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The **Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons** has been named the new pastor of Leesburg Presbyterian Church, beginning Sunday, Aug. 3. A native of Texas, Parsons graduated from Austin College and Vanderbilt Divinity School. After her ordination, she served as chaplain and adjunct professor of religion at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. Leesburg Presbyterian Church is located at 207 West Market St. in historic downtown Leesburg. During the summer, Sunday morning worship services are held at 10 a.m.

Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, 21740 Beaumeade Circle, Suite 100, Ashburn, will have an evre Shabbat family service and oneg for

prospective members Friday, **Aug. 8**, at 7 p.m. Welcome the Sabbath Bride with Rabbi Gallop. Families with young children are invited and encouraged to attend. E-mail worshipvp@bcrcva.org or call 703-729-1659.

Galilee United Methodist Church, 45425 Winding Road, Sterling, will hold its blessing of the backpacks, Sunday, **Aug. 24**. All children in pre-school through high school are invited to bring their book bags to either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service for a special blessing. Area school teachers and administrators are also invited to come for recognition, appreciation and a blessing as well. Call 703-430-2203 or visit www.GalileeUMC.org.

Congregation Sha'are Shalom of Leesburg, has hired the county's first full-time rabbi, Michael Ragozin.

Ragozin had been serving as the Sha'are Shalom's rabbinic resident for the past two years where he led the congregation's 130 families on a part-time basis.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 9

HEALTH FAIR. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., the Loudoun County Community Health Clinic, 224 Cornwall St., N.W., Leesburg. The Junior League of Northern Virginia, in partnership with Inova Hospital's Partnership for Healthier Kids and other local organizations, is organizing a back-to-school health fair, for uninsured children in need of physicals and immunizations to enter school for the first time. A parent or guardian must be present and should bring immunization records, a health history and any allergy information to their child's appointment. Call 703-443-2000.

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NEWS

Fun for Fido

Bark N' Bubbles Dogwash offers a unique experience for dogs of all sizes.

BY BIANCA MITCHELL
THE CONNECTION

A shelf of shampoo stood in front of Stacey Donnelly on Saturday as she sampled each fragrance. She finally chose the lavender eucalyptus and handed the woman at the desk a coupon for a facial. However, the shampoo and the facial would not be for Donnelly at all, but for her two dogs, Leroy and Doris, at the Bark N' Bubbles Dogwash. "I actually found the dog wash on my iPhone and we decided to try it out," Tom Donnelly, Stacey's husband, said.

For More

For more information on the services offered at the Dogwash or about franchising, visit www.barknbubblesdogwash.com or call 703-729-3161.

for the dog wash came from the West Coast, where pet pampering is all the rage. Ahart said, "it is something that dog lovers can appreciate."

From a simple bath to a blueberry facial, Bark N' Bubbles offers a wide range of pet services and prices that vary from \$18 to \$65 and up. The most popular service is the "You Wash" package where dog owners can use one of the facilities' four dog tubs to wash their pooches themselves. "The You Wash is a great bonding experience for dogs and their owners as well as a great learning experience. We place an emphasis on education of grooming to owners

and we will walk them through every step of the grooming process," Ahart said.

Owners who don't feel like getting their hands wet can rely on one of the dog wash's professional groomers for their dog's cleanliness. While owners wait, they can have a seat in the Bark Lounge, where there is WIFI Internet connection, an all natural beverage service — for humans and canines, and a flat-screen television. The café's 'Bark'uccinos are a hit with four-legged customers.

THE BARK N' BUBBLES DOGWASH is an affordable and unique "doggie Spaw" with two locations: one in Ashburn, which opened two years ago, and the other in Herndon, which opened last year. Each location is filled with bright and bubbly décor, a welcoming sight to dogs and their human companions. The dog wash's owner, Pam Ahart, has been in the pet industry for 10 years. "I saw a need for an additional option for pet grooming since the only choice for people was to either take their dogs to expensive groomers or wash them in their backyards," Ahart said. She said the idea

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PHOTO BY BIANCA MITCHELL/THE CONNECTION

One of the Bark N' Bubbles professional groomers gives Shadow a bath.

Beating the Odds

A local boy faces many challenges and returns triumphant.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Many people find it difficult to muster courage in the face of adversity. No matter the circumstances, it can be very trying to hold your head high and move on. However, not everyone has the bravery that 13-year-old Jon Hochstein of Ashburn has shown in his young but eventful life.

When Jon was 3 years old and living in Salt Lake City, Utah, a virus attacked his heart. Though he was healthy up to that point, the virus damaged his heart so thoroughly that it led to congestive heart failure, suppressing his heart to the point where

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it was only pumping at 6 percent of its full capability. After numerous attempts to get his heart to pump blood to the rest of his body using myriad medications to no effect, doctors determined that to survive, Jon would need a heart transplant as soon as possible.

JON WAS PLACED on the waiting list for a new heart on Jan. 21, 1999, and received his heart three weeks later on Feb. 11, even though waiting lists can be so long that some patients never receive their new organs. It came nine days after his fourth birthday, just as his own heart was failing

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Planning for the Fall

The Special Olympics of Loudoun meet to discuss plans for the fall season and for the installment of the Athlete Leadership Program.

For More

The Special Olympics offers 11 sports year round for the mentally disabled and is free for its athletes. Contact Caitlin Marcotte at 703-777-0438 or visit www.loudounspecialolympics.org for more information on how to volunteer or register to participate as an athlete.

BY JULIAN MORGAN
THE CONNECTION

The Special Olympics (SO) Council for the mentally disabled in Loudoun met Monday for its monthly meeting to plan for the fall season and to discuss fund raising. Headed

by Loudoun SO director Caitlin Marcotte and North Section director Beth Frank, the council also discussed implementing an innovative program for athletes titled the "Athlete Leadership Program." In thinking of the future of their athletes, the council proposed expanding athletes' roles to include athlete ambassadors or giving them a voice at the State Council based on their own interests and concerns. The Athlete

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Firefighter Released

On Friday, Aug. 1, Lt. John "Bones" Earley of the Loudoun County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management was released from the Washington Hospital Center. Earley, who had been in the Washington Hospital Center's Burn Unit for treatment of injuries sustained at the May 25 fire on Meadowood Court in Leesburg, was one of six firefighters injured at the scene.

