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School Shift Possible in Ashburn

Shifting boundaries could be on the table in tight budget year.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI
THE CONNECTION

With enrollment on the rise and funds for new schools in short supply, one option that might face Ashburn-area students is redistricting as the school system seeks ways to battle overcrowding in the fastest growing part of the county.

Supervisor Lori Waters (R-Broad Run) hinted at possible redistricting for schools in her district in her most recent newsletter and School Board member Bob Ohneiser

Up Next

The projected enrollment figures for the 2009-10 school year were slated to be discussed at the Oct. 28 School Board meeting. The proposed FY 2010-14 CIP is scheduled to be presented at the Nov. 11 meeting. Web casts of the meetings are available on the school system's Web site, www.loudoun.k12.va.us.

(Broad Run) said moving students could be a solution in lieu of construction.

Sam Adamo, director of Planning and Legislative Services for the school system, however, said his office has not received any



PHOTO BY JENNIFER LESINSKI/THE CONNECTION

The 2008-09 enrollment at Stone Bridge High School is 1,839 students at a school with a capacity of 1,618.

direction from the School Board to look at redistricting options. He said there has been talk in the past about moving students at Stone Bridge High School to what the department considers the Leesburg area, which encompasses the high schools of Loudoun County, Heritage and Tuscarora,

which is projected to open 2010.

"From our standpoint, I'm not aware of any discussion," Adamo said. "There's lots of nervousness about the economy and the effects it will have locally. My board has said we're going to wait to see where we're at when we get the projections with the CIP

and the projections for the economy."

Edgar Hatrick, schools superintendent, is expected to present the fiscal year 2010-14 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and FY 2010-14 Capital Asset Preservation Program (CAPP) at the Nov. 11 meeting.

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Ghosts, Ghouls and Pumpkin Smashing

Fun-filled alternatives to trick-or-treating.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Looking to expand the Halloween festivities past the typical activities? Has just dressing up and going trick-or-treating lost a bit of its luster? Well, have no fear, there are plenty of fun, family-oriented things to do that do not begin and end with door knocking and doorbell ringing.

First, to get in the spooky spirit, it is essential to have pumpkins. Without a bright, flame-filled jack-o'-lantern peering from the porch at each passerby, the night is not the same. So, to remedy this problem, visit one of several fall festivals and pick out that perfect pumpkin.

All the Details

For more on the Great Farms Pumpkin Harvest and the Pumpkin Chunkin', visit www.greatcountryfarms.com. For full schedule and ticket purchases for the Halloween Woods in Algonkian Park and Fright Night in Ashburn, visit www.halloweenwoods.com and www.thefrightnight.com, respectively. To register for the Halloween Storyfest, call 571-258-3700. Information for Pumpkinville and the MAiZE, visit www.LeesburgAnimalPark.com and www.nvrpa.org/parks/themaize respectively.

ONE OPTION is the Great Country Farms Annual Pumpkin Harvest at Great Country Farms located at 18780 Foggy Bottom Road in Bluemont. Running 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 2, the Pumpkin Harvest offers the self-proclaimed "largest you-pick pumpkin patch in Northern Virginia," so not much explanation is needed there.

Go in, pick a pumpkin right off the vine, SEE HALLOWEEN, PAGE 6

Circling the Competition

Sheriff's Office motor deputy performs well at Motorcycle Rodeo.

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Motor Deputy Barry Dufek, cruising on his Harley-Davidson Electra Glide, drove circles around the competition at the Mid-Atlantic Motorcycle Rodeo in September.

Battling 150 fellow motorcycle deputies from across the Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia area and even a large contingent from Broward County, Fla., Dufek took second place in the event's timed precision course and 58th place overall. The event was held Sept. 20 in the Pentagon's parking lot in Arlington. According to Sheriff's Office spokesman Kraig Troxell, the timed precision event entailed navigating a course lined with cones, which Dufek had to maneuver without touching while driving as fast as

he could.

Dufek, a first-time competitor in the rodeo, has been a member of the motorcycle unit since April, originally joining the Sheriff's Office in 2000. Prior to becoming a member of the motorcycle unit,

Dufek served in the field operations division and the community policing unit.

"It's incredible that Dufek has only been a member of the unit for a short time and attained such a high place in the competition," Troxell said. "We are very proud of Dufek."

More on the Rodeo

For full results, photographs, course set-ups and more, visit www.mapmrc.com/index.html.

NOW IN ITS 28th year, the Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Rodeo traces its roots back to a revered member of the Prince George's County Police Depart

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Seeking Suspect

Loudoun Sheriff's Investigators have released a composite sketch of a suspect in the Oct. 16 armed robbery in Ashburn.

The suspect is described as a heavy-set male with a medium complexion and short hair. He was wearing a white shirt and baggie blue jeans at the time of the robbery. A deputy responded to the area of Ashbrook Commons Plaza shortly before 11 p.m. for a report of a suspicious vehicle. As the deputy arrived, an adult male waved them down and said he had been robbed behind the Harris Teeter grocery store. A perimeter was established in the area.



Composite sketch of suspect.

According to the victim, he was with a co-worker standing at the rear of the shopping center near a footpath when an unknown subject approached them and brandished a firearm. The subject demanded the victim's wallets. The reporting victim was then struck by the subject. The subject fled the area on foot toward a nearby apartment complex. As deputies were searching the scene the second victim contacted the Sheriff's Office to report the incident.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident, call Investigator M. Halley of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at 703-777-0475. If the caller wishes to remain anonymous, call Loudoun Crime Solvers at 703-777-1919. If the information leads to an arrest and indictment the caller could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Schedule Changes

Due to the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, the Board of Supervisors has rescheduled its first business meeting in November from Nov. 4 to Monday, Nov. 3, beginning at 9 a.m. The meeting will include time for public comment as the board has canceled the public input session that had been scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Monday Nov. 3.

Since time allotted for public comment during the business meeting may be limited, the board will hear first from those speakers who wish to comment on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers who wish to sign up in advance, call the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703-771-5072 or 703-777-0200 starting after 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29, until 3:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31. Speakers will also continue to have the option to sign up to speak in person at the meetings. More information is available in the amended Rules of Order, which are available online, along with other board documents at www.loudoun.gov/bosdocuments.

