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**Dominion High School Principal W. John Brewer talks with several seniors before honoring them during Loudoun County's 26th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet Nov. 9.**



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## Ground Broken for Sheriff's Station

**Future substation in Sterling to leave deputies with more time to patrol.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Soon, if Sterling Park residents want to say something to the Sheriff's Office, they'll be able to speak to Capt. Rick Frye face-to-face. "I'll be here and I'll be accountable to the public," Frye said at a groundbreaking near Rolling Ridge Elementary last Thursday.

The first shovelfuls of earth were moved that afternoon in symbolic preparation for the construction of a Sheriff's Office substation on the field between the elementary school and Briar Patch Park. Frye will head up the station when it opens around the beginning of 2009, but he and Lt. Brian Harpster, who will be the station's assistant commander, will be working on-site in trailers throughout the construction process.

Most importantly, Frye said, having a substation in Sterling will save deputies the time they now spend driving anyone they arrest into Leesburg to appear before the magistrate. "We can visit the magistrate right here in this building via video conferencing," he said. Then, deputies can drive arrestees who they are told not to lock up back to where they were arrested, rather than driving back from Leesburg.

Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) said deputies currently spend about

6,000 hours per year driving to and from the county seat, when they could be patrolling their beats. "We're going to cut that out," he said, noting that many of the people deputies arrest are charged with crimes like driving without a license or vandalism and do not need to be taken to jail.

**IN ADDITION** to saving time and gas, Frye said the new station would raise law enforcement's visibility in the neighborhood, letting residents and criminals know there was a police presence in the area.

The 18,400-square-foot station will include three cells where anyone arrested can be held while paperwork is completed and two sally ports where they will be securely taken to and from the cruisers, as well as various facilities to accommodate deputies and their work. There will also be a community room that can be used by any group that has a need for it.

Frye said about seven officers would be stationed at the building initially, with a goal of bringing that number up to eight or nine and making the station a 24-hour operation. "We've still got another budget cycle to go through," he said.

Sheriff's Office spokesman Kraig Troxell said construction would begin within about two weeks of the groundbreaking and would last for 12 to 15 months. He noted that this would be the county's first stand-alone, county-owned sheriff's station. The Dulles South Public Safety Center is shared with Fire and Rescue and even the Sheriff's Office Administrative Offices are in rented space.

Delgaudio noted that County Administra

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**Capt. Rick Frye, left, and Sheriff Steve Simpson stand on the site of a future Sheriff's Office substation in Sterling.**

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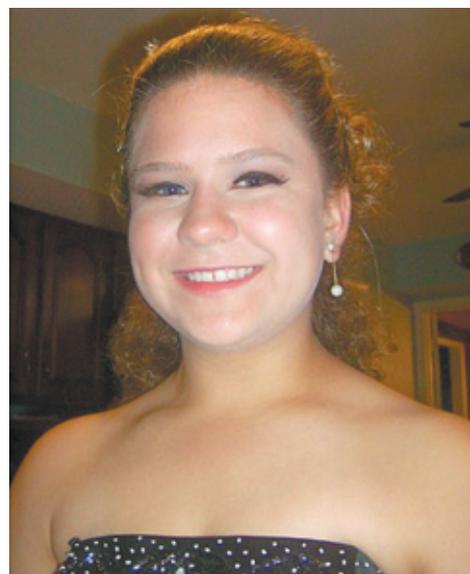
## Scholarship Honors Teen

**Equine medical center establishes fund in honor of Heather Hendrickson.**

In honor of Heather Hendrickson, the Potomac Falls senior who died in a single-vehicle crash last month, the equine medical center where she worked has established a scholarship fund in her memory. The center, owned by Virginia Tech, will award scholarships to veterinary students interested in a career in equine medicine.

Heather had worked at the center in hopes of attending Virginia Tech and studying to be an equine veterinarian.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Heather N. Hendrickson Scholarship Fund can send a check, payable to Virginia Tech Foundation, to the development office at the



**Heather Hendrickson**

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## Changing of the Guard?

**County votes for a Democratic president for first time since 1964.**

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

The residents of Loudoun County were just as responsible for the historic nature of the 2008 general election as president-elect Barack Obama.

