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Landscapers from Burke Nursery and Garden Center cut and plant foliage and flora around Wolf Trap Elementary School's welcome sign. The enhancement was supported by the school's PTA.

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At the main entrance to Wolf Trap Elementary School is a certified wildlife habitat. Off to a corner of the building, facing Beulah Road, is another garden, anchored by an archway. And around the side of Wolf Trap, is a bluebird trail. Protecting the environment and supporting wildlife is a goal of the school.

"One of our focus areas this year is going back to what is natural," said principal Anita Blain. "We're working to save and protect our environment. It's a grassroots effort between the school and the community."

Much of the vegetation in the school gardens is native to Virginia. The bluebird trail, where the birds will be tracked, is entering its third year. Last year, the school received a recycling grant.

"The Student Council set up recycling stations around the school," said Blain. "The recycling

program came from the students. "Children of Wolf Trap make good choices. They are the leaders of the future, and they are leaders now."

Chinese language classes at Wolf Trap are going into their fourth year. Every child in grades one through five receives an hour of Chinese language instruction. Wolf Trap was the first elementary school in the County to have Chinese as a part of the academic program.

"We have some fifth graders who started the instruction in first grade and are capable now of basic conversational Chinese," Blain said. "We are very proud of our Chinese program."

The school is continuing to move forward with technology, and to further the environmental bent is looking at bringing in bike racks to encourage children to ride their bikes to school. "We're sensitive to the environment and to staying in shape," said Blain. "We will bring this up at the September PTA meeting."

"Wolfie notes" are handed out to students caught "being good," enhancing and enriching the school's positive outlook.



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Wolf Trap Elementary School Principal, Anita Blain, tending to the school's Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Colonial Day is a fusion of costume, crafts, and role-playing. Wolf Trap's first big event is the annual pizza Bingo on Oct. 24. The week before Thanksgiving, Nov. 17 - 21, brings the annual book fair. Afternoon programs, run and sponsored by the PTA, offer a variety of enhancement opportunities, including keyboarding, chess, debate and movie-making.

The Wolf Trap school day begins at 8:25 a.m. Back-to-school night is scheduled for Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

—DONNA MANZ



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Neighborhood Study for Tysons

John Foust talks about issues affecting the Shouse and Colvin Run precincts.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Of the issues and concerns that Dranesville Supervisor John Foust is addressing, land use and transportation are near the top of the list.

In his first term on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Foust represents an area that runs along the Potomac from Loudoun County and up to a pocket of constituency in Falls Church, arcing around the Shouse and Colvin Run precincts. Tysons Corner and its redevelopment loom large on Foust's radar screen.

"If we want to see Tysons Corner redeveloped as a vibrant transit-oriented community, we have to provide the infrastructure to make it work, and to know in advance who is going to pay for it," said Foust. "It takes planning to achieve that goal."

"Tysons is a fairly large city that needs everything a large city needs. We need to ensure that what we do at Tysons Corner does not cause a negative impact on the surrounding communities."

To that end, Foust advocates the completion and review of the neighborhood study that looks at the impact of construction and higher density on the towns surrounding Tysons Corner. "The neighborhood study is essential to the final determination of how much density we can have at Tysons Corner."

FOUST sees a lot of park and road improvements in the near future for the areas off Route 7 between Reston and Tysons Corner. There is a master plan for Colvin Run Mill Park, which will "dramatically improve" the visitors' center and the trails around the mill. The long-awaited fire station at the corner of Beulah Road and Rt. 7 is scheduled to go to contract next year, 2009.

"In our office we do a lot of traffic calming to reduce speeding in residential areas," said Foust. "We're working on Carper's Farm, Trap Road, and Towlston Road at Rt. 7. Speed bumps and stop signs can be used to mitigate traffic impact inside residential neighborhoods."

By the end of August, the utility work and road widening at Beulah Road and Rt. 7 will be finished, and Beulah Road reopens to traffic. "We were given the options of closing the road completely for one month or closing it partially for six months. We wanted the construction to be over before school begins, and we've been assured it will be." The county received proffers from the



Dranesville Supervisor, John Foust, supports a well-planned redeveloped Tysons Corner, with its infrastructure and community impact integrated into the planning process.

"Tysons is a fairly large city that needs everything a large city needs."

— John Foust, Dranesville Supervisor

Maymont development, on the former Moutoux Orchards site, to pay for the utility work and road widening for the community and for the new fire station.

From the transportation bond passed in 2007, there is money in the budget to add a westbound left-turn lane at Towlston Road. The county is proceeding with trail work on Brown's Mill Road from Victoria Farms to Windstone.

"We have a big land use issue across Rt. 7 on Towlston Road, opposite Covance. The American Foundation for Better Living wants to build a center there. They've applied for a special exception permit, and the community is opposed. The area is zoned

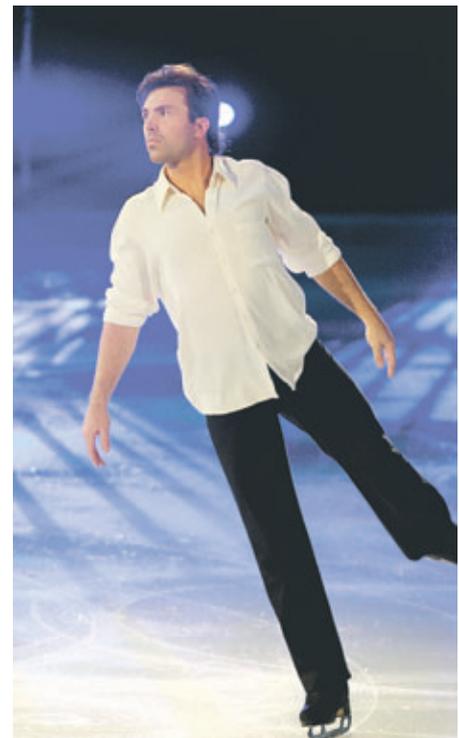
residential, and residents don't want a commercial building there." The American Foundation for Better Living describes itself as a "cultural center" and "museum."

VDOT is widening Rt. 7 from Loudoun to Tysons Corner, beginning at Loudoun. "Personally, I'd rather see VDOT start at Tysons and work toward Loudoun," Foust said.

Foust and his wife have lived in McLean since 1987, and he has been active in the community for many years. He has served as president of the McLean Citizens Association and the McLean Planning Committee, chairman of the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council's Legislative Committee, and has been engaged in a diversity of civic affairs over the years.

A tunnel supporter, Foust admits that the Tysons tunnel is still a remote option at this time.

"There is nothing to support elevated rail but the belief that it will cost less to build than the tunnel would."



Michael Weiss brings together skating champions to raise money for rising stars.

Champion Helps Rising Stars

Figure Skating Olympian Michael Weiss stages show in support of talented skaters.

BY TALIA ROTH
THE CONNECTION

The Weiss house will be especially crowded the weekend of Sept. 6 when Olympic Figure Skater Michael Weiss and the Michael Weiss Foundation host the U.S. and World Figure Skating Champions Live in Arlington. To save expenses, Weiss will have 16 figure skaters stay with him in bunk beds at his house in McLean.

The show will include performances by Brian Boitano, Sasha Cohen, Mirai Nagasu, Yuka Sato, Jennifer Robinson, John Zimmerman, Jeffrey Buttle, Todd Eldredge, Emily Hughes, Steven Cousins, Michael Weiss, Rena Inoue and John Baldwin, Parker Pennington, Armin Mabahnzadeh and Kristine Musadamba. The performances are followed by a silent auction.

The event raises money for the Michael Weiss Foundation that gives scholarships to

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CRIME

Real Estate Broker Guilty of Fraud

The president of a Vienna real estate firm pleaded guilty Friday to defrauding clients of more than \$1 million.