BPOL Hearing Cancelled

On Oct. 21, the Board of Supervisors voted not to change the Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax rates. The proposed increase in the BPOL tax rates had been a part of the fiscal year 2009 plan that was adopted by the board in April 2008. An ordinance amendment to implement the BPOL tax increase had been planned for the Nov. 10 public hearing. The board's action on Oct. 21 removed the BPOL item from the public hearing agenda.

County Recognized as Green

Loudoun County won first place in the inaugural Virginia Municipal League's Green Government Challenge. The county tied for first place in the category for populations of more than 90,000. The county was recognized for a wide range of efforts to reduce energy consumption, improve energy efficiency and raise awareness about energy conservation.

Rec Center Honored

Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling was recognized as the Best New Facility (opened in 2007) among jurisdictions with a population greater than 150,000. The award was presented at the 54th Annual Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Conference and Awards Banquet in Richmond, Oct. 6.

POLITICS

For more photos from each rally, visit the Photo Galleries at www.connectionnewspapers.com.



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Todd Palin and vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin (R) greets supporters at J.R. Festival Lakes Monday, Oct. 27.



Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama makes a campaign stop at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Reaching Out

Presidential campaigns make a last pitch to local voters.

The national spotlight has shown on Leesburg for the past two weeks. Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin made a campaign stop at J.R. Festival Lakes Monday on the heels of a similar visit by Democratic hopeful Barack Obama last Wednesday at Ida Lee Park. Both rallies drew large crowds and local politicians, such as Mark Warner and Judy Feder, both of which have election races of their own, for the Democrats and Board of Supervisors chairman Scott York (I-At Large) and Glen Caroline, the Loudoun County Republican Committee chair, for the GOP.



Republican supporters show their endorsement of Sarah Palin and the Republican ticket.



Supporters get a chance to get up close with Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama at a campaign stop last Wednesday.



Specialist Barry Dufek on his motorcycle.

Motor Deputy Places at Competition

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ment in Maryland.

Cpl. A.D. Johnson, a motorcycle police officer, came up with the idea in 1979, holding the first rodeo in an effort to build the skills and working relationships of the motorcycle officers in the Washington Metropolitan Area. However, with his vision only in its infancy, Johnson's life was cut short in 1982 when he was killed in an on-duty motorcycle accident.

In order to honor Johnson and his contributions to motorcycle policing, the Mid-Atlantic Police Motorcycle Riding Committee, the organization charged with organizing and operating the event, continued to hold the event. Over time, the compe-

tion grew, and in 1998, the event aligned itself with a charity so that the competition could do even more good. Raising money for Concerns of Police Survivors Inc., a nonprofit organization for people who have lost friends, family members or colleagues in the line of duty, the rodeo has collected more than \$150,000 for the charity's children's fund.

The 2009 rodeo will take place in Culpepper, with the exact location and dates to be determined. Perhaps Dufek can once again place, or maybe even win, and it definitely would not surprise Troxell.

"We always put the quality of our units in high regard," he said. "We think they are the best in the region; best in the country."

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

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— Kraig Troxell, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, spokesman



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Halloween Hijinks

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watch the “Oinkintucky Derby Pig Races,” enjoy fishing catch-and-release style, a 60-foot slide and much more. Once the pumpkins are picked, slides slid and rope swings swung, enjoy barbecue, burgers and more at the Roosteraunte. Admission runs \$6 per person on weekdays and \$8 on the weekend.

Another pumpkin-picking option is to head over to the Leesburg Animal Park, located at 19270 James Monroe Highway, for the fun inside “Pumpkinville,” which runs 9 a.m.-6 p.m., through Nov. 2. As the name suggests, pumpkins can be found here, along with many other activities sure to make the whole family happy.

In addition to the pumpkin patch, visitors can explore the Animal Park where many domestic and exotic creatures will be on hand to pet and feed. Also, children can make their own scarecrows, take camel rides, traverse Fort Pumpkin and brave the new “Spooky Pirate Ship.” Admission is \$8 per person on weekdays and \$12 on weekends.

FOR THE ADVENTUROUS type, demanding to be challenged even when just perusing pumpkins, then head over to the MAiZE at Temple Hall Farm Regional Park, located at 15789 Temple Hall Lane, Leesburg. Just as in years past, the park offers a massive, 11-acre cornfield maze, which with its 10-foot-tall corn stalks and twisting pathways takes most an hour or more to complete.

After navigating the maze, visitors can ride on a tractor-pulled hayride, shoot the corn cannon, play on the “cow belly” moon bounce or enjoy some food. The MAiZE is

open through Nov. 2, running 4-10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

ONCE THE PUMPKINS are picked, carved and put on display, bring the family over to Claude Moore Park in Sterling Thursday, Oct. 30, for a night of scary campfire ghost stories. Here, children 5 and up, accompanied by an adult, can roast marshmallows and sip on hot cider while hearing hair-raising tales. The tall trees and the campfire itself provide the only backdrop, which will certainly enhance the spooky atmosphere. The storytelling will last from 6:30-8 p.m., and admission is \$6.

Now with the mood set, it is time for the big day. As the sun sets, head to Sterling for the Halloween Woods at Algonkian Park. Supposedly the site where a creepy butler terrorized a boarding school and stills stalks visitors today, this haunted walk will keep the brave souls on their toes as ghosts and ghouls hide around every corner and lurk behind every tree.

The Haunted Woods is open Thursday, Oct. 30 through Saturday, Nov. 1, 7-11 p.m., with the last tickets sold at 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$13 per person. The walk is not recommended for young children, as it may be too scary for some.

Another option is the equally terrifying Fright Night in Ashburn. Held at The Community Church, 19790 Ashburn Road, Fright Night is organized and put on by Fire Escape, the high-school ministry group of the Church. Fright Night is a 25-minute haunted walk through the woods, and proceeds from the admission go to Fire Escape’s ministry efforts throughout the county.

