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**Kathi Gannon and Richard Care talk about law enforcement in Sterling Park with Capt. Rick Frye at an open house last Wednesday, where county planners presented a draft of the community planning strategy that came out of public input sessions held in the spring in the Sterling and Potomac planning areas.**

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## Community Reacts to Planning Draft

Public gets chance to weigh in at open house.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Following four public input meetings in the spring, the county Department of Planning Department has put together a first draft of its community planning strategy and it held an open house last Wednesday to share the results with the public.

The community planning effort has divided eastern Loudoun into four districts, and the county is starting with the eastern-most two, the Sterling and Potomac planning areas, comprising all of Loudoun north of Dulles International Airport and east of Broad Run. The goal of the process has been to gather information about the needs of each area, from crosswalks and stop signs to problems with zoning violations and establish a detailed plan for improvements.

"Nothing is concrete yet," said Supervisor Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac), one of several members of the Board of Supervisors present at the open house at the Cascades Senior Center. She said the purpose of the event was to show the draft plan to the public and gauge whether it captured the needs that were voiced at the public input sessions. Also, the county needed the public to help prioritize improvements, "because I can tell you, we can't do them all," McGimsey said, noting the difficult budget



Nancy Lasik, left, and Kathy Lague chat with Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio at the Community Facilities table

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

situation.

Tables were set up, each addressing a different topic and manned by planning staff and other county employees. The biggest crowds were around the zoning enforcement and law enforcement tables.

**CAPT. RICK FRYE** of the Sheriff's Office said the feedback he had received that

evening had been "very positive. A lot of what we're hearing about is stuff we researched in our plans." He said people seemed pleased that the county was trying to come up with a plan and was opening up a dialogue with citizens. "That's probably the biggest thing to come out of this," he said. What Frye said he hoped to convey to visitors was that the Sheriff's Office could

not clean up neighborhoods on its own, but needed the public to be vigilant and report criminal activity.

He said the new sheriff's substation in Sterling, expected to begin construction in November, would improve the situation by eliminating the need for deputies to drive back and forth to Leesburg and giving them

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## Voter Profile: Veterans

Virginia veterans active in both McCain and Obama campaigns.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Retired Brig. Gen. John Johns supported Sen. John McCain's bid for the U.S. presidency eight years ago.

"The first political sign I ever put in my yard was for John McCain in 2000," Johns, who lives in the Lansdowne, said. The retired Army officer attended the National War College with McCain and considers the Arizona senator a friend.

But Johns, who left the military 30 years ago, will not be supporting McCain in the upcoming election Nov. 4. The veteran was the keynote speaker at a "Veterans for Obama" event Oct. 4.

**"I think you will find that officers skew Republican and enlisted folks skew Democrat."**

— **Thom Beres, Veterans for Obama in Virginia**

"John McCain is the only one that insists we need to stay the course [in Iraq.] It is tearing our Army apart. ... It is wrecking our military and John McCain is stubbornly staying the course," he said.

A political independent, Johns said he has supported other veterans, including retiring Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), but does not think military service should be a prerequisite to the presidency.

"I commanded at higher levels than John McCain, but to say this would qualify me to be president is nonsense," he said.

**JOHNS'** opinion is far from the norm. Veterans, both locally and nationally, have thrown a significant amount of their support behind McCain.

Only a few miles from the "Veterans for Obama" event where Johns spoke, the McCain campaign held a much larger event for supporters who are veterans. Twenty-one former

leaders of the nation's largest veterans' or

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## Golf Courses Feeling Crunch

Changes at two local golf courses reflect the economic downturn.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

As the economy slows down and belts are tightened, the reverberations are felt across many industries. The rising cost of gas and groceries and the declining value of homes and businesses large and small have been quite conspicuous in the past few months. Golf is no different than any of these other industries.

Considered by many as a luxury activity, golf has seen a decline in the number of players at the tees and members at its country clubs across the nation recently. This trend is noticeable locally, as two of the largest country clubs are experiencing upheaval within. Lowes Island Club in

Potomac Falls and the Presidential, a private club in Dulles, are both in the process of change, as Lowes Island is up for sale and the Presidential has closed.

Lowes Island Club, with two 18-hole championship golf courses, clubhouse and many other amenities, was recently put up for sale by owner Chevy Chase Bank, according to club staff. Calls to Chevy Chase were not returned, so it is not clear whether the course is being sold because of financial issues or for other reasons and the asking price could

**"You can't make it on golf alone anymore."**

— **Joe Barks, Club & Resort Magazine, editor**

not be confirmed.

The Presidential, which opened in May this year, billed itself as a conference room on a golf course, having a corporate-members-only policy. The club

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## Listening Session

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Ad-Hoc Energy Efficiency Committee will hold a second listening session Wednesday, Oct. 8, on the county's goals to become more energy efficient and the county's efforts to foster energy conservation.

All interested individuals and groups are invited to participate in the meeting, which will be held from 6-8 p.m., in the board room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison St., S.E., Leesburg. Individuals will be given up to five minutes to speak, while groups will be given up to 10 minutes. Interested individuals and groups can preschedule time on the agenda to make a presentation or comment by contacting Denise Reyes of county administration at 703-777-0202.

## Sales Tax Holiday

More information about energy efficiency and conservation in Loudoun County, including energy conservation tips for the upcoming winter, is available on the county Web site at [www.loudoun.gov/energy](http://www.loudoun.gov/energy).

## Housing Needs

Loudoun County residents and organizations are invited to provide their comments on local housing and community development needs to the Loudoun County Family Services Board Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m., at the Department of Family Services, on the second floor of the Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way, N.E., Leesburg.

Comments received at the public hearing will be considered in preparing the county's Five-Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan and 2009 Annual Action Plan as required under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The plans, once approved by the Board of Supervisors, will be submitted to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May 2009.

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability in order to participate in the public hearing should contact the Department of Family Services at 703-777-0353 (V/TTY).

## Man Sentenced for Child Porn

Loudoun Circuit Judge Thomas Horne sentenced Michael Highfield, originally of Leesburg, to a total of three years in prison in connection with Highfield's guilty pleas to three counts of possession of child pornography and one count of manufacturing child pornography. Virginia's non-binding sentencing guidelines called for a "high point" sentence of five years, one month for the charges, which under the law could have resulted in as much as a 25 years in prison. Highfield was sentenced to 11 years, eight of which were suspended.

Highfield's wife noticed evidence of communication between Highfield and a 14-year-old girl on their home computer and notified police. The police found more than 100 images of child pornography and videos during the execution of a search warrant upon the computer. Most images were of girls under 10 years of age. He was indicted in October 2007.

## Mandanapu Appeal Denied

The Virginia Supreme Court denied a petition for appeal submitted on behalf of Praveen Mandanapu, an Ashburn man convicted for the murder of his wife, Divya, whose dismembered body was discovered in a Dumpster in South Riding in June of 2004.

The trial concluded in August 2006 wherein a jury found Mandanapu guilty of first degree murder and a sentence of 55 years was fixed by the panel. Judge Burke F. McCahill imposed the jury recommendation at a final sentencing hearing in November 2006.

Mandanapu's initial appeal challenging the conviction was denied by the Virginia Court of Appeals in December 2007. Each issue raised in the appeal was reviewed and rejected.

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## COMMUNITY



## Gathering Place

The Appalachian Cherokee Nation Pow-Wow took place at the Claude Moore Park over the weekend. The four-day event featured Native American music, dancers and drummers, traditional foods and handmade items for sale.

**London Zotigh, a member of the Appalachian Cherokee Nation, lines up to participate in the Grand Entry dance.**



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/  
THE CONNECTION

**Marsh Emch and her 3-year-old daughter, Rachel, of Ashburn, watch the Appalachian Cherokee Nation Pow-Wow Oct. 4.**



**Appalachian Cherokees from around the region participated in a four-day Pow-Wow in Sterling over the weekend at Claude Moore Park in Sterling.**

# BULLETIN BOARD

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

**LEAP MEETING.** 7:30 p.m., at the Loudoun County Public Schools Administration Building, 12000 Education Court, Ashburn. Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP) monthly meeting; topic: "The Numbers Don't Lie — But Do They Tell Us All We Need To Know?" Learn about the budget process from a forum of participants from Loudoun County government and LCPS. Members of the community are welcome to attend. E-mail: Leap.news@gmail.com or visit the LEAP Web site, www.loudoun.k12.va.us, go to Parents section and look for LEAP.

**SUPPORT GROUP.** 7:30 p.m., at Arcola United Methodist Church, White Chapel, 24757 Evergreen Mills Road, Sterling. Watching your Wallet, a financial support group, for people who make good money but never have any to spend. Subjects include spending personalities, teenage budgeting and money compromises. R.S.V.P. Julie at 703-406-2727 or e-mail jacooper@profitprofiler.com.

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**BOOK CLUB.** 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Middle-school book group, includes a book discussion and refreshments. October: "The Black Duck" by Janet Taylor Lisle. Call 703-737-8100.

**BOOK CLUB.** 10 a.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St. Adult book club, "Nothing But the Truth" by Avi. Call 703-430-9500.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 10

**CHILDREN'S FLU CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., Inova Loudoun Medical Center Leesburg campus, 224 Cornwall St., on board the Mobile Unit, adjacent to South Lobby. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Call 703-771-2907.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 11

**CLUB ANNIVERSARY.** 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 46639 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls. The Cunningham Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are having its 10th anniversary party. Includes three-entrée dinner, Irish step-dancing and souvenir pint glass with unlimited refills of Guinness, Harp or wine. Cost: \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Call Ned Woisard at 703-724-0524.

