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Visitors throng to last year's Centreville Day celebration.

Centreville Day Set for Sept. 13

BY NOAH MARTIN
CENTRE VIEW

The Centreville Community Foundation will be hosting its 17th annual Centreville Day in Centreville's historic district on Saturday, Sept. 13. A parade, food, fun, and games will all be part of the festivities.

"Its going to be a great year as usual," said former organizer and volunteer Maryanne Toal. "They have added a lot of historical activities so it is going to be as good as last year if not better."

The kick-off of the event gets under way at 10 a.m. with a parade starting from Colin Powell Elementary School and ending at the intersection of Mt. Gilead Road and Braddock Road. Parade participants include Knights of Columbus, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sully District Republican Committee, Sully District Democratic Committee, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolfe, and more.

At 11 a.m., the festival begins. There will be free parking at Trinity Center with free shuttles to take attendees to the event grounds. Admission is

also free at Centreville Day.

Opening ceremonies run from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the showmobile on the fairgrounds. Some of the ceremonies include a performance by Knights of Columbus color guard, the singing of the National Anthem, the presentation of parade awards, and more.

Bands, from multiple musical genres, will perform until 6 p.m. on the showmobile stage.

An array of food vendors are going to be serving their culinary creations all day at the event. A dining tent with public, first-come-first-serve seating, will be located across from the showmobile.

A variety of vendors will be offering beauty, literary, business, religious, veterinary, political, nonprofit, and travel products and services. Events take place throughout the day until the closing of the fair at 6 p.m.

Patriots of Centreville are holding an essay competition for 6th - 8th graders, whose winners will be presented with awards on Centreville Day. The essay must be written about a patriot of Centreville, past or present. For more information about Centreville Day or the essay contest visit www.centrevilleva.org.

Wolf, Feder Equal in Cash

Congressional challenger pulls from donors outside Virginia.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CENTRE VIEW

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Democrat Judy Feder's political campaigns had approximately the same amount of cash available at the end of June, in spite of the fund-raising advantages incumbents typically enjoy over a challenger.

Wolf, who was first elected in 1980, has raised approximately \$1.4 million. With \$1.2 million in donations, Feder had collected slightly less but she also spent less, according to the Federal Election Commission.

In terms of "cash on hand" — money that the campaign has not spent yet — the two candidates were locked in a virtual tie at the

end of June. Wolf had \$849,391 available and Feder \$812,122, according to the Federal Election Commission.

"We are way ahead of schedule and way ahead of where we were in 2006. We have been doing extremely well and we are going to have the budget it takes to win," said Luke McFarland, Feder's campaign manager.

An independent candidate, Neeraj Nigam, is also running for office in the Virginia's 10th congressional district. Nigam has raised between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for his campaign and intends to contribute some personal money to his election efforts.

"It is harder to raise money as an independent candidate. I don't have a ready-made group that is

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"I think it would be short sighted to equate the amount of money someone raises with their chances of winning a seat."

— Dan Keyserling, UVa.
Center for Politics

Centreville Theater Director Hits the Big Time

Rogers's entry is up for drama award at film festival.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Locally, J. Mark Rogers is known as the theater director at Centreville High. However, he's also the producer and director of a film in contention for one of the top awards at the upcoming Moondance Film Festival in Boulder, Colo.

"It's considered the Cannes Film Festival of North America," said Rogers. "It's international and, each year on Labor Day weekend, it shows 80 films from over 1,000 that have been submitted."

His entry, "Invisible Man," is up for Best Film in the drama, feature-film category, and he's completely thrilled. "It's an exciting moment for me because it's the first film I've directed," he said. "The fact that it's gotten this recognition is blowing my socks off — I didn't

"I'm waiting for someone to pinch me and wake me up."

— J. Mark Rogers,
producer and director

Christine was the film's costume designer. Set in a Washington, D.C., subway, "In-

Rogers first directed it as a Centreville High play in 2005, and student Tyler Van Houten won Best Actor for it, that school year, at the VHSL competition. Now, the film version features a mix of professional thespians and Rogers's former students at Centreville, Dave Barchet, Sarah Langan, Ben Meyers and Natalie Carneal. In addition, Carneal's sister

visible Man" portrays a day in the life of a homeless man and how his life changes through the people he meets during that day. The www.invisiblemandvd.com Web site describes it as "a heartwarming tale of what happens when you take a stand in life for what is right and good. [It's] the classic story of the underdog who fights against overwhelming odds to help his fellow man."

THE PLAYWRIGHT is John Wells, theater director at Loudoun Valley High in Leesburg, and Rogers has known him a long time and has directed several of his plays.

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Correction

In the Aug. 21-27 issue of Centre View, under the "Area Players In the NFL," the name Will Montgomery was omitted. He is #68 Center with the New York Jets, 6-3, 312 lbs., 3-year pro, Centreville High School, V-Tech (Walk-on).

Hours Extended To Allow Vehicles on I-66 Shoulders

To accommodate increased traffic and smooth traffic flow, the Virginia Department of Transportation will extend the hours of operation for the I-66 shoulder lanes located between I-495 and Route 50 in Fairfax County. The new hours — an additional hour in the morning and afternoon — took effect Monday, Aug. 25.

The new hours will be eastbound from 5:30 to 11 a.m.; and westbound from 2 to 8 p.m.

This section of I-66 carries more traffic than any other section of I-66, with up to 196,000 vehicles on an average week day. Traffic pattern studies have shown that eastbound congestion regularly extends beyond 10 a.m. and westbound congestion frequently begins by 2 p.m.

VDOT conducted a comprehensive safety study of the corridor which showed no significant difference in crashes on I-66 when the shoulder is open. Larger signs have been installed to alert motorists to the nine emergency pull-off areas throughout the corridor.

VDOT also plans to open the shoulder lane during traffic incidents or when one or more lanes are closed for planned or emergency road work. This will be done in coordination with Virginia State Police and emergency responders.

HOV-2 hours will remain the same: 5:30 – 9:30 a.m. eastbound; and 3 – 7 p.m. westbound.

Police Explorer Post 1742 Has Room For More Members

Know someone 14 to 20 years old and considering a career in the exciting and challenging field of law enforcement? Nationally-recognized Fairfax County Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1742 invites them to discover opportunities to develop leadership skills and real world experience as they lend a hand to on-duty police officers. Two upcoming informational meetings will introduce them to this hands-on program and how they can get involved.

Exploring provides young people with outstanding opportunities to learn and practice some of the same skills that officers use on a daily basis like fingerprinting, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention.

Post 1742 members compete locally and nationally to demonstrate the police skills they've acquired. This year's team placed second in the U.S. for bomb threat response and one Explorer placed 10th in the nation in the 9mm shooting competition at the National Explorer Conference in Fort Collins, Colo.

All interested young adults, parents and friends are encouraged to attend these informational sessions:

Sept. 22 and Sept. 29 from 7-9 p.m. at the Fairfax County Police Headquarters, South County Govt. Center, 4100 Chain Bridge Rd., Room 221C, Fairfax. Call 703-246-4311.

DWI-related Deaths Down

Four people have lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes so far this year, compared to 13 for the same period in Fairfax County. As of Aug. 20, officers have arrested 1,975 people for driving while intoxicated. This compares to 1,578 for the same period in 2007.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Aug. 28, and Thursday, Sept. 4, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. They'll make sure the carseat is cor

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NEWS

'To Make Wine an Experience'

Wine cellar offers tastings of 500 wines from all over the world.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

The newly revitalized City of Fairfax has a new level of sophistication with the opening of the Wine House at Old Town Village on North Street. The wine-tasting room and restaurant offers 500 hand-selected wines from around the world — from \$10 to \$100 per bottle — paired with a light European menu.

An instant hit when it opened April 20, the restaurant now has a two-hour wait on the weekends. "The focus is on the hand-selected wines that we promote that you don't find in mainstream supermarkets," said owner Michael Pearce, 37, originally from New Zealand. The wine comes from every major wine country — France, Spain, South America, Argentina, even Uruguay.

Customers sit at high wooden tables in a casual atmosphere sipping \$6 glasses of reds or whites. A sampling of bottled wines at retail prices include Palomero at \$119.99 from Spain; Frogmore Creek from Australia/New Zealand for \$32.99; Williamsburg Viognier from Virginia at \$23.99; and Blacksberg Pumphouse Shiraz from South Africa for \$23.99.

PEARCE HAS 20 YEARS in the wine business; he owned his own restaurant in New Zealand and was the beverage manager on a cruise ship where he oversaw the wine service and ran the bars. He also worked in wineries in New Zealand and worked in the Napa Valley for two years. His runs the Wine House with wife Jackie.

"We wanted to make wine an experience, so this place was designed to look like the inside of a cellar," said wine director Jennifer Rogaliner, 24. "So everything we do here is to enhance your enjoyment of wine."

The staff offers a decanting service, a chilling service and a table service.

"We're trying to take the pretense away from wine as it's meant to be enjoyed ... It's a little bit of education and lots of fun," said Rogaliner.