Fright Night is open Thursday, Oct. 30



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A spooky spirit pushes her baby carriage around the Halloween Woods in Algonkian Regional Park.

through Saturday Nov. 1, 7-11 p.m. each night, with an entry fee of \$20. Speed passes are also available for \$30 each. Due to scary content, Fire Escape recommends that children under 10 do not participate.

WHEN ALL THE CANDY is eaten and costumes retired, the question of what to do with the pumpkins often arises. Good thing the folks at Great Country Farms bring it full circle as they host the Great Country Farms Pumpkin Chunkin’. Bring leftover pumpkins to the farm on Saturday or Sunday, Nov. 1, 2, 7 or 8, and watch them ex-

plode in myriad ways as visitors mourn the passing of yet another fun Halloween.

Great Country offers multiple ways to wreak havoc on the jack-o’-lantern community, where visitors can choose to use the Silo Drop, Zip Wire Sploosh or the Upside Down Fireworks. The first two options let visitors do the smashing themselves, while the third provides a show of sorts. All of the pumpkins brought for the “fireworks” will be taken up on a lift high above the parking lot and then dropped. The admission is \$8 per person, which includes one complimentary pumpkin to smash.

SCHOOLS

Board May Look to Redistrict Overcrowded Schools

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WHILE NOTHING HAS been said publicly about looking to redistricting Broad Run District schools, Waters said she believes it is on the table and that’s why she included the possibility of changes in her newsletter.

“There is a School Board member discussing it behind the scenes,” Waters said. “I was concerned that ... there was a huge boundary issue coming with Stone Bridge”

Waters said the CIP this past January showed Stone Bridge was 117 percent overcapacity and by 2013 could be as much as 256 percent overcapacity.

Current enrollment figures presented at the School Board meeting Oct. 22 shows the schools in the Dulles North area, which includes Briar Woods, Broad Run and Stone Bridge high schools, are running out of room. According to the figures, Briar Woods has an

enrollment of 1,268 with a capacity of 1,639; Broad Run is at 1,487 students with a program capacity of 1,654. However, nine trailers on the property account for the increased capacity and Stone Bridge is reported to have 1,839 students in a building for 1,618.

“They [the School Board] realize something has to happen,” Waters said. “I just want to make sure my constituents know about it. I’m trying to make sure people are aware.”

ALSO LENDING credence to the possibility of redistricting is the fact the School Board opted to hold off on setting the boundaries for Tuscarora High School at the suggestion of School Board member Tom Reed (At Large).

Ohneiser said the uncertainty of the CIP

funding could force the School Board to look at moving some students from the Dulles North schools to the Leesburg schools, especially those in the schools zoning area known as DN40, or the area of Lansdowne west of Goose Creek. He also said that because of budgetary concerns, the board should reconsider its priority in the current CIP.

He said HS-7 or Lenah property, which was projected to open in the 2011-12 school year, can wait while the proposed HS-6, a proffered site in Loudoun Valley Estates is more vital due to existing population. The Board of Supervisors recently voted against the needed special exemption application for the Lenah property, putting the two schools anticipated to be built on that site

“We can’t build a school south of Route 50 and expect it to take overflow from Stone Bridge.”

— School Board member Bob Ohneiser (Broad Run)

in limbo. HS-6 has an anticipated opening of the 2012-13 school year according to last year’s CIP.

“The bottom line is that if the Supervisors do not have enough funding to build the three high schools required in the Ashburn/Dulles area to take care of demand then the next high school should not be HS-7, it should be HS-6,” Ohneiser said. “We can’t build a school south of Route 50 and expect it to take overflow from Stone Bridge.”

Ohneiser said the enrollment issues facing the school system are western Loudoun, Stone Bridge and Dulles.

“Tuscarora has extra capacity and we have the funds to build one high school in Dulles,” Ohneiser said. “There is a lot going on under the surface. If we don’t have enough capital to fund the schools’ plans then we need to be honest about it. If there is no money, we would be making difficult decisions.”

PEOPLE

Send announcements to The Loudoun Connection, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call 703-917-6454.

A poem by **Joan Flaherty**, 7, of Ashburn, has been selected for publication in Spider magazine. In May, readers were asked to submit an original poem about an older person. Joan's poem, "Mt Friend Kate," appears on the Spider's Corner page of the October 2008 issue. Spider is a magazine for children ages 6-9 and features short stories, poems, articles, multicultural features and activities by children's authors.

Ashburn author, **J.J. Conte**, has used the proceeds from the sale of his books, "Down the Yellow Brick Road" and "Flies in my Spaghetti, Chocolates Over the Wall" to pay for four tube wells in Sahay, India. As a result, 768 families can have fresh water in their communities. The project was completed in conjunction with Children International. He intends to offer his next book for organizations to sell, all tax deductible through his foundation. The organizations can keep every penny they raise for their charitable work in excess of the \$10. For more information, visit www.alsgroup.org.

Tracy Fitzsimmons, 41, began her new position as president of Shenandoah University July 1 and a two-day inauguration celebration was held Sept. 25-26, 2008. Fitzsimmons is the youngest sitting university president in Virginia.



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Daniel O'Keefe

Highest Honor

Boy Scout of America's Troop 1154 of Ashburn announce that Daniel O'Keefe received BSA's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout, at his Court of Honor at Ashburn Farm Homeowners Association in Ashburn. Daniel is the 18th Scout from 1154 to receive this honor.

Daniel, a junior at Briar Wood High School passed his final board of review June 28. Daniel chose to landscape the entrance to his new Temple, providing a contemplation area. He worked with the Temple committee and designed the layout with them, adding paving stones from the fire exit and planting trees, shrubs and plants. Prior to this project, Daniel worked with his father to construct three outdoor benches for this area.

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Growing Minds

With a vision of a garden to nourish the birds, insects and the minds of elementary children at Newton-Lee Elementary School in Ashburn, a few volunteers set out to clear part of a courtyard last spring. Through donations of plants, funds and some classes planting everything from small wildflowers to seeds that turned into towering sunflowers, the efforts have been fully rewarded. The National Wildlife Federation has now officially recognized Newton-Lee's "inspiration" garden as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Plans are underway to engage the student body in a number of projects during the coming months, including mapping the garden, planning for more plots and replanting the seeds from the sunflower crop to experience a full plant lifecycle.