**CLUB BANQUET.** Holiday Inn, Sterling. The Loudoun County Branch NAACP will be celebrating its Annual Freedom Fund banquet, Building a Stronger Community through Educational Development. For more information, e-mail naacp@loudoun.net.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**BOOK CLUB.** 4 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Tween book club for ages 8-11. The selection is spooky stories. Call 703-444-3228.

**FLU CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., the Nature Center, 21907 Claiborne Parkway, Broadlands. Flu shot clinic for adults. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card can receive a flu shot for free. Pneumonia shot will be offered to seniors and those with chronic diseases. Call the Inova Mobile Health Services hotline at 703-771-2907.

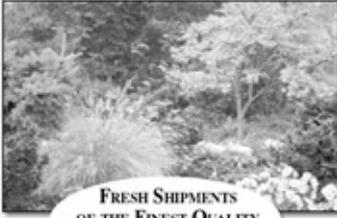
**SENIORS FLU CLINIC.** 9 a.m.-noon, Senior Center at Cascade Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Free with Medicare Part B card or \$ 25 without card. Call 703-430-2397.

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# OPINION

## Refunding Fees

To the Editor:

I would like Virginia citizens to know that they may be eligible for a refund for the illegally collected taxes that they might have paid to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) in January and February of 2008.

A Virginia Supreme Court ruling earlier this year declared the taxing authority given to the NVTA unconstitutional because its members are not elected to their positions in that body. Unfortunately, the NVTA had already instituted and was collecting taxes prior to this ruling being handed down. Therefore, the Department of the Treasury is issuing refunds to anyone who rented a car, stayed in a hotel, had a vehicle inspected or had labor charges on a car repair during the months of January and February 2008. Those who have receipts for these charges can file a form available on the Department of the Treasury Web site at <http://www.tr.s.virginia.gov/> and they should receive a refund.

I would like my constituents to know that I voted against the legislation giving the NVTA this authority and I was the lead plaintiff in the case that caused the Su-

preme Court to overturn the law allowing this. I will continue to stand firm against tax increases for my constituents and all Northern Virginians.

**Del. Bob Marshall (R-13)**  
Va. House of Delegates

## Prioritize Needs

To the Editor:

It has already been pointed out how the proposed meals tax would hurt Loudoun families and damage our hospitality industry. What has not been discussed is how dedicated funding schemes, such as the proposed meals tax, contribute to poor governance. Proponents of the tax point out that the revenue is pledged to education. At first glance, that seems to be a great idea — a source of taxes that will support education without competition

from other community needs. That lack of competition is exactly the problem. Our supervisors are being paid to prioritize the competing community needs and then to allocate limited tax revenues to insure that the most essential needs are met, while lesser needs, or even luxuries, are either funded at a lower level or not funded at all. "Dedicating" a specific tax to education short-circuits the budgetary process and does

not ensure that our taxes are wisely spent on our most important needs. Things change over time. While school construction may rightly be our highest priority need this year, that may not be the case five years from now.

Additionally, a "dedicated" revenue stream that a specific program develops a dependency on can change. Consider the gas tax, dedicated to transportation. While the gas tax created surpluses decades ago, it can't even cover projected maintenance costs now. Nevertheless, some politicians in Richmond insist that they cannot spend money from the state's general revenue on transportation, and that, if more money is to be spent on roads,

the gas tax will have to be raised. They claim this despite the gridlock that has afflicted Northern Virginia for years. The "dedicated" aspect of the gas tax allows them to abdicate their responsibilities to Virginians and fund their pet projects instead of state needs.

The current board should not attempt to tie the hands of future boards by "dedicating" specific revenues, such as the meals tax, to a specific program. This is simply a cynical method of using education to make the passage of a brand new tax more politically palatable. Voters should say No! to the meals tax on its merits, and

contact their supervisors to insist that all our spending go through a proper budgeting process based on prioritized needs.

**Patricia Phillips**  
Sterling

## Where's Warner?

To the Editor:

Some years ago, the "Where's Waldo" book series was all the craze. This year, we are being treated to a new phenomenon: "Where's Warner?"

In the midst of the most serious economic crisis in a generation, Mark Warner has turned into the invisible candidate. He won't agree to a statewide televised debate with Jim Gilmore and has hardly been heard from in public lately. And no wonder.

What Virginians would support him in a time of financial turmoil if they knew his true positions on raising taxes on small businesses, offshore drilling and forced unionization?

Mark Warner can run — but he can't hide from his record as a tax hiker, opponent of common-sense energy solutions and friend of out-of-touch Wall-Street financiers or power-hungry union bosses.

**Eve Marie Barner**  
Brambleton

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The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling, will be open for **absentee voting** Monday-Friday, **Oct. 20-24** and **Oct. 27-31**, from 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays, **Oct. 25** and **Nov. 1**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The **Loudoun Convention & Visitors Association** has launched their redesigned and revamped consumer Web site, [www.VisitLoudoun.org](http://www.VisitLoudoun.org). The Web site is more user-friendly, easier to navigate and includes many features. In addition to new sections on Food & Wine, Heritage and Gatherings, 36 videos and three color online guides, users are able to create their own visit around Loudoun and map it with Google maps.

State Farm Insurance is holding a **food drive** in **October** for the Blue

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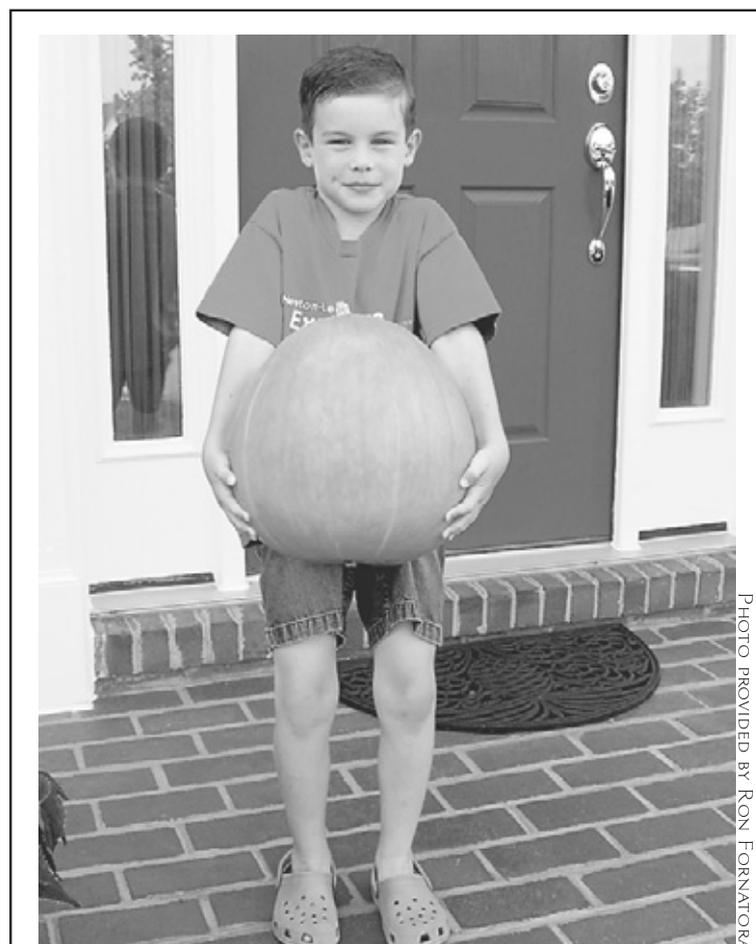


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# Golf Courses Hit by Hard Times

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charged corporations \$60,000 a year for membership and companies could send employees or executives to play golf or enjoy other services. However, the idea never got off the ground, forcing the club to close its doors in early September.

**“Anything well-planned and well-managed can be successful, but times are tough.”**

— Andre Fontaine, Carter Braxton Real Estate, agent

Eric R. Wells could not be reached, and when Scott Stephens, vice president of membership, was contacted he said that he was not em-

ployed by the Presidential any longer and as a result could not answer questions.

Andre Fontaine, a real estate agent with Carter Braxton, said that the failure of the courses is directly related to the economy slowing down, and noted that land, like homes right now, are very difficult to sell, which could make Lowes Island a hard sell.

“Land is no harder to sell right now [than homes], but everything is tough to sell right now,” Fontaine said. “Anything well-planned and well-managed can be successful, but times are tough.”

On the other hand, while many people are putting the clubs away and hanging up their bags, Joe Barks, editor of Club & Resort Business Magazine, a national publication that covers all aspects of the industry, feels that the quality courses are surviving and golf will continue to be a prosperous business.

Barks said that the clubs and courses that offer more than just golf are the ones that will continue to be successful. He said that the courses that cater to the entire family, having activities for children, spas, weddings and catering services in addition to the golf gives a major advantage to the club.

“You can’t make it on golf alone anymore,” Barks said. “With the lifestyle changes, there is less travel, so the idea of club membership fits well. People think that clubs are for the upper class, but they are not.”

**BARKS ALSO ATTRIBUTES** the slowdown to a glut in the market. Barks said that Northern Virginia was one of these oversaturated markets and is suffering now partially due to the boom.

**CLOSING SUDDENLY**, with just a brief message on its answering machine notifying the caller that the club is closed, the Presidential left significant financial issues in its wake.