"Instead of going for the big brands, we look for other brands that are not so well known," said Rogaliner, who graduated from the International Culinary Institute of Baltimore. "The selection we have we feel is the best representation of what's available for each wine growing region ... There are wines that are out there that are a good value for the money."

The sommelier and chefs have worked together to create a four-course evening tasting menu this summer that pairs wines with seasonal foods. For example, the Domaine Pabiot Single Vineyard (\$8/glass) goes nicely with the artisanal four cheese sampler with crisps for \$13.

For the second course, the Coteaux d'Aix en Provence 2006 (\$9/glass) is paired with midsum-



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The Wine House staff (from left): owner Michael Pearce, executive chef Kenneth C. Hughes and Wine Director Jennifer Rogaliner.

Charity Event

The Wine House is holding a Black and White charity auction/dinner on Thursday, Sept. 25 for 40 people to benefit Our Daily Bread. The \$150 dinner is from 7-8 p.m. and \$50 champagne reception is from 8:30-10 p.m.

mer heirloom tomato salad with basil puree and fresh mozzarella for \$12. The third course includes Celler Cecilio Negre (\$10/glass) with wild mushroom risotto with leeks, basil puree and citrus creme fraiche for \$15. The fourth course offers Paolo Scavino Rosso de Tavola (\$12/glass) paired with pan-seared jumbo sea scallops with wine house beurre blanc sauce, Yukon gold potatoes and braised greens for \$19.

"Our menu reflects the seasonable bounty of what's going on right now," said executive chef Kenneth C. Hughes, who was trained in California French and Napa Valley cooking. "The sea scallops are nice right now. The heirloom tomatoes are very nice. Those are seasonable delights." With menu and the wine pairings, he says he takes into consideration the fruit and flavor profiles as well as the acidity of the wines. "We try to have a complimentary experience. We try to put it together as best as possible so it's a dynamic, complimentary thing."

PEARCE SAYS they rotate the food whenever the mood strikes. "Whenever the chef sees something really exciting, they'll pair up with a wine. We just

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Linda and Michael Armellino of Fairfax with The Wine House owner Michael Pearce (right).

Wolf, Feder Have Equal Financial Footing

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going to support me," said Nigam.

FEDER'S ability to raise money may be getting her campaign some attention.

At the beginning of the month, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee added Virginia's 10th congressional district to its competitive "Red to Blue" program — which highlights the Democrat's most promising challengers and candidates — in part because of Feder's ability to collect cash.

"Red to Blue" candidates are those who "are putting together significant resources and have political support in the district," said Kyra Jennings, a spokesperson for the campaign. She added that recent polling data and the number of issues on which a Republican opponent like Wolf is considered "out of touch," are also factors in the committee's picks for the "Red to Blue" program.

Local Democrats, like Tim Buchholz, said they find Feder's fund-raising and her status as a "Red to Blue" candidate encouraging.

"That shows that people feel she has the ability to win and that they can invest money into the race," said Buchholz, who is chairman of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee.

Yet experts warn against placing too much

emphasis on fund-raising.

"I think it would be short sighted to equate the amount of money someone raises with their chances of winning a seat. There are too many other factors for a single measure to be that influential," said Dan Keyserling, deputy communications director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

THE WOLF CAMPAIGN has also criticized Feder for raising most of her money outside the state of Virginia. They argue that Feder's prolific fund-raising is not a reflection of support inside Virginia 10th congressional district because most of the money is coming from somewhere else.

"Her campaign is being financed by people who don't live here and can't vote here," said Dan Scandling, Wolf's campaign manager.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Wolf collected 74 percent of his donations over \$200 inside the state of Virginia. Only 38 percent of Feder's donations over \$200 come from inside the state of Virginia, though Feder's campaign updated numbers show that Democrat collected at least 41 percent of her donations from the commonwealth, said McFarland.

The bulk of Feder's most lucrative fund-raising before the end of June also appears

Top Contributors

The financial information accounts for fund-raising during from January 2007 through June 2008. The organizations themselves do not donate. Rather, the donations are a compilation of money given through a group's political action committee, members, employees, owners and the immediate family of those who are members, employees and owners. Information provided by the Center for Responsive Politics at www.opensecrets.org.



Frank Wolf (R)

Frank Wolf (R)*:

Organizations	Industry	Contribution
NVR, Inc. (Reston)	Homebuilders/Banking	\$18,650
Orbital Sciences Corp. (Dulles)	Satellites/Technology	\$17,800
Peterson Companies (Fairfax)	Real Estate Development	\$16,300
SAIC, Inc. (San Diego)	Tech./Gov. Contractor	\$11,750
Wiley, Rein & Fielding	Law Firm	\$10,400



Judy Feder (D)

Judy Feder (D):

Organizations	Industry	Contribution
Georgetown University**	Higher Education	\$37,035
ActBlue	Democratic PAC	\$20,999
George Washington University	Higher Education	\$13,350
Columbia University	Higher Education	\$11,050
Harvard University	Higher Education	\$10,600

* incumbent

** candidate's former employer

to be done outside the district. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, seven of Feder's top 10 fund-raising ZIP codes were outside Virginia's 10th congressional district.

By contrast, only three of Wolf's top fund-raising ZIP codes were outside his district.

Keyserling said Feder's out-of-state fund-

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Savoring, Learning about Wines

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like good tasty food, and we like sharing different things.”

“We’re trying to move into a tasting room-type of experience,” said Rogaliner. “To be more adventurous to try more smaller types of plates. We’re not really a restaurant. I see us as a tasting room.”

Hughes says his regular customers appreciate high-quality dining in Fairfax. “A lot of regulars really appreciate what we’re doing. When it’s done correctly and things fall into place, it’s very gratifying to us. It’s exciting to see how it’s unfolded,” said Hughes.

“The food definitely fits the season. It’s perfect for tonight,” said customer Lisa Ariail of Fairfax, who ordered the heirloom tomato salad.

Regulars Linda and Michael Armellino of Fairfax enjoyed the Craggy Range Pinot from New Zealand and the Cyclo Christina from Spain with owner Pearce on Sunday.

“The wine’s fabulous. It is the best place to come in the metro area,” said

Linda Armellino. “My husband owns a restaurant in Old Town Alexandria, Bilbo Baggins, and we come here to unwind, enjoy good food and great friendships.”

Adds husband Michael Armellino: “It’s very personalized service.”

“I think it also helps to bring the community together,” said customer

Kelly Suh of Fairfax. “Because you have a lot of different options. It attracts different kinds of people all in the same place.”

TO REMOVE the intimidation of wine, The Wine House operates as a school in an informal setting. “You come in, you ask a question. We give you a simple answer. It’s very informal,” said Rogaliner. “We’re just trying to enhance people’s enjoyment of it.”

Pearce is thrilled to have opened in the revitalized downtown area. “The people of Fairfax have welcomed us with open arms. Every day we have compliments about bringing this business model to Fairfax.” He said local customers are well-traveled and know what they like. “When they come in, they ask questions and trust us to be able to make the right selections.”



Dining al fresco at The Wine House are (from left): Kelly Suh, Joya Teemer, and Lisa Ariail, all of Fairfax.

The Wine House offers free wine tastings with the focus on international wines. Wine is served in glassware on Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. “I spend most of my time with my vendors and there are some wines that you taste that are so beautiful,” said Rogaliner. “There’s not a dog in the house.”

The Wine House offers two wine clubs, private wine-tastings, special events and private dinners with like-minded wine connoisseurs.

“We have people who come from all levels of knowledge of wine,” says Rogaliner. “It’s people who

love wine. They somehow got a taste of it and they love it. They want to know more. They want to have fun.”

There’s the free-to-join Executive Wine Club for \$50 per shipment. Members receive two wines a month that have been vetted by the staff with fact sheets and tasting notes.

The Epicurean Club is \$150 per shipment and members receive three wines, with special gourmet products shipped intermittently as well as fact sheets and tasting notes.

“We’re trying to create a culture that extends value wine, good food, and a good experience to a core group of members that enjoy nice things,” said Pearce.

“We select the best from the best — as opposed to taking a gamble from the supermarket. It comes highly recommended.”

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rect for the child’s age, height and weight, the child is securely placed in the seat, and the seat is properly installed in the vehicle.

No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves, so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

Blood Donations Are Sought

The Inova Blood Donor Center in the Centremed I Building on Route 29 in Centreville (across from the Centreville Multiplex Cinemas) is in urgent need of blood donations — especially O positive or negative,

as well as A and B. They’re accepted Tuesday-Friday, noon-8 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For an appointment to give blood, call 703-322-1970, or drop in at one’s own convenience.

Role Models for Children

Volunteers are needed throughout Northern Virginia to be positive role models for children who currently have an incarcerated parent. Mentors meet with children two hours per week. Weekly meetings are supplemented by monthly group recreational activities. The only qualification required is a desire to help a child in need.

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Ellyn Galloway and Christopher Darling.

Darling and Galloway Are Engaged

Dennis and Jackie Darling of Virginia Run wish to announce the engagement of their son Christopher Lee to Ellyn Bell Galloway, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Randy Galloway of Yorktown. The couple became engaged on July 4th at Hilton Head Island in South Carolina.