Rajasekhar Marni, 47 of Reston, pleaded guilty to federal wire fraud and money laundering during a hearing Friday, Aug. 22 in federal court in Alexandria.

Marni faces up to 30 years in federal prison and a fine of \$500,000 and must make full restitution, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg. U.S. District Court Judge T. S. Ellis, III is scheduled to sentence Marni in October.

Marni, the president of Loanworth Corporation, Inc. in Vienna, defrauded three sets of clients of more than \$1 million, according to Rosenberg and Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office.

In March 2006, Marni arranged to pur-

chase a Fairfax Station house for \$889,000. Marni had the homeowners, who agreed to finance Marni's purchase, transfer the title to him while he signed a deed of trust detailing terms of the loan. But Marni never recorded the loan with Fairfax County although he submitted documentation transferring the title to him, according to Rosenberg. He eventually sold the property to a third party and used the proceeds to buy a house for himself in Vienna.

Marni also admitted to defrauding a Lorton couple by convincing them to transfer the title of their property to Loanworth, Inc. for six months. During that time, he took out more than \$227,000 loans against the property. After the title was returned, one of Marni's lenders foreclosed on the home, resulting in a loss of the victim's equity in the property, according to Rosenberg.

— KEN MOORE

CRIME REPORT

Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police department from Aug. 16 through Aug. 22.

ARREST

200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. Aug. 17, 1:39 a.m. A subject was spotted urinating in public by PFC Shaver at the Cedar Lane Shopping Center during the early morning hours. The subject, a 36 year old male of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with Drunk in Public. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

400 Block Orchard Street, N.W. Aug. 20, 12

p.m. At the request of Detective Brook, Officer Ruddy went to an address on Orchard Street and located a wanted individual. She subsequently arrested a 19 year old male of Orchard Street in Vienna and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Once there, he was formally served with a warrant charging him for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

Vienna Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., South. Aug. 21 12 p.m. A wanted individual came to Vienna Police Headquarters to turn

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herself in based upon an outstanding warrant from the Fairfax County Police Department. The individual, a 21 year old female of Beechwood Drive in Fairfax, was arrested by Officer Ruddy and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. She was formally served with the warrant for Failure to Appear on a Driving on Suspended License Charge and held on \$1500.00 bond.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

1100 Block Cottage St., S.W. Aug. 21 between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. A hole was broken out of a stained glass door panel by an unknown object and/ or person.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE

1000 Block Cottage St., S.W. Aug. 18, 11 p.m. A domestic dispute was reported involving a husband and wife. The situation was successfully handled by Officer Simon without incident.

FOUND PROPERTY

300 Block Center St., N.E. Aug. 21, 11:35 a.m. A citizen found a bicycle abandoned on the W & O.D. bike trail. The bicycle had been observed in the bushes for some time. The bicycle was placed in to storage for retrieval by its owner.

100 Block Maple Avenue, East. Aug. 21 7:01 p.m. A 1984 class ring was found from the Kingwood Regional High School. The ring was placed in to property pending further identification and retrieval by its owner.

FRAUD

100 Block Patrick St., S.E. Jan. 25, 12 p.m. On Jan. 25, 2008 a pickup truck crashed in to the side of an apartment building at the Vienna Park Apartments. As the insurance company began to investigate the claim, they discovered that the brake system on the vehicle had been tampered with. Investigation by Lieutenant Marsh of the Vienna Police revealed that the brakes were in fact altered by an individual. The truck had then crashed into the building and the owner had attempted to deceive the insurance company by saying the brake lines were cut. In actuality, the brakes were altered intentionally by the truck's owner as a quick fix for a leak. No charges were filed as no criminal violations had occurred with regard to law enforcement's investigation of this case. The insurance company also denied the owner's claim.

GRAND LARCENY

100 Block Harmony Drive, S.E. Aug. 16 between 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. A bicycle was stolen from the Vienna Woods Swimming Pool while the owner was swimming. This case is still being investigated.

400 Block Glyndon St., S.E. Between Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 20 at 7 a.m. A 14" steel bucket for a Bobcat loader was stolen from a construction site. This case is still being investigated. Follow up- As a result of investigating this case, the bucket was located elsewhere on the construction site and returned to the owner.

Giant Food Store, 300 Block Maple Ave., S.E. A wallet and its contents were stolen from a woman's purse while shopping. After calling the various credit card companies to cancel her cards, it was learned that they had already been used fraudulently at various locations. This case is still being investigated.

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PEOPLE

Presenting Culture Of Peace and Harmony

Area Tibetan children perform in cultural presentation.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Every Sunday afternoon, a swarm of children, mostly from Vienna, buzz into the Vienna Community Center to immerse themselves in Tibetan language skills and culture. They are children of Tibet, young children to teenagers, who will showcase their culture through music and dance at the Mason District Park Amphitheatre on Aug. 29 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

"They will sing and dance to a variety of music," said Tenzin Lhundup of Vienna, president of the Capital Area Tibetan Association PTA. "Tibetans have such a unique culture, and we are very proud of it. We are a peaceful people, and we want to share our culture of peace and harmony with everyone."

Lhundup, who works for Voice of America, estimates there are 300 Tibetans living in the metropolitan D.C. area. The cultural group chose Vienna and its community center as its base of operations because the town and its residents are "very understanding" of Tibet's peaceful culture, under the spiritual leadership of the Dalai Lama. "Most of us live in the Vienna area," said Lhundup. His two children, ages 7 and 11, participate in the weekly language and culture classes. "We want our children to know and understand our culture."

LHUNDUP SAYS the community center, particularly building supervisor Leon Evans, has been very kind to him and to the association. It is a nice location, he says, and very well-maintained. "We are committed to peace and harmony, and Vienna meshes with our agenda."

Three groups of children, 6-9 years old, 10-13 years old, and 15 years old and up, will perform in native dress for the one-hour performance at Mason District Park.

"I've been going to the culture classes since I was about seven years old," said Lhundup's 11-year-old daughter, Pema 'Pamela' Lhundup. "I would like people to know that Tibet has had a difficult time; it is hard for us," said Pamela, a rising 7th grader at Kilmer Middle School. Pamela was born in Northern Virginia, but says she learns a lot about her culture at home.

"I really do hope people who come to our performance will learn about the political situation in Tibet, as well as our arts and culture."

A TIBETAN FOOD VENDOR will be on-hand to sell Tibetan dumplings, described as "very delicious" by Lhundup. "And far healthier than Chinese dumplings."

A Cunningham Park Elementary School sixth-grader, 11-year-old Pema Manseling, says her grandmother has been teaching her language and culture since she was three



The youngest children participating in the cultural performance at Mason District Park are, front, from left, Tseden Tashi, Vienna; Dickey Gonsar, Falls Church; Kasang Tseten, Falls Church; Buchun Tsering, Vienna; Thupwang Amdo, Falls Church; Paljor Namsaling, Vienna; Back row, from left: Deyangla Lhundup, Vienna; Tenzin Tsono, Vienna; Norsam Tsedon, Falls Church. The culture classes are held at the Vienna Community Center.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CAPITAL AREA TIBETAN ASSOCIATION PTA



Older children, 10 years old and up, participating in the cultural performance at Mason District Park are, front, from left, Tashi Gyatso, Mclean; Tashi Jeshong, Falls Church; Kunkey Barshee, Falls Church; Tenzin Nyandak, Prince William; Dasel Tashi, Vienna; Back row, from left: Shokey Amdo, Falls Church; Pema Namsaling, Vienna; Tenzin Tsering, Vienna; Pema Lhundup, Vienna; Dechen Nyandak, Prince William; Dasel Tashi, Vienna. The culture classes are held at the Vienna Community Center.

"We are a peaceful people, and we want to share our culture of peace and harmony with everyone."

— Tenzin Lhundup

years old, and she has been taking language classes at the Vienna Community Center since she was four or five years old.