Coming out to the polls in droves to cast their ballots in support of their favored candidates, voters helped break local records by not only turning out in large numbers, but also for bucking long standing voting trends.

According to documents from the Virginia

State Board of Elections, a total of 139,459 people voted for president while 137,034 voted in the Senate race. This total translates into a 79.98 percent turnout for the presidential race and 78.59 percent for the Senate race. Though the turnout did not reach 90 percent as the state anticipated, the nearly 80 percent turnout nonetheless represents a large increase over the last presidential election with almost 40,000 more people casting votes.

General Registrar Judy Brown said that while the turnout was massive, there were no significant issues or problems that arose.

**"I think that on a county level, we did a phenomenal job."**

— Glen Caroline,  
Loudoun County Republican  
Committee, chairman

"There were no long lines when the polls closed at 7," Brown said. "The absentee ballots took longer than we wanted, but I did not hear of any [problems]." The absentee ballots

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## Outreach Committee Meeting

At its Oct. 21, business meeting, the Board of Supervisors created an ad hoc committee to make recommendations and set priorities with respect to the strategies suggested in the Potomac/Sterling Community Outreach Project final report. This committee will hold its first meeting, Friday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Purcellville Room of the County Government Center in Leesburg.

To communicate with the ad hoc committee or the Board of Supervisors, e-mail [bos@loudoun.gov](mailto:bos@loudoun.gov) or at 703-777-0204. Further information regarding the committee and future committee meetings dates will be available on the county Web site at [www.loudoun.gov](http://www.loudoun.gov) and [www.loudoun.gov/bosdocuments](http://www.loudoun.gov/bosdocuments), under "Special Board Committees."

## Joint BRMC Hearing

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20, at Stone Bridge High School, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn. The board and commission will hear public comment on pending applications for the proposed Broadlands Regional Medical Center.

Anyone who wishes to speak at the public hearing is encouraged to sign up in advance by calling the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors Office at 703-771-5072 or 703-777-0200. Advanced sign-ups will continue until noon, Nov. 20. The public also will be able to sign up to speak at the hearing site, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Each speaker will be given up to two minutes for comments.

## Sentence Exceed Guidelines

Loudoun Judge Thomas Horne sentenced Narciso Landero-Pons to a 40-year term in prison with 10 years suspended in connection with the Jan. 16 killing of Jose Eduardo Santos-Machado. Landero-Pons entered a plea of guilt to the murder in Loudoun County Circuit Court July 28.

Virginia's nonbinding sentencing guidelines recommended a maximum sentence of 21 years and nine months, but Horne exceeded those recommendations citing the level of planning involved when Landero-Pons tricked the victim into giving him a ride only to shoot Santos-Machado at close range from within the victim's vehicle. The murder was believed to have stemmed from a jealousy that revolved around the woman with whom they both had a romantic interest.

## Deadline Approaches

The deadline to enter the Loudoun County Home Energy Audit Giveaway is Nov. 15. Residents who submit an energy saving idea that can be implemented in Loudoun County will be entered in a drawing for a free home energy audit.

Residents must submit their energy saving suggestions through an online entry form, which is found on the Loudoun County Web site. Four winners will be selected in a random drawing among all eligible entries received and will be notified no later than Nov. 30.

More information about the giveaway and the online entry form are available at [www.loudoun.gov/energysaving](http://www.loudoun.gov/energysaving).

## Where's Teddy?

In celebration of Geography Awareness Week, Nov. 16-22, and Geographic Information System (GIS) Day, Nov. 19, Loudoun County will post the second annual online contest called "Where's Teddy in Loudoun County?" Several classes and workshops on Geographic Information System (GIS) topics will also take place during the week.

A Loudoun County teddy bear has wandered away from the Loudoun County Store and into the county to test your knowledge of the county's geography. There will be 21 photos posted at [www.loudoun.gov/gis](http://www.loudoun.gov/gis) from 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, through all of Geography Awareness Week and the following week, until Monday, Dec. 1. Prizes will be awarded. The list of prizes and the contest rules will also be posted on the Web page.

# SCHOOLS



Park View High School students Mark Bunney Jr. and Robin Riggins pose for pictures during the 26th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet Sunday held to honor outstanding Loudoun County seniors.