"More than two months after the incident, Lt. Earley's much anticipated return home, marks a significant step forward for him," Fire-Rescue Chief Joseph Pozzo stated in a release. "On behalf of the Fire-Rescue System, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all who have reached out in support of Lt. Earley. Your kindness and assistance has been incredible."

D.C. Man in Custody

A Washington, D.C., man is in custody after an early morning barricade situation in the Brambleton community of Ashburn.

Deputies responded to the 42500 block of Rockrose Square around 4:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, after receiving a call regarding a possible domestic situation. The suspect, 26, allegedly entered his girlfriend's residence. The suspect allegedly had a firearm and verbally threatened the woman and her infant child.

Members of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) and the Hostage Negotiations Unit responded to the scene. The suspect was taken into custody without incident shortly after 8 a.m. The female victim declined medical treatment at the scene.

The suspect was being held without bond at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center and is charged with assault and destroying a telephone to prevent a victim from summoning law enforcement. The incident remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division and further charges are possible.

Neighbor Crime Reports Online

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is offering residents the ability to find why, where and when deputies were called to their neighborhood. The agency is the first in the state of Virginia to join forces with crimereports.com to allow residents to go online and view recent crimes in their community.

Residents can now access local crime incident data in near real-time on the www.loudoun.gov/crimereports Web site or by clicking on the link located on the Loudoun Sheriff's Office Web site at www.loudoun.gov/sheriff.

The information is presented on Google Maps where users can review up-to-date crime information for any location under the jurisdiction of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. Residents can also receive free e-mail crime alerts that are sent when crimes occur close to home or near any other address of interest. Users control the e-mail crime alerts they receive by specifying the address, the crime types and the distance from the address from which they wish to receive alerts.

The CrimeReports service is free to the public, allowing them easy access to neighborhood crime data in near-real time, however, it is important to understand that due to the timeliness of the reporting, investigations will not yet have been completed and the information will be preliminary and subject to change during the course of the investigation. Crime incident data will be updated nightly by the Sheriff's Office.

The system does not reflect sensitive calls such as incidents of rape, sexual assault, crimes against children, domestic violence and calls that are medical in nature.

Inside Loudoun

The August 2008 edition of "Inside Loudoun County" features segments on the November general election and Leadership Loudoun.

"Inside Loudoun County" is a 30-minute cable television program airing Mondays and Fridays, at 7 and 9 p.m. on Comcast Government Channel 23 (formerly Channel 2) and Verizon FiOS Channel 40. The show is hosted by Nancy McCormick of the Loudoun County Office of Public Information and is produced by Comcast.

Overcoming Adversity

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and doctors did not expect him to live through the night.

"I am so grateful [the donor family] made that decision [to donate]," Barb Hochstein, Jon's mother, said. "We knew it meant another family was suffering the loss of their little one and in the midst of their terrible tragedy, they found the grace to give the gift of life to others so they wouldn't suffer the same loss and despair."

At Children's National Medical Center, where Jon was being treated, he and his family were informed of the Transplant Games by their transplant coordinator. The Transplant Games is a competition for anybody who has had a solid organ transplant that has been functioning for six or more months. Held every two years, every local chapter National Kidney Foundation across the country sponsors a team of transplant recipients and sends them to that year's site to compete in 12 different events in several different age groups, depending on who attends.

Jon immediately was interested in the games, first being accepted to compete in 2000, at age 5. That year, the games were held in Orlando, Fla., and Jon, fully prepared to participate, was eager to play. However, just before the games kicked off, he came down with pneumonia and spent the games in the Florida Children's Hospital instead of running, biking and swimming.

TWO YEARS LATER at age 7, Jon finally got his wish to participate in the games, but his attempts at a medal fell just short as he placed fourth in the 1-kilometer bike race. Determined to push ahead, Jon focused on the 2004 games, ready to take home a medal and achieve his dream. Once again, Jon and his family were rocked with devastating news when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma just prior to the games. Jon was forced to miss the competition as he underwent chemotherapy to help cure him.

Finally, in 2006, after his treatment, he was healthy and ready to return to competition to try to win a medal. Of course, Jon's plans were sidetracked yet again as two weeks before the games, he broke his foot playing basketball at his team's Transplant Games send off party. Just like the other times, Jon was left unable to participate. At a time when many other people would have given up, no matter their age, Jon, at 13, ignored his past hardships and pressed on; determined to try again at the 2008 Transplant Games.

THIS YEAR'S GAMES were held in Pittsburgh, Pa., from July 11-16. Jon entered in several events, fully healthy with no reoccurrence of his Hodgkin's; ready to seize the opportunity and bring home a medal. On the first day of competition, he broke through and won a bronze medal in the men's 18 and under 50-meter back-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jon Hochstein shows off his three medal from the Transplant Games.

stroke and knew that it was a sign of things to come.

"After the first day, I won a bronze in swimming. The next day, I felt like this was my year," Jon said about the 2008 games. "I was near the top of my age group and knew I had to get something."

Jon added two more medals to his total with a bronze in the boys age 12-14 softball throw and a silver in the boys age 12-14 1K bike race and after eight years of trying, facing numerous setbacks, Jon's hopes and dreams were realized.

"It was awesome," Jon said. "You get to stand on a platform [to receive the medals] and it felt just like the Olympics."

Perhaps the only ones more proud of Jon were his parents, who endured the uncertainty of Jon's health and all of the hospital visits over the years. After watching their son battle life-threatening illnesses and constantly come out on top to achieve a major goal, they were flooded with emotion.

"It was so thrilling," Barb Hochstein said. "To finally see him achieve his goal was overwhelming emotionally."

Though still fresh off of an exceptional performance, Jon already has his sights set on the 2010 Transplant Games, which will be held in Madison, Wis. He does not have to train to get ready for these games, as he said that "I'm just athletic enough to get this stuff done" and notes that he plays tackle football in the fall, basketball in the winter, baseball in spring and swims in the summer, so he gets all the practice he needs. Courageous and as confident as ever, Jon's mission is clear for 2010: "I want to get a gold in two years."

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Looking Toward the Future

FROM PAGE 3

Leadership Program will also hold an Athlete Congress in which athletes can meet and talk about whether their respective sports and activities work for them.