Chris is a graduate of Centreville High School (2000), Virginia Tech (Business Info Technology and Political Science 2004) and the College of William and Mary (Masters Business Administration 2007). Ellyn is a graduate of Grafton High School in Yorktown (2000), James Madison University

(Marketing 2004) and the College of William and Mary (Masters Business Administration 2007).

Both have located to the Northern Virginia area to launch their careers. Chris has recently been promoted to Leasing Representative for Duke Realty Corporation — one of the largest commercial real estate companies in the country and Ellyn serves as a Business Consultant with BearingPoint in which she is currently assigned to a project with the National Forest Service.

A May 2009 wedding is planned at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Williamsburg.

Weirich and Nelson Are Engaged

Jerry and Gail Weirich of Fairfax, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Pamela Anne Weirich, to Mr. Geoffrey Lee Nelson, son of Barry and Sonya Nelson of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Pamela is a 2005 graduate from James Madison University and is a nurse at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Geoffrey is a 1998 graduate from Missouri Western State University and is a Software Developer for Amtrak in Washington, D.C. An October wedding is planned.



Pamela Weirich and Geoffrey Nelson

Ox Hill Battlefield Park Re-Dedication

Ox Hill Battlefield Park will re-open on Monday, Sept. 1, the 146th anniversary of the historic Civil War battle in which two Union generals perished and thousands of casualties were suffered by both Confederate and Union soldiers. The re-dedication marks the completion of a \$700,000 project to construct new trails, historic interpretive kiosks and

signage, as well as landscape restoration and parking improvements.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. visitors can enjoy Civil War era music on site. A ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. with remarks from local elected officials, historians and Park officials. Ox Hill Battlefield Park is located at 4134 West Ox Road in Fairfax. Call 703-324-8702.



GOP Women of Clifton Hold Barbecue

The Republican Women of Clifton held their first Annual Barbecue and Candidate Meet and Greet on Sunday, Aug. 24 at the home of Mary Howard from Clifton. They hosted a large crowd from the community and many candidates, campaign staff members, elected officials and prior elected officials. The RWC president, Terrie Rollins, introduced the guests and they were able to give a few words to the gathering.

The next meeting for the Republican Women of Clifton will be held on Monday, Sept. 15 from 7-9 p.m. at Clifton Elementary school. Look on the Web site: www.CliftonGOP.com for more details. They are hosting a "McCain Event" that evening and all members from the community are welcome.



(From left): Nancy Hoyler, son John Brownlee, a former U.S. attorney for the Western District of Virginia; and RWC President, Terrie Rollins. Brownlee is seeking the Republican nomination for attorney general next year.

Caroline Chrisinger Earns Faculty Award

Caroline Chrisinger of Virginia Run was presented with the Faculty Excellence Award at Mountain View's June graduation. The daughter of Jeff and Lynne Chrisinger was involved in leadership at Mountain View as well as volunteering with SYA Volleyball coaching girls in grades 4-6. She earned the Civics Seal for volunteering in her community. Caroline was also awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 5412 Scholarship for \$1,000. She will be attending NVCC in Manassas in the fall. Caroline is interested in pursuing a career in education with a concentration in special education.



Caroline Chrisinger of Virginia Run with Principal James Oliver of Mountain View School.

DINING

More than Tea and Scones

Greenbriar businesswoman brings traditional tea party to variety of situations.

BY ESTHER PAK
CENTRE VIEW



A group of McDonald's customers start their morning meeting with tea.

Tea events are no longer pinky-fingered affairs reserved for the British gentry. Greenbriar resident Kimberly McDonald, owner of To a Tea, LLC, makes tea events an approachable and enjoyable affair to all.

"[Tea events] used to be something you would think was for older ladies who wanted to be pampered. Now, people of all different ages want that kind of venue in all different settings," said McDonald.

McDonald's repertoire of events includes bridal showers, birthdays, retirements, anniversaries, as well as business meetings. She also offers princess tea parties for the youngest tea drinkers.

Her expertise, however, is not limited to event planning. Her years of experience baking in the kitchen allow her to showcase her desserts and baked goods as well as the tea service. McDonald was also the catering director at the Bailiwick Inn in Fairfax before she decided to use her combined experiences to start To A Tea, LLC and promote a new way to entertain.

"I think that people are looking for more than just going out to lunch. Tea relaxes you and inspires conversation. At the same time, the idea of being served tea and scones makes it an elegant type of venue," said McDonald.

"Taking tea' began many years ago with the English, but afternoon and high teas have become especially popular in the states," said McDonald, originally from California.

"I've always enjoyed entertaining and planning events, and I love working with clients from start to finish to make their event special," said McDonald. "Of all the types of events that I have planned, teas are the most special. I think that people are looking for more than just going out to lunch."

From the baking, to the linens and china, McDonald promises to work with each host in planning a theme, selecting a menu, and setting up. The result is an elegant tea experience that will impress friends, family, and co-workers without the stress. "I provide everything," said McDonald.

MCDONALD BEGINS by offering her clients a variety of loose teas and finger foods. She offers "Four Exquisite Teas" including Breakfast, Afternoon, Cream and Dessert Tea. Though scones with clotted cream and fruit preserves are included in all the tea events, the menu also fea-



Kimberly McDonald has made a business of bringing traditional tea parties to business and social events.

tures an extensive array of choices. "For breakfast teas, a client could choose from a variety of muffins. For an afternoon tea, they can choose from different finger sandwiches. There are also choices among the desserts that I offer," said McDonald.

Among the petite sandwich offerings are the "Blue Cheese, Walnut, and Pear" and "Egg Salad with Dill on Mini Corn Muffins." A few of the sweets offerings include "Stuffed Strawberries," "Coconut Macadamia Chunk Cookies," and "Chocolate Hazelnut Tarts." Muffin choices include "Pumpkin Cream Cheese" and "Cherry Ricotta."

A typical tea event would feature the tea and sandwiches or desserts buffet-style at one end. "People would come around, choose what kind of loose tea they want, and I would serve it to them. I also walk them through the process of eating a scone the traditional way with jam and clotted cream," said McDonald.

Dannette Wolfe, a Chantilly resident for over 20 years, is a loyal fan of McDonald's cakes — especially her specialty cheesecakes. "[Her cakes] are amazing. She's just got a gift. Every time I have taken them to any function or given it as a gift, family and co-workers have fought with each other over the last bite," said Wolfe.

Wolfe has also enjoyed many of McDonald's tea services. "It's really comfortable. You don't feel like you're in a stuffy atmosphere. Other places that I've gone have been very stuffy, prim and proper. She listens really well about what you want," said Wolfe.

Carol Khalsa has also used McDonald's tea and dessert services for numerous business-meetings. "Kimberly creates such memorable events. The presentation is impeccable and the desserts are absolutely delectable," said Khalsa.

McDonald adds a personal touch to her services that extends beyond tea events. "Last Thanksgiving, I had Kimberly make individual pumpkin cheesecakes and had her hand-deliver them to different patients of ours. The cakes were beyond delicious and boxed beautifully. Everyone loved it because they were so unique," said Khalsa.

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Contact Kimberly McDonald, kimberly@toateaevents.com, at 703-362-8942 and schedule your personalized tea event celebrations. Visit <http://www.toateaevents.com/index.html>.



A tiffany cake and match-making petit fours

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One of the events that McDonald specializes in is a bridal shower tea.

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PEOPLE

Rogers's Film Selected for Moondance

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This film stemmed from a 2006 discussion Rogers had with one of his drama boosters.

"A lot of my students wanted to do a film, but it was a matter of finding the right film," he explained. "So I talked to John about putting together a screenplay and we went from there."

In early summer 2006, Rogers went to New York to audition actors and interview crew. He cast five actors from New York and the four from Centreville High, and the rest were from the District. They shot the film that August in the Washington, D.C. Metro Station.

"The interesting thing is, the day before we were supposed to start shooting, there was a terrorist attack in a London train station," said Rogers. "So Metro said we couldn't shoot there unless we came up with another \$10 million in insurance coverage, besides the \$3 million we already had."

He then frantically called insurance companies all across the U.S. to try to find the additional coverage — and finally found an agreeable one in Denver — so they were able to shoot the film in Washington. Said Rogers: "The ironic thing is that the film festival to which it was accepted is right outside Denver."

"We're two teachers ... up against professional directors and filmmakers."

— J. Mark Rogers, producer and director

They shot it in 2 1/2 days, and then an editor in New York worked on it, in his free time, over the next year. Rogers received the final, 35-minute cut in November 2007. "I felt relieved that it was finally done," he said. "I invited a small group of people to a screening, and they all seemed to enjoy it."

He then submitted the film to four, different festivals, including the London International Film Festival and the Moondance festival in Boulder. "I found out, the beginning of July, that the film had been accepted at Moondance," he said. A few weeks later, he learned it was a finalist, but only half of the finalist films are actually screened for audiences. Happily for Rogers, though, his film will be one of them.

