team's Winning Mindset



Brian Wheaton knocked around four hits for Leesburg in its earlier season win over Front Royal.

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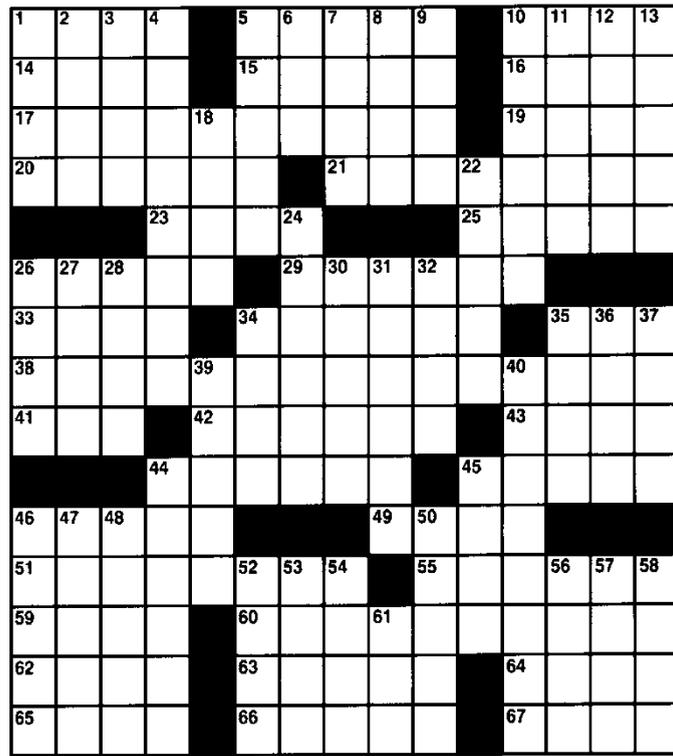
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of The United States (1933-1945) said it best — and most famously, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." But FDR probably never had to call an air-conditioning repair man smack dab in the middle of a heat index measuring 105 degrees (on the personal Richter scale) in Washington, D.C., in the summer, no less. Certainly FDR was familiar with Washington's status as center of the free world, but perhaps he was not as familiar with Washington's status as center of the "humiture index," the combination of heat and humidity, the summertime version of the ever-familiar and ever-uncomfortable, "wind chill."

Talk about carte blanche, and I don't mean the credit card, either. I mean the opportunity for an individual, acting in the best interests of the customer whose air conditioning is no longer conditioning properly, to evaluate and diagnose your unit's cooling issues and recommend a solution — a solution which will undoubtedly cost money, serious money, the kind of money you probably don't have sitting around.

Let's just say I'm skeptical of the repair being as simple as replacing the solenoid switch on my automobile's starter (versus a more involved and expensive repair) as advertised in a current Advance Auto Parts television commercial. Not only does my unit not have a solenoid switch (whatever that is), it's not likely to have any switch whose repair/replacement will likely cause minimal damage to my bank account. My fear is, my expectation is that whatever repair the technician says is necessary, however much he says the repair/replacement will cost, it's hardly information that I'll be able to verify independently or shop competitively. Moreover, given the temperature in the house, the heat and humidity outside of the house, and the presence of a technician in and out of the house, the last thing that seems prudent to do in the middle of a typical summer sizzle is, call another technician from some other company to come over at some other less convenient time and diagnose my air conditioning unit's condition and hope that his assessment/cost to repair will be less expensive than the assessment/solution that the technician who is at this very moment on-site and ready to repair is proposing; that helplessness, that inevitability, that lack of cost control is my fear.

And my related fear is, the technician has to know this, doesn't he? And the reason he knows this is, idiot that I am, I may have told his dispatcher of the urgency of my situation, which encouraged the dispatcher to send someone over to my house in the first place. Furthermore, I may have joked that my house "was like a sauna," quoting Kramer from a Seinfeld episode in which he and Jerry were actually sitting in a sauna when he said this. Sensing then that I was a "hot lead," literally and figuratively, what margin of cost-reasonability I had hoped for is likely heading out the open window.

And if I had plenty of money, plenty of time, plenty of patience, and plenty of knowledge to have an even remotely intelligent conversation with the technician/repairman, perhaps I wouldn't feel so totally at their mercy. And it's not that I don't appreciate and respect their knowledge on the subject at hand, it's more that I understand my own deficiencies and anticipate that these circumstances will lead me down a garden path to a repair/replacement I don't need or a repair/replacement I can't afford.

Either way, it's more than fear that I'll end up fearing; it's more like the money that I'll have to pay that I don't have and can't easily replace. But what options do I have? Perhaps I can find another famous FDR quote that applies. FDR also said: "When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." And so I shall. I suppose it beats the alternative.

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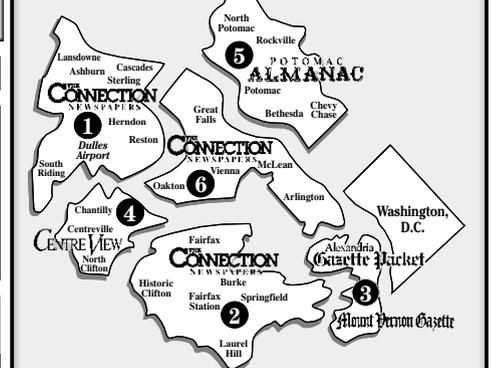
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JULY 11, 2008

AT 10:00 A.M.

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated August 9, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 16387, Page 2016, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), securing The Washington Savings Bank, F.S.B. (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction on the front steps of the Fairfax County Courthouse located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on July 11, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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LESS AND EXCEPT all of that lot or parcel of land containing 8,750 square feet more particularly described as follows:

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Settlement shall take place at the offices of Venable LLP, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300, Vienna, Virginia 22182. Purchaser shall pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other municipal liens, charges and assessments. The Purchaser shall also pay all settlement fees, title examination charges, title charges and title insurance premiums, all recording costs (including the state grantor's tax and all state and county recordation fees, clerk's filing fees and transfer fees and taxes), auctioneer's fees and/or bid premiums, and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred in the preparation of the deed of conveyance and other settlement documentation.

The Purchaser shall be required to sign an agreement at settlement waiving any cause of action it or they may have against the Substitute Trustees, and/or the Beneficiary for any condition with respect to the property that may not be in compliance with any federal, state or local law, regulation or ruling including, without limitation, any laws, regulation and ruling relating to environmental contamination or hazardous wastes. Such agreement shall also provide that if notwithstanding such agreement, a court of competent jurisdiction should permit such a claim to be made, such agreement shall serve as the overwhelming primary factor in any equitable apportionment of response costs or other liability. Nothing herein shall release, waive or preclude any claims the Purchaser may have against any person in possession or control of the property.

If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. There shall be no refunds. Such forfeiture shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the property is resold, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the failing bidder, and the failing bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. Immediately upon conveyance by the Substitute Trustees of the property, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustees, if any, with respect to the property so conveyed shall be extinguished, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

/s/ Henry F Brandenstein, Jr.

Substitute Trustee

/s/ Jessica L. Sartorius

Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

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Improved by the premises known as

2625 Viking Drive, Herndon, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert Thompson and Amy Beth Thompson, dated April 29, 2005, and recorded May 2, 2005, in Deed Book 17238 at page 1788 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

At 11:32 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

the following property being the property contained in said Deed

of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 314, Section 4, Fox Mill Estates, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3802 at page 498, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2625 Viking Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20171.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000.00 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 5.25 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.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at

his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY

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