# Honoring Excellence

Loudoun County Public Schools students and their proud parents celebrated at the National Conference Center during the 26th annual Excellence in Education Banquet Sunday, Nov. 9.

Because of the number of students being honored, the banquet was held in two sections with Freedom, Stone Bridge, Park View, Dominion, Loudoun Valley and Thomas Jefferson high schools were honored at 1 p.m. and Loudoun County, Broad Run, Heritage, Potomac Falls and Briar Woods high schools were honored at 6 p.m.

The banquet honors seniors from the county's 10 high schools and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology who have achieved a 4.0 or better grade point average during the first three years of their high-school career or who have been named a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist, National Achievement Scholarship semifinalist or Hispanic Achievement Scholarship semifinalist.

As part of this honor, students were allowed to select a teacher who has most inspired them to attend the banquet as their guest.

## Honorees

For a list of the honorees from each school, visit the LCPS Web site, [www.loudoun.k12.va.us](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us).

For more photos, visit the Photo Galleries, [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)



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Dominion High School Principal W. John Brewer, introduces his seniors that were honored during the 26th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet on Sunday.



Dominion High School seniors wait to take the stage during the Excellence in Education Banquet Sunday afternoon.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) brought his wife Carolyn and several of their grandchildren on stage after the 28-year incumbent's won his election Nov. 4.

# Lone Wolf

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**Congressman will be the only Republican in Congress from the region.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n a day when Republicans, especially Republicans in Virginia, suffered many losses, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) turned in a resounding victory Nov. 4. The 28-year incumbent beat Democrat Judy Feder by 20 points, four points more than he did when the same candidates squared off in 2006.

Wolf was the only Republican to win in Virginia's 10th Congressional District, which stretches from McLean's border with Arlington County to West Virginia. President-elect Barack Obama won 52.9 percent of the vote and Senate-elect Mark Warner won 64.95 percent of the vote in the district. The Republican ran strong not only in the conservative western portion of his district, but also in the more moderate eastern area like Fairfax County and eastern Loudoun county.

Wolf won the Fairfax portion of his district with 54 percent of the vote, taking back several precincts south of Route 123 in McLean that he had lost to Feder two years ago.

The congressman also beat Feder in Loudoun County, winning 58 percent of the vote in that locality. In Loudoun, Wolf ran ahead of Obama, who won the county with 53.66 percent of the vote.

"It comes back to his record. He is more about getting things done than taking credit. ... He appeals to a broad base of people. It is a tribute to who he is and how he represents the area," Dan Scandling, Wolf's campaign manager and congressional chief of staff, said.

With his 2008 victory, Wolf has become a bit of an

anomaly. Starting in 2009, he will be the only Republican representative from the Washington, D.C., region in the U.S. Congress.

Connie Morella, Maryland's last Republican representing the Washington suburbs, lost to Democrat Rep. Chris Van Hollen in 2002.

The Virginia suburbs' other two Republican representatives, Sen. John Warner and Rep. Tom Davis, are retiring this year and replaced by Democrats Mark Warner and Gerry Connolly, respectively.

**"The fact that he has been re-elected is certainly a large benefit to the federal community."**

— Dan Adcock, National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, legislative director

**AS THE ONLY** remaining regional member of the Grand Old Party, it will be up to Frank Wolf to convince other Republicans in Congress to support some key regional matters — like funding for the Metrorail system, as well as the welfare of federal workers and government contractors, Davis said.

"Thank God you have one Republican. You need Republicans. It is important to federal employees and government contractors. Everybody likes to pick on Washington and if you don't have someone on the Republican side defending it, the voice of the region won't be heard," Davis said.

**FEDERAL** workforce advocates agreed with Davis, saying it does help to have friends in Congress from both political parties.

"Certainly there is a benefit to having people on both sides of the aisle. Who is to say what will happen two years from now? We work well with Democrats and Republicans and continue to strive to do that," Dan Adcock, legislative director of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, said.

Adcock added, "Frank Wolf has been a great friend to us. The fact that he has been re-elected is certainly a large benefit to the federal community."

While congressional advocates for federal employees are not limited to those representing the metro region, Adcock said the local delegation has the highest concentration of advocates because those people represent more federal employees than others do.