At press time, according to records at the County Circuit Court, more than 20 companies have filed more than \$4.1 million in contractor’s liens against the owners of the club, Beaumeade Associates and North Dulles Retail Associates. The records indicate that the club has not paid for many of the basic services performed on the grounds during the construction process such painting, watering and electrical work. President

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Members of the Potomac Falls High School Drum Line concentrate on their part as the Potomac Falls High School Marching Band performed at the USSBA sponsored marching band competition at Williamsport High School in Williamsport, Pa., Saturday, Sept. 13. The award-winning Marching Panther Band won first place in the Group 2 Division as well as taking home prizes for Best Visual, Best Music, Best General Effect and Best Percussion.

## Vets Rally for Candidates

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ganizations — the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars — also endorsed McCain Oct. 1.

“I have a wide audience of veterans and everyone I know supports John McCain,” John Hunter, an Arlington resident who is one of the McCain campaign’s 31 “area coordinators” for veterans in Virginia, said.

“I am definitely more likely to support a veteran because of his military training and love of country,” he added.

Approximately 13.5 percent of Virginia residents are veterans, the fifth highest percentage of veterans in any state population.

Arlington County (12 percent), the City of Alexandria (13.3 percent) and Fairfax County (11.8 percent) also have a higher percentage of veterans among their residents than the United States on average (10.4 percent), according to 2006 census data.

Overall, about 138,200 veterans live in Northern Virginia, including Loudoun County, according to census figures.

“Are we critical? I think the race will be so close in Virginia that we are critical,” Thom Beres, the former head of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee and volunteer co-director of Veterans for Obama in Virginia, said.

“THE MILITARY is very conservative and so people in the military tend to align better with the Republican Party,” Don Raines, an Ashburn resident who graduated from the Air Force Academy and served in the military until 2006, said.

Raines, a McCain supporter, said he has a hard time identifying with or condoning Obama’s recreational drug use as a young adult. “I didn’t smoke a single joint in high school,” he said.

Veterans also put a premium on a strong national defense and the Republican Party is perceived to favor a stronger approach to national security.

“In presidential elections, I tend to lean Republican because of national defense issues,” Bill Hurd, a Springfield resident who also supports McCain, said.

But veterans supporting Obama said there is misconception about the link between the military and the Republican Party. “I think you will find that officers skew Republican and enlisted folks skew Democrat,” Beres, a retired colonel who served for 26 years, said.

Beres added that recent reports also show people currently serving in the military — about 3 percent of Virginia’s total population — prefer Obama to McCain. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, active soldiers had contributed more money to Obama by the middle of August. Among people who were deployed, Obama had a 6-to-1 advantage over McCain, the same analysis revealed.

## Planning Draft Gains Support

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more time in the community. Other changes being considered on the law enforcement front included teen curfews, public cameras, a larger auxiliary unit and an assessment of the Sheriff’s Office’s standards and performance.

At the zoning enforcement table, zoning enforcement program manager Keith Fairfax said, “People are basically wanting to know why we aren’t doing our jobs.” He said he was taking the opportunity to explain to visitors the difficulty of enforcing the overcrowding ordinance. The problem, he said, was that, according to state code, fines cannot be imposed on the spot when a violation is found. Instead, a notice of violation is issued and county employees return at a later date to see if the property has been brought into compliance. They have to alert the property owners to their return, because someone has to be home when they get there. “If you have any sense at all, you’re going to be in compliance,” he said.

“It’s good to meet with people to squash that feeling that the county isn’t addressing their complaints, because we do, each one of them,” Fairfax said. He said citizens’ reactions ranged from understanding to anger.

One strategy being considered to improve zoning enforcement was the formation of a strike team consisting of representatives from several departments, such as zoning, health and the Sheriff’s Office, said county planner Sarah Milin. Another is proactive zoning enforcement, such as the pilot program recently tried out in Sterling Park for six months, when zoning enforcement staff traveled both North Argonne Avenue and Williamsburg Road looking for zoning violations and issuing notices of violation. While the program seemed effective, Milin said, “It comes down to staffing. Right now, the Zoning Department is busy just responding to complaints.”

Other options under consideration include seeking the authority to recover the costs of graffiti re-

moval, tracking foreclosed properties and adopting more of the state maintenance code, which Milin said would allow staff to cite violations for fire and safety, mechanical and electrical and other codes. Again, she said this would require additional staff.

**ANOTHER TABLE HAD** a preliminary Sterling Boulevard corridor plan, which planner Cindy Keegan said would create a unified look and a “sense of place” for the road, “so that Sterling Boulevard would function more like a Main Street for Sterling.”

The corridor planners had received a long list of suggestions, from the specific — such as connecting Fillmore Avenue to Wiehle Avenue or constructing a pedestrian overpass over the boulevard — to the general, such as protecting “mom and pop” businesses.

At a table addressing “targeted neighborhood improvement,” planning director Julie Pastor said one consideration planners were looking at was creating unofficial homeowners associations. For example, she said, if such a group were formed in Sterling Park, it could not enact and enforce rules, but could act as a liaison between homeowners and the county, promote and market the neighborhood or stage special events, Pastor said. Another idea would be to conduct surveys of houses’ structural conditions to develop home investment strategies and educate homeowners on how to invest in upkeep. “One of the things we’re hearing is, these houses are falling down,” she said.

Other topics of discussion were community facilities and bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

Sterling Park resident Richard Care said the ideas laid out seemed acceptable, but he wondered about funding. “How are they going to pay for all this?” he wondered, noting that the county was already forecasting a sizeable budget shortfall and that some projects would require state money.

“First, they’ve got to get rid of some of the crime and the illegals,” Kathi Gannon, also of Sterling Park, said.

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All Loudoun County public libraries are accepting entries, **through Oct. 10**, for a **film competition**: Book Trailers. Teens can pick up an entry form and borrow a "FLIP" camera in the library to make a mini commercial about a book. Prizes will be awarded and the winning book trailer will be posted to the library's Web site during Teen Read Week, October 12-18. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

**2009 WrestleMania Reading Challenge, Oct. 12-Jan. 12**, Ashburn, Cascades and Sterling libraries. Teens and tweens read 10 books and create a bookmark for a chance to win prizes from WWE in the 2009 WrestleMania Reading Challenge. Could win a trip to Houston for WrestleMania 25. Contact a participating library for more information or visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

**Big Apple Circus, through Oct. 13**, at Dulles Town Center, intersection of routes 7 and 28, Dulles. Performance times vary. This circus features one ring with no seat more than 50 feet away. This year's show features acrobatic ballerinas, trapeze artists, the world's fastest fashion show, stylish Italian dogs and much more. Cost: \$18-\$52 per person. Call 703-828-9014 or visit <http://www.bigapplecircus.org>.

**Oatlands' teas** return this fall with autumn teas **Oct. 17-19** and fall teas **Nov. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 and 28-30**. Seatings are at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$24.95, plus tax. Teas are held in the Oatlands Carriage House. Reservations are required.

The mansion and gardens are open for fall tours. The mansion is open for touring, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., from Mondays-Saturdays, and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. House tours are conducted on the hour; cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$7 for students and free for children age 5 and younger.

Oatlands is located six miles south of Leesburg on US Route 15. Call 703-777-3174 or visit [www.oatlands.org](http://www.oatlands.org).

**Teen Reading Buddies Story Time**, Tuesday, **Oct. 21**, 4:30 p.m., Rust Library at 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. One-on-one reading time for children as they buddy up with teen volunteers who will read picture books to them. Recommended for ages 3-6.

**Teen Reading Buddies Story Time**, Mondays, **through Oct. 27**, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. One-on-one reading time for children as they buddy up with teen volunteers who will read picture books to them. Recommended for ages 3-6. Closed Oct. 13.

# Dominion High Stages 'Little Women'

Play based on Louisa May Alcott's novel revolving around family life during Civil War.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

**D**rama season is here and local high schools are rehearsing for their fall productions. Dominion High School will be staging Louisa May Alcott's classic, "Little Women" as its fall production. Show times are Thursday, Oct. 23 through Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday, Oct. 26 matinee at 3 p.m. Cost is \$7.

**DRAMA INSTRUCTOR** Amy Young, formerly of the Capitol Steps, is directing the cast of 14 in a play about a Civil War family. "I wanted to use a classic story appropriate for all ages to convey the strength of

## TO GO

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family ties through tragedies and joys," Young said. The play is a period piece that enables the actors to use "stylized acting" while emphasizing characteristics that we associate with contemporary women and families.

She said, "That's the nutshell. Family gets you through tough times. You share your tears and laughter."

The challenge in directing her first Dominion production is that one person has to coordinate the many aspects that go into it — both technical and presentational — publicity, design, building sets, costumes and lighting.

What's rewarding about the job, she said is the students — "Their hearts are in it so

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PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

The cast of "Little Women" are, center seated, Aunt March, played by Lyla Byers; bottom left, Amy, played by Lauren Maxwell; bottom right, Beth, played by Rachel Weber; top left, Meg, played by Julia Germain; behind chair, Marmee, played by Morgen Leek; on arm of the chair on right, Jo, played by Fiona Ritchey.

### ALSO PLAYING

## Potomac Falls High School

"A Tale of Nine Princesses" will be performed at Potomac Falls High School Nov. 6, 7, 8 and 9. The performances Thursday-Saturday are at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday performance is at 2 p.m.

Synopsis: "A Tale of Nine Princesses" is about nine princesses, each with a personality flaw, who are sent away by their fairy godmother to cure their flaws and return with a husband, all within a year. The princesses are Lillian the Loud, Evelyn the Exaggerator, Sheila the Smelly, Felicia the Flirtatious, Nancy the Nervous, Stephanie the Silly, Penelope the Proud, Iris the Interrupter and Lois the Lost.