"It's fun learning and understanding another language," said Manseling. "It's really,

really fun learning to dance. Some dances are harder than others. I think other American kids can learn how to do this."

Manseling still has family, mostly on her mother's side, in Tibet, and the 11-year-old is well-aware of the country's social and political affairs. "Tibet is not part of China," said Manseling. "We're independent, we're on our own."

There are two major radio stations serving the Tibetan community, Voice of America and Radio Free Asia, Lhundup said.

"We want the whole world to know about Tibetan issues and culture," said Lhundup. "Our culture is a non-violent, peaceful culture, and we need that, especially in these times."

WEEK IN VIENNA

Vienna Town Hall Closed On Sept. 1

Vienna Town Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day. Trash will be picked up that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Town Remembers Sept. 11

The Town of Vienna's seventh annual "A Day to Remember" community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, on the grounds of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.

The public is invited to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism.

"A Day to Remember" is sponsored by Vienna's American Legion Post 180 in cooperation with the Town of Vienna. For more information, contact Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

Police Cruiser Wins Design Contest

Law and Order Magazine, a police management publication, recently held its 20th annual Police Vehicle Design Contest in which law enforcement agencies submit photos of their cruisers showing their various graphics designs. This year's contest involved more than 400 entrants and the Town of Vienna Police Impala won the award for best Chevrolet Impala.

This year's contest was judged by three law enforcement professionals who are in various public safety positions. The 2008 Vehicle Design judges focused on the safety of the officer driving and the ability to identify it as a law enforcement vehicle. The judges looked for departmental symbols, names in easy-to-read lettering, a badge, shield or community seal, emergency phone numbers and Web sites. For visibility, the judges looked for reflective tape, chevron, and decals.

The August 2008 edition of Law and Order Magazine featured the cruiser as well as photos of all other winners.

Breast Cancer Charity Event

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Students Reconnect with Open House

Vienna Elementary kicks off school year on Aug. 28.

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Approximately 400 students

Vienna Elementary School kicks off the school year on Aug. 28 with an Open House, from 2 – 3 p.m. and a PTA-sponsored Popsicle Party at 3 p.m. on the school playground. "It's an opportunity for the kids to re-connect before school starts," said PTA president Tara McCall.

Big changes are happening at Vienna Elementary School this school year.

The student population, at 400, is the highest number of registrations the school has had in the past few years.

"By the graciousness of our PTA, money was donated to provide interactive white board technology for each classroom," said Principal Jeanette Black.

Renovations, at the school



Jeanette Black, Principal, Vienna Elementary School

across the street from Town Hall and adjacent to Patrick Henry Library, are scheduled to begin in January. "We are very excited about the renovations," said Black. "We'll have quads on the playground during construction."

Vienna Elementary has been involved in community service projects for many years. It has

partnered with a D.C. school, sending school supplies to it. Under the sponsorship of the PTA, the school participates in "Pennies for Peace," a program in which students contribute pennies to hire teachers in the Middle East.

A tradition continues in October with Diffendooper Day, a theme drawn from a Dr. Seuss book. "We dress up and re-enact all the parts of the book when we pass our SOLs," said Black, noting the school is coming up on its eighth Diffendooper Day.

The school-based technology specialist trains students to use digital cameras in the Digi-Club. Special events, such as the living Historical Wax Museum, are produced jointly by the school staff and the PTA.

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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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tobacco Continues To Seduce Children

To the Editor:

I'm appalled at the number of youth, clearly under the age of 18, I see smoking cigarettes. Joe Camel might be a scheme of the past, but the tobacco industry continues to find ways to seduce our children into becoming smokers. Just visit the local 7-11 store and you will find candy-flavored cigarettes. Strawberry and peach flavor cigarettes are clearly manufactured to appeal to children with

the hope of getting them hooked at an early age when they wrongly believe they are immortal and will be able to quit when they get older. Nothing could be further from the truth. Cigarettes' ingredients purposefully cause addiction, making quitting almost impossible. Ask any adult smoker who has tried to quit.

Tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. Tobacco use claims the lives of thousands of Virginians and every day another 1,000 children become regular, daily smokers. One-third of them will die prematurely as a result. These needless premature deaths have to stop and

our Senators can do something about it.

The U.S. House has passed HR1108, the bipartisan legislation that will give the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulatory authority over the tobacco industry. This year, the Senate can stop the tobacco industry's harmful practices and protect public health by passing S. 625.

I urge Senators Webb and Warner to do their part and work to pass S 625 this year. We need to stop protecting Big Tobacco and start protecting our children.

Bonita Pennino
Vienna

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.

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- ❖ 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).

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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:

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

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- ❖ 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.

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Colvin Run Principal, Stephen Hockett, and Assistant Principal, Suzi Powell, discuss plans for the 2008-09 school year.

Global Connections are coming to Colvin Run Elementary School's fifth grade classes this school year. "It involves teachers and students using technology to make connections with what they're learning and what is going on in the world," said first-year Colvin Run principal, Stephen Hockett. "It's having connections with residents, students, and classes outside our area to acknowledge the larger community."

Global Connections, begun as a pilot program last year, is aligned with the curriculum, said Hockett, an enhancement and enrichment of a way to use technology to expand the program of studies [POS] of Fairfax County.

Colvin Run is reducing paper use with the use of digital communication within the school community. The school's habitat gardens, with its flowers and vegetables and bird-friendly attributes, are integrated with the curriculum.

"We also do grade-level projects," said Hockett. "Every grade does a community service project. Previously, we've had coat, bike, and food, drives. We think locally and globally."

Hockett credits the PTO and former principal, Sandy Furick, with making SmartBoards in every classroom a reality.

The annual PTO-sponsored autumn festival focuses on family and friends. "Our Autumnfest is a community event where all the

focus is on families having fun," said PTO President, Insun Hofgard. "It is not a fundraiser, and we encourage everyone's involvement through events like chili cookoffs, pie contests and, of course, fun and games for the children."

Assistant Principal, Suzi Powell, says that Colvin Run's "green effort" will be on recycling this year.

The Colvin Run PTO has established its own website at www.colvinrunpto.org. "We're hoping to use this tool to help parents stay in touch, volunteer and register for membership and events," said Hofgard.

Colvin Run partners with Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts and ThinkFun.

The school day begins at 9:15 a.m. Back-to-school nights come early. For grades pre-K through third, back-to-school night is Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m.; for grades fourth through sixth, it is on Tuesday, Sept. 9, also at 7 p.m.

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BACK TO SCHOOL Q&A

Marshall Gets Turf Stadium

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Q: Any new academic programs, initiatives?

A: We are implementing a ninth-grade transition program to support rising ninth-grade students' success during their four years at Marshall. Students are organized in squads with leadership from a faculty member and an upperclassman. Squads will meet at least once a month to engage in structured activities in support of the Statesmen Code of Honor — Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Community, and Spirit.

Q: Changes in personnel?

A: Each year always brings new staff members. We work to hire the best and brightest candidates.

Q: Number of students?

A: Our enrollment is slightly higher than projected with approximately 1,380 students.

Q: Important days in the fall school calendar?

A: Back to School night is scheduled for Sept. 25. Homecoming is Oct. 3 against McLean.

Jay Pearson, principal of Marshall High School, says he looks forward to "continued success both inside and outside the classroom during the 2008-2009 school year."



Jay Pearson, principal of Marshall High

Q: What do you consider the single most important news for your school community in anticipation of the new school year?

A: Marshall had an incredibly successful 2007-2008 school year. Seventy students from the Class of 2008 earned the rigorous and prestigious International Baccalaureate diploma, a record number for Marshall and more than any IB program in FCPS. I look forward to continued success both inside and outside the classroom during the 2008-2009 school year.