Send announcements or events, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to The Loudoun Connection, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call 703-917-6454.

Students from **Stone Bridge High School's** Future Business Leaders of America Chapter (FBLA) will host the

sixth annual Warm-a-Life coat drive to benefit the Community Holiday Coalition. In the six years Stone Bridge FBLA has collected 1,120 coats. This year the group hopes to collect 300 coats and involve the community with the Community Holiday Coalition to help those in need. Stone Bridge High School FBLA students are collecting coats **through Nov. 14**. To help with our Warm-a-Life project contact David Palanzi, adviser, at 571-252-2200.

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OPINION

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With presidential contenders paying visits, potential value of single vote in Virginia has never been so clear.

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past few months.

You must actually go to the polls and cast your vote.

It isn't going to be easy. Your polling place will likely be jammed. There will be long lines. If you don't leave enough time, you could be late for work. If you leave voting for the end of the day, you'll be allowed to vote as long as you were in line before 7 p.m. But if you get stuck in traffic, on your way home, you could miss your chance.

Make allowances, make room in your schedule to vote. If you are an employer or a supervisor, allow your employees time to vote if you

lose their health care under the McCain plan. It's already a crisis — we can't afford to make it worse with a plan that isn't healthy.

Jan Wilson
Lansdowne

Meals Tax Would Hurt Families

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge Loudoun citizens to "Vote NO" to a Family Meals Tax referendum that the county government is proposing on the Nov. 4th ballot. A meals tax is just another tax on Loudoun County families. Consider the following:

If Loudoun voters passed this referendum, Loudoun families would pay a combined 9 percent state and local tax just for the privilege of enjoying a meal in any Loudoun restaurant or using a local caterer. The county's proposed 4 percent meals tax represents an 80 percent tax hike on Loudoun families, when added to Virginia's existing 5 percent state and local sales tax.

According to the National Restaurant Association, the majority of restaurant customers are local residents. Thus, Loudoun families — not tourists — will bear the burden of paying this additional tax.

While real estate property taxes are deductible from federal income taxes, family meals taxes are not. Also, meals taxes are regressive policy that unfairly shifts the tax burden to lower-income citizens who can least afford to pay it.

Any increase in the family meals tax would put Loudoun's restaurants and employees at a disadvantage to competing eateries located just minutes away in neighboring Fairfax, Prince William, Clarke and Fauquier counties (which do not impose meal taxes). As a result, Loudoun restaurants could suffer business losses, while the county could lose tax revenue. Meanwhile, restaurant employees who rely on "tips" for income could lose income, since customers who are forced to spend more in taxes tend to leave less in "tips" for the wait staff.

And finally, Loudoun voters recently have twice rejected — by overwhelming majorities — the burden of family meals taxes. If this local tax referendum is approved, Loudoun families would end up paying more in taxes on

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Which presidential candidate garners Virginia's 13 electoral votes could come down to a very slim margin. Be sure your vote counts.

meals than residents in such high-tax municipalities as San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York City. Go figure?

Considering today's national economic plight, all governments should cut excess spending and keep tax burdens low, so citizens can keep more of their hard-earned money to spend or save as they best see fit. This type of action would benefit everyone — and best of all — benefit Loudoun's families.

Ben Jarratt
Leesburg

No On-the-Job Training

To the Editor:

So, Joe Biden believes that Barack Obama would be tested within the first six months of his presidency.

No kidding. He's just summed up exactly why the American people shouldn't take a chance on the inexperienced, untested Obama as commander-in-chief.

As Biden personally put it during the primaries, the presidency is no place for on-the-job training.

The American people need the real thing — a real leader, ready from day one, whom the world knows better than to test: John McCain.

Charles M. McKinney
Area Coordinator,
10th Congressional District
Virginia Veterans for McCain-Palin
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Support Frank

To the Editor:

We are very lucky to have such a great congressman.

I urge my neighbors to re-elect Frank Wolf. Frank Wolf is a world leader on human rights, religious liberty, Darfur, China and is leading the bipartisan fight against earmarks. Frank has fought for our transportation needs and helped our veterans. Newcomers should not be fooled by George Soros' "working families win" phone calls and other ads paid for by out-of-state money.

Bill Wilkin
Ashburn

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

For more election-related letters, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Not That Healthy

To the Editor:

While watching the second presidential debate, I listened carefully for solutions to what I agree is a health-care crisis. I heard Senator Obama detail a plan whereby employees could keep their current health care if they are satisfied with it, but have alternatives if not. He said his plans will lower costs and make sure individuals with pre-existing conditions can obtain coverage — both accomplished through negotiations with insurance companies.

On the other hand, Senator McCain's plan is to offer families a \$5,000 refundable tax credit. While a tax credit may offset part of the cost of health insurance, the entire value of all health benefits will be taxed. That means I have to take the insurance my employer offers (if I'm employed), and be taxed on that, or go out on the market and shop for health care. I lived the frustration of my fellow insurance shoppers.

When my family recently suffered a job loss we also lost our insurance. Maintaining the basic insurance we had came at a cost of over \$13,000 a year for a couple — more for a family. McCain made a point of saying that his plan would cover insurance costs unless you want "gold plated" insurance. I know that "gold plated" insurance is the insurance McCain enjoys for his family and what I had years ago as a Senate employee. My recent insurance didn't compare. Senator Obama thinks that it's fair to offer the electorate the same insurance that is available to those we elected to represent us in Washington.

Competition in the insurance industry sounds good, so I listened carefully when McCain said he would let companies compete across state lines, because as he rhetorically asked "Why not? Why not?" Senator Obama answered that question by explaining that if you allow insurance companies to shop the 50 states for the rules most beneficial to them they will find a state that doesn't require coverage for pre-existing conditions or annual mammograms or a number of other conditions. Result? Millions of families monthly will continue to be forced into bankruptcy because of health-care costs and independent experts predict that an additional 20 million families will

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Screwball Comedy with Some Twists

Stone Bridge High Does "You Can't Take It With You" for fall production.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
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THE ARTS

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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 chorus rehearsal is 7:30 p.m., at United Methodist Church in Leesburg, Wednesday, **Oct. 29**. Audio learning tracks are posted on the group's Web site, www.odchorus.org. Contact Dick Smull, 540-338-1201 or e-mail info@odchorus.org.