"It's amazing," he said. "There are 18 finalists in my category — drama, feature film — and eight of them will be shown at the festival, including 'Invisible Man.' It will be shown on La-



Set in a Washington, D.C., subway, the film "Invisible Man" portrays a day in the life of a homeless man and how his life changes through the people he meets during that day.



bor Day [Monday, Sept. 1]." It'll also be in heady company because one of the other films to be screened won the London Film Festival.

THESE FESTIVALS are designed for producers and directors to meet with financial backers to try to cut deals so their films will be distributed on a much-wider level. And for Rogers and Wells to even be in that arena is the culmination of a dream for both of them.

"As a kid, you dream of being a Hollywood star or winning an Oscar," said Rogers. "And now, I feel like I'm in a movie,

myself — it doesn't seem real. We're two teachers who've spent our lives in education working with kids, and now we're on a level where we're celebrating our passion and are up against professional directors and filmmakers."

One of the films, "Ruby Blue," even has Academy Award nominee Bob Hoskins in it and, said Rogers, "My personal feeling is that it's going to win. In my category, alone, there are films from France, England, South Africa and Iraq — all over the place — and little ol' me, in the same breath. I feel like I'm waiting for someone to pinch me and wake me up."

HE HOPES his film will be distributed mainly by a TV channel, like the Independent Film Channel, the Sundance Film Channel or HBO, and he's already had a feeler from a Hollywood executive — which, said Rogers, "was exciting, in itself. I'm also hoping to get distribution eventually for the first Cappies film 'Senioritis.'"

Meanwhile, he's focusing on "Invisible Man" and its Labor-Day screening at the



J. Mark Rogers

Moondance Film Festival, and he can hardly wait. What makes it even more fun, said Rogers, is that "I get to celebrate this with my students who were in the film. They were an inspiration to me, and I'm excited that people will get to see them in an international forum. So I'm happy, all the way around."

Bank Teller Is Sentenced

John T. Kluczewski, 51 of Centreville, was sentenced Friday, Aug. 15, 2008, to 13 months in federal prison for embezzling \$98,000 from a Wachovia Bank in Annandale, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg and Joseph Persichini, Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI.

Kluczewski, who pleaded guilty this May in federal court in Alexandria, was a former vault custodian and teller at the bank from May 2002 to July 2007.

Because Kluczewski served in both capacities, he made entries in the bank's records and made it appear that the books were balancing for both his teller drawer and vault, according to Rosenberg and Persichini.

But Kluczewski was actually stealing small amounts of cash between July 2005 and July 2007. In all, he embezzled \$98,000.

U.S. District Court Judge T. S. Ellis III ordered that Kluczewski pay full restitution and that he remain on three years of supervised release.

Prepare to Vote in November

Make plans now for Tuesday, Nov. 4.

You will want to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4. You'll want to be part of choosing the next president. In Virginia, you'll also choose a new U.S. senator to replace retiring John Warner (R), and you'll also vote in a contest for the U.S. House of Representatives.

To vote, you'll need to be registered. The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 4 election is Monday, Oct. 6.

Your vote has never counted as much as it could this fall. While Virginia has voted reliably for the Republican candidate for president for more than a generation, with hundreds of thousands of new voters, many in Northern Virginia, and Democrats winning recent statewide elections, both political parties are actively working in Virginia right now.

You'll also need to plan to spend some time at your polling place, because there is likely to be record turnout for this hotly contested election. When you go to vote, allow enough time to wait in line. Come prepared with identification, and know your rights.

Virginia voters are asked to show some form of identification when they go to the polls to vote^o—voter registration card; Virginia driver's license; social security card; any identification card issued by a federal, state or local government agency; or any employer identification card with a photograph.

But if you arrive at the polls without identification, you can still vote by signing a statement affirming your identity. Exception: If this is the first time you vote since registering to vote by mail, and if you did not include a copy of your ID with your application, and do not bring ID with you to vote, you cannot sign the affirmation statement; you can still vote, ask for and fill out a provisional ballot.

EXCERPTS from the State Board of Elections:

As a Virginia Voter, you have the following

Register, Vote

The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 4 election is Monday, Oct. 6. To register to vote, download a form from: http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html

Fill it out and mail it to your local elections office. You can also register in person during business hours, or pick up a form in a library or other public places.

After you register, you will receive confirmation and a voting card in the mail. You can call the elections office to verify that you are registered.

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To find your polling place, go to www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on "voter information." Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

rights:

- ❖ To be treated with courtesy and respect by the election officials

- ❖ To vote if you have registered at your current address at least 29 days before Election Day.

- ❖ To seek help from the election officials if you are unsure about anything relating to the voting process.

- ❖ To be given a demonstration of how the voting equipment works.

- ❖ To enter the full name of a write-in candidate if the candidate of your choice is not on the ballot (except in party primaries).

- ❖ To have a ballot brought to your vehicle instead of entering the polling place if you are 65 years of age or older, or if you are disabled.

- ❖ To have an officer of election or other person help you vote if you are physically disabled or unable to read or write. Blind voters may have any person assist them. Other voters may have anyone who is not their employer or union representative assist them.

- ❖ To vote even if you have no identification with you at the polling place. You must sign the "Affirmation of Identity" statement before voting if you have no ID.

- ❖ To vote a Provisional Ballot if your status as a qualified voter is in question, and to be present when the Electoral Board meets to determine if your ballot will be counted. See "Provisional Ballots" below.

- ❖ To bring your minor child (age 15 or younger) into the voting booth with you to observe you vote.

- ❖ To vote if you are in line by 7 p.m. when the polls close.

- ❖ To cast an absentee ballot if you are quali-

fied to vote absentee.

- ❖ To register to vote absentee in Virginia if you are a U.S. Citizen overseas and your last residence in the U. S. was in Virginia, or you are a Virginia resident away in the military.

IF YOU FEEL your voting rights have been violated or that you may have witnessed an election law being broken, it is important to report the incident before the polls have closed, preferably while you are still there. Contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745, or via email at info@sbe.virginia.gov.

The Voter Registrar will investigate your case and may be able to resolve the problem immediately.

If you still believe your voting rights may have been violated or may be violated, you have 10 days to file a formal complaint with the State Board of Elections.

Don't forget that you also have responsibilities as a voter, including:

- ❖ To treat the election officials with courtesy and respect.

- ❖ To keep your voter registration information up-to-date with your current address.

- ❖ To ask for help if you do not know how to use the voting equipment or have other questions about the voting process.

- ❖ To check your ballot for correctness before casting it. Once your ballot is cast, you cannot be given another ballot even if you think you voted incorrectly.

- ❖ To ask the election official to call the General Registrar's office before you leave the polling place if you have problems regarding your eligibility to vote or the casting of your ballot.

Obama's Press Coverage Lacks Objectivity

To the Editor:

I am starting to view the press coverage of Sen. Barack Obama with concern. I see an alarming lack of objectivity. First he was hounded over his pastor. I know of very few people that could sever a relationship with a pastor, if they like his theology but disagree with him on some points of view. It would take a point of exasperation. Ask a woman who has suffered years of abuse and humiliation from a spouse why she does not leave. Now there is an attempt to raise suspicion about his roots, patriotism and passion to effect change.

There is an old saying that if someone does not like you they will "give you a basket to carry water." I speak to a lot of people and what Obama is saying makes sense to many. Listen-

ing to his speeches and proposals, he seems to have the heart and interest to take action for the working man and middle-class. If we accept that there are economic woes and that the middle class needs assistance, then he should be the man. He has worked at the community level to improve conditions. He clearly is no fool so his decisions will be balanced. I have become suspicious of the stories that he might not win and who he needs on the ticket to give him a chance.

The Clinton supporters who have insisted that her name be put into nomination at the convention are doing a disservice to Sen. Obama. Even if Clinton gets only 20 percent of the vote it is a challenge which detracts from his win at a time when he should be riding the crest of a wave.

Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh and oth-

ers have taken credit for encouraging an insincere vote for Sen. Clinton in recent primaries. Perhaps the support for her is nowhere near what her campaign believes and the action at the convention will best serve the cause of the Sen. McCain. The results were close but Obama did win. Clinton should get over her loss and not mess up the chances of a man that the people I have been speaking with see as thoughtful and a true visionary. I do not agree with everything he proposes, but I get a sense that he will weigh the issues and evaluate all sides before making a decision and will not be a hothead. One thing I do not doubt is that he has the best interest of our nation at heart and intends to work hard to improve American lives and our image abroad.

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Centreville High School will hold its Freshman Orientation on Friday, Aug. 29 from 9-11 a.m. in the auditorium. Students will be able to take tours of the building, meet their teachers, learn to open lockers and more.

Willow Springs Elementary will hold an Open House on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 1-3 p.m. It's for new and returning students to meet their teachers and see where their classrooms are.

Stone Middle School will hold its Back-to-School Night Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 6:45 p.m. It's for both grades 7-8, and parents will be directed where to go after they arrive.

Students from the Chantilly High Music Department will be sponsoring their annual "Tag Day" on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this event, band, choral and orchestra students from Chantilly High School will be canvassing local neighborhoods requesting tax-deductible cash donations in support of the many outstanding music programs offered at Chantilly High.