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Long-tenured coaches are rare — but highly successful.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
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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.

FOOTBALL 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 Vir-

"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."

—Vaughn Lewis, Edison head coach

ginia treasures have continued to hover 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



Last year, Madison football went all the way to the Div. 5 region semifinals before losing to Edison.

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archival 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-led 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."

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-sea-

son. "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."

That part, at least, he does remember.

FOOTBALL 2008

Patriot District

West Springfield

In 2007, the West Springfield Spartans made the Northern Region final for the first time in 14 seasons, eventually losing to Westfield. Coach Bill Renner's son, quarterback Bryn Renner — a UNC recruit — will command the offense (2,749 passing yards, 32 touchdowns) along with senior tailback Brandon Bailey (1,438 rushing yards, seven rushing touchdowns). The Spartans have to improve defensively (relinquished an average of 32.7 points per game over the past two seasons), but return the majority of their offensive line and are poised for a possible state championship run. But tilts against Stone Bridge and Edison in the first two weeks of the season will be brutal tests.

West Potomac

In 2007, the West Potomac Wolverines went 8-4 — their best season since 2000, the same year they last made the playoffs. The Wolverines reversed a 41-0 regular season loss to Lake Braddock into a narrow playoff win. West Potomac graduated 13 starters, including two Division I signees. But quarterback Cole Walter (2,195 passing yards, 26 touchdowns), running back Daniel Baker (542 rushing yards, five touchdowns) and speedy wide receiver Kristian Rodriguez (395 receiving yards, four touchdowns) return for an offense that averaged 39.5 points during a four-game stretch last year. The key will be avoiding injuries and maintaining momentum once the district season starts.

South County

The South County Stallions took another step in 2007, making the playoffs for the first time in school history. After starting the season 1-3, the Stallions won five of their last six regular season games to sneak into the eighth and final Division 6 spot. Coach Pete Bendorf will run a spread offense, going with either junior Aaron Andrews or sophomore Evan Beal at quarterback. All-district playmaker Titus Pennington graduated, so senior Eric Dorsey will step in at running back. The Stallions do return three offensive linemen and eight starters on defense. The experience — and youth at quarterback — will be tested when South County faces Westfield and Edison within the first three weeks.

Lake Braddock

It's hard to believe, but the Lake Braddock Bruins were winless four seasons ago. The 2007 season yielded an 8-3 record — their most wins this decade — and a Patriot District co-championship. More importantly, the Bruins made the Division 6 playoffs for the first time in eight years, losing at home to West Potomac. But things will be drastically different as Lake Braddock graduated two-way all-district standouts Shane Halley and Keon Robinson. Actually, of the 12 all-district selections, only junior linebacker Chris Lavery returns. The Bruins will again rely on defense, where they've yielded an impressive a 14.5-point per game average over the past three seasons.

T.C. Williams

The T.C. Williams Titans grabbed momentum heading into the off-season with a come-from-behind 15-14 victory over West Potomac in the season finale. The win vindicated Dennis Randolph's first season, despite the school finishing 4-6 for the fourth straight season. The Titans have to replace Jamal Ford at quarterback and all-district selections Quintas McCorkle and Carlton Dotson on defense. Offensively, seniors Dominique Copeland, Marcus Via and 6-foot-4 Zach Goehler return, giving Randolph weapons to toy with. Over the past eight years, T.C. Williams is only averaging 13.6 points per game, which led Randolph to install the spread in the off-season. A possible playoff berth hinges on whether the Titans can conquer their non-district slate.

Annandale

The Annandale Atoms took a small step backwards last season, after winning the Patriot District in consecutive years, going 4-6 — their fewest wins in six seasons. So longtime coach Dick Adams will turn to senior quarterback Cason Kynes, an all-district strong safety last season. Kynes accounted for more than 1,600 yards of total offense in 2007, powering the offense to four games over the 33-point mark. Defensive tackle Shane Doty, the only other 2007 all-district selection will anchor the de-

fense. With depth being a potential problem, Annandale can't afford any injuries to its two-way players. It will also have to navigate Oakton and Chantilly in the first three weeks.

Robert E. Lee

The Robert E. Lee Lancers won two games in 2007, but still inched into the Division 5 playoffs on merit of its brutal schedule. The 2008 slate is just as tough, as the Lancers open with perennial powers Edison, Westfield and Centreville. It's hardly an ideal setting for third-year coach Rob Everett to unveil a new quarterback and backfield. Junior Greg Lopez takes over for Kelly Fitzgerald at quarterback, Jazmier Williams and Dante Taylor will step in at running back and potential Division I recruit Anthony Nsekela and Jabrill Mara will be their lead blockers. The Lancers return eight starters defensively, including all-district linebacker Kyle Addy. With the schedule, any win will be cherished.

Hayfield

The Hayfield Hawks may be looking forward to next season, when quarterback Anton McCallum will be a third-year starter and when the school transitions to the easier National District. Over the past two seasons, 10th-year coach Billy Pugh has gone 1-19 while getting outscored by a combined 522 points. In the season finale, Hayfield succumbed 63-14 to Lake Braddock, just a week after getting blasted by West Springfield, and much of it has to do with enrollment. Comparatively, the Division 5 school has 1,500 kids compared to five district schools with at least 2,000 kids. With Wakefield — its only win last season — much improved, wins will be scarce.

National District

Edison

The Edison Eagles are the back-to-back National District champs and veteran coach Vaughn Lewis looks to have another solid squad. Gone are 28 seniors, including free safety Drew Baldwin (Yale), quarterback Ben Barber (Virginia Tech) and defensive back Kevin Carter (Fordham), who helped to score a school-record 498 points last season, but junior Levi Barber and senior Corey Washington should shoulder the offensive load. Massive offensive lineman Frank Figueroa (verballed to Penn State) will lead the offensive line, while seniors Josh Blair and Stephon Robertson will lead the defense. Edison — the Division 5 region champs in 2006 — will be tested early with three Patriot District teams to open the season.

Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon Majors should give Edison a scare for the first time in four years with head coach Tom Glynn in his fourth season. The Majors, who run a lethal triple option, tasted the postseason last year, and should be one of the top teams in Division 5. Starting quarterback Brian Greene returns as do four massive offensive linemen, including 6-foot-6, 325-pound Zach Quigley. The Majors will have to replace its four all-district players, but with linebacker Kyle Ricks returning and one of the top junior varsity teams last year, Mount Vernon should prove that its 29-point blasting of Yorktown last year was no fluke.

Yorktown

The Yorktown Patriots had a rough 2007, especially on defense where they gave up 236 points — the highest this decade. The Patriots replace quarterback Tim Reynolds, but should be fine with shifty senior Kyle Toulouse manning the Wing-T. Senior running back Jared Smith provides speed in the backfield, but with only two all-district players last year — both of who graduated — Yorktown will need to the younger players to mature quickly. The Patriots finished the regular season at 5-5 for the third time this decade. The previous two times — Yorktown rebounded with solid 7-3 (2001) and 10-2 (2003) records.

Washington-Lee

The Washington-Lee Generals took strides under coach Josh Shapiro, winning four games for first time in four years. Now, the Generals are eyeing the Division 5 playoffs for the first time since **. Even sweeter would be a win against rival Yorktown, which hasn't happened since **. Washington-Lee replaces Alex Wicks (1,253 passing yards, seven touchdowns) with junior Karl Lendenmann. Senior



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Langley head coach John Howerton and his Saxons will open up the new season on Thursday night at Chantilly.

Concorde District

Westfield

The Westfield Bulldogs used 60 seniors — 21 of who were starters — to earn its second Division 6 state title in four years by beating 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 N.C. State potential starter Mike Glennon.

The Bulldogs also have to replace receiver Johnny Pickett (Ball State), but with one of all-region lineman Tyler Barfield returning and one of the top junior varsity teams, Westfield should be poised for another solid season.