Artwork made by Loudoun County Public Schools **art teachers** is on display at George Washington University, 20101 Academic Way, Ashburn, Gallery Lounge, room 121, **through Oct. 29**. Call 703-726-3650 or e-mail reservations@va.gwu.edu.

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

CCT with 2nd Flight Theatre Company presents "**The Elephant Man**," written by Bernard Pomerance and directed by Natalie V. Safley. Performances are **Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8**; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m., Waddell Theatre, Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus, 1000 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling. Tickets available online at www.CCT2FT.com or at the door with cash/check. Cost: \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors.

The drama department of Potomac Falls High School is performing its fall play, "**A Tale of Nine Princesses**," Thursday-Saturday, **Nov. 6-8**, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, **Nov. 9**, 2 p.m., in the auditorium at 46400 Algonkian Parkway, Sterling. Tickets \$5 at door.

Loudoun native, Katie Schnable presents **Raise A Voice**-Orphans Expressing Themselves Through Art, a charity art show showcasing original works by orphans of Russia, **Nov. 7**, at Lightfoot Restaurant, 6-10 p.m. Includes complimentary food and live music. All proceeds go to the children. Silent auction starts at 6 p.m.

"**Encaustic Painting**," a special exhibit of artwork accomplished using ancient techniques by Karen Eide opens **Nov. 7**, at Gallery 222 in the little gallery and runs through the month. Gallery 222, 222 South King St., Leesburg, is open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment.

Drama director Glen Hochkeppel chose the screwball comedy by Kaufman and Hart, "You Can't Take It With You," as Stone Bridge High School's fall production because he had a strong crop of comedians who could pull it off. "You need a group of people who are not afraid to go over the top in their characterizations," he said of his cast of 19. "With a small cast, you're able to just do the fun part and that is to work with the actors and be inventive with them."

The play will be performed Nov. 13-15, at 7:30 p.m., in Stone Bridge's auditorium, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn.

And judging by the slapstick energy coming out of the rehearsals, he's made the right choice.

THE PLAY centers on the Vandefhof family that lives in a Victorian brownstone, and who under the protective cover of "Grandpa," are encouraged to follow their eccentric hearts. Daughter Alice invites the upper-crust Kirby clan (her fiancé's family) over for dinner, and that's when the fireworks begin to fly — literally.

Hochkeppel, who is in his ninth year at Stone Bridge, said the challenge was making the Victorian Brownstone as eccentric as the family that lives in it. "We're building spinning book cases and trapped doors, elevators and hidden compartments," he said.

Jason Francis plays Martin Vandefhof who decides to quit going to work after 35 years. Martin's granddaughter falls in love with a rich boy and their worlds collide when his family is invited over for dinner. "You've got the optimistic, free-willed family going against the family from the normal side of society. There's a bit of a clash," he said. His challenge is playing an aging grandfather using the right voice and mannerisms.

Ben Palmer plays Tony Kirby, the son of a rich Wall Street businessman who falls in love with Alice. "He's very carefree about life, but the hardest part for Tony is getting his family to understand him because they are very uptight, uptown New Yorkers."

Sammie Teran plays the role of Alice, the most normal member of the family. "When she meets Tony, she's trying to keep her cool throughout the whole night, making sure everything goes off well," she said.

Meghann Parkinson plays Alice's mother, Penny Sycamore, who wants the best for her daughter and family. Using a "Fargo," upstate New York accent, she said "All I had to

say was 'steak and potatoes,' and everyone loved it." She added, "The most fun part of playing this character is I can let loose with sweetness and happiness and be unaware of anything bad."

Austen Willis is the assistant director who plays Tony's mother, a straight-laced society woman who is opposed to the engagement of her son. "I'm almost Stepford-ish," she says. "I'm trying to put on a good face." She said she also loves having the responsibility of being assistant director.

Abigail York plays the sassy Mexican maid, Rheba, a character with a spicy personality and "a lot of flavor in her." She has a relationship with the awkward Donald, who when they're together "is like Quasimodo and Esmerelda."

MEGHAN SLUPE plays Essie, Alice's older sister, who has been training with a Russian ballet teacher for eight years. "She's horrible ... but I act like I'm the best [dancer] anyway." Goofy and optimistic on the side, she makes candy called "Love Dreams."

Eric DeLong plays Borris Kolenkhov, the jolly Russian ballet instructor. "He left Russia after the Russian Revolution and came to America with the Grand Duchess and Czar. "He's very serious about ballet," he said.

Max Fieldhage plays Ed Carmichael, the husband of Essie, a character that plays weird instruments and runs a printing press. "He's really into communist leaflets," he said.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

BINGO TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Bingo World in Baltimore, Md.; lunch on own or bring bag lunch. Cost: \$11 for members, \$13 for nonmembers, includes transportation; purchase bingo cards at the door. Minimum

walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

AUTHOR READING. 7 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocline Circle, Leesburg. Walter Gavenda, author of "A Guide to Haunted West Virginia," shares stories about the paranormal history of Civil War battlefields. Ages 12 and up. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

MOVIE NIGHT. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Watch "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," "You're Not Elected, Charlie Brown" and "Garfield's Halloween

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PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

Ben Palmer and Sammie Teran play boyfriend and girlfriend.

Daniel Fissmer plays Donald the boyfriend of the spicy Latina babe who "might sniff your hair or something. He's basically the idiot Everyone likes him but nobody knows what to do with him."

Nick Gagliano plays Paul Sycamore, father of Alice and husband of Penny, who has a passion for making fireworks in the basement. He plays with toys and builds erector sets in his spare time. "I love explosions and things that go boom," he added.

Jared Kopciak plays Mr. DePinna, the assistant to Paul Sycamore who builds fireworks in the basement. "He's the Kramer of the bunch. It's really just fun working with all these people."

Ricky Doggett plays Henderson, an IRS agent who comes to the house to collect money because Mr. Vandefhof hasn't paid an income tax in 24 years. He describes his character as "very nerdy but serious at the same time. He doesn't cooperate and I get really flustered and I run out of the house screaming."