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS has been operating in the county for 25 years and has since grown to offer 11 sports for 160 athletes and growing. Now it is able to divide sports into seasons and for the upcoming fall season of-

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— **Beth Frank,**
North Section director

fers equestrian, soccer, partners golf, power lifting, bowling and volleyball. “The most important thing people know about the Special Olympics is that it is free to athletes,” Beth Frank said. The SO Council of Loudoun generates revenue from fund raising, donations from businesses and the state to give athletes the opportunity to train and to compete in tour-

naments across the state and the country for free. One fund-raiser in particular that the council is excited about is the Polar Plunge, Feb. 2, at Virginia Beach in which 4,000 people jump into the ocean for charity or Sterling Fest Oct. 11. Russell Turner, Global Messenger and power lifting coach, said that fund raising and donations allowed 30 of the athletes to compete in the state tournament over the summer at the University of Richmond. Beginners train with coaches and master athletes, SO athletes have to excel in their sport, for a minimum of eight weeks before they can compete to ensure safety said golf coach Jim Mahood. Volunteers are also given a seminar by Marcotte encompassing mental disability awareness.

THE MASTER athletes are mentored by volunteers, coaches and by council members and act as representatives at council meetings. In doing so, athletes become leaders beyond their sports because they voice the concerns of their fellow athletes. This is the essential idea behind the Athlete Leadership Program. “It’s made for athletes so they can go on to different things,” Marcotte said.

Turner said that because Special Olympics starts offering sports for 8-year-olds that they have “watched [their] athletes grow into adults because they keep coming back.” It isn’t certain whether the Athlete Leadership Program will go as far as having athlete representatives at the SO State Council, but the local council will nevertheless be looking out for the future of their athletes.

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Pucker Up, Porky

Annual Kiss-A-Pig Contest Raises Money for Fair

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The Loudoun County Fair brought many families and friends a great deal of fun and entertainment the past week, but for one individual, it offered the chance to get a nice big, wet smooch. Honoring the 10-year tradition of the fair, winning the annual competition rewards the champion with an intimate moment with ... a slimy snout and rancid breath.

“I thought [the fair] was excellent. Everything went smooth, everyone had fun and the weather was great.”

— Terry Corle,
Loudoun County
Fair, superintendent

If you have not guessed yet, the Kiss-A-Pig Contest was in full gear yet again as a hard-working, dedicated fund-raiser stepped up, getting to lock lips with a pig as compensation for his efforts.

This year, Joseph Myer, an assistant vice president and financial advisor at Merrill Lynch's

Leesburg office, won the contest by raising the most money out of four contestants, winning the kiss. Myers, a resident of Clarke County, raised a total of \$1,800 since June, and according to him, smooching the swine was not as bad as one would assume.

“It was a very kind pig,” Myer said. “He gave me a little squeal, but it was a pleasure to kiss it, especially with a good cause behind it.”

The cause was certainly worthwhile, as the contest runs yearly to help raise money for the upkeep of the fairgrounds, namely the maintenance of the barns and buildings and for youth programs and scholarship awards.

This year, the specific cause was to get money to help rebuild the show barn, where many of the animals are displayed and various competitions are held.

ACCORDING TO MYER, he raised his money through a network of friends, family and colleagues. In addition, to boost his total gross, he also purchased Redskins tickets and raffled them off. His efforts were strengthened by the fact that he is a former 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) member, so he knows how much the contest meant to the fair and the people putting it on, adding extra motivation to his goal.

“I raised beef, lambs and pigs during my years of involvement [with 4-H and the FFA], so I have a firsthand appreciation for the time and energy that go into these kids' projects,” Myer said of his fund-raising efforts. “This was a great way for me to be supportive of the fair in a very creative way.”

Myer and the three other contestants were chosen by a nominating committee in mid-May, for having a notable role in the community and for their potential fund-raising prowess. Myer's fellow rivals vying to kiss the pig were Heather Elias, a Purcellville resident and real estate professional, Sola Pallotta, owner of The Pink Shop and the Very Virginia Shoppe in Leesburg and Wayne Bramhall, an advertising sales consultant. Together with Myer, the four brought in a grand total of \$4,287.73, which is successful given the fact that the participants had to devise their own fund-raising methods.

“I was suspect of [my opponents'] motives in wanting me to kiss a pig, but I am grateful for their support,” Myer said of his competitors.

IN ALL, the fair was a massive success again this year, mostly thanks to the animals, which were the stars of the show as usual. In addition to the Kiss-A-Pig Contest, the livestock auction, two rodeos and myriad animal shows brought hordes of people to the fairgrounds over the course of the seven days, said fair superintendent Terry Corle. Corle said that this year's total exceeded the turnout of 20,000 people last year, though exact statistics on attendance and the total amount of money raised will not be known for a couple of weeks.

“I thought [the fair] was excellent,” Corle said. “Everything went smooth, everyone had fun, and the weather was great.”

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— Joseph Myer, Kiss-A-Pig contest winner



Children prepare to fly down the slide.

PHOTOS BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION



A sheep approaches for some food.



Kiss-A-Pig winner Joe Myer.

OPINION

Deeply Saddened by Attack

To the Editor:

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun have been shaken and profoundly saddened by a lethal shotgun attack on the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As our congregation gathered for worship in Leesburg on Sunday, violence erupted in Knoxville. Local members did not learn of the shooting until after services when news reports began to circulate on radio and television. We all feel we have been violated.

According to press reports, a 52-year-old man who had not previously attended the church entered the sanctuary as the children of the congregation presented a performance of the musical "Annie, Jr.," which they had been preparing for all summer. The sanctuary was filled with members, parents and visitors, including some from another Knoxville UU congregation. The gunman opened fire on adults in the pews, not the children on the stage. Two

were killed and several others rushed to local hospitals in serious condition before the gunman was subdued.

Among the dead was 60-year-old Greg McKendry, an usher and church board member. Witnesses say that he placed himself in front of the gunman to shield others. His 16-year-old foster son, a member of the cast, witnessed the shooting from the stage.

Make sure everyone knows that Greg McKendry was a hero, an absolute hero, the boy was quoted as saying in the Knoxville News Sentinel.

Sixty-one-year-old Linda Kraeger, visiting from the Westside Unitarian Universalist Church in Knox County was also killed before members of the congregation disarmed and subdued the shooter.