In return for donations, supporters will receive a "tag" or donation receipt that can be exchanged for two tickets to one of several fall concerts offered by the music department. This is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the Music Department and donations go a long way towards keeping music education alive and growing in the community. Contact Becky Green at 703-689-3209.

Willow Springs Elementary will hold its Back to School nights Monday, Sept. 15 for grades K, and 4-6, and Tuesday, Sept. 16 for grades 1-3. Both events start at 7 p.m.; parents will meet in the lobby and then go to their children's classrooms.

The Westfield High School Music Department will hold its Tag Day on Saturday, Sept. 20. Students from band, chorus, guitar and orchestra will be visiting their neighbors' homes requesting donations for the music program.

The event is sponsored by the Westfield High Music Boosters. Donations will be used to cover the costs related to instructors, instruments, uniforms and costumes, and competitions not covered by Fairfax County.

Nicolas Delfin will graduate in May of 2009 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Bernard J Dunn School of Pharmacy at Shenandoah University in Winchester.

In college, Nicolas was a student member of American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, American Pharmacists Association, National Community Pharmacists Association, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International. Upon graduation he plans on practicing in a pharmacy setting where he can work with elderly patients and help them adjust to home healthcare after hospitalization.

Pleasant Valley Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2008/09 school year. This is a cooperative preschool with classes available for 3- and 4-year-olds.

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Keeping Pace in Money Race

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raising is not necessarily a good sign for the campaign.

"It is not the most encouraging sign in the world that she gets more money from outside the state than inside," he said.

Still, Democrats defended Feder, saying it is not unusual for a challenger to find financial support outside of the congressional district in which they are running.

Larger donors, such as local business interests, often back the incumbent because they are more likely to get elected again. Challengers typically have to rely on other networks to be able to compete, they said.

In the case of Feder, she appears to have relied heavily on her colleagues in higher education. The democrat is the former dean of the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute and has received several donations from people connected to Georgetown, The George Washington, Columbia and Harvard universities, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

McFarland also said that when Wolf first took on an incumbent for the seat in 1980, he raised most of his money from outside Virginia.

"I have the Washington Post articles. His opponent in 1980 complained about Frank Wolf's money coming from outside the district," said McFarland.

REGARDLESS of the fund-raising numbers put up by either candidate, Loudoun County Republican Committee chairman Glen Caroline said he is confident Wolf will win the election.

Both Feder and Wolf face primary opponents June 10 and almost twice as many people turned out to vote for Wolf — who earned 16,726 votes — as Feder and her Democratic opponent Mike Turner combined, said Caroline. Wolf also beat Feder by approximately 16 percentage points in the 2006 general election, according to the Virginia State Board of Elections.

"At the end of the day, dollar bills don't vote. Loudoun Republicans vote and they are going to vote for Frank Wolf," said Caroline.

Contributions by ZIP Code

Residents of the Chantilly and Oak Hill area tend to contribute more, on average, to federal elections and candidates than people living in other parts of the country. Those located in the 20151 ZIP code contributed \$147,565 to federal campaigns through June, approximately four times the amount of an average American ZIP code. Those located in the 22033 ZIP code gave approximately \$373,000, about 10 times the average American ZIP code. Those in the 20171 ZIP code contributed approximately \$410,700 or 11 times than the average American ZIP code.

20151 Top Contribution Recipients:

John McCain (R) – Presidential candidate	\$20,350
Hillary Clinton (D) – Presidential candidate	\$16,550
National Beer Wholesalers Association	\$10,800
Barack Obama (D) – Presidential candidate	\$9,750
US India Political Action Committee	\$7,500
DNC Services Corp.	\$5,000
Kate Whitman (R) – NJ congressional candidate	\$4,600
Roscoe Bartlett (R) – Maryland congressman	\$4,400
Tom Davis (R) – Congressional candidate*	\$4,300
Property Casualty Insurers Association of America	\$3,700

22033 Top Contribution Recipients:

John McCain (R) – Presidential candidate	\$36,991
National Republican Congressional Committee	\$27,500
Mark Warner (D) – Senate candidate	\$23,400
Hillary Clinton (D) – Presidential candidate	\$18,075
Barack Obama (D) – Presidential candidate	\$16,750
Mantech International	\$15,285
Frank Wolf (R) – Congressional candidate	\$14,650
Tom Davis (R) – Congressional candidate*	\$14,500
Republican National Committee	\$14,330
Virginia Leadership Political Action Committee (affiliated with Rep. Jim Moran, Virginia Democrat)	\$12,500

20171 Top Contribution Recipients:

Barack Obama (D) – Presidential candidate	\$37,332
Hillary Clinton (D) – Presidential candidate	\$37,300
John McCain (R) – Presidential candidate	\$31,800
National Republican Congressional Committee	\$16,750
Frank Wolf (R) – Congressional candidate	\$15,850
Rudolph Giuliani (R) – Presidential candidate	\$15,050
Keith Fimian (R) – Congressional candidate*	\$12,050
Mitt Romney (R) – Presidential candidate	\$11,350
Gerry Connolly (D) – Congressional candidate*	\$9,300
Bill Nelson (D) – Florida U.S. Senate candidate	\$9,200

* If elected, this person would not represent these ZIP code's residents in the U.S. Congress

Literacy Volunteers Are Needed

BY NOAH MARTIN
CENTRE VIEW

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia is sponsoring future training workshops for tutors. The tutors will assist the residents of Falls Church in enriching their English skills. No previous teaching experience or foreign language proficiency is required to participate in the program. Adult students are currently wait-listed and eagerly anticipate partnerships with trained tutors. Tutors will instruct students in all aspects of literacy education: speaking, understanding, reading, and writing English.

THE PROGRAM provides a vital service to the Northern Virginia community. "I am volunteering in my daughter's school and in the public library. Studying English is changing my life. Yes, it is work-



Claire Brown and Jack Spinner.

ing for me," said one grateful student.

MORE THAN 150 volunteers are required to meet the waiting list of enthusiastic students. Once trained, volunteers will partner with adult pupils for weekly one-on-one instruction.

"Tutoring offers a rewarding experience for both parties; an experience in which tutors and stu-

dents often form a friendship that carries beyond the time span of instruction," said Belle Peñaranda, the director of volunteers for the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia.

Tutors are required to attend three consecutive Saturday training sessions. Sessions will be offered on Sept. 6, 13, and 20 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and on Nov. 8, 15, and 22 - 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. A payment of \$35 is asked of all prospective tutors to cover the cost of books, materials, and instruction. After the Saturday training sessions, tutors will be able to coordinate weekly instruction with their students at their own convenience.

All tutor training workshops take place at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road in Falls Church. The one-on-one tutoring will take place in a library or community center in the tutor's neighborhood.

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WORTH NOTING

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

“Attack of the B Movies” will be held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Fairfax Corner 14, Showcase Cinemas.

Admission is \$5 for the double feature presentations. The Fairfax Corner 14: Cinema de Lux is located at 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. Call 703-502-4060.

- ❖ 8/28 – “Devil Girl from Mars” / “Robot Monster”
- ❖ 9/4 – “Giant from the Unknown” / “She Demons”
- ❖ 9/11 – “The Wasp Woman” / “Phantom from 10,000 Leagues”
- ❖ 9/18 – “Monster from a Prehistoric Planet” / “Voyage to a Prehistoric Planet”
- ❖ 9/25 – “The Last Man on Earth” / “Bride of the Beast”

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

Assistance League, a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the literacy and well-being of women and children in Northern Virginia, is holding a social for women interested in membership on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. Call Beth at 703-648-1822 or email ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com. Go to the web site at www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

Swing Dances are held every Friday

night at the Dulles Hilton in the Red Fox Room with Sue and Gary Caley. Drop-in beginner lesson included in price of admission from 8:30-9 p.m. Live music from 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. All ages welcome, large dance floors, air conditioned. Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

❖ Aug. 29 — Daryl Davis Band.

Pottery Barn Kids in Fair Oaks Mall hosts a Sing-Along — Oh Susannah! on Friday, Aug. 29 from 10-10:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

The Starlight Cinema Family Drive-In Movie series will be shown at the parking lot of the Trinity Office Building, 5875 Trinity parkway, Centreville.

Gates open at 6 p.m., pre-movie activities start at 7:30 p.m., films are shown at dark. Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/>

❖ **Saturday, Aug. 30 — “Shrek the Third.”**

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

Chick-fil-A of Chantilly is holding a “Free Strip Giveaway” on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1. With football season about to start, just wear any kind of outer apparel — shirt, hat, shoes, pants, socks, etc. — that has the name

or logo of your favorite football team (from youth leagues to professional teams) and participants will receive a three-piece chicken strips for free. Chick-fil-A of Chantilly, by the Dulles Expo Center, 10:30 am till close.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

English classes for adults sponsored by ESL and Immigrant Ministries will be offered in 17 locations in Northern Virginia. Childcare is available at some locations. Registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 2. A \$20 processing fees is requested. Scholarships are available. Check www.eslim.org for class locations and schedules or call 703-841-0292 and leave a message. Calls will be returned in English, Spanish, Korean or Vietnamese.