Sam Renzi, Julian Fadullon and Ryan Daliagon play the tough G-Men. Said Julian, "These are my two slaves. I have to say 'shut up.'" Added Ryan, "I'm the rookie of the three and I have to maintain my cool because I'm a rough G-Man."

FAITH NOTES

The 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, **Nov. 2**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** is called, Did Someone Say that There Would Be an End? Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael leads a service in the spirit of All Souls Day.

The often-challenging topic of death will be considered and soft remembrance and reflection of lost loved ones will be invited. 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.

Congregation Sha'are Shalom

will celebrate Rabbi Michael Alex Ragozin's appointment as the congregation's rabbi in a ceremony Sunday, **Nov. 9**, from 2-4 p.m. in the synagogue, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg.

Speaking will be Ronald P. Rubin, president of Congregation Sha'are Shalom; Kristen C. Umstatt, mayor of Leesburg; Rabbi Steven Glazer of Congregation Beth Emeth, Herndon; Ned Gladstein; and Rabbi Michael Ragozin.

The event is free and open to the public. Call Congregation Sha'are Shalom at 703-737-6500 or visit www.sha-areshalom.org.

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Adventure." Bring pillows, blankets and snacks. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

HALLOWEEN PARTY. 2-4 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Costume party includes disc jockey Sky Dantine, light refreshments and snacks and transportation home. Cost: \$3 for members in advance; \$5 for nonmembers and at the door. Call 703-430-2397.

HALLOWEEN STORYFEST. 6:30-8 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 5 and up. Sit by the campfire's glow and listen to chilling stories of ghosts. Bring a toasting stick, marshmallows and hot cider provided. Cost: \$6. An adult must accompany children. Call 571-258-3700.

WHOO'S AWAKE IN THE NIGHT. 4 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Meet an owl, an opossum and other nocturnal creatures. Ages 4 and up. Free tickets available half an hour before the presentation. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

TEEN CENTER. 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features Halloween dance party. 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 high-schoolers.

HALLOWEEN PARTY. 2-4 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace,

21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Includes disc jockey, light refreshments, snacks and transportation. Wear costume. Cost: \$3 for members in advance, \$5 for nonmembers and at door. Call 703-430-2397.

ZOO TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the Smithsonian National Zoological Park; lunch on own or bring bag lunch. Cost: \$9 for members, \$11 for nonmembers, includes transportation. Extensive walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

FRIGHT NITE. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Claude Moore Recreation Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Halloween costume party sponsored by Teen Night at Claude Moore Recreation Center for middle-school teens and "tweens." Activities including trick or treating, a costume contest, scary movies, Rock Band and Dance Dance Revolution and music by DJs 2 Go. Contact Sharon Kilpatrick, teen night coordinator, at 571-258-3600.

HALLOWEEN PARADE. 6 p.m., King Street, between Safeway and Ida Lee Park, Leesburg. The Kiwanis Club of Leesburg is holding its 51st annual Halloween Parade. All are asked to bring canned goods to donate. Entries accepted until Oct. 29; contact Suzanne Wright at 703-737-2175 or slwright_va@comcast.net to register.

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. 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.

PRESCHOOL DANCE PARTY. 10:30 a.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Music, dancing, movement and fun, costumes optional. Ages 3-5. Registration begins two weeks before program. Sign up online at library.loudoun.gov or phone 703-444-3228.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

PAPER MODELERS CONVENTION.

10 a.m.-6 p.m., Hampton Inn & Suites, Sterling. 11th annual International Paper Modelers' Convention includes displays and opportunity to swap, sell and buy models. Buffet dinner and auction of model kits at 7 p.m. Cost: admission free; table rental \$35; buffet dinner and auction \$40. Call 703-620-9720.

DRAW-IN. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Smithsonian Naturalist Center, 741 Miller Drive, S.E., Leesburg. Artists and illustrators ages 10 and older can draw objects found in the center's collection. Bring own art supplies; professional illustrators on hand for advice. Brian Kirk gives a stone carving demonstration at 1:30 p.m. Call 703-779-9712.

1001 ARABIAN NIGHTS: THE STORY OF ALADDIN. 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. The Virginia Stage Company presents a participation play as the audience will help tell this timeless classic adapted by Domenick Danza. All ages. Sponsored by the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

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Walk the **Haunted Forest** in the Halloween Woods at Algonkian Regional Park, 47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling, weekends **through Nov. 1**. The walk is open 7-11 p.m.; last tour starts at 10:30 p.m. Cost: \$13 per person. Visit halloweenwoods.com.

The October edition of **"Inside Loudoun County"** features segments on volunteer recruitment for

the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue system and the upcoming Loudoun County budget for Fiscal Year 2010.

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

"The Flaming Oven Mitt and Other Endearing Stories from the Kitchen," a temporary exhibit, at the Thomas Balch Library, **through Oct. 31**, sponsored by the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. Students from Loudoun Valley High School collected kitchen stories from county residents in a book of oral histories featured in this temporary

exhibit. Guest curator Susan Reid presents excerpts from the book along with historic kitchen tools and canning implements. Visit www.heritagefarmmuseum.org or call 571-258-3800.

Fall Harvest Festival, through Oct. 31, Great Country Farms, 18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, includes hayrides, you-pick pumpkins, Oinkintucky Derby pig races, P-Rex the Pumpkin Munchin' Dinosaur, the Pumpkin Princess, the Rooster Wrangler and activities. Admission: \$8 per person, Saturdays, Sundays and Columbus Day Monday; \$6 per person Mondays-Fridays. Additional charge for evening bonfire/hayrides and pumpkin picking. Call 540-554-2073.

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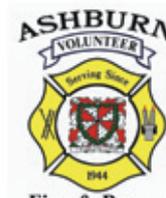
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Spartans Closing in on Another Title

Earl scores three touchdowns in 38-0 win over Potomac Falls.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

There probably are not any more nonbelievers as to Broad Run High's football dominance in the Dulles District following the Spartans' thorough domination of Potomac Falls, 38-0, last Friday night in Ashburn.