## Briar Woods High School

"The 12 Dancing Princesses"  
Show dates: Nov. 13, 14, 15 and 21 at 7 p.m.  
Special Performance Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

Calling all little princesses — come in your finest princess dresses to meet and take pictures with the 12 Dancing Princesses after the show.

Tickets: Adults: \$7, students: \$5.  
Script by Claudia Haas, adapted by Marilyn Gilligan. Loosely based on the Grimm Brother's folktale, "The Twelve Dancing Princesses."

Synopsis: King Oakley returns from a summit meeting to find that conditions in his castle have grown lax. With the assistance of his new diabolical servant, Fiorello, King Oakley devises a strict regimen for his daughters and no longer lets them leave the castle grounds. In an effort to break from these harsh rules, the princesses fall prey to the desires of the king's faithful servant — Fiorello — who means to claim the castle as his own. Thrown in the mix is a gardener and a magical nanny, Fern. Castle-on-Whisperwood-Lake is turned into a place of longing and wishes for the princesses as they journey to the Land of the Muses where they hope to have their dreams come true.

## Broad Run High School

"Radium Girls" will be performed at Broad Run

High School, Nov. 13, 14 and 15, at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 16, at 2 p.m.

Call 571-252-2305.

Synopsis: Comedy/drama by D.W. Gregory. Inspired by a true story, "Radium Girls" traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, Arthur Roeder, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. As the case goes on, however, Grace finds herself battling not just with the U.S. Radium Corporation, but with her own family and friends, who fear that her campaign for justice will backfire. Written with warmth and humor, "Radium Girls" is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece for nine to 10 actors, who play more than 30 parts — friends, co-workers, lovers, relatives, attorneys, scientists, consumer advocates and myriad interested bystanders. "Radium Girls" offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth and the commercialization of science.

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## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

**TEDDY BEAR PARTY.** 4 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Bring a favorite teddy to a party at the library. Ages 3-6. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Sign up at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or 703-737-8100.

**HALLOWEEN SUPREME.** 4-5 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Ages 4 and up. Includes Halloween fun. Cost: \$9, with all supplies included. Preregistration required, call 571-258-3500.

**RUST RAMBLES.** 10-11:30 a.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Childrens Center Road, Leesburg. Spend a morning meandering through the meadows, forests and wetlands with a naturalist. Adults and older children. Free.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 9

**CASINO TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Charles Town, W.Va. Includes slots and simulcast horse racing; lunch on own. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers, includes transportation and \$5 cash back, subject to change. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

**TREE-RIFFIC FALL.** 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-6. Explore the beautiful leaves, nuts and seeds and animals getting ready for winter in the forests. Cost: \$10.50. Call 571-258-3700.

**FIRE SAFETY.** 4 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. In recognition of Fire Safety Week, two firefighters will talk about fire safety and show what they wear when fighting fires. Ages 3 and up. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

**BOOK SIGNING.** 6-8 p.m., Oatlands, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg. The Journey Through Hallowed Ground and Oatlands host a talk and signing by National Geographic photographer Kenneth Garrett on the newly published book, "Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal." Free and open to the public, but RSVP by Oct. 2 to Jaime McClung at 540-882-4929 or [jaime@jthg.org](mailto:jaime@jthg.org).

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The **Chorus of the Old Dominion** is recruiting male singers for its Holiday Chorus, which performs at holiday-season events countywide. The first chorus rehearsals are 7:30 p.m., at United Methodist Church in Leesburg, Thursdays, **Oct. 9 and Oct. 23**; and Wednesdays, **Oct. 15 and Oct. 29**. Audio learning tracks are posted on the group's Web site, [www.odchorus.org](http://www.odchorus.org). Contact Dick Smull, 540-338-1201 or e-mail [info@odchorus.org](mailto:info@odchorus.org).

**FROGSHACKLE OPEN HOUSE.** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages can discover a treasure trove of objects from nature. Free; no registration required. Call 571-258-3700.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 10

**TEEN CENTER.** 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features art night. All teens attending the teen center must have a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at <http://library.loudoun.gov> go to Teen Scene, Events, Hanging Out Rocks. For middle schoolers.

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

**BABYPACKING.** 9:30-10:15 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Walk outdoors with your baby as a naturalist leads the group on a nature adventure. No unregistered siblings. Cost: \$5.25 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

**NATURE BUDDIES.** 10:45-11:30 a.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Toddlers explore nature with an adult. Discover the trees, birds and ponds of the park relating while focusing on a tree theme. No unregistered siblings. Cost: \$5.25 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 11

**COLUMBUS DAY PARADE.** 10 a.m., Sterling Park. 27th annual Columbus Day parade staged by the Good Samaritan Council 6175, Knights of Columbus. Participation open to the community including bike riders, marching bands or other musical groups, organizations, antique cars, military units, youth groups, floats, athletic leagues and school groups. Parade begins at Park View High School and travels down Laurel Avenue to Sterling Boulevard to

The Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College will host an exhibit of mixed media prints and drawings by **Elzbieta Sikorska** of Silver Spring, Md., **through Oct. 17**, in Waddell Art Gallery. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The campus is located at 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway in Sterling and the gallery is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

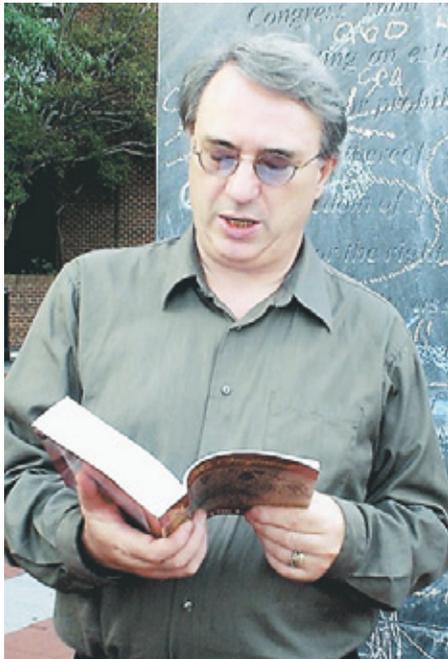
Dominion High School will be presenting "**Little Women**," **Oct. 23-25**, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, **Oct. 26**, at 3 p.m., at the school, 21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling.

Based on Louisa May Alcott's novel about a family of women who experience the challenges of coming of age in Civil War-era New England. Tickets are \$7.

The **Loudoun Symphony** opens its

Holly Avenue and ends at the Knights of Columbus Barn. Includes refreshments for participants at the barn. Contact Steve Rogers, 571-333-7787 or Don Harris, 703-729-3340.

**FALL FESTIVAL.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Waterford. Joshua's Hands' annual festival. Includes food, children's crafts, games, pony rides, lunch and



**Tim Lewis will read from his book "The Virginiad," Oct. 18, at the Loudoun Museum**

auction. Free, auction benefits the nonprofit Joshua's Hands. Visit [www.JoshuasHands.org](http://www.JoshuasHands.org) or call 540-540-7827.

**CANCER WALK.** 5:30 p.m., Ida Lee Park, 60 Ida Lee Drive, N.W., Leesburg. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Area Chapter's Light the Night Walk to raise money to help cure blood cancers. Cost: \$25 participant donation is recommended. Call 703-960-1100 or visit [www.lightthenight.org/nca](http://www.lightthenight.org/nca).

**TREASURES SALE.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Cascades Village Seniors, 46565 Harry Byrd Highway. Yard and craft sale featuring handmade items, floral arrangements, jewelry, candles and more.

**FOLK-ROCK CONCERT.** 5-7 p.m., Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. The Jim & Ashley Cash Band of Potomac Falls will perform at the second annual Moon on the River Concert. Bring blankets, flashlights, food and bug spray. Cost:

2008-09 season Saturday, **Oct. 25**, 8 p.m., at Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn and Sunday, **Oct. 26**, 3 p.m., at Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville.

Featuring the Dvorak Cello Concerto with world-class cellist Stephen Framil and Brahms' Fourth Symphony.

Concertgoers on Saturday evening can attend the free preconcert lecture given by Mark Allen McCoy, music director and conductor and a string workshop performance conducted by Dr. Yeong Su Kim, at 7 p.m.

Free tickets to all concerts for youth 18 and under. Visit [www.loudounsymphony.org](http://www.loudounsymphony.org) for ticket information.

**Jim Hanna's** photography exhibit, "Rural Culture on the Edge," on display at the Loudoun County Government Center in Leesburg **through Oct. 31**,

\$10, on sale at 4 p.m. on the day of the show.

**JOUSTING CHAMPIONSHIPS.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mt. Zion Old School Baptist Church, 40309 John Mosby Highway, Aldie. Includes jousters from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania charging down an 80-yard track and trying to lance rings of varying sizes. Bring chairs, no seating available. Free. Rain date Oct. 12. Visit [www.nationaljousting.com](http://www.nationaljousting.com).

**STERLINGFEST.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Activities for all ages. Visit [www.sterlingfoundation.org](http://www.sterlingfoundation.org) or call 703-430-9480. Rain date Oct. 12.

**STEEPLECHASE RACES.** 11 a.m. gates open, 1 p.m. races start, Morven Park International Equestrian Center, 41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg. Include steeplechase races, Family Fun Fair with activities and treats. Cost: advance general admission \$30 per car; race day general admission \$10 per person. Call 703-777-2414.

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

**OPEN HOUSE.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, 104 East Commerce Street, Sterling. Includes activities and demonstrations and more. Contact [www.sterlingrescue.com](http://www.sterlingrescue.com).