The Northern Virginia Holistic Moms Network will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. This month’s topic is “Labor Day 101” Learn about the choices, supports, and options available at your labor and birth. Call 703-988-0285.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Mothers First - Chantilly/Centreville is a nonprofit support organization dedicated to helping women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children at home.

Meetings are first and third Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St Germain Dr., Centreville. Contact 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

SEPT. 5-7

More than 150 of the nation’s finest artisans and craft designers will offer unique crafts, live demonstrations, food, music and family entertainment during the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival, Friday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in Manassas. The hours are Friday, Sept. 5 and Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds are located at 10624 Dumfries Road in Manassas. Adult admission is \$7 when purchased online, \$8 for adults at the door, free for children under 12. Visit www.sugarloafcrafts.com or call 800-210-9900.

SEPT. 6-7

Fancy felines from around the country will have the opportunity to earn Top Cat status at the National Capital Cat Show. The cat show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6 (9:30 am-5 p.m.) and Sunday, Sept. 7 (9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.) at the Dulles Expo and Conference Center in Chantilly. More

than 400 pedigreed cats are expected to compete in this year’s show. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children, and \$24 for a family of four. Contact Dawn M. Shiley, public affairs coordinator, at 703-489-0698 or email skogeier@erols.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

The 16th Annual Plane Pull will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 at Dulles Airport. The contest that benefits Special Olympics Virginia pits teams of 20 against a cargo jet to see which team can pull the plane 12 feet the fastest. During the event, there’s also a Kid’s Bus Pull, and an entire festival for spectators to enjoy. In addition to team members, volunteers are also needed. Go to www.specialolympicsva.org.

The Humane Society of Fairfax County will open its Pet Food Pantry, Ani-Meals, serving disadvantaged residents of Fairfax County and the surrounding area on Saturday, Sept. 6. This new program will offer pet food and related items to families who want to keep their pets and need a helping hand during these difficult economic times. Unopened and unexpired pet food may be donated at 4057 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax. The HSFC is open to receive pet food six days a week, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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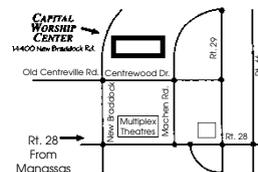
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FAITH NOTES

Ekoji Buddhist Temple will hold a free seminar and lecture on Nembustu practice on Saturday, Aug. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. The speaker is Shin Buddhist Minister, the Rev. Harry Bridge from the Lodi Buddhist Church. The event will be held at 6500 Lake Haven Lane, Fairfax Station. Call 703-239-0500 or visit the Web site at www.ekoji.org.

Peter Mayer, lead guitarist and vocalist for Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band, will be at Saint Andrew on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 10:30 a.m. worship. He will sing and share his faith. Mayer grew up in India where his parents were missionaries for 17 years. In addition to having his own band, the Peter Mayer

Group, he also led the youth in music at the 2006 ELCA National Youth Gathering, Cruzando, in San Antonio, Texas.

DivorceCare is a 13-week, Christ-centered, divorce recovery program which helps participants face the emotional, physical, and spiritual challenges of separation and divorce and moves toward the rebuilding of lives. The class is limited to 12 people and will be held at Centreville United Methodist Church on Sunday nights from 7 - 8:30 p.m., beginning on **Aug. 31**. The leader is Richard Focht (703-802-1095). The cost is \$15 for the workbook.

Vale United Methodist Church is having a Family Festival Hoedown on

Sunday, Sept. 7. Food, games and prizes from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a square dance from 1-2 p.m. There will be a moon bounce, spin art, duck pond, pie throwing and more. The church is located at 11528, Vale Rd., Oakton.

Jubilee Christian Center will host a free concert by the Christian Rock Band, "Chasen," on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 11 a.m.

Chasen has a recent top 5 single, "Crazy Beautiful." Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, or visit www.jccag.org.

Southview Baptist Church is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year

on Sunday, Sept. 7 beginning around noon.

The church will begin its celebration with morning service beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by SMBS (Sunday Morning Bible Study) classes at 11 a.m. Following that, Southview will host a lunch. RSVP to the church office at 703-860-8800. The lunch will begin at noon. Southview is located at 2620 Reston Parkway. Visit www.southview.org, or call 703-860-8800.

Wellspring Church Pastor Al Fuertes will speak on God's call in daily work, on Labor Day Sunday. Wellspring's Sunday worship is at 11 a.m., at the chapel on Route 29, 13510

Lee Highway, Centreville. The chapel is on the north side of Route 29, just west of the Lee Highway-Union Mill Road intersection.

Sunday School for children meets during the worship hour. Following worship there is a fellowship hour with fair trade coffee and treats, and visitors are welcome.

The Immigration Forum group will have a planning meeting on September 9 at the Centreville Library. Check the Web site, wellspringucc.org, or call Sara Little at 703-257-4111 for information on this and other special events.

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A native Virginian, Dr. Amanda Trucksess attended The College of William and Mary where she graduated cum laude with a major in kinesiology. She earned her medical degree from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. She completed a four year residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

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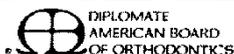
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The Southwestern Youth Association will be holding its annual Executive Board of Directors Election Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Centreville Public Library, Meeting Room 1. The SYA Executive Board of Directors positions are for a one-year term and include the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are being accepted and may be submitted to the SYA Office at syaboard@verizon.net. Applicants must be in good standing with SYA and at least 21 years of age. This meeting is open to the community. Contact the SYA office at 703-815-3362 or syaboard@verizon.net.

Chantilly High School is accepting

applications for the Boys Soccer Varsity Head Coach position. If interested, contact Terry Brown at Chantilly, Terry.Brown@fcps.edu, or call 702-222-8161.

Potomac Inline Hockey (PIHI) is still accepting registrations for its Youth, High School, and Adult fall inline hockey season. There are free Learn-to-Play sessions for youth to help get acquainted with the sport. The fall season runs September thru December with all practices and games held indoors at The Box Inline Hockey Arena in Chantilly. PIHI is a not-for-profit volunteer-based organization that offers inline hockey programs for all ages and levels of play, from beginners to advanced, as well as camps, clinics and

travel level programs. Go to www.potomachockey.com or call 703-961-8280.

The Westfield Athletic Booster Club is hosting a Fall Golf Outing to raise money for capital improvements for Westfield Athletic programs. The tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 29 at Chantilly National Golf and Country Club. The Shotgun start will be at 11 a.m. Tournament entry fee is \$200 per individual which includes the round of golf, lunch and dinner, gifts, and awards. Co-chairing the event are Todd Hicks (todd.hicks@thomsonreuters.com) and John Debell (jdeb@att.net). Sponsorship opportunities and registration forms

will be available at the Bulldog BBQ and at Meet the Coach night and can be accessed at http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/7400-BA_Golf_Tourney/

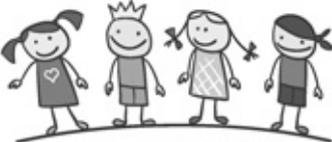
CYA Basketball is now accepting coaching applications for the 2008/09 travel basketball league for the following age groups: U10 boys, U12 boys, U10 girls and U14 girls. Go to www.chantillyyouth.org and follow the directions to submit an application. Email Rick at cyabb@att.net.

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—ERIC J. GILMORE, MARK GIANNOTTO AND RICH SANDERS

Chantilly Chargers

Head Coach: Michael Lalli, fourth year.

Career Record: 37-42

2007 Record: 8-3 overall, 4-2 Concorde District (lost in first round of Div. 6 playoffs)

Returning Starters: four offense, four defense

Key Losses: QB Austin Decker; LB Mike Quigg; TB Buggy Urrutia; TE Jacob Barren; OL Doug Boyle; FB Antonio Cross; OL/DL Kyle Gilley

Top Returners: OG/LB Isaac Sine, Sr., 6-3, 220; RB Torrian Pace, Sr., 5-10, 220;

OT Andrew Crawford, Sr., 6-6, 270; C Brendan Murphy, Sr., 5-10, 220

Must win: Week Four, Sept. 19 vs. Westfield

Fun Fact: It's hard to believe, but the Chargers were winless in 2004 and bounced back two years later with a Northern Region championship in 2006. To win the region title, Chantilly defeated Westfield for the only time in school history.

Aspect to Watch: Quarterback Austin Decker was the team's undoubted leader on offense last season, even though the Chargers had several capable running backs. Now senior Torrian Pace has to step up in the backfield, while linebacker Issac Sine has to replace the void created by Mike Quigg's absence.



Westfield Bulldogs

Head Coach: Tom Verbanic, ninth year.

Career Record: 161-50

2007 Record: 15-0 overall, 6-0 Concord District (Virginia AAA Division 6 State Champions).

Returning Starters: three offense, one defense.