In Boston, the Rev. William Sinkford, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) wrote to UUA members across the country that, "A tragedy such as this makes us acutely conscious of the beauty and fragility of our lives and those of our loved ones. I am

especially saddened by this intrusion of violence into a worship service involving children and youth. I know that many people, both in Knoxville and around the country, are struggling with shock and grief right now. I pray that those so affected will find strength and comfort."

The FBI is assisting local police in the investigation, including the possibility that it was a hate crime. The Knoxville congregation has a long history of supporting social justice causes going back to the Civil Rights Movement. And like many UU congregations it has been strongly supportive of gay rights. A sign supporting gay rights was put up on the church building just days earlier.

We will continue to pursue vigorously our Unitarian Universalist belief in "the inherent worth and dignity of every person" and to pursue "justice, equity and compassion in human relations."

Ricky Keech
UUCL Board President

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ESL and Immigrant Ministries needs volunteers to teach English to adult immigrants in 17 locations in Northern Virginia. Training is provided in August. Day and evening classes begin in September. To submit an online application, visit <http://eslim.org>.

The YMCA Loudoun County is preparing for its **20th Annual Leesburg 10K/20K race on Aug. 10**. Organizers are in need of volunteers of all ages for various assignments throughout the morning and early afternoon. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will end around 11 a.m. They need help with registration beginning 6 a.m., water stop stations beginning 6 a.m., race marshals beginning 6 a.m., split timers beginning 6:30 a.m., and various other duties. Contact Amy Grabowski grabowski@ymcadc.org or 703-777-9622.

Loudoun Volunteer Services will present a **Volunteer Management**

Training Series, designed for volunteer managers of community organizations. The six-week series will begin Friday, **Sept. 12**, and will continue for five consecutive Fridays. Each of the six courses, lasting four hours, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., will be held at the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad, 143 Catocin Circle, S.E., Leesburg.

The cost for each course is \$25 or \$100 for all six. To register for one or more courses, visit www.loudoun.gov/volunteer and click on "Volunteer Management Training Series," or call 703-737-8424 for an application.

The Northern Virginia **Long-Term**

Care Ombudsman Program is looking for volunteer advocates, who are assigned to a specific local nursing home or assisted-living facility in Loudoun County and make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents. Applicants must be available to volunteer four hours per week, primarily during regular business hours. Also, volunteer ombudsmen must not be employed by a long-term care facility. Interviews of applicants will be held this summer in preparation for the next annual training, scheduled for **Sept. 15, 16 and 26**, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., each day. Call 703-324-5422, TTY: 703-449-1186 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Jazz dance workshop with Kellie Goosens, Thursday, **Aug. 7**, 6-7:30 p.m., at Depot Court, Leesburg. Cost: \$10. Contact: benjamin.shoenberger@loudoun.gov or call 540-338-7973. Workshop being offered by VSAarts of Loudoun County.

The Loudoun Sheriff's Office will hold its **29th women's self-defense workshop** Tuesday, **Aug. 12**. The class is open to all female residents of Loudoun County over the age of 14. The session will be held, from 7-10 p.m., at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, 45299 Research Place, Ashburn. Registration required, contact Audra Vogel at 571-258-3049.

Scrapbooking workshop, Wednesday, **Aug. 13**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Learn how to scrapbook or update some scrap booking skills. Cost: \$10. Child care for ages 2-6 will be available for a nominal

charge. Call 703-430-9480.

The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, is offering a **ceramics class, Thursday, Aug. 21**, from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Cost: \$21 for members, \$22 for nonmembers. Advance registration required, call 703-430-2397.

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

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

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



Snapshot Michael Leaf, 1, of Stone Ridge, inspects the tomatillos at Medina's Produce at the Cascades Farmers Market Sunday.

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Watch "La Dolce Vita," Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Ashburn Library.

Summer Movie Matinee. Wednesdays, through Aug. 6, 3 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Watch a favorite movie on a big screen at the library. Bring pillows, blankets and snacks. Call the library at 703-737-8100 for movie titles or look at the calendar of events at www.library.loudoun.gov.

Cascades Market is every Sunday, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 26. The market is located at The Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Visit www.loudounfarmersmarkets.org.

FOOD & DRINK

Victory Brewing Company is hosting a beer dinner at Tuscarora Mill Restaurant, 203 Harrison St., Leesburg, Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. Enjoy regional brews paired with Tuskie's cuisine; \$75 per person. Visit www.tuskies.com or call 703-771-9300 for tickets.

Willowcroft Farm Vineyards, 38906 Mt. Gilead Road, Leesburg, is hosting "A Taste of Spain" Sunday, Aug. 17, from 12-5 p.m. Relax with Spanish wines, light food and Sangria. Admission is \$9 per person. Call 703-777-8161 or visit www.willowcroftvine.com.

Returning to Green Gables

By MATTHEW RAZAK
THE CONNECTION

Since 1908, a fictional girl named Anne, from Green Gables in Avonlea on Prince Edward Island, has been entertaining children and adults alike whether it be in the original book "Anne of Green Gables," by Lucy Maud Montgomery or in film or stage. To celebrate this 100th anniversary, the Leesburg Theatre Company (LTC) will be putting on their own version of the show Aug. 9, 10, 16 and 17 and they hope to bring the story to life for a whole new generation of children and adults.

"Anne of Green Gables" was one that everyone said, 'I remember the first time I saw that,' and it struck a nostalgic chord. We hope parents would want to share that with their children," Karl Meier, assistant director of the show and vice chairman of LTC, said. "It's a widely appealing story. The story line appeals to everyone and the antics are just generally funny to everybody and very endearing."

THOSE ANTICS involve Anne, played by Emily Price, an orphaned child who is adopted by Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert. The problem is they were expecting a boy. However, they keep her and the show follows the over-imaginative Anne through her life growing up in the area. Though many of the scenes are comedic, director Kevin G. Summers, who is also one of the founding members of the LTC, said that the story also contains many emotional scenes that can pull at the heartstrings.

"[Anne is] very over-dramatic about everything," Price said. "She gets a lot of ideas from the books she reads and she just believes that's how people act. Since she's gone through so many sad experiences in her life, to get over it she acts overly dramatic about everything. She's a very innocent character as well."