**COFFEEHOUSE SERIES.** 8 p.m., Unitarian Church of Loudoun, 20460 Gledesville Road, Leesburg. Larry Burnett, founding member of '70s acoustic pop-rock group Firefall will play the Shenandoah Coffeehouse Series. Bring a favorite coffee mug; coffee and other refreshments provided by the event hosts. Cost: \$12. Visit [www.shenandoahacoustics.com](http://www.shenandoahacoustics.com).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**PLANT EXCHANGE.** 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. 15th annual Fall Seed and Plant Exchange, bring extra seeds, bulbs, plants and cuttings to exchange. Call 703-430-2136.

**POKER RIDE.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Morven Park International Equestrian Center, 41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg. Tri-State Riding Club is sponsoring its second annual fun Poker Ride. 50 percent of the registration fees go to Morven Park International Equestrian Center in support of its horse facilities. Participants have up to four hours to

offers a sampling of images depicting Loudoun's precious rural ecology and heritage.

The exhibit also offers a glimpse into such efforts as ecological stewardship, historic preservation and restoration, and sustaining a rural economy.

The exhibit is on the first floor in Gallery One and is open to the public during business hours of the government center.

Jim Hanna's photography exhibit, "**North by Northwest**," in Gallery 222, at 222 South King St. in Leesburg. This special exhibit, on display **through Nov. 1**, showcases a series of rural Loudoun scenes.

Gallery 222 is open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment.

Visit [www.gallery222.com](http://www.gallery222.com) or call 703-777-5498.

ride their own horse through well-marked trails while playing a game of five-card draw poker by collecting cards. Cost: \$30 per horse in advance, \$35 day of the event. Registration form and waiver found at <http://www.milesofsmilestraining.com/SignUp08.pdf>. Call 540-882-3697 or e-mail [nagridr@hotmail.com](mailto:nagridr@hotmail.com).

**TRAVEL THROUGH TIME** in the Winmill Carriage Collection. 1-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Take a guided tour through a collection of 19th century horse-drawn vehicles, including coaches, sleighs, carts, buggies and a hearse from the 1800s. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitor Center. Visit [www.morvenpark.org](http://www.morvenpark.org) or call 703-777-6034.

**CANOE AND WINE TOUR.** 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Tarara Vineyard and Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg. Go on a four-and-half-to seven-mile canoe paddle and finish with a wine and cheese tasting. Cost: \$95 per person, \$85 per under 21. Call 703-771-7100 or visit [www.tarara.com](http://www.tarara.com) for tickets.

**DOG DAYS.** Noon-4 p.m., downtown Leesburg. Includes vendors, information booths, dog cooling stations, demonstrations and contests. To enter contests, mail appropriate photos to The Old Country Peddler, 3 North King St., Leesburg, VA 20176. Visit [www.meetmedowntown.org](http://www.meetmedowntown.org).

## MONDAY/OCT. 13

**FROM SWANN'S CASTLE** to Governor's Mansion: Exploring an Old Southern Estate. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. See Oct. 10 item for details.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**MAD SCIENTISTS' CLUB.** 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Explore scientific topics through recreational and informational activities. Ages 8-11. October: It's a Zoo in Here. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-737-8100.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

**GOLF FUND-RAISER.** 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club, 41601 Raspberry Drive, Leesburg. The Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association Foundation is hosting a charity auction and golf classic fund-raiser. Day includes golf tourney and clinic, silent and live auction and a dinner. Call Wendy Ferrigno at 703-771-2170, Ext. 24.



**Cellist Stephen Framil will perform with the Loudoun Symphony Concert, Oct. 25-26.**

## STAGE

# Dominion Kicks Off Season

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they commit their time, talent and efforts and that's what's most rewarding as I watch them grow."

Fiona Ritchey, 18, of Lowes Island, plays the lead role of Jo March, an aspiring writer who pens a book and narrates the play between scenes. Her character is outspoken and boy-ish, she said. "She's very similar to myself. So sometimes it's hard to separate Fiona from Jo." A senior, this is Ritchey's 10th play.

Lauren Maxwell, 17, of Lowes Island, plays Amy March, the youngest sister who evolves from age 12 into a married woman. "At the beginning I'm selfish; I have a hard time grasping reality," she said. "As the play goes on, I become a lot more caring for my family towards the end of the production. I kind of learn how to love them and myself." This is her 10th play as well.

She adds, "I think just learning who I was as a person helps so much in helping me understand why I'm saying the things I'm saying."

**ACTING IN HER** first play, Julia Germain, 16, a junior from Lowes Island, plays Meg March, the oldest sister ("The romantic one ... she's ready for love.") Julia enjoys the chemistry she has with the other sisters. "That makes it the best," she said, calling her character the one who takes care of everybody.

Rachel Weber, 15, a sophomore from Lowes Island, read the book first to get a "palette" to paint her

character and prepare for the role. She plays Beth March who ends up dying. Her character is an introvert and shy — traits that she doesn't share in real life. "Also, half of the play I'm sick, so I have to channel how it feels to be sick."

Lyla Byers, 16, of Lowes Island, plays the wealthy and sophisticated Aunt Marge, who has a "rough connection" with Jo. She said it helped when the director assigned them to write autobiographies to explore their characters. She loves Jo, but their personalities clash. "We're both extremely stubborn; we yell over each other all the time." She said the challenge in playing mean is that she has to be "edgy."

**"Family gets you through tough times. You share your tears and laughter."**

— Amy Young, director

**NAZIM BENARBANE**, 16, a junior from Sugarland, plays John Brook, who falls in love with Meg. He describes his character as passionate and very complex. "He's a man of a few words ... who's very duty-oriented," Benarbane said. "He's very interested in the customs of the time."

James Russell, 15, of Lowes Island, wears a beard and plays the role of the father, Mr. March, who gets shot and wounded in the war. "He loves his daughters very much," Russell said. "He definitely wishes that he'll be able to see them grow up even though he's gone."

He said it's more of a challenge acting in a smaller cast as opposed to a large musical with lots of extras because he gets to explore the character more.

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Friday Night Date Night, **Oct. 10**, 6:30-9 p.m., **Willowcroft Farm Vineyards**, 38906 Mt. Gilead Road, Leesburg. Watch James Bond flick "Dr. No" and have dinner catered by Tuscarora Mill Restaurant. Reservations are required. Cost: \$50 per person. Call 703-777-8161 or visit [www.willowcroftwine.com](http://www.willowcroftwine.com).

**Wine country bus tours** at Tarara Winery and Hidden Brook Winery, Saturday, **Oct. 11**, pick-up and drop-off

times vary, visit Web site for details. The Washington Wine Academy and Reston Limousine offer winery tours. Cost: \$35 per person, \$50 per person with lunch. Call 703-478-0500, Ext. 1 or visit [www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1](http://www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1).

**Wine country bus tours** at Corcoran Vineyards and Willowcroft Farm Vineyards, Sunday, **Oct. 12**, pick-up and drop-off times vary, visit Web site for details. The Washington Wine Academy and Reston Limousine offer winery tours. Cost: \$35 per person, \$50 per person with lunch. Call 703-478-0500, Ext. 1 or visit [www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1](http://www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1).

**Tarara Winery**, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg, and Loudoun Valley Sheep

Producers offer Shear Bliss, **Oct. 18-19**, at the winery. Includes local food, including lamb sausage sandwiches, Tarara wines, crafts, wool crafting demonstrations and live music. Times: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. wine tasting and live music; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. wool shearing demonstration. There are fees for wine tasting and food. Visit [www.tarara.com](http://www.tarara.com) or call 703-771-7100.

**Wine country bus tours** at Swedenburg Estate Vineyard and Winery at LaGrange, Saturday, **Oct. 18**, pick-up and drop-off times vary, visit Web site for details. The Washington Wine Academy and Reston Limousine offer winery tours. Cost: \$35 per person, \$50 per person with lunch. Call 703-478-0500, Ext. 1 or visit [www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1](http://www.washingtonwineacademy.org/wine-tours.htm#Tour1).

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**Congregation Sha'are Shalom**, Loudoun County's Conservative synagogue, celebrates Yom Kippur (day of atonement) services beginning with Kol Nidrei (all vows) at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, **Oct. 8**, and resume at 9 a.m., Thursday, **Oct. 9**. A break-the-fast will be held after the conclusion of Yom Kippur services around 7:20 p.m., Thursday. All services and events are held at Congregation Sha'are Shalom, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. Nonmembers can reserve tickets by calling the synagogue at 703-737-6500 or by downloading the reservation forms at [www.sha-areshalom.org](http://www.sha-areshalom.org).

The 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, **Oct. 12**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** is "Forgiveness, That We May Live." The Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael invites everyone to consider how forgiveness is both a personal experience and a spiritual pursuit. The service will touch on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur. UUS meets every Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center at 22135 Davis Drive. Call 703-406-3068 or visit [uusterling.org](http://uusterling.org).

**Congregation Sha'are Shalom**, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, will host a kosher festive dinner in its sukkah, Friday, **Oct. 17**, at 6:30 p.m. The sukkah is a temporary structure erected during the autumnal harvest

festival of Sukkot (Feast of the Tabernacles). The sukkah represents the temporary dwellings that the children of Israel used on their Biblical sojourn from Egypt to the land of Israel. The cost for the dinner is \$8 for each adult and \$6 for each child. The maximum cost is \$25 for a family. All are welcome. Call Congregation Sha'are Shalom at 703-737-6500 or visit [www.sha-areshalom.org](http://www.sha-areshalom.org).

The 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, **Oct. 19**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** is "United Nations Revelations." This is the 60th anniversary year of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael invites us to consider the dream of the UN in relation to the present struggles of our global civilization. On this day, the congregation will also recognize new members of the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling. UUS meets every Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center at 22135 Davis Drive. Call 703-406-3068 or visit [uusterling.org](http://uusterling.org).