Key Losses: QB Mike Glennon; WR/DB Johnny Pickett; RB/LB Brian Kennedy; WR David Kruchko; RB/LB Steven Tabot; TE Ross Lavin; LB Kyle Goffredo; K David Skahn; OL/DL Chris Leon; WR/DB Brian Obungu

Top Returners: OL Tyler Barfield, Sr., 6-2, 285; OL Tyler Delph, Sr., 6-3, 285; DB Evan Winfrey, Sr., 6-2, 200; QB Danny Fenyak, Jr., 6-4, 160

Must win: Week Four, Sept. 19 at Chantilly

Fun Fact: Twice in a span of four years, the Bulldogs went undefeated en route to the Div. 6 state championship. And a set of brothers led the charge, with current Virginia Tech starter Sean Glennon and current Denver Bronco wide receiver Eddie Royal commanding the 2003 squad and N.C. State freshman Mike Glennon pacing the 2007 champs.

Aspect to Watch: Junior quarterback Danny Fenyak was impressive in spot time last season. At 6-foot-4, how will he deal with taking over the spot vacated by one of last season's premier national recruits? Also, with Westfield losing 48 seniors, how will the talented, yet inexperienced roster respond?



Centreville Wildcats

Head Coach: Gerry Pannoni, second year.

2007 Record: 6-5 overall, 3-3 Concorde District (lost in first round of Div. 6 playoffs)

Returning Starters: seven offense, four defense

Key Losses: RB/DB Darryl Hamilton; LB Donnell Carpenter; LB Jamey McClendon; OL/DL Brett Miller; RB Andrew Morgan; WR Chris Stewart

Top Returners: OT Luke Bowanko, Sr., 6-6, 270; QB David Toth, Sr., 6-5, 250; OG/DT Mike Upham, Sr., 6-4, 240; LB Eric Gray, Sr., 6-0, 190; WR/DB Brandon Carpenter, Sr., 6-0, 180; TE Zack Glatter, Sr., 6-5, 250;

Must win: Week Four, Sept. 19 at Herndon

Fun Fact: Centreville's defense only allowed 112 points all season, the lowest in the Northern Region. Heading into the ninth game of the season, the Wildcats only relinquished a gaudy 5.4 points per game.

Aspect to Watch: Centreville had a solid season in coach Gerry Pannoni's first season, but was overshadowed by Westfield's undefeated season. The Wildcats return a senior quarterback, along with offensive stalwart Luke Bowanko, but inexperience at wide receiver and in the secondary could be potential snags. The season opener against West Potomac will be a huge litmus test.



SPORTS: PIGSKIN PREVIEW

A Coaching Establishment

Long-tenured coaches are rare — but highly successful.

By ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

Twenty-eight seasons ago, Vaughn Lewis, Mike Skinner, Dale Eaton and Gerry Pannoni were all neophyte Groveton assistants serving under Chip Armstrong, a then-recent high school graduate. It was so long ago that Lewis, the last coach at Groveton before it merged with Fort Hunt to form West Potomac in 1985, had to dig out the championship plaque just to jog his memory of who his boss was.

Being a full-time high school football coach is a job that is an annual commitment. So it's hard to blame Lewis, who has been coaching for more than a quarter-century, for blending seasons together.

"We were all coaching together," Lewis said of his colleagues who all became successful head coaches. "That was special because we were all fairly young."

A mere generation later, Lewis and many of the "old guard" are still around, having transitioned from eager assistants and coordinators into seasoned head coaches. But more than seniority and even more than X's and O's, the few remaining Northern Virginia treasures have continued to hover on the sidelines on Friday nights.

There is no instruction manual for high school football coaches, though they appear to all be a similar breed — tough-nosed, no-nonsense, fear-striking massive men. But aside from their ear-piercing whistles, the tutoring of teenagers and demand for discipline, all have done what quality coaches do. Gain respect. And win.

Bruce Hanson, the Yorktown head coach since 1981, epitomized his coaching passion when his Patriots squeaked through another win over archrival Washington-Lee

at the conclusion of the 2007 regular season. Hanson's loyal assistants had already carpooled over to his house, ready to decompress and dissect film, and yet the Northern Region's longest-tenured coach was still conversing candidly with two local sportswriters among sweaty socks.

"We're hoping to get back up," Hanson said Monday, reiterating the same message he made before bowing out to Lewis' senior-laden Edison team in the 2007 playoffs.

A few weeks earlier, Lewis' Eagles had overpowered Washington-Lee, a district foe during a cold, sputtering November rainstorm. Lewis, and his ever-supporting wife — an absolute essential — were the last two to be pried from the field, ignoring the miserable weather to chat more Northern Region football.

THE GAME HAS EVOLVED. But it's clearly still dominated by experience. Any of the long-tenured head coaches, West Springfield's Bill Renner, Annandale's Dick Adams, Robinson's Mark Bendorf and Westfield's Tom Verbanic, along with Hanson and Lewis, will admit the schemes vary drastically from the mid-to-late 1980s when wishbone and traditional triple-option offenses were the norm, as teams tried to overpower opponents with muscle and brute force.

"The main change (since I started coaching in the area) is the game itself has changed a lot," Lewis said. "It has gone from rock 'em sock 'em with who is bigger, stronger football to spreading it out, throwing the football more and trying to create running space."

The spread schemes, which accentuates athletes' speed in space, is the rage as West Springfield, Westfield and T.C. Williams now employ varying degrees of pass-happy offenses.

"It all depends on how your kids fit," Lewis said. "We still ran the I-formation five years ago because we had a 225-pound tailback and some big boys in the trenches... The last four years we've had more athletes on the squad. It's only been the past five years we've gone spread or no huddle."



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Westfield coach Tom Verbanic will have to rebuild after completing Westfield's second undefeated state championship run in 2007.

COACHES CARRY CREDIBILITY, especially the ones that have lingered. In the two Northern Region final games last season, there were nearly 80 years worth of head coaching experience, with Renner (Mount Vernon, Langley and West Springfield) facing Verbanic (Fairfax, Westfield) and Mickey Thompson (Park View/Sterling, Stone Bridge) clashing with Lewis (Groveton, Edison and Jefferson) for the third straight season.

Lewis' former Groveton assistant, Mike Skinner, took Centreville to four straight Northern Region title games, winning a Group AAA Division 6 state championship in 2000. He was the defensive coordinator for his former Frostburg State teammate Pannoni last season, before jumping to Stone Bridge to Thompson in the off-season.

"We all went our separate ways," Lewis said of his former Groveton staff. "Gerry (Pannoni) and I are the only ones left coaching now."

Thompson, winner of two of the past three Northern Region Division 5 titles and the defending state champion, has been coaching in the area since 1990, and has

another loaded roster expected to repeat as state champs.

Annandale's Dick Adams won back-to-back Division 6 state titles in 1993 and 1994, while Robinson's Mark Bendorf (1997 and 2000) and Westfield's Tom Verbanic (2004 and 2007) also have two state titles. Bendorf and Verbanic's schools were recently named among the top-20 programs of the past decade.

ASK ANY COACH, including McLean's Jim Patrick, who is in his first year, and he'll admit that hiring a quality staff is essential. Some coordinators may be coaches waiting in the wings, but if history is any indication, the fraternity isn't ready to initiate many new members.

But Lewis and Hanson, and the entire crop will eventually have to step aside, clearing a path for assistants that could represent the next generation of soon-to-be established coaches.

"I enjoy what I do and I'm very proud of what we accomplished at Edison and you can't accomplish unless you've got great assistants under you," Lewis said. "Having been an assistant at Groveton, I know that."

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Westfield



The **Westfield Bulldogs** used 48 seniors — 21 of who were starters — to earn its second Division 6 state title in four years, defeating Woodbridge, 42-14, which completed a perfect 15-0 season. The Bulldogs were downright dominant, beating its opponents by an average of 29.4 points, while allowing only 8.8 points per game and recording five shutouts. Head coach Tom Verbanic, who is 69-6 over the past six years, will look to junior quarterback Danny Fenyak to replace Mike Glennon, who is now playing at NC State. The Bulldogs also have to replace receiver Johnny Pickett (Ball State). But with Tyler Barfield, an all-region lineman, returning and one of the top junior varsity teams in the area, Westfield should be poised for another solid season.

Chantilly



The **Chantilly Chargers** have something to prove this season after getting ousted by Robinson in the first round of the Division 6 playoffs, just a year removed from a state championship appearance. The Chargers have to replace senior quarterback/safety Austin Decker and linebacker Mike Quigg, but have two solid Division I recruits in running back Torrian Pace and Issac Sine. Pace, clocked at 4.47 seconds in the 40-yard dash, averaged 10.9 yards per carry en route to 12 touchdowns while sharing with three other backs a year ago. This season, he and Sine, a 6-foot-3, 218-pound linebacker, will have to lead a young crop if the Chargers want

to make a third-consecutive playoff berth.