Wakefield

The Wakefield Warriors could be the most improved team throughout the region, though the final record may not indicate that. Last season, first-year Keith Powell struggled to change the losing culture — the team has gone 15-62 over the last eight seasons — while fighting injuries. The team improved, going 3-7 for the second straight year and scored 195 points — the highest this decade. Now, the Warriors will depend on rangy quarterbacks Andre Allen and Jonathan Ford, both of who stand over 6-foot-4. With senior Romeo Goffney in the backfield, Wakefield should have enough firepower to contend with fellow Arlington schools Yorktown and Washington-Lee.

Falls Church

The Falls Church Jaguars struggled again in 2007, going 3-7 for the third time in four seasons. The offense scored the fewest points since 2003 and the offensive gave up 352 — the most this decade. And losing likely Division I recruit Travis Garrett is a devastating loss. But seventh-year coach Anthony Parker is excited about returning 15 starters, eight on offense and seven on defense. An all-district receiver last season, Sam Gerima moves under center in the pass-happy offense. The Jaguars need to tally wins against non-district teams like Jefferson and Fairfax and also steal a couple in the district to finished with a solid record.

J.E.B. Stuart

The J.E.B. Stuart Raiders dipped into the past in re-hiring Ray Ferri, the same coach who was fired in 2000 for winning only seven games over four years. But the Raiders haven't fared much better currently riding the Northern Region's longest losing streak — 24 games — dating back to 2005. In fact, things have been so bad that Stuart is 12-107 since 1996. But insert Ferri and his single-wing offense, along with junior quarterback Jason Friday and senior tailbacks Anthony Champ and Terrill Hawkins, and the streak should stop. The Raiders will be gunning for Group A George Mason in the season opener.

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Northern Region at a Glance

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 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 replace first-team all-region 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 first non-winning season for the first time in five years, have not 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.

Liberty District

Stone Bridge

The Stone Bridge Bulldogs might be better in 2008, one year after a 14-1 Division 5 state championship season in 2007. Jeron Gouveia (Virginia Tech) is gone, but the Bulldogs are reeling out Division prospects. Zach Thompson recently committed to Wake Forest, the same destination of linebacker Mike Olson. Defensive end Brian Slay (N.C State) and tackle David Wang (Virginia Tech) have also committed. Quarterback Patrick Thompson, Zach's twin and son of head coach Mickey Thompson, will command the offense and will likely look to Daniel Allen to fill the void created by Goveia and Kareem Alexander at running back. Back-to-back home games against West Springfield and Robinson to open the season will be a quick

litmus test on whether the Bulldogs can repeat.

James Madison

The James Madison Warhawks put together a solid 9-3 season in 2007 and qualified for the Northern Region Div. 5 playoffs where they defeated South Lakes in a quarterfinals round postseason affair before losing to Edison in a semifinals contest. Over the course of the regular season in the Liberty District, only state champion Stone Bridge proved to be better than the Warhawks, who have been a perennial playoff team under head coach Gordon Leib.

Langley

The Langley Saxons had a winning season for the second time in the past six years, and sixth-year coach John Howerton is giddy about the prospects for 2008. Langley, who moves up to Division 6, returns seven starters offensively, including senior quarterback Danny Pritchett and running backs Derek Eklund and David Helmer. The line is anchored by mammoth offensive linemen Scott Jones and Garrett Moore, both who are being recruited by Division I schools. The defense returns four starters, but will be without four first-team all-district standouts from 2007. Non-district games against Chantilly and Oakton will provide whether the Saxons will be a playoff bound team for the first time since 2004.

George Marshall

The George Marshall Statesmen won eight games last season, making the playoffs for the first time since 1993. The Statesmen advanced to the Division 5 semifinal, before bowing out to eventual state champion Stone Bridge. It culminated a five-year pattern of Marshall improving after going winless in coach J.T. Biddison's first season. But the Statesmen are likely to take a step back, only returning five starters. Third-year quarterback Harold Sweet will be relied upon heavily, especially with its top two rushers from last season. Marshall will have to mature quickly if it wants to edge out Fairfax in week two.

W.T. Woodson

The W.T. Woodson Cavaliers finished last season on a sour note after losing a Week 10 game to powerhouse Stone Bridge, 45-7. Overall, the Cavaliers, under coach Trey Taylor, finished a respectable 5-5.

South Lakes

The South Lakes Seahawks had a superstar last season in A.J. Price (Penn State), a solid receiver in Thomas Mayo (Concorde University) and a dependable quarterback in Scott Reed. But all have graduated from the 3-7 Division 5 playoff team from 2007. So fifth-year coach John Ellenberger has to revamp his pass-happy offense with fresh faces, including junior quarterback Ray Howard, senior running backs Brandon Price and Justin Zeller and senior tight end Quintin Fortes. The Seahawks need to shore up their offense, which gave up 300-plus points for the fourth straight season.

McLean

The McLean Highlanders finished with two wins in 2007 for the second straight year, but have a reason to be hopeful in first-year coach Jim Patrick, son of former Mount Vernon coach Bruce Patrick. McLean will transform to a triple-option offense, likely to be keyed by either Riley Beiro or Will Hecht at quarterback and seniors Kyle McColgan and Michael Shipley in the backfield. The defense, which gave up 20 points in each of the eight losses last season, should be improved with five starters returning. As a Division 5 team, inching out early season non-district victories over J.E.B. Stuart and Washington-Lee are pivotal.

Thomas Jefferson

The Thomas Jefferson Colonials had another tough season in 2007, winning only game. They were getting outscored by 260 points and lost seven games by at least three touchdowns, including an embarrassing 56-6 loss to W.T. Woodson. The pros-



Last year, Madison football went all the way to the Div. 5 region semifinals under coach Gordon Leib (pictured).

pects don't look good for third-year coach Tim Puvogel, who is 3-17 in two seasons and failed to get a first-team all-district representative last season. But Jefferson returns 11 starters, including seniors Evan Burch and Mike Howard, leaving enough experience to provide at least a couple of wins. A season-opening win at home against Falls Church is pivotal.

Private

The **Paul VI Panthers** took a large step back in 2007, winning only one game after back-to-back 5-5 seasons under coach Pat McGroarty. But Paul VI only had six seniors on the roster, leaving a wealth of experience returning this season. The Panthers return starting junior running back Idreis Augustus, as well as Dan McGroarty, the coach's son, back after earning all-league honors at tight end last season. Basketball standout Dominic Sanders, at 6-foot-4, will give either senior Matt Richards or junior Trevon Bennett an athletic target at receiver. Both Richards and Bennett split time last season, and neither has locked up the starting slot.

The **Bishop O'Connell Knights** had a disappointing season in the uber-competitive Washington Catholic Athletic Conference, finishing 3-7 overall and 2-5 in the conference in 2007. O'Connell will have to replace West Point signee Matt Dillon on the offensive line, but only graduated three starters. The Knights had a bevy of underclassmen gain valuable experience, including first-team All-WCAC safety Justin Trimble, the coach's son, who has a brother already at West Point. Trimble, who will also be the feature back, and senior quarterback Sean Cabrera, a third-year starter, should anchor a strong senior class. The season opener at Ireton will provide a quick litmus test.

The **Bishop Ireton Cardinals** had a magical season in 2007, making it all the way to the VISAA state championship for the first time in school history. The Cardinals, ranked for three consecutive weeks atop the VISAA rankings, graduated 21 seniors, including West Point signee Anthony Rodriguez. Now coach Tony Verducci drops the interim tag and unveils a spread offense, where he will utilize junior speedster Doug Vines in space. Junior Mike Larrabee takes over at quarterback. Ireton will also have to win close games like it did in last season, when the Cardinals went 7-2 in games decided by a single digit.