"All the hype last week [leading into the game] and all the doubters fired us up," Broad Run senior running back Breon Earl, who scored three touchdowns to lead the home team, said. "We fed off that and had the intensity of our fans."

Broad Run, the defending district champions who entered Friday's game with a perfect 7-0 record, understood going into the game that its greatest hurdle in capturing another district title was a Potomac Falls team that also was unbeaten at 7-0. The Spartans more than answered the challenge, building up a 35-0 halftime lead and coasting from there.

"They won the battle of the trenches, they beat us up front," Potomac Falls Coach Scott Woodlief, whose team has been one of the success stories of Loudoun County this fall, said. "It was two good football teams playing. Tonight, everything was going their

way. They made some good plays. They jumped on us so quick and then continued to roll."

Broad Run still has some work to do to clinch the district title and complete a second consecutive 10-0 regular season. The Spartans must win at home this Friday night against 1-7 Freedom, then defeat Park View on the road Nov. 7 to win the championship outright. Potomac Falls, still in good standing for a Region II playoff berth, will look to rebound with a strong game against tough Briar Woods (7-1) this Friday night at home before finishing the schedule at Dominion the next week.

BROAD RUN Coach Mike Burnett sensed his team was ready for the big game with Potomac Falls. The Spartans, he said, had their best week of practice since preparing

for Briar Woods on Sept. 26, a contest Broad Run had won with relative ease, 29-0.

"They are young kids and a lot of the game is mental," Burnett said. "We had our two best weeks of practice for Briar Woods and this game."

Usually a team that dominates on the offensive and defensive lines wins in football. That was the case on Friday, where Broad Run rushed for 196 team yards to

Potomac Falls' 38. The Spartans' talented skill-position players, running backs Earl and TJ Peeler, utilized the holes created for them by their offensive line. They also displayed their skillful moves, cuts and bursts of speed to cash in on several big plays. Numerous times it appeared Potomac Falls' defense had the two running backs in check,

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— Broad Run Coach Mike Burnett



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Potomac Falls quarterback Greg Woodlief (10) gets tackled by Broad Run's Kenny McAdow (32) during last week's late season, Dulles District showdown football game in Ashburn.

only to see them escape for big chunks of yardage.

"Our backs really had a heck of a night," Burnett said. "TJ and Breon were up for the game and really ran hard."

The two accounted for all five of Broad Run's touchdowns, all coming in the first half. Earl (11 carries, 54 yards), the dynamic, smallish flanker who is as tough as he is fast, ran for scoring runs of 20, 1 and 9 yards. His 20-yard score, capping Broad Run's first possession of the game, came on a pitch right play in which the scatback methodically looked for a hole before making a couple of nice cuts and then bolting

left and down the center of the field and into the end zone.

"That's what we wanted to do on our first drive," Earl said of getting the early score. "We knew if we could score on our first drive, the fans would get into it and we'd win. The fans really played a big part in it. They were all sitting there [in the bleachers] in the back of the end zone."

On his third touchdown midway through the second quarter, Earl took another pitch right and made a hard fake as if he was going to continue in that direction. He then

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Athlete of the Week

Running back Daniel Allen has put together an outstanding season for the unbeaten Stone Bridge High football team, which is 9-0 following last Friday night's 70-7 Liberty District win at Jefferson. Allen, in limited action against the Colonials, rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns. He and the Bulldogs will be aiming for a perfect 10-0 record when they wrap up the regular season on Halloween night against visiting W.T. Woodson.



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Bulldogs Earns Top Seed

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

The Stone Bridge High girls' volleyball team concluded the regular season with a dramatic win over Langley Oct. 23. The Bulldogs, in a match for the regular season Liberty District title, won three games to two (12-25, 25-18, 22-25, 26-24, 15-12).

Both teams entered the season finale with identical 5-0 district records, so the meeting was for the regular season title and top seeding for this week's tournament.

By beating Langley, Stone Bridge (6-0 in the district) earned the No. 1 seed and was scheduled to meet No. 8 South Lakes in a first-round match on Monday of this week. Meanwhile, No. 2 Langley (14-5 overall, 5-1 district) was scheduled to meet No. 7 Marshall. Semifinal matches were set to be held the following day, Tuesday, Oct. 28. The finals will take place Thursday night, Oct. 30, at Stone Bridge High in Ashburn, beginning at 7 p.m. As the top seeds, Stone

Bridge and Langley could meet in the finals.

Stone Bridge's Lily Vera was recently named the district player of the year and Jill Raschiatore earned coach of the year recognition for the Bulldogs. Other Stone Bridge players named to the all-district team were Sarah Norton (first team), Lindsay Gill (first team) and Christine Beckham (first team).

Cross Country Results

The Potomac Falls girls captured the team title at the Dulles District cross country championships, held at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg Oct. 23. The Panthers scored 40 points, finishing ahead of runner-up Briar Woods (68).

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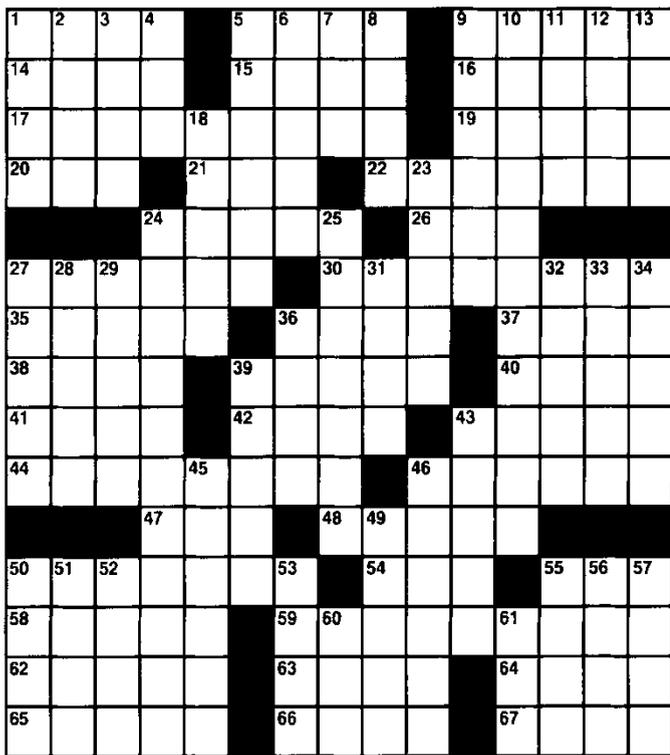
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- 5 Fly high
- 9 Burns's "sweet" stream
- 14 Louisville's river
- 15 Years ago
- 16 Skiing locale
- 17 Inflexible
- 19 Game with straights and flushes
- 20 Be in the red
- 21 Best seller's number
- 22 Scholarship allowance
- 24 "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- 26 Hans of Dadaism
- 27 Wyoming city
- 30 Crowd-pleasing basket
- 35 Throbs
- 36 Control knob
- 37 Writer — Stanley Gardner
- 38 Palindromic time
- 39 Long-winded
- 40 Detrained, e.g.
- 41 Apothecary's weight