**CONNECT**, the young adult group at **Sterling United Methodist Church**, 304 East Church Road, Sterling, is seeking new members. **CONNECT** focuses on bringing people together in a social setting as they commonly search for Christ's direction in their lives. The group is open to all men and women in their 20s and 30s, married or single, with or without children. Call 703-430-6455 or visit [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org).

**Stephen Ministry at Ashburn Presbyterian Church**, 20962 Ashburn Road in Ashburn, is a one-to-one listening ministry for those who need support. Call Mark Armstrong, associate pastor at 703-729-2012.

## PET OF THE WEEK

To adopt a featured animal or any other animal, visit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter on Route 9 at the intersection of Route 704 in Waterford. Animals can be viewed at the shelter Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 1-6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1-8 p.m.; and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Business hours for the shelter are Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The shelter is closed Sundays. Call 703-777-0406 or 540-882-3211. View other animals at <http://www.loudoun.gov/animals/shelter.htm>.



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**Sam is a 4-month-old male, brown tabby, domestic shorthair.**

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**After-school book break** children's book club, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls, Wednesdays in **October**, at 4 p.m. Read books by the author of the month and do fun activities. October: Fudge series by Judy Blume. Recommended for ages 6-8.

**Watching your Wallet**, a financial support group, for people who make good money but never have any to spend. Subjects include spending personalities, teenage budgeting and money compromises. The group will meet Wednesday, **Oct. 15**, at 7:30 p.m., at Arcola United Methodist Church, White Chapel, 24757 Evergreen Mills Road, Sterling. R.S.V.P. Julie at

703-406-2727 or e-mail [jacooper@profitprofiler.com](mailto:jacooper@profitprofiler.com).

**Non-fiction book club** for ages 6-8 meets Monday, **Oct. 20**, 4 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. The selection is "Dino-Dinners," by Mick Manning. Call 703-444-3228.

**Origami book club** for ages 8 and up meets Thursday, **Oct. 23**, 4 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. The selection is "Charlotte's Web," by E.B. White. Call 703-444-3228.

**Adventures in Reading**, book club for 8- to 12-year-olds, Monday, 4 p.m., **Oct. 27**, Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. October theme: spooky stories. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Sign up online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-430-9500.

The **Ashburn-Sterling Masonic Lodge** meets on the second Tuesday of

each month at 6:45 p.m. for dinner at the lodge, located at 43881 Waxpool Road, Ashburn. Visit [www.AshburnLodge.org](http://www.AshburnLodge.org) or e-mail [info@AshburnLodge.org](mailto:info@AshburnLodge.org) or call 703-470-2188.

The **Loudoun Walking and Volkssport Club** invites the public to check out its self-guided year-round walks. The club offers eight walks in the county that can be done any day at just about any time. The club offers these walks as part of its community outreach efforts. Contact Bob Wright at 703-737-2175 or [rwright2@jhu.edu](mailto:rwright2@jhu.edu).

**Sterling Ruritan Club** is seeking vendors for its holiday bazaar, Saturday, **Nov. 8**, at 183 Ruritan Road, Sterling. Contact Anne Dyer 703-450-5674.

The **English Conversation Group** is an informal conversation circle for non-native speakers. Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, **every Tuesday** in October, at 7 p.m. Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St.

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VHDA **first-time homebuyer's seminar** by Mary Krueger, of SunTrust Mortgage and Gail Hayden of Long & Foster, Saturday, **Oct. 11**, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, **Oct. 21** and Thursday, **Oct. 23**, at 6:30 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

The homeownership education program is designed to take the mystery out of the homebuying process. Topics to be covered: personal finances and credit reports, role of the lender, working with a Realtor, home inspections and what to expect at closing. Attendance at the entire class is required in order to become eligible for many loan programs. Three classes offered. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-444-3228.

**Pulte Homes** operations received the highest ranking for customer satisfaction in the Washington, D.C., market, according to the results announced for the 2008 J.D. Power and Associates New-Home Builder Customer Satisfaction Study. In addition, Pulte earned the top ranking for new-home quality in the market.

## BUSINESS NOTES

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The environmental committee of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce will host an **energy debate**, **Oct. 15**, between Gov. Tim Kaine (D) and former Gov. George Allen (R), representing the Democratic and the Republican presidential campaigns, arguing the merits of their parties' platforms on national energy and environmental policy at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott. Doors open at 7 a.m. for an hour of networking and a buffet breakfast. The debate will begin promptly at 8 a.m. and conclude by 9 a.m. For registration details, visit the "Events" page of the Dulles Regional Chamber at [www.dullesregionalchamber.org/events](http://www.dullesregionalchamber.org/events).

The **Committee for Dulles** luncheon, Thursday, **Oct. 16**, features Christopher T. Hess, area port director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, discussing customs and border protection at Washington Dulles International Airport. Luncheon takes place at the Holiday Inn, 1000 Sully Road, Dulles, reception at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at noon, board of directors meeting at 10:30 a.m. Reservations required by the Monday prior, nonmembers in advance \$55, at the door \$60; CFD members in advance \$45, at the door \$50. Call the CFD office 703-430-8749.

The **Loudoun Convention & Visitors Association (LCVA)** has won the Virginia Tourism Corporation "Passionate about Spreading the Word" award for its recent community awareness program. Alisa Bailey, president of Virginia Tourism Corporation, presented the award to Cheryl Kilday, LCVA president and CEO at the recent VA-1 Conference

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**Chantilly-based Remax Gateway president Scott MacDonald and vice president Kate Casey present a check for \$4,100 to Stone Ridge 5K race coordinator Lisa Smith, left.**

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Leesburg welcomes **Tine Beam** as a sales associate. Beam is an experienced sales associate who has been actively involved in real estate for more than 10 years in Northern Virginia where she established a successful career with local brokerages Brown-Carrera and Keller Williams.

Weichert, Realtors' Dulles Office announces the following award winners for the month of August. Weichert's

Chairman's Club member **Tania Gonda** and the entire sales team led the Weichert region in new home dollar volume. The region consists of 17 offices in Northern Virginia.

The Stone Ridge 5K Race for Education was the recipient of a \$4,100 check from **Remax Gateway**. The company holds an annual indoor golf tournament in its Chantilly office each spring and donates the proceeds of the event to a local charity.



## Open Doors

**Bray & Scarff held its inaugural community day and grand opening of its newest store located at 46262 Cranston St., suite 125, Sterling, Sept. 17. In addition, Bray & Scarff provided a donation to Loudoun Habitat for Humanity to assist in the nonprofits building efforts.**

in Roanoke.

The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce named the 34 finalists selected to compete in nine business categories for the **2008 Small Business Awards**. The winners in each of nine categories will be announced at the Annual Gala Awards dinner **Nov. 6**, at the National Conference Center. Visit [www.loudounchamber.org/CWT/External/WCPages/WCNNews/NewsArticleDisplay.aspx?ArticleID=30](http://www.loudounchamber.org/CWT/External/WCPages/WCNNews/NewsArticleDisplay.aspx?ArticleID=30) to see the finalists.

**BeckITSystems** of Dulles has joined forces with Agility Recovery Solutions to provide disaster recovery and business continuity planning and services in the Mid-Atlantic region. As of Oct. 1, BeckITSystems Inc. and Agility will provide rapid restoration of corporate data and servers, as well as mobile offices, power, phones, and connectivity in the event of a business interruption or disaster. This service team assures that enrolled members are operational within 48 hours of declaring an interruption.

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# Patriot Runners Dropping Times

Park View cross country is gearing for season stretch drive.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ith the high-school cross country season beginning its stretch drive, Park View High Coach Jim Nosal likes the direction in which his team is headed at this juncture of the fall.

"The kids are progressing exactly the way I expected," Nosal said.

The coach wants both his boys' and girls' squads to be at their best for the

Dulles District Championships, set to take place Oct. 23, at Ida Lee park in Leesburg. The Patriots competed at the Octoberfest this past Saturday and have one more big invitational meet, the Glory Days event set to take place this Saturday at Bull Run Park in Manassas, before the start of districts.

Nosal said his runners have done a good job cutting down on their running times throughout the course of the season. He wants that to continue over the final few weeks of the regular season and throughout the postseason.

**"It looks like by the time districts come, they'll be able to get their fastest times."**

— Park View High Coach Jim Nosal



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERNUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Lots of girls runners competed at the Oatlands cross country meet Sept. 20. This Saturday, another large, regular season invitational, the Glory Days meet, will take place at Bull Run Park in Manassas. Park View's girls and boys teams, along with other teams from the Dulles District, will compete at the annual late season event.**

"It looks like by the time districts come, they'll be able to get their fastest times," Nosal said.

The coach, on several occasions during each autumn season, talks to his team about running times and what the runners need to do to continue to improve on those times.

"We set goals for the kids to get to," he said.

The Park View boys' top-two runners over the course of the season have been senior Mateen Ali, a first-year runner, and junior Tommy Vereb. Ali's primary sport is soccer, but he has had a positive impact in his first fall season with the Patriots' cross country team. Vereb is more of a seasoned long-distance runner and is becoming a better and better 5K runner every time he competes.

"He's understanding better how to race a 5K distance," Nosal said of Vereb.

**THE PARK VIEW GIRLS** have been led by seniors Sarah Taylor and Megan Barnes, the team's No. 1 and No. 2 runners, respectively. Both are good athletes and proving to be stellar long-distance runners.