The **Episcopal Maroon** had a 9-1 season in 2006, but struggled early in 2007, opening the season with six losses in the first seven games. But back-to-back wins over Bullis and hated rival Woodberry Forest gives the Maroon momentum heading into 2008. Episcopal has to replace three captains, but returns quarterback Alex Helm who will have speedsters in junior first-team all-state receiver Hunter de Butts and track star Allante' Keels. Senior Evan King steps in for Brett Johnson at running back. All should help the Maroon improve on their 12-point per game average from 2007.

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SPORTS

A Look at the Football Scene Down Route 7

Loudoun teams gearing for Dulles District season.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It is hard to imagine that this upcoming football season in the Loudoun County area could possibly match the 2007 campaign as far as drama and overall success.

One team, Stone Bridge High of Ashburn, captured its first-ever Virginia State AAA championship. The Bulldogs, members of the Northern Region's Liberty District, finished with an overall record of 13-1 on way to district, region and state crowns.

Two other teams, Park View and Broad Run High Schools, put together outstanding seasons within the Region II's Dulles District. Broad Run of Ashburn went a perfect 10-0 during the regular season before falling to area rival Park View (Sterling) in a first round Region II playoff affair.

Park View, meanwhile, went 9-1 over the regular season with its lone setback coming in a week 10 showdown game against Broad Run for the district crown. But the Patriots avenged that loss with their playoff victory over the Spartans the following week before ultimately losing at Sherando High in the Region II title game.

Another local team, Briar Woods, did not reach the same heights as Stone Bridge, Park View or Broad Run, but still put together a historical season by just qualifying for the Region II playoffs.

The Falcons, in just their third season as a program at the young Brambleton area school, competed in the tough Dulles District and finished with a more than respectable 7-3 overall record in the regular season. The Falcons experienced their first-ever winning season. They lost to both Broad Run and Park View, but gave both foes tough games in the regular season setbacks.

A season to Remember in the Dulles

Indeed, 2007 was a season to remember for the local gridiron teams Broad Run and Park View.

Both squads won their first nine games of the regular season to set up a final week showdown game for the Dulles District title at Broad Run. There, the Spartans, behind junior running back Breon Earl,

defeated the rival Patriots, 21-14, in front of a packed-out Friday night crowd. Earl finished the evening rushing with 113 yards and a touchdown run. He also tossed an option play touchdown pass to Kevin Sandersen.

Amazingly, the two teams met the following week as well in the Region II, Div. 4 playoff semifinals.

This time, Park View, playing on Broad Run's field for the second straight week, came away with a 16-12 win in front of another huge, enthusiastic crowd.

The game's biggest play came when running back Eric Johnston connected with quarterback CJ Leizear on a 44-yard, trick play option touchdown pass in the final minute of the game. The score gave Park View a 16-12 lead and the Patriots held on for the win.

Park View's season ended the following week with the loss to Sherando.

Stone Bridge Claims state Football Title

One year after suffering a disheartening loss to Edison High in the 2006 Northern Region Div. 5 title game, the Stone Bridge High football team came back in 2007 to avenge that setback and go on to garner its first-ever Virginia State playoff title.

The Bulldogs had it all, great coaching, outstanding skill position players, a team-first mentality and the motivation to erase the previous year's sour ending to the season.

Stone Bridge had lost to Edison in the 2006 region finals. But the Bulldogs got the better of the Eagles in last fall's '07 championship encounter as they defeated the Eagles, 27-14.

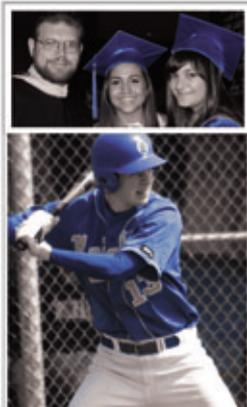
"I'm a little relieved," said Stone Bridge coach Mickey Thompson, following the win over Edison. "I really wanted to get a region title."

Then, at states, Stone Bridge scored the final 24 points in a come-from-behind 38-24 win over visiting Phoebus from Hampton. Running back Jeron Gouveia, who had made some tough turnovers earlier in the game, propelled his team's dominating second half with three scoring runs.

That win put Stone Bridge into the state title game in Charlottesville against Potomac High. The Bulldogs, two years earlier, had lost in the state finals to Hampton. But this time around Stone Bridge dominated its opponent, winning handily 38-0. Quarterback Patrick Thompson threw four touchdowns in the game, three to receiver Ryan Moody.

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"Patrick Henry supports our literacy initiative, and Commerce Bank developed our in-school student-run Viking Bank," said Black. "The bank promotes financial literacy, which is in-line with school board targets."

McCall of the PTA said that the SmartBoards were a big accomplishment last year. This year's focus will be on bringing in new people and new volunteers in to the school community. McCall said the VES PTA is taking a page from Cunningham Park Elementary and incorporating the school's Bingo night into "Hallowingo" on Friday, Oct. 24. "We have some food, and then we play Bingo. We want the community to come out and get together," said McCall. "If we make money, and we usually do, that's great."

The PTA sponsors and coordinates the after-school foreign language classes and the chess club. Spanish, German and Chinese are language options the PTA is examining. VES families come out on Sept. 18 to support school staff at the Cluster 2 kickball game.

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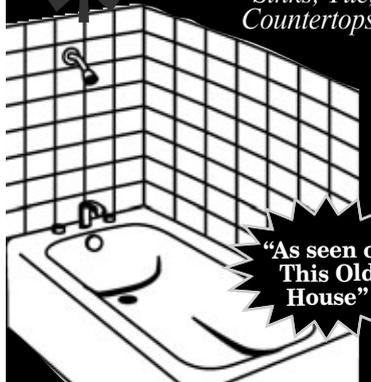
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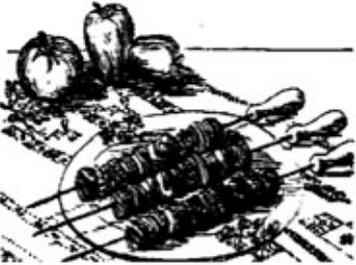
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Residents who wish to speak are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Details of the proposed budget will be available at the Center and on the Center's Web site beginning Sept. 15, 2008.



The McLean Community Center
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CALENDAR

Send announcements to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

THURSDAY/AUGUST 28

Book Discussion Group. Bangkok 8 by John Burdett. Adults. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.

Duct Tape Mania. Come ready to make duct tape roses, wallets, and other things. Age 12-18. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Call 703-938-0405.

Summer Camp Battle of the Bands. The culmination of the Jammin Java summer camp program. All summer camp bands play for the Top Band trophy. Audience reaction will factor into our overall scores. 6 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Tickets \$10.

Passafire, Lionize and Three Legged Fox. Reggae/dub/rock. 9:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/AUGUST 29

Pokemon League. Learn and play! Age 5-18. No registration is required. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.

U.S. Navy Band Cruisers. 6:30 p.m. Free. Classic covers. Concerts on the Green, at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call to register, 703-255-6360.

Les Miserables. Tickets from \$25 to \$80. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

Enjoy a family movie outdoors at Vienna's Glyndon Park at sundown, about 8:45 p.m. Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on August 27 and for weather information on the day of the show.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

So You Wanna Be in the Movies? Find out what it takes to be in a movie, from Connie Lamothe, a producer, director and actor. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Patrick Henry Library. Age 12-18. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church's 15th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Featuring authentic Middle Eastern food, pastries, beer and wine; live music and dancing, vendors, church tours, and activities for both children and adults. Choose from Middle Eastern favorites or cakes, cookies, brownies and fudge. Learn the Debke dance, watch folk dancing or play backgammon or chess. Admission and parking are free. Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Call 703-734-9566 or visit www.holytransfiguration.org.