- 42 — vera
- 43 Had control of the wheel
- 44 Witness
- 46 Junior high student
- 47 French article
- 48 Not be frugal
- 50 Kismet
- 54 Capone and Capp
- 55 "Steady as — goes"
- 58 Where Pocatello is
- 59 Having 20/20 vision
- 62 Emergency signal
- 63 Writer James from Tennessee
- 64 Holdup
- 65 Coin toss call
- 66 German mister
- 67 Brazilian booter

DOWN

- 1 Manhattan area with lots of galleries
- 2 Take out of the freezer
- 3 Emerald Isle

- 4 Pea container
- 5 Oklahoman
- 6 Get-go
- 7 Hotshot
- 8 Stoplight stop lights
- 9 Have hopes
- 10 Like a hound
- 11 Cigarette puff
- 12 — to suggestions
- 13 Dilbert, e.g.
- 18 Bumps
- 23 Add up
- 24 Gaping
- 25 Swabbies
- 27 Seabees' motto
- 28 Squirrel's prize
- 29 Sand bar
- 31 Water-skiing locale
- 32 Wrinkle-resistant fabric
- 33 Martini garnish
- 34 "— and the Wolf"
- 36 Broad valley
- 39 Frost's "The Road Not —"
- 43 Crowded
- 45 Gazpacho ingredients
- 46 Person who handles bills
- 49 "On call" device
- 50 Potluck choice
- 51 Newswoman Magnus
- 52 Gilbert of "Roseanne"
- 53 "Uh-huh"
- 55 "Auld Lang —"
- 56 Get better
- 57 Border
- 60 Application form info
- 61 Thought waves, for short

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SPORTS

Falcons Flying High

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Briar Woods' top finishers were sophomore Giana Leone (third), freshman Alexa Kniley (fifth) and freshman Madison Horner (14th).

Broad Run's top finisher was junior Riley Newland (11th).

On the boys' side, Potomac Falls (27 points) was the team champion, besting second-place Dominion (46). Briar Woods (119) was fourth.

Briar Woods' top finisher was junior Zach Deaton, while Broad Run's top runner was senior Brandon Tully.

The Liberty District boys and girls cross country championships were held Oct. 22 at Burke Lake Park. On the boys' side, Jefferson (19 points) finished first, ahead of second-place Woodson (52), third-place South Lakes (98) and fourth-place Stone Bridge (137). The top-four team finishers at districts earned a spot at the upcoming Northern Region championships, set to be held this Thursday, Oct. 30, at Burke Lake Park.

Stone Bridge's top finishers were sophomore Joe Lynch (18th overall), senior Ryan McPoland (19th) and junior Reed Sullivan (20th).

On the girls' side, Jefferson was also the top-team finisher with 25 points. The other three teams to qualify for regionals were second-place Woodson (64), third-place Langley (89) and fourth-place Stone Bridge (98).

The individual champion on the girls' side was Jefferson sophomore Stephanie Marzen (18 minutes, 01 seconds). Stephanie Paradis, a Stone Bridge High senior, was second with the same time of 18:01. Other top finishers for the Bulldogs were sophomore Caroline Snell (16th), freshman Danielle Swasey (22nd) and senior Megan



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Briar Woods' Connor Pompilio, right, a freshman, was 17th overall at the Dulles District boys' cross country championships at Ida Lee Park.

Dunne (24th).

Falcons Win Again

The Briar Woods' football team (7-1) won its Dulles District home game over Heritage last Friday night, 30-9. The Falcons led 17-9 after three quarters before outscoring the Pride 13-0 in the fourth quarter to win. Running back Essray Taliaferro had a huge game, rushing for 216 yards and three touchdowns. Matt Eisenman also ran for a score for Briar Woods. The Falcons play at 7-1 Potomac Falls this Friday night.

Still Dominating Foes

FROM PAGE 12

darted left into open space before diving toward the left hash and into the end zone.

PEELER (80 yards on 16 carries) finished with two touchdowns. The 11th-grader's most impressive run of the night came on the first play of the second quarter when he broke a tackle in the backfield before bursting 5 yards for a touchdown.

"I told guys Broad Run would try to test us up front and if we didn't stop it, they'd continue to do it," Woodlief said. "I don't think we made tackles. We just didn't play fundamental football tonight."

Peeler credited the offensive line for making things happen.

"They were staying on their blocks," he said. "We just came out and played real hard. I wasn't surprised [by the score]. We

just came out and played."

Potomac Falls nearly got into the end zone when it had a first-and-goal at the 6-yard line in the fourth quarter, but Broad Run's defense held. Most of the Panthers' yardage in the game came through their passing game where quarterback Greg Woodlief completed nine of 21 passes for 130 yards. Five of the receptions went to Chad McMichael (five catches, 69 yards). But the senior QB was hurt by interceptions by Broad Run's Chris Jessop and Joey Quigg, who had a 35-yard return on his pick.

Coach Woodlief was pleased with the way his team kept fighting in the second half, a half of play in which the game's lone scoring came on an Allen Graham 26-yard field goal late in the third quarter.

"Tonight was a test of adversity," Woodlief said. "The kids came back in the second half and played real hard."

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