"They are very consistent," Nosal said of the two Patriot girls runners. "Sarah is a soccer player and Megan runs the 800 [in outdoor track season]."

Nosal believes the Park View girls can put together a strong race at the upcoming districts competition. There, the top-four teams will qualify for the following week's Region II meet Oct. 30 at Oatlands.

"We should do very well," Nosal said about the prospects of his girls' team at districts. "It's a matter of keeping everybody healthy and improving on times. My expectations are that we do better than last year."

Going into last week's huge Octoberfest meet at Great Meadows, Nosal said he believed his

girls and boys teams were primed and ready to run well the remainder of the season.

"They are as ready as they can be," Nosal said of the Octoberfest and Glory Day events.

The timing for the Octoberfest was bad for numerous teams and their upperclassmen runners last Saturday because several schools were doing their SAT testing that day.

"With [last] Saturday happening to be SATs, that effects every team," Nosal said.

Several weeks ago, in one of the biggest events of the season, Nosal said his team did a fairly nice job competing at the 100-team Oatlands Invitational Sept. 20 in Leesburg.

"I liked the results we got at Oatlands, although I would have liked to have seen faster times," he said. "The kids came out and gave it the best they could that day."

## Bulldogs Ready for Homecoming

**Broad Run, Potomac Falls and Briar Woods all week six winners.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Stone Bridge High football team will celebrate Homecoming this Friday night when the Bulldogs meet Langley in a Liberty District game in Ashburn.

The 6-0 Bulldogs are coming off another easy win, a 51-6 victory at South Lakes. Stone Bridge, 3-0 in the district, has won easily in all of its district encounters thus far — lopsided triumphs over Marshall, McLean and now the Seahawks.

Langley, Stone Bridge's opponent Friday,

is struggling of late after a 3-1 start. The Saxons (3-3) lost at home last Friday night to district foe Madison, 18-14. Madison (4-2), which will host Stone Bridge Oct. 17, won its fourth game in a row since an 0-2 start. The Warhawks, a younger squad compared to last year's successful Division 5 playoff team, will look to make it five straight wins when they play at W.T. Woodson this Friday night.

Langley, with last week's setback to Madison, lost its second straight game since beginning the season 3-1. Two weeks ago, the Saxons lost to unbeaten Oakton, 42-3. They were looking to get the bad taste of that defeat out of their mouths when they hosted Madison. Langley running back David Helmer rushed for 164 yards on 29 carries against Madison and the Saxons built a 14-3 lead. But the Saxons could not hold on.

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### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**Cascades Flag Football** is a youth league open to boys and girls in grades kindergarten-eighth. Registration for the spring 2009 is open online at [www.youthflag.com/cascades](http://www.youthflag.com/cascades). Early bird rates apply through Feb. 20. For more information on coaching or officiating, call 703-444-8805, Ext. 112 or e-mail [cascades@youthflag.com](mailto:cascades@youthflag.com).

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## SPORTS

# Three Local Teams Remain Unbeaten

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Stone Bridge is not likely to be seriously tested the remainder of the regular season. After Langley, the Bulldogs play district opponents Madison, Jefferson and Woodson to conclude the season. Then, Stone Bridge will begin defense of its Division 5 Northern Region and state AAA titles.

**IN OTHER LOCAL** football action last Friday night, Briar Woods won a low scoring, defensive battle over Dulles District foe Dominion, 7-0, in Brambleton. Falcons' running back Essray Taliaferro scored the game's lone touchdown on a 2-yard run in the second quarter.

The win improved Briar Woods' record to 4-1. The Falcons had suffered their first defeat the week before, falling at Broad Run, 29-0. Dominion (1-4), meanwhile, came into the Briar Woods game having gotten the first win under its belt the week before in a 35-7 triumph over Dulles rival Freedom.

This Friday night, Briar Woods will travel to district opponent Loudoun County, while Dominion will play at unbeaten Broad Run.

Broad Run (5-0) is coming off a hard fought Dulles District win at Heritage (Leesburg), 21-13.

The Spartans trailed Heritage 7-0 after one quarter before breaking through for two



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**Potomac Falls' Chad McMichael (20) and the Panthers will be at Park View this Friday night for a Dulles District encounter.**

touchdowns in the second quarter. Both of the TDs came on pass plays from quarterback Chris Jessop to Adrian Flemming (scoring plays of 5 and 35 yards).

The Spartans increased their lead to 21-7 in the third quarter, thanks to a 37-yard punt return by Breon Earl.

Broad Run, following its game with Dominion this week, will play at Loudoun County Oct. 17 before playing at home against Potomac Falls Oct. 24 in what could be a game that determines the district champion.

Potomac Falls remained unbeaten at 5-0 with a convincing 47-14 win over Dulles

rival Loudoun County last week. The Panthers built a 27-0 second quarter lead and rolled from there. Potomac Falls running back Michael Baker rushed for 112 yards and a touchdown. On the defensive side, he also scored a touchdown on a long fumble return.

Potomac Falls senior quarterback Greg Woodlief threw for 144 yards and a pair of touchdown passes, both going to Tarrell Owens. Woodlief also ran for two scoring runs, including a 67-yarder.

Potomac Falls will play at Park View this Friday night. The Patriots are coming off a 41-13 win over Freedom.



**Park View football is coming off a 41-13 win over Freedom of South Riding.**

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

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The **PADI Seal Team Scuba Camp** is available to children ages 8-15 and will be held Dec. 29, at Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling. Register online [www.dmbssportscamp.com](http://www.dmbssportscamp.com), by e-mailing [mdudek@dmbssports.com](mailto:mdudek@dmbssports.com) or calling 703-444-8805, Ext. 104.

The three-day pickleball competition,

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More than 500 seniors, 50 years of age



**The Broad Run and Park View High girls' volleyball teams competed in a recent Dulles District match. In action this week, the Spartans played at Stone Bridge on Monday and at Heritage on Tuesday. Next Tuesday, Oct. 14, they will play at district power Loudoun County.**



**Dominion's Stephanie Lummis (6) goes for a hit during the Titans' recent girls' volleyball match against Briar Woods.**

and over, competed in this year's NVSO, which was sponsored by the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.

More Senior Olympics notes: Tennis and diving competitions were held at Wakefield Park, Annandale, and Lee District Park, Franconia. A gold medal in diving was awarded to Muraji Nakazawa (age group 50-54) of Herndon. At Wakefield Park, a gold medal winner in tennis singles went to **Jean Barsaloux** (women 60-69) of Leesburg. In women's doubles, **Jean**

**Barsaloux and Harriet Middlebrook** (women's 60-69 doubles) of Leesburg earned a gold. In mixed doubles, **Gordon Shingleton** of Sterling and **Fern Walmer** of Potomac Falls earned a gold in the 80-89 division.

The swimming competition was held Sept. 26, at Lee District Park in Franconia. Gold medals in breaststroke were awarded to James Chang (men 70-74) of Oakton; Bruce Herbert (men 75-79) of McLean; and J.R. Cassidy (90-94) of McLean. In backstroke, Dan Elliott (men 55-59) of Great Falls earned a gold.

# OUT & ABOUT

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New this year are the Philomont General Store where visitors will learn about country-store traditions; Shepherds Corner Farm featuring flower gardens, rare-breed ponies and a soccer-playing Border collie; Sweet Home Alpacas specializes in the breeding of award-winning alpacas; the Taylorstown General Store will have a variety of events highlighting

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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To quote the actor Peter Finch, in his role as "deranged ex-anchor," Howard Beale, from the 1977 release of the Oscar-winning movie, "Network," "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore." And furthermore, I have decided that I am no longer going to confront the foot soldiers, those front-line customer-serverers with whom customers/consumers initially and most often engage, in their pursuit of truth, justice and what was once the American way, fairness. Henceforth, I am going to stop dealing with the infantry and follow Lt. Col. Sherman Potter's advice to Radar (from the long-running television show, M\*A\*S\*H): "Always go to the top, Radar." To which Radar responded, "You're closer to it than I am, sir."

Well, I'm not any closer to the top than Radar was, but I am as close to a telephone as anyone else is, and since I am extremely comfortable and capable speaking on it, I have decided to complain up. The lack of on-site accountability has forced my hand — and fingers. No longer will I mumble in disbelief when treated disrespectfully, no longer will I grin and bear it when "policy" gets in the way of courtesy and this customer's satisfaction, and no longer will I attempt to resolve disputes with in-house management while backing up a line of frustrated customers waiting impatiently. I will remain calm. In fact, it will be as if I'm Katie Winters from the Secret Brand deodorant commercials from yesteryear, "I will be cool, calm and collected." I will simply ask for a phone number for someone in customer service/customer relations at the main office/regional/corporate level to whom I can speak at a more convenient time.

I have never been a squeaky wheel, but after years of getting greased and neglected, of being disagreed with and generally speaking, taken for granted, I am officially mad as hell and I am now going to start doing something different about it. Enough is enough!

It is too difficult, especially in this economy, to make the money I make, incur the expenses I do and pay the bills I must, simply to be treated as if there's plenty more where I came from. And there may very well be, but that fact doesn't feed or assuage this bulldog. I'm done, locally.