Dreaming of Eden, DieManic, The Common Threat, Madrone. Rock. 8:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church's 15th annual Middle Eastern Food



PHOTO BY PEGGY PRIDEMORE

Area Teens Perform in "Les Miserables"

Wolf Trap ends the summer with 13 performances of the award-winning musical "Les Misérables," on the Filene Center Stage Friday, Aug. 29 - Sunday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. No performance on Monday, Sept. 2. Weekend matinees at 2 p.m. \$55 - \$80 in house; \$25 lawn.

Pictured is a group of area teenagers who successfully auditioned to participate in "Les Misérables." They will be in the chorus and ensemble performing six songs. They performed at the Eisenhower Theatre in New York at West Point, Aug. 23 and 24, and will take part in the Wolf Trap performances, Aug. 29-Sept. 7.

From left, first row are Justine Moral, Boyds, Md.; Stephen Kime, Alexandria; Miles Butler, Falls Church; Orla Conway, Vienna, and Alex Kruszewski, Oak Hill. Second row are: Sally Horton, Reston; Brandon Spann, Leesburg; Maddie Arthur, Sterling; Adam Uslan, Rockville, Md., and Adin Walker, Chevy Chase, Md. Third row are: Adam Carey, Silver Spring, Md.; Alex Burns, Reston; Keiffer Luke Moorman, Mount Airy, Md., and Jake Beckhard, Vienna. Fourth row are: Lara Merina Sagatov, Vienna; Alexander Ross Neal, Harrisonburg, Va.; Will Hawkins, Alexandria, and Shire Stein, Centreville.

Festival. 12-6 p.m. Roast lamb dinner served from 2-6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, 8501 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Call 703-734-9566 or visit www.holytransfiguration.org.

p.m. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY /SEPT. 4

Author Gary Ecelbarger will sign his new book The Great Comeback: How Abraham Lincoln Beat the Odds to Win the 1860 Republican Nomination, at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble's Tyson's Corner Center store, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. email Diane.Lewis@cox.net

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

Open Mic Night. 7 p.m. Free. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

TUEASDAY/SEPT. 2

Lukas Rossi and Beretta Jane. Acoustic rock. 8 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 3

Dave Barnes. Pop/soul/rock. 7:30

FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

An Evening with Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun. Rock/country/rockabilly. 8 p.m. \$20. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.



Folk Dancing at last year's Eastern Food Festival.

Middle Eastern Food Festival

The Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church in McLean is holding their 15th annual Middle Eastern Food Festival Saturday, Aug. 30-Sunday, Aug. 31, featuring authentic Middle Eastern food, pastries, beer and wine; live music and dancing, vendors, church tours, and activities for both children and adults. Enjoy kibbee, shish kebab,

falafel, tabbouleh, hummus, and stuffed grape leaves, including a roast lamb dinner on Saturday. Choose from Middle Eastern favorites, such as baklava, maamoul, namoura, or ghraybeh; or American-style cakes, cookies, brownies and fudge. Learn the Debke dance, watch folk dancing or play backgammon or chess.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Drew Nayak, Leeann Soyka, Megan Nayak, Shannon Prescott, Conor Maguire, Tim Nayak, Joey Welsh, Nick Montfort pose in front of the lemonade stand.



Shannon Prescott, Conor Maguire, Julie Schwartz (FOHA Staff), Joey Welsh and Leeann Soyka pose with one of the shelter dogs available for adoption.

Friends Help Homeless Animals

In lieu of a day at the pool, local Vienna friends hosted a lemonade stand to raise funds for homeless animals. On Saturday, Aug. 23, the group of rising fourth graders from Wolftrap Elementary School raised \$350 for the Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA), a local no-kill animal shelter. Neighborhood friends, bikers, walkers, and furry, four-legged friends enjoyed a cold drink and homemade treats for a good cause.

The children dropped off their donation to FOHA on Sunday and the staff were amazed that the children were able to accomplish so much in one afternoon. The staff also appreciated the publicity because they hope that more people will consider adopting a loving dog or a cat from their shelter. For more information on FOH, visit its Web site at www.foha.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

School Board Regular Meeting.
8 p.m. Work Session/Forum
Immediately following. Jackson

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

School Board Work Sessions. 11 a.m.
Gatehouse Admin. Ctr. I,
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Skating to Help Others

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young skaters. Weiss said the skaters chosen are at a level where they are not yet given funding from Olympic committees, but they have the same expenses as those that are.

"There are so many costs now," he said. "Choreographers, music editors, costume designers, spin coaches, jump coaches, travel expenses to competitions, the expenses really start to become too much for a lot of people."

The Weiss's are not new to raising money for a cause. When Michael was a teenager, they held a silent auction and did a show to benefit him. They did this for three years.

"We used to spend about \$60,000 a year," Michael Weiss' mother Margie said of the training of her three children. "We had to go out and find help."

WEISS STARTED the foundation because his family had trouble with money when he was a young figure skater.

"The training turned out to be very stressful on my parents," he said. "I always said that if I was

ever in a position where I could help give back to a young athlete in that situation, I would."

The foundation has now held four shows, but began five years ago, the first year only accepting donations. So far, they have awarded \$115,000 in scholarships and this year hope to raise at least another \$70,000.

The Michael Weiss Foundation first raises the money and then determines from an applicant pool who gets it and how much they receive.

Everything for the event has been donated, the ice time, volunteers, even airline miles to help fly the athletes in.

"Our foundation is kind of unique in that we give all of the money to skaters," said Margie Weiss, who works for the foundation.

The support differs based on need, but can range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and sometimes even more. The foundation supports around 10 athletes each year.

Michael Weiss said Mirai Nagasu, one of the athletes the foundation had been supporting for a couple years, surprised the whole skating world by winning

the junior national title and then the senior national title.

"It's been fun to watch her go off," he said. "Now she's at a point where she doesn't need the support of the foundation financially, since she's now making money on her own. Now she's able to come back and skate the show as one of our headliners and raise money and help support the generation right behind."

Fifteen-year-old Kristine Musademba has also received support from the foundation. She now has financial backing from elsewhere, but will be performing in the show.

Musademba competes both nationally and internationally and said the costs of things needed at this level of competition are really high. "They're expensive and I don't think I would be able to do all those things without help from foundation," she said.

Musademba believes what the foundation and Michael Weiss are doing is really important. "He's had a great career and knows what you have to put into it, so it's great

that he's doing this."

Michael Weiss said other professional skaters have been extremely supportive of what he is doing. "They are really the reason the foundation can be successful," he said.

MARGIE WEISS said to have this many people in a television show would be impossible because it would cost too much. "These people that charge a fortune to do shows, they're coming for free," she said. "They're staying in bunk beds in our house. These are Olympic champions. It's amazing."

Michael Weiss believes they do this because they are familiar with the position these young skaters are in. "All of us were at that stage where our parents and our families were struggling to keep us in the sport because it's so expensive," he said.

According to Weiss, the United States Figure Skating Association offers support, but on different levels and it isn't usually enough.

Tickets can be purchased for \$20 or \$30 at michaelweiss.org or ticketwebb.com.

Champions Present Charity Show

Saturday, Sept 6, 4 p.m., U.S. and World Figure Skating Champions Live charity show and silent auction, to benefit up-and-coming U.S. athletes, brings Olympic Champion Brian Boitano, Sasha Cohen, Todd Eldredge and others to join local Olympian Michael Weiss for this charity event at the Capitals' Kettler Iceplex in Ballston, Va. For info: www.michaelweiss.org

FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

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 September 2. A \$20 processing fee 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.

Rummage Sale and Car Wash will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at **Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive N.E., Vienna. Call 703-930-0963.