While the show is set in the turn of the century, the director believes that the antics of Anne and her cohorts apply to children and adults today. The story is really about growing up in the world and coming into one's own he said. Of course, the script has been slightly abridged since the show is being geared toward children, a first for the LTC, but the overall themes and important scenes that most people remember are included, including one where Anne gets caught in a sinking ship.

"There are so many fun scenes and Anne's character is very enjoyable to watch I like the scene where Aunt Diana gets accidentally drunk and I get to just rattle on about the story before I realize it. That's a lot of fun," Price said. "We have another scene where Anne tries to re-enact a poem where she's the Lady Elaine and she goes off to a boat and gets in some trouble. The scene is just a lot of fun."

FUN SEEMS TO be what the actors are



The cast for "Anne of Green Gables" rehearses.

having, too. The show is comprised of mainly local actors from around the area. Some have performed before professionally and for others it is their first time on the stage. Summers says that the cast has been really getting into character and that with a week left in rehearsal they're ready to go on now and deliver a great show.

"The cast is really good," Steven Watters, who is a first-time actor and is playing Matthew Cuthbert, said. "I've been particularly impressed with Emily. She definitely has the lion's share of the time on stage and script and she has been fantastic."

It's fun to watch people who have been in plays before and are used to this and they've been open to me and given me pointers on different things, so it's been really fun working with them."

The cast has been working well together and feels that the show is going to be very good. Part of the thanks goes to Summers, who cast members said is a very character-driven director and whose style works well with the play. He has also been helping some of the newer actors work into their roles and teaching them different tricks to acting like how to memorize lines and really get to know characters.

"Kevin is very much a director who is focused on character and what is really interesting is that, yes, he starts out with blocking, but really he wants to see what characters come out of people and it has been really interesting to work with him and see

these characters come out of people. I think he gets a very natural result and you see the characters shining through the actors in a very natural way," Meier said.

The stage is located at Crossroads Baptist Church, which donated the space. While the area is small LTC is bringing in a piece to extend the stage and working around the size limitations.

"It's wonderful stage. They've let us come in and use their space and move around everything. There are some limits to what can be done there because the stage is small and the ceiling is low, but we're constructing a second space to make more room. I took the constraints into account before I picked the show, so I knew how to work with it," Summers said.

Some tricky parts have been getting lighting right and figuring out a way to make the boat Anne gets caught in sink. But the stage designers and director have found ways around the problems despite a tight budget.

THE LTC IS funded by volunteers and donations along with a few grants from the county and Leesburg itself. Many of the costume and stage designers are volunteers and are also involved in area theater companies like the Sterling Playmakers, which have been around a bit longer than the LTC, which was founded in the summer of 2004.

"I had been in a production of 'Our Town' in Vienna and I was driving all the way there

"Since she's gone through so many sad experiences in her life, to get over it she acts overly dramatic about everything."

— Emily Price, who plays Anne

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Riding into Redskins Park

Ever wonder what car Clinton Portis or Jason Campbell drive? On Sunday, Aug. 10, the public will be able to find out what they and a host of other Redskins players own when they join hundreds of other classic and modern car owners for the Redskins Rides Car Show at Redskins Park in Ashburn. The show will play host to what its organizer, Greg Calloway of Eastern Motors, who is sponsoring the event, hopes will be one of the largest car shows in the area.

"Easterns has been using the 'Skins players in their TV commercials and when the opportunity came about to produce a car show we jumped all over it because it was perfect for us. We have players coming out with their cars on display, we have several food vendors, we're giving out a lot of prizes — we've got 10 Garmin navigation units we're giving out, free auto detail, a car," Calloway said.

The event will run all day and feature cars ranging from classics to modern sports cars. The Redskins will be around, signing autographs and showing off their own cars. Chris Cooley has a Mercedes CL he will be bringing while Mike Sellers said he will be showing up with a tricked out Impala, just to name a few. Calloway says that around half the cars will be privately owned while the others will be from body shops and other area car businesses. There will be hundreds of cars coming from as far away as Pennsylvania and all of them will be competing to win prizes like best in show.

"This is the second annual car show and last year ... the players just walked around looking at cars and enjoying themselves. It will definitely be a chance to talk to the players and meet and greet," Calloway said.

Along with the cars, the show will feature live music throughout the day and an hourly

More

Redskins Rides will be at Redskins Park, 21300 Redskins Park Drive, Ashburn. Tickets will be \$15 for ages 18 and up, \$10 for ages 3-17 and free for children 2 and under. Visit http://www.easterns.com/easterns/redskins_rides.aspx.



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Chris Cooley and his Mercedes CL will make an appearance at the Redskins Rides event.

raffle for prizes, one of which is a classic Mercedes worth more than \$20,000. The Redskins' cheerleaders will also be making an appearance at the show along with a plethora of food from The Original Steakhouse, who will be cooking hot dogs, ribs and more and Papa John's Pizza all at a discounted price.

"It's a great family event. Sometimes when you go to car shows it gets a little adult, but we're directing this straight to families," Calloway said. "We want people to come out with cameras and autograph materials and have an amazing day with family and friends."

Not only will the car show be a great

chance for children and adults alike to poke around some classic cars and hang out with Redskins players, but all the proceeds from the event will be going to the Washington Redskins' Charitable Foundation and the Eastern's Community Care Foundation. Both charities help out the local community in the area with money and support for programs. "I just want the attendees to come out and have great time," Calloway said. "We're really doing it for the fans as well as for charity. Our goal is to raise as much money as possible so that next year we can get even bigger and raise more money."

— MATTHEW RAZAK

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Last Chance

The Sterling Playmakers present "Oklahoma!" weekends through Aug. 10, at Potomac Falls High School, 46400 Algonkian Parkway, Sterling. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays, at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Cost: \$15 reserved, \$12 general admission. Call 703-437-6117 or visit www.sterlingplaymakers.com.

Ongoing

Aurora Dinner Theatre presents playwright Tina Howe's comedy of manners, "The Art of Dining," to be produced at West Belmont Place, National Conference Center, 18980 Upper Belmont Place, Lansdowne, Aug. 8-17. Cost: \$65 per person, including tax and tip and are available by visiting www.AuroraStudioTheatre.org, tickets must be purchased in advance. Fridays and Saturdays, dinner at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m., dessert at intermission. Sundays, dinner at 2 p.m., show at 3 p.m., dessert at intermission. Visit www.AuroraStudioTheatre.org or call 540-668-7072.