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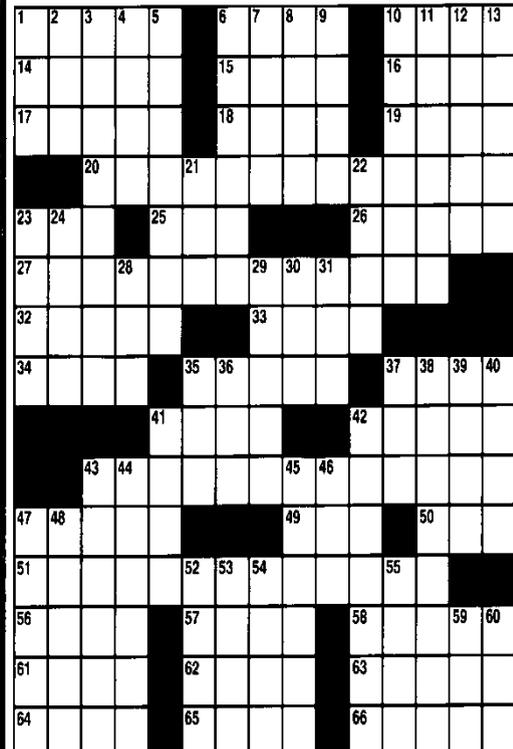
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- 18 Old Spanish kingdom
- 19 Coin no longer being minted
- 20 What happens when Kansas City wins a World Series?
- 23 Sea's partner
- 25 Draw
- 26 Boston team, in brief
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- 32 Kind of wrench
- 33 Like a Burns acquaintance
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- 35 Detroit's county
- 37 Item in which to do a plié
- 41 Resistance units
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- 47 Film maker Frank
- 49 Playboy head, to friends
- 50 Lake Okeechobee's state: Abbr.
- 51 What's the anagrammatic reason for these odd questions?
- 56 Kind of gin
- 57 Food for Fido
- 58 Songs "di sentimento"
- 61 High scores
- 62 1963 Liz Taylor role
- 63 Busybody
- 64 New England's locale
- 65 Fish locale
- 66 "Broca's Brain" author
- 1 Elbows do it
- 2 Before
- 3 BB gun, e.g.
- 4 Peter Lorre's role in "The Story of Mankind"

- 28 Compose
- 29 Authority
- 30 Press for payment
- 31 Ginger —
- 35 "— me?"
- 36 Band aid?
- 37 Air letters?
- 38 Making whole
- 39 Make known
- 40 Bear with us at night
- 41 Voiced
- 42 Times when you're not at your peak
- 43 Pinafores
- 44 Thirstiest
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- 46 Guitarist Paul
- 47 Class
- 48 Cop —
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- 53 Spanish pot
- 54 Available
- 55 Vicinity
- 59 — standstill
- 60 Mateo or Miguel, e.g.

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# Wolf: Compassionate Conservative

Activists says Wolf fights for the voiceless at home and abroad.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

In the backcountry of war-torn southern Sudan, Africa, specialist Ted Dagney once found a picture of U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) stuck to a post. The message attached to it read: "This is Frank Wolf's road."

"This is in a very remote area. There is nothing out there," Dagney, who works for the nonpartisan congressional research service, said.

Wolf has fought tirelessly to stop the human rights abuses and genocide in Sudan since the 1980s, long before problems in Darfur gained mainstream media attention. His efforts gained him widespread recognition and appreciation from the southern part of the African country.

"He was there when no one else was there when it comes to the Sudan issue. He never shied away. He never said 'I don't have time for this.' He always has time for issues like this," Dagney said.

**WOLF**, a 28-year incumbent, faces Democrat and health-care expert Judy Feder in an election for Virginia's 10th Congressional District seat Nov. 4.

Many people consider the Republican a leader on human rights issues in the U.S. Congress. He is co-chair of the congressional human rights caucus and has taken a proactive role on human rights and religious freedom issues in China, Burma, Tibet, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Balkans region, Egypt, Romania, Pakistan, Korea and Afghanistan — to name a few.

"We count on him all the time. He is one of the few leaders we run up to when we need something. ... He gives voice to the voiceless and he is well-known around the world because of that," T. Kumar, Amnesty International's advocacy director for Asia, said.

Wolf has sponsored anti-genocide resolutions in the U.S. Congress and established the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People around the Globe (HELP) commission, aimed at enhancing the leverage and efficiency of U.S. foreign aid.

As the ranking member of the foreign relations operations subcommittee, he has restricted assistance to abusive military dictatorships and pressured foreign governments to give up political prisoners, Kumar said.

The congressman does much of this work, despite the fact that it offers very little in the way of political gain or fanfare, said those involved in human rights causes.

"He doesn't get involved just because an issue is in the papers. He is involved even

## Frank Wolf

Age: 69  
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Family: Wife, five children, 13 grandchildren  
Education: Pennsylvania State University (1961); Georgetown University Law Center (1965)  
Relevant Experience: U.S. House of Representatives, member 1981-present  
Web site: <http://wolf.house.gov>; <http://wolfforcongress.com/>

when an issue becomes unpopular or forgotten," Dagney said.

**INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS** wasn't always such a priority for Wolf. After two unsuccessful campaigns, the Republican was finally elected to Congress in 1980, the year Ronald Reagan won the presidency.

At the time, Wolf represented Fairfax County north of Route 50 and Arlington County. A former Nixon appointee to the Department of Interior, Wolf focused on domestic and local issues. He successfully lobbied to shift control of local airports to a regional authority, a talking point he brought up along the 1980 campaign trail.

But in the mid-1980s, Wolf took two trips that he calls "life-changing experiences."

He visited Ethiopia and stayed at a feeding camp during the height of famine in 1984. The next year, he went to Romania, where he said the then-government was bulldozing churches and synagogues.

"The squalid conditions of the feeding camps and the faces of the individual Ethiopians who begged for help are unforgettable," wrote Wolf in his newsletter in 1985.

Wolf has also taken it upon himself to visit people and places around the world that he supports.

Wolf visited the Russian gulag, has been to the Chinese prisons where those arrested in the Tiananmen Square protests are kept and

gone "undercover" to Tibet when it was closed territory.

"If you visit a place and spend a night or several days, that is a life-changing experience. To feel it, touch it, smell it, hear it. That is different than reading about it or watching a movie," Wolf said.

**WOLF BRINGS** the same approach to local issues that he has to international problems.

The congressman often gets involved when he perceives there is an injustice or suffering.

"Frank is kind of hard to define politically. ... He takes on some little-noticed causes,"



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

**U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) spoke at a Veterans for McCain rally in Ashburn's Lansdowne Town Center Oct. 4.**

U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) said.

He has railed against toll increases on the Dulles Greenway Toll Road in Loudoun County. Wolf also pushed for an investigation into the way Lyme disease is diagnosed after a few constituents complained that they were having trouble getting proper medical attention for the illness.

In some cases, Wolf has gone up against powerful special interests on behalf of constituents.

Wolf publicly criticized Purdue Pharma company for aggressively marketing oxycontin when addiction to the prescription painkiller became a serious problem in the western part of his district. The congressman is also fighting Dominion Power — one of the top donors to Virginia elected officials — and its efforts to install high-voltage power lines in Loudoun County.

"He is truly one of the most decent people in politics. Nothing has ever gone to his head. He just keeps working hard, no matter what the issue is," Fairfax County Supervisor Mike Frey (R-Sully), whose district overlaps with Wolf's, said.

**THE REPUBLICAN** has also been out in front on some key issues for the region over the years, said elected officials.

Through an earmark, Wolf has acquired federal funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, which is credited with reducing local crime.

Loudoun County Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) said the task force "has made a big dent in gang warfare."

Delgaudio added that Wolf has also been instrumental in getting federal officials to work on the gang issue.

"I needed help from the FBI. I discovered no one on the board [of supervisors] knew what MS-13 was. ... The FBI briefed the board privately, but they would not have come had it not been for Congressman Wolf's help," Delgaudio said.

Others said Wolf is responsible for the federal backing of the Dulles Rail extension project.

Wolf "has done more than either [Rep. Tom Davis] or I or even John Warner to get

us where we are today," on Dulles rail, said U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), while speaking at a rail rally in the spring of 2007.

Wolf is on the House of Representatives' transportation appropriation subcommittee and "every year [Wolf] could, he got an appropriation for this, to keep this project alive," Moran said at the same rally.

**BUT WOLF'S CRITICS** wonder why, as member of the transportation appropriations subcommittee, the congressman cannot secure more funding to address the region's transportation problems.

The federal government has not signed off on the Dulles Rail extension yet and, as recently as this year, members of President George W. Bush's administration made serious threats to yank funding from the project entirely.

Wolf, as a 28-year incumbent, should have been able to do more to get the project funded and started earlier, said his critics.

"If Frank Wolf had any influence, to get this rail to Dulles, it would be a piece of cake," Scott Surovell, head of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, said.

Wolf's opponent, Judy Feder, said the voters are also looking for a "change" on Capitol Hill.

"Mr. Wolf has been a member of Congress for 28 years and I, along with many others, appreciate his service. ... [but] I don't think Mr. Wolf can be a force for change and I am running to bring that change," Feder said.

**STILL, OTHERS** appreciate what Wolf has done over the years. The Good Shepherd Alliance and LINK food bank, which serve homeless people in Loudoun County, said Wolf has been instrumental in getting federal funding for their efforts.

Wolf has also helped the organization solicit private funding. In 2002, he sent out approximately 200 letters to businesses and faith communities on behalf of the Good Shepherd Alliance. "There is no more tireless fighter, in our view, for the cause of the indigent and homeless in Loudoun County than Frank Wolf," Nicholas Graham, spokesperson for the GSA, said.

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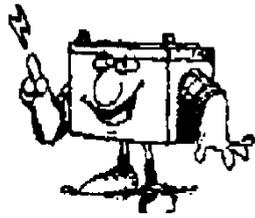
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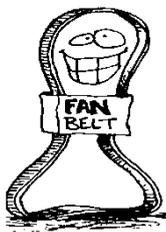


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