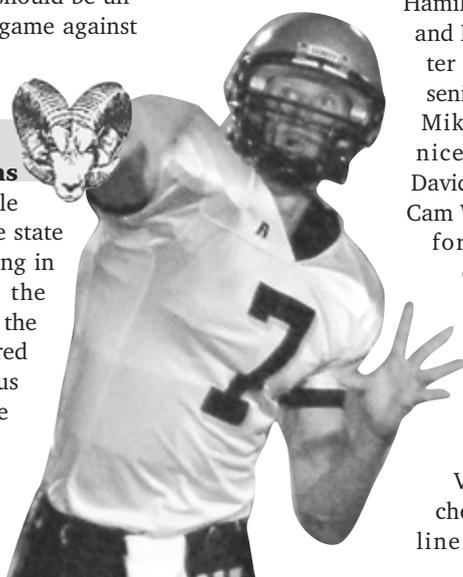
Oakton



The **Oakton Cougars** are now three years removed from the 2004 Division 6 state title, and frankly, there has been a two-year hangover. After having eight Division I players graduate in 2006, Oakton struggled to a 5-5 record in 2007, losing to Madison and Annandale to open the season. The offense should be strong with Ryan Harris and Chris Coyer, both solid senior quarterbacks, returning along with all-district selection Trey Watts in the backfield. Senior Jack Tyler, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound linebacker who has 193 career tackles, will help to anchor the defense, while 6-foot-5 all-region punter/tight end Wade Reynolds also returns. Oakton should be undefeated heading into a home game against Chantilly in week six.

James Robinson

The **James Robinson Rams** made five-straight regional title game appearances, winning the state championship in 2001 and losing in 2004. But ever since joining the Concorde District four years ago, the Rams have lost 12 times compared to just five losses in the previous five years. Robinson still made the playoffs last season, their ninth time in the past 11 seasons, but squandered a late lead to West Springfield.



Robinson is still hopeful with quarterback Timmy Meier and running back Alex Murray both returning after starting last season. The schedule is again brutal with Lake Braddock, West Springfield and Stone Bridge littering the non-district schedule.

Centreville



The **Centreville Wildcats** ended a two-year playoff drought, but squandered a 12-point lead over West Springfield with less than six minutes remaining in the region quarterfinal. It was only the second time the Wildcats relinquished 15-plus points all season. But 2008 will be different as defensive coordinator Mike Skinner went to Stone Bridge and assistant Roy Ferri was hired at Stuart. Second-year coach Gerry Pannoni has to replace first-team

standouts Darryl Hamilton (Richmond) and Donnell Carpenter defensively, but senior defensive end Mike Upham is a nice start. Senior David Toth and junior Cam Walter are vying for the starting quarterback slot, while third-year starter Luke Bowanko, who has committed to the U-Va., will again anchor the offensive line. The biggest

questions are at the skill positions, where Pannoni is considering playing freshmen.

Herndon



The **Herndon Hornets** were one of the hottest teams at the end of the 2007 season, winning four of five (the lone loss was against Westfield) after starting the season 1-4. The Hornets, who had their a non-winning season for the first time in five years, have now adjusted to second-year coach Joe Sheaffer's schemes and should again vie for a playoff slot. Junior Zach Ozycz will again command the offense, a job he won late last season. On the ground, junior tailback Devin Thompson replaces Desmond Seifu and Chris Winston, while junior fullbacks Austin Moore and Sam Grother will also be counted on.

Fairfax



To say the **Fairfax Rebels** have struggled of late would be an understatement. The Rebels haven't had a winning season in nine years, and since joining the Concorde District three years ago, Fairfax hasn't sniffed a victory. In fact, it's given up 30 points per game since 2005, and was outscored 218-28 within the district in 2007. A sliver of hope for second-year coach Chris Haddock is that he returns 13 starters, including senior quarterback Abdul Amin, running back Alex Price and 6-foot-4, 285-pound Josh Patterson. And the Rebels face Washington-Lee and Falls Church — the two teams they collected wins against last season — again this year.

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATORS: Week One

Each week, **The Connection's Pigskin Prognosticators** select winners from the top five prep games.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

1. W. Springfield at Stone Bridge
2. Oakton at Madison
3. Westfield at South County
4. Mount Vernon at T.C. Williams
5. West Potomac at Centreville
6. W.T. Woodson at Fairfax
7. Lee at Edison
8. Robinson at Lake Braddock
9. Alabama vs. Clemson
10. ECU vs. Virginia Tech



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Last Week: 0-0

Season: 0-0

Percentage: 0%

1. Stone Bridge
2. Oakton
3. Westfield
4. T.C. Williams
5. Centreville
6. W.T. Woodson
7. Edison
8. Robinson
9. Alabama
10. ECU



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4. T.C. Williams
5. West Potomac
6. W.T. Woodson
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8. Robinson
9. Clemson
10. Virginia Tech

WEEK NINE SCHEDULE:

Games played Thurs., Aug. 28

- Hayfield at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.
- Annandale at McLean, 7:30 p.m.
- Lee at Edison, 7:30 p.m.
- Falls Church at Jefferson, 6:30 p.m.
- Broad Run at Wakefield, 7:30 p.m.
- Robinson at Lake Braddock, 7:30 p.m.

Games played Fri., Aug. 29

- Oakton at Madison, 7:30 p.m.
- Wilson (D.C.) at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.
- W.T. Woodson at Fairfax, 7:30 p.m.
- Mount Vernon at T.C. Williams, 5 p.m.
- George Mason at J.E.B. Stuart, 7:30 p.m.
- Washington-Lee at Dominion, 7:30 p.m.
- Heritage at South Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
- Westfield at South County, 7:30 p.m.
- West Potomac at Centreville, 7:30 p.m.
- West Springfield at Stone Bridge, 7:30 p.m.

Northern Region Div. 6 Power Points — 2007 Final

1.	Westfield	33.0
2.	Chantilly	31.0
3.	West Springfield	30.9
4.	Lake Braddock	28.7
5.	West Potomac	28.4
6.	Centreville	27.3
7.	Robinson	27.0
8.	South County	26.9
9.	Langley	26.8
10.	Oakton	26.1
11.	Herndon	25.5
12.	W.T. Woodson	25.1
13.	T.C. Williams	23.9
14.	Annandale	22.9
15.	Fairfax	20.9

Northern Region Div. 5 Power Points — 2007 Final

1.	Stone Bridge	31.7
2.	Madison	29.0
3.	Edison	28.8
4.	Marshall	25.8
5.	Mount Vernon	24.7
6.	Yorktown	24.0
7.	South Lakes	21.5
8.	Lee	21.1
9.	Washington-Lee	20.9
10.	Wakefield	18.9
11.	Falls Church	19.7
12.	McLean	19.2
13.	Hayfield	19.2
14.	Jefferson	18.5
15.	Stuart	16.4

2007 Final Standings

Liberty District		
School	District	Overall
Stone Bridge	7-0	14-1
Madison	5-2	9-3
Langley	5-2	6-4
Marshall	4-3	8-4
W.T. Woodson	4-3	5-5
South Lakes	2-5	3-8
McLean	1-6	2-8
Jefferson	0-7	1-9
Concorde District		
Westfield	6-0	15-0
Chantilly	4-2	8-3
Centreville	3-3	6-5
Oakton	3-3	5-5
Herndon	3-3	5-5
Robinson	2-4	6-6
Fairfax	0-6	2-8
Patriot District		
West Springfield	6-1	10-3
Lake Braddock	6-1	8-3
South County	5-2	6-5
West Potomac	4-3	8-4
T.C. Williams	3-4	4-6
Annandale	2-5	4-6
Lee	2-5	2-9
Hayfield	0-7	1-9
National District		
Edison	6-0	10-3
Mount Vernon	5-1	6-5
Yorktown	4-2	5-6
Washington-Lee	3-3	4-6
Wakefield	2-4	2-8
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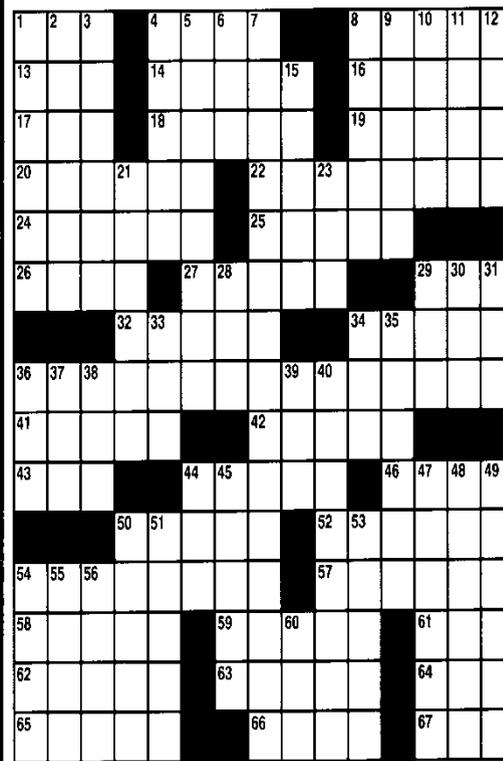
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- "— far, far better thing ..."
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- Got off the ground
- Popular candy
- Tether
- Heiress, maybe
- Broadway premiere of 1946
- Active

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- Actor Hawke
- Mosque V.I.P.
- Comical introduction
- In the rococo style
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