Leesburg Theatre presents "Anne of Green Gables," at Crossroads Baptist Church, 850



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Cowboy Will Parker (Javi Harnley) shares the "Little Wonder" that he found in Kansas City with the other cowboys in Sterling Playmakers "Oklahoma!" weekends through Aug. 10, at Potomac Falls High School.

Edwards Ferry Road, Leesburg. The show runs Aug. 9, at 8 p.m.; Aug. 10, at 2 p.m.; Aug. 16, at 2 and 8 p.m. and Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors. Call 703-577-6797 or visit www.leesburgtheatre.com.

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.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

MYSTERIOUS REPTILES ALIVE! 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Discover the mysteries of reptiles in this live animal presentation. All ages. Limited, free tickets will be available starting half an hour before the performance. 703-430-9500.

1960s FILMS. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Watch "Rosemary's Baby," just one of several films from the 1960s 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.

THURSDAY/AUG. 7

MISTER DON. 2 p.m., Loudoun County Extension Office, 30B Catoclin Circle (for Rust @ Catoclin Library). Join Mr. Don for an interactive children's music program, includes sing alongs, motion songs, marching and dancing. Ages 4 and up. Limited, free tickets are available half an hour before the performance. 703-777-0690.

SECRET CODES AND CIPHERS. 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Learn about some famous codes, how to write and decipher codes, make invisible ink and more. Ages 8-12. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-430-9500.

SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERT. 7-9 p.m., Brambleton Town Center Plaza. Features Jah Works, sounds of reggae.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

TODDLER ONE & TWO. 11 a.m., Rust @ Catoclin Library, 34D Catoclin Circle, Leesburg. Includes stories, rhymes and movement; parachute play for toddlers. Recommended for ages 12-24 months with parent or caregiver. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-777-0690.

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

INSECTS FOR EVERYBODY. 10-11 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Join an insect scientist and park volunteer to explore the beetles, butterflies, dragonflies, etc. that live in the park. Call 571-258-3700 to register. An adult must accompany children.

DETECTIVE DICTIONARY. 10:30 a.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls and 2 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. A blend of storytelling, acting and inventive theatrics, this original play explores the language arts including spelling, reading and much more. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

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 outdoor rink. Cost: \$1. Call 703-771-5913.

FROM SWANN'S CASTLE TO GOVERNOR'S MANSION: EXPLORING AN OLD SOUTHERN

ESTATE. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Learn Morven Park's history from 19th century plantation to early 20th century hunt country estate and working farm. Guided tours include exhibits, carriage collection, Confederate huts and outdoor walk around property. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitors Center. Call 703-777-6034.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

BOOK SWAP. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Bring adult and children's books to trade; books on tape or compact disc, music CDs, VHS and DVD movies and books and magazines in large print are needed also. Call 571-258-3500.

LAFAYETTE DAY. Temple Hall Farm Regional Park in Leesburg. Includes historical re-enactors, horse drawn farm tours, tours of the Temple Hall manor house and free refreshments. Free. Visit www.nvrpa.org.

PAS DE DUEX CUP CHALLENGE. 5-8 p.m., Morven Park International Equestrian Center, 41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg. All proceeds benefit the programs and services at equestrian center. Includes dressage and pas de deux competition, exhibitions, demonstrations and vendors. Cost: adult general admission \$25, children 12 and under \$5. Visit www.morvenpark.org.

ACOUSTIC ON THE GREEN. 7-9 p.m., at the Leesburg Town Green, 25 West Market St., Leesburg. Featuring Gary Smallwood. Free, visit www.acousticonthegreen.com.

1918: A LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM ON WORLD WAR I AND THE HOME FRONT. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Join Virginia Gov. and Mrs. Westmoreland Davis and learn of their efforts to lead Loudoun County and Virginia through the Great War. Morven Park farm workers and Leesburg citizens of the time will tell the story of life on the home front. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitor Center. Call 703-777-6034.

LITTLE MOZARTS. 1 p.m., Rust @ Catoclin Library, 34D Catoclin Circle, Leesburg. A special concert to salute the end of the summer reading program. All ages. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.



Gary Smallwood performs Aug. 9 as part of the Acoustic on the Green series.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. 6-9:30 p.m., Tarara Vineyard and Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg. Tarara's Sounds of Summer Series presents The Josh Burgess Band. Cost: \$15 per person, free for children 6 and under. Advance discounted tickets available online. Call 703-771-7100, Ext. 233 or visit library.loudoun.gov.



Lafayette Day returns to Temple Hall Farm Regional Park in Leesburg, Aug. 9.

YARD SALE. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market St., Leesburg. Bring old items to sell. Cost: \$10 per table, preregistration is required. Admission free for shoppers. To register contact the Douglass Community Center at 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudoun.gov.

BIRDING BANSHEE. 8 a.m., Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, located between The Woods Road and Goose Creek. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and the Friends of Banshee Reeks for the monthly bird walk. Bring binoculars. Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 10

LEESBURG 10K/20K. 7:30 a.m., Market Station, 108 South St., S.E., Leesburg. Includes 10K, 20K and Kids Fun Run. Register Aug. 8, from 3-7 p.m., at the Potomac River Running Store, 20630 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, or register the day of the race. Contact Amy Grabowski at 703-777-9622 or agrabowski@ymcadc.org.

TRAVEL THROUGH TIME. 1-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Take a guided tour through a collection of 19th century horse-drawn vehicles, including coaches, sleighs, carts, buggies and a hearse from the 1800s. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitor Center. Call 703-777-6034.

BLUEMONT CONCERT SERIES. 7 p.m., lawn of the Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg. Features Dixie Power Trio: New Orleans street jazz. 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.

REDSKINS RIDE. 12-7 p.m., Washington Redskins Park, 21300 Redskins Park Drive, Ashburn. Meet some of the Washington Redskins, take pictures, get autographs and see their rides. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and free for children under 2. Call 703-790-1000, Ext. 543 or visit www.redskinsrides.com.

MONDAY/AUG. 11

FROM SWANN'S CASTLE TO GOVERNOR'S MANSION: EXPLORING AN OLD SOUTHERN ESTATE. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. See Aug. 8 item for details.