Guest Speaker Bob Sorge at Christian Assembly, 8200 Bell Lane, Vienna, on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Sorge served for thirteen years as senior pastor of Zion Fellowship in

Canadaigua, N.Y., and now bases his writing and traveling ministry in Kansas City MO. Among his works are: Secrets of the Secret Place, Exploring Worship, The Fire of Delayed Answers and Pain, Perplexity, and Promotion.

Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation invites new and prospective members to its **Annual Open House Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 2-4 p.m. in the Social Hall. Enjoy an ice cream sundae, meet and speak with Rabbi Robert A. Nosanchuk, Cantor Irena Altshul, Religious School Director Moshe Ben-Lev, Preschool Director Fran Gibbs, Temple Administrator Fay Weiss, and other temple leaders. Take a tour of the temple and learn about the programs offered. 1441 Wiehle Avenue, Reston. Call 703-437-7733 or visit www.nvhcreston.org.

St. John's Episcopal Church Homecoming Celebration, on Sunday, Sept. 7 after the 10 a.m. service. Join the fun on the front lawn for food, friends, and the moon bounce. Church School registration will also take place. At the picnic on the lawn, Subway sandwiches and beverages will be provided. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

Vale United Methodist Church Family Festival Hoedown, Sunday, Sept. 7. Food, games and prizes from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and a square dance from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Moon bounce, spin art, duck pond, pie throwing and more. Vale United Methodist Church, 11528, Vale Road, Oakton.

Oakton United Methodist Church has designated Sept. 14 as **Bring a Friend Sunday**, and invites members of the community to worship at 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m., and attend Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Nursery services are available during the 10:55 a.m. service. Return at 5:45 p.m. for fellowship and share in a pot-luck dinner. At 7 p.m., listen to 4tified, whose music reflects southern gospel favorites, soulful a cappella hymns and medleys, plus a number of original songs. Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road in Oakton, at the intersection of Rt. 123 and Hunter Mill Road. Visit www.oaktonumc.org or call 703-938-1234.

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HEALTH

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Substance Abuse Recovery Support. For support in dealing with a substance abuse issue, come to the Natural Horizons Wellness Center on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6-7 p.m. for an overview on the holistic substance abuse program and how it can provide support on road to recovery. Limited space; call 703-246-9355 to reserve. 10640 Main St., Suite 300, Fairfax.

Northern Virginia Epilepsy Group, a support group for teens and adults meets **every Wednesday** 7-8 p.m. at Falls Church High School, Entrance 1, Room 100, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Free. Sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, for additional information, call Dana at 703-425-6660.

Balance and Beyond. Persons with Parkinson's Disease who can walk unassisted are invited to join a balance class that meets weekly on **Wednesdays** at 1:15 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. The classes are sanctioned by the Parkinson Foundation for the National

Capital Area (PFNCA) and are led by a certified instructor of the American Senior Fitness Association. Call Cheryl Bartholomew at 703-281-1560. To register, call 703-255-6360 and specify the "Balance and Beyond" class.

The Parkinson's Foundation offers weekly support groups (previously located at the Providence Recreation Center) for patients and caregivers. They meet **every Tuesday** at 10 and 11 a.m., at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls St., McLean. Call 703-891-0821 if interested in joining or for more information.

Vienna Weight Watchers. Meet-

ings at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna are **every Tuesday** from noon-1:15 p.m. Cost is \$150 for 12 weekly luncheon sessions, payable in advance. To register call 703-255-6350.

Vienna Community Center has **open gym for ages 17 and under,** 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call ahead to check on availability.

Heart and Sole. Persons with Parkinson's Disease are invited to join an exercise class that meets weekly on **Fridays and Tuesdays** at 12:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120

Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Care partners and family members are welcome to come and assist the PD patient. For session dates, fees and information, call Cheryl Bartholomew at 703-281-1560. To register, call 703-255-6360 and specify the "Heart and Sole" class.

Body and Soul fitness classes recently began. Contact instructor for more information on individual classes; visit www.bodyandsoul.org for more classes. New students receive 15 percent discount. At McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, McLean, on **Mondays and Fridays,** 9:45-11:15 a.m., free childcare, call Mary Ward at 703-754-3722.



Count Gore De Vol

Volunteers Needed for Halloween Parade

Calling for Halloween parade volunteers: Do you love a parade? Join in planning for the 62nd annual parade, or help out on parade night, October 29. The next parade committee meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 7 at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Call

parade chairman Rebecca Diamond at 703-463-4241 or e-mail rdiamond@tysondodgejeep.com. The theme of this year's parade is "It's an Old-fashioned Halloween!" and the Grand Marshal will be Vienna's favorite vampire, Count Gore De Vol, online host of "Creature Feature."

COMMUNITY

Send community notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

With a new school year about to begin, Vienna area students in grades 6-8 are invited to join the free **after-school program** at Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. The program for this school year begins Sept. 2. Hours are 12:30-6:30 p.m. Monday and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Get help with homework or enjoy cooking classes, book clubs, and sports and fitness activities. Club Phoenix also offers pool and ping pong tables, a dance floor, foosball and video games, and much more.

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

"Writing Your Personal History," an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories for themselves and future generations to enjoy, will be held each Thursday, September 4-March 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Class members select topics about which to write, and read their work to each other for supportive feedback.

The class is free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide coffee and tea at each class. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

The **Vienna Woman's Club** 49th annual **Holiday Bazaar and Fall Festival** is planned for **Saturday, Nov. 8** at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE. Funds raised are used for the annual Scholarship Program and other community projects. To rent a space, call N. Volpe 703-938-7716 or email jvolpe@cox.net for information or an application.

Volunteer ombudsman advocates are needed for local nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. They make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents and work with the residents, their families and the staff of the facility, to ensure that the residents' rights are being protected. Applicants must be available to volunteer four hours per week, primarily during regular business hours. 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, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is a public service, funded in part by the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging. For information and an application, call 703-324-5422 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

Chinese Conversation Group meets for practicing speaking the language, 7:45-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays at the group study room of the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 571-225-7697.

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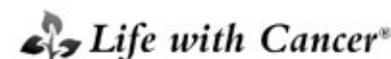
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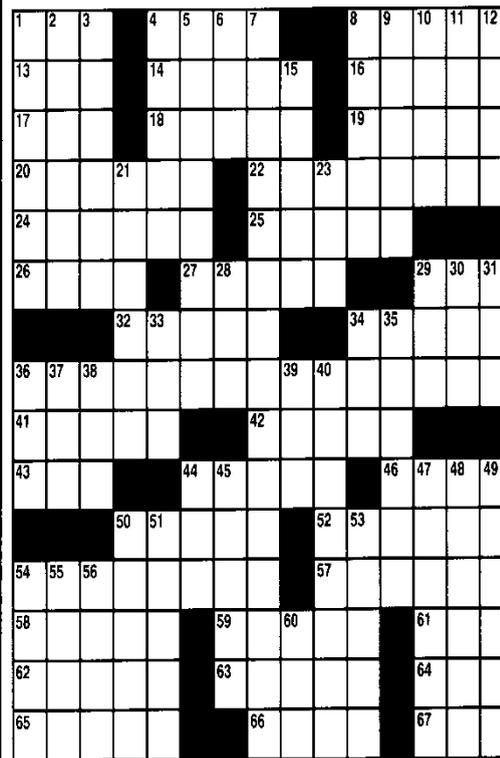
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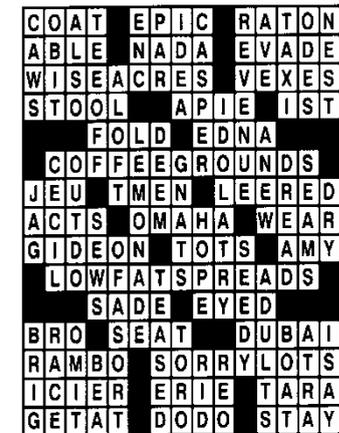
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