TUESDAY/AUG. 12

ESL CONVERSATION GROUP. 7-9 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. The English Conversation Group is an informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice speaking English. This is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share your culture and have fun. Only English will be spoken and all levels are welcome. Recommended for adults. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

POTLUCK SOCIAL. 5 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place. Bring dish to share and small gift bag for bingo prize. Call 703-430-2397.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

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

THURSDAY/AUG. 14

LEGO ROBOTICS. 6-8 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Construct a robot out of Legos and learn how to program it. Ages 12-18. Register online at www.lcpl.lib.va.us or 703-444-3228.

CASINO TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Charles Town, W.Va. Includes slots and simulcast horse racing; lunch on own. Cost: \$7 for members, \$9 for nonmembers, includes transportation and \$5 cash back, subject to change. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road. Help screen, wash and sort artifacts behind the Lanesville House in Claude Moore Park's Historic District. An adult must

accompany children. Call 571-258-3700.

FROGSHACKLE OPEN HOUSE. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Discover a treasure trove of objects from nature. An adult must accompany children. Call 571-258-3700.

LANESVILLE OPEN HOUSE. 12:30-2:30 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Discover the history of this National Register of Historic Places listed property. An adult must accompany children. Call 571-258-3700.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

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

FROM SWANN'S CASTLE TO GOVERNOR'S MANSION: EXPLORING AN OLD SOUTHERN ESTATE. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Learn Morven Park's history from 19th century plantation to early 20th century hunt country estate and working farm. Guided tours include exhibits, carriage collection, Confederate huts and outdoor walk around property. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitors Center. Call 703-777-6034.

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The Scenes at Redskins Park

Burgundy and gold fans get their training camp fix.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Last weekend was a banner one for the Washington Redskins, who saw two of their best-ever former players— Art Monk and Darrell Green — get inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on Saturday. The next evening, in the annual Hall of Fame pre-season game, the Redskins defeated the Indianapolis Colts.

The following piece is in regards to the Redskins' recent training camp week that was made open to the public.

FOR FANS of the burgundy and gold, the recent open practice sessions at Redskins Park were probably akin to going to football heaven.

Local fans, for the most part of the weeklong open practice sessions to the public, swarmed towards the NFL team's headquarters, located off the Loudoun County Parkway in Ashburn.

The most overwhelming numbers of folks, approximately 30,000, swarmed the facility on July 26 for 'fan appreciation day.'

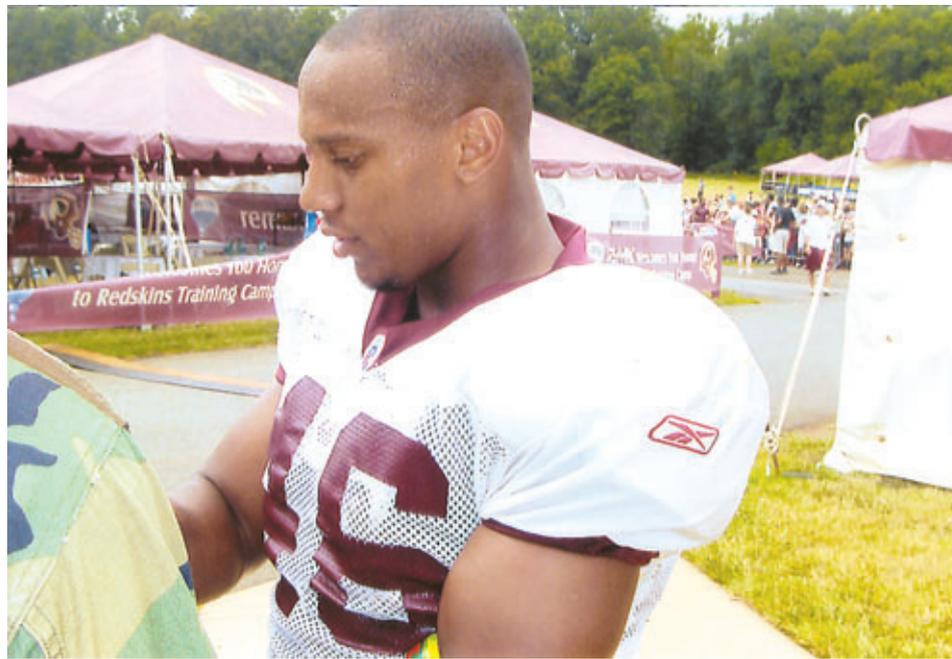
From a fan perspective, it was easy to get overwhelmed during one of the open practice session visits. Thousands, many seated in bleachers and attired in team t-shirts or ball caps, focused on the team's every move — from its offensive pass plays, exercise drills, or anything else coach Jim Zorn and his staff were directing the players to do.

Near the end of a morning practice session during the middle of the week, the Redskins' offense ran plays against the defense, attempting to move the ball down the field. Although it was not a full contact exhibition, the fans on-hand cheered loudly with each well-run play. When veteran wide receiver Santana Moss caught a long ball down field, the faithful erupted as if the popular No. 89 had just cradled in a ball in front of a packed out crowd at Fed Ex Field against a division rival.

Another time, quarterback Jason Campbell threw a long strike to tight-end Chris Cooley. Following the impressive hook-up, fans began yelling, 'Cooley,' as they would on a game day.

EARLIER in the morning, one renowned Redskins player of the past, former linebacker great Sam Huff, watched the Redskins' newest defensive standout, former Miami Dolphin Jason Taylor, who in recent weeks was traded to Washington.

Taylor, under the tutelage of a Redskins position coach, was participating in a drill in which a defender tried to shed off the



Redskins running back Ladell Betts said he enjoyed the team's fans coming out to the open practices.

blocking attempts of an offensive lineman. At one point, Huff, a color commentator on Redskins radio broadcasts, could be heard telling someone, with a chuckle, "Since they got Jason, I thought I'd watch practice. Like Sonny [Jurgenson] with Brett Favre."

Taylor, tall and lean and wearing No. 55, did not appear as a superstar player as he practiced with his new teammates.

But he certainly displayed his pizzazz later in the morning after the a.m. practices had wrapped up. He enthusiastically moved towards the throng of fans who were calling out his name. Taylor, a potential Hall of Famer who recently basked in the national spotlight as a participant in Dancing With the Stars, easily mixed with the adoring onlookers as he signed footballs and tee shirts.

Taylor and the rest of his teammates would not have been talking to fans, media or going along their ways had it not been for the heroics of a pair of Redskins linemen, who prevented the long, morning workouts from being extended simply by both successfully catching a punted ball.

Zorn, who replaced the retired Joe Gibbs this past offseason, had huddled the entire team together at what appeared to be the end of practice. Seconds later, Redskins players Ryan Boschetti and Justin Geisinger, both linemen, briskly jogged down the field before turning around. As the players and coaches at the other end of the field looked on, a Redskins punter, Durant Brooks, booted a high, towering ball towards Boschetti, a defensive lineman. In impressive fashion, Boschetti successfully cradled in the ball before spontaneously punting it back towards the herd of Redskins players. Fans and players burst into cheers for the 289-pound Boschetti, who had caught the ball and even played up to the crowd with his return punt.

Next, it was Geisinger's turn. And, just like his teammate moments before, he also caught the punted ball.

The successful punt catches by the two-some meant that the Redskins, as a team, would not have to take extra running. It also meant an extra hour of curfew later that night.

Reporters at practice's end mobbed Geisinger, a third year offensive lineman from Vanderbilt.

"It was something fun for the guys at the end of practice," he said, of the lineman punt catching display. "I probably would have gotten ripped [by teammates] in the locker room the rest of camp if I hadn't caught it. I played a little tight-end in high school."

REDSKIN Ladell Betts, a key running back over the past five years, said players' spirits have been high under the new coaching staff.

"Everything is good, the enthusiasm is definitely up with the new regime in place,"

said Betts, as he headed towards the dressing room. "We focus on our work but you can't help but pay attention to the fans. They're a real pick-me-up."

Cooley, the popular and talkative Redskins' tight-end, told reporters about a beard-growing contest he is running on his blog site. The scruffy Cooley, who was married this past offseason, said he alone would pick the contest winner.

"They'll get two tickets to the Bills game," he said. "None [of the beards I've seen] are as good as mine yet. I'm really happy with my beard. Originality is the key to a good beard."

Cooley then expressed his appreciation to Boschetti and Geisinger for coming through with the clutch, end of the practice punt catches.

"I've got an added hour of curfew," said Cooley, with a big grin. "I was pretty confident in them. [Geisinger's] catch was sketchy, but he pulled it off."

Cooley, who played in last year's Pro Bowl game in Hawaii, said his offseason was a whirlwind of activity as a result of getting married and travel.

"I've been real busy," he said. "I wasn't sure if I was ready to come to camp, but I got [good workouts in] the first four days."

Following Cooley, coach Zorn came onstage and addressed the press. He talked about being impressed with Jason Taylor's attitude since coming aboard from Miami.

"I've been most pleased and surprised how he has jumped right in, taking reps and enjoying it," said Zorn. "He's trying to get himself mentally up to speed on the [defensive] terminology. He's a pro."

Of his new starting quarterback, Campbell, Zorn said, "I think he's coming along very well with the knowledge of [the new system]. I'm throwing so much to him and the other quarterbacks. The recall is what takes a little time."

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"I really just wanted to take grooming one step further and wow ... it has really kind have taken off."

— Pam Ahart,
Bark N' Bubbles Dogwash, president and CEO

First-time users Stacey and Tom Donnelly also ended up having a great experience. "He just loves getting a bath," Stacey Donnelly said of her dog, Leroy. "This was worth it," she said.

WITH THE COMPANY'S booming success, Ahart has decided to take the company one step further in an attempt to spread the Bark N' Bubbles company all over the East Coast. The company is about six weeks away from gaining franchising rights that will allow them to expand on this doggie delight. "We are very excited to get new interest in the company," Ahart said. She is surprised and excited about the company's success. "I really just wanted to take grooming one step further and wow ... it has really kind have taken off," she said.

WHILE ALL OF THIS sounds great, there are some dog owners who simply can't find the time to personally take their pets to the dog wash facilities. Ahart and her staff want all dogs to be able to experience what her dog wash has to offer and therefore recently decided to team up with a local pet taxi service that will pick up dogs and bring them to the dog wash for a "Spaw Day." Once at Bark N' Bubbles, dogs will take a 30- to 45-minute walk on the W&OD Trail and finish with a Spaw treatment. When the day comes to an end, the pampered pooch is transported by the pet taxi back to their home.

And when Fido's birthday rolls around, Bark N' Bubbles will plan, step by step with the owner, a birthday party for a customer's dog. They will send out invitations for up to eight dogs, prepare individual cakes and doggie yogurts, provide the party room and even send thank you notes to the guests. And the party doesn't stop there. The birthday package includes a day at the Spaw for each dog before cake and yogurt. Bark N' Bubbles has held about six or seven parties since its opening two years ago and each one has been a success. "Dog owners who want to celebrate their dog's birthdays as if they were a regular person can now do so," Ahart said.

Nancy Miller of Ashburn has witnessed one of these canine celebrations. "They are really cute," she said.

BUT IN A TIME where gas prices are soaring, are people willing to take advantage of these pooch pampering services? "I love it," Miller said. Her dog, Carley, has been bathing at the wash at least twice a month since it opened two years ago. "I used to go

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Dennis Bruce, managing broker of the Ashburn Long & Foster office, recognizes real estate agent **Christine LeTourneau** as the top producer for the month of June. Also recognized were **Pam Jones, Kelly Sweitzer** and **Adeline and Herbert Medeiros** as the agents with the most new listings.

BUSINESS NOTES

On Wednesday, **Aug. 6**, the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual **State of Transportation** presentation that will examine the status of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. Includes James E. Bennett, president and CEO of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Del. Joe May (R-Leesburg), chairman of the House Transportation Committee and J. Douglas Koelmay, Northern Virginia's representative to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

The breakfast will be held at Belmont

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The **Leadership Loudoun** board of directors is hosting a recruitment breakfast Wednesday, **Aug. 13**, at Tuscarora Mill Restaurant, 203 Harrison St., S.E., Leesburg, from 7:30-9 a.m. This is an opportunity for people interested in applying for the eight-month leadership development program to meet with board members and staff who will ex-

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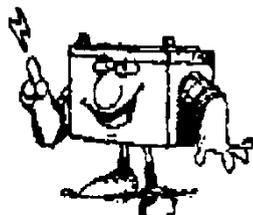
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