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# OPINION

## Veterans Day

Time to remember that we are still fighting two wars, that many have died or been wounded, and that our veterans deserve the best possible care on their return.

**A**rmy 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died just over one month ago on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

### EDITORIAL

Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty. Among family and friends left behind were his twin brother Timothy.

Nov. 11 marks Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans, living and dead.

But our thoughts turn to the more than 4,100 U.S. service members who have died in Iraq and more than 600 who have died in Afghanistan since 9/11. Here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with this loss.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)).

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather

of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Cpl. Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving are there because of their sense of duty to the rest of us, to put their lives on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first-class health care.

**HERE ARE** the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.



❖ Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

❖ Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

❖ Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

❖ Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

❖ Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

❖ George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

❖ On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

❖ Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed in Iraq.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

❖ Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

**ON VETERANS DAY**, we also honor those who served in World War I (a dwindling number), World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as those who have served the nation in times of peace.

If you have a story you'd like to share, about your own military service or that of a family member, we'd like to hear from you.

— MARY KIMM

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Brown refers to took until Nov. 10, or six days after the election to count completely, as there were more than 20,000 mailed into the Registrar's office. In addition, more than 700 ballots from people overseas and in the military who had to print out their ballots from an e-mail, fill them out and mail them back to the county had to be opened tediously and hand counted.

"A lot of the ballots were taped heavily because they had to be mailed overseas," Brown said. "So we have to open them carefully so we don't destroy them."

**THOUGH THE TURNOUT** was certainly historic in its own right, the fact that Obama won the vote in Loudoun is just as significant. The county has been a dark shade of red when it comes to presidential voting, as the county has not gone to a Democrat since former president Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. However, Obama was able to carry the county with 53 percent of the vote, as opposed to John McCain's 45 percent.

Loudoun Democrats chairman Tim Buchholz believes the reason for this shift lies in two major factors: the message of change and the county's rapid expansion.

Buchholz said that Obama and Democratic Senator-elect Mark Warner's messages of change and their focus on the country's economic issues such as jobs, health care and transportation resonated with voters and helped to sway many independents and even some Republicans.

"[Obama and Warner] focused on all the stuff that we have been talking about for the last four years," Buchholz said. "Their message worked well with the message we have been spreading."

Buchholz also said the fact that Loudoun is one of the nation's fastest growing counties helped the party a great deal as well. According to the Registrar, there were more than 18,000 new voters this year, many of whom were "more diverse and had a world view more in line with what the Democratic Party is all

**"We now have a blue track record, but we are not a blue county yet."**

**— Tim Buchholz, Loudoun Democrats, chairman**

about," Buchholz said. He tips his hat to the party's get out the vote campaign and massive registration drive for wooing many of those new voters.

**ON THE OTHER HAND**, the Loudoun GOP feels quite differently as to why Obama was able to secure a victory in the county, citing different factors that influenced the vote. County Republican Committee

chairman Glen Caroline said that Obama's reversal on his decision to accept public funding and the blame for the poor economy being pinned on the current administration were the main reasons why they lost their long-time hold on the county.

"When Obama broke his promise to accept public funding he had enormous resources to spend money," Caroline said. "Also, the economy being blamed on Republicans reflected very negatively on McCain."

Regardless of the outcome, Caroline was very satisfied with his party's efforts in the county. Caroline said that he felt Loudoun Republicans "left it all on the field," as they had the "largest, most organized get out the vote campaign we've ever had" and that the committee now has 230 members, while before the election it had 143.

"I think that on a county level, we did a phenomenal job," Caroline said. "Look at the overwhelming number of votes Frank Wolf got. Also, we were the only county to take a definitive stand against the meals tax."

Caroline said that the party is already looking ahead to the 2009 election, where it has candidates running for state offices. He said that the committee will renew its grassroots efforts and "redouble the effort to market Republican principles to Loudoun County."

**WHILE A VICTORY** is being thoroughly enjoyed now by the Democrats, Buchholz cautions that though the county voted Democrat this election, it is not a given that it is now officially a blue county.

"We now have a blue track record, but we are not a blue county yet," Buchholz said.

# Getting a New Neighbor

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tor Kirby Bowers had removed all new projects from the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) about two weeks prior to the groundbreaking, and the substation was the only one Bowers had reinstated so far.

**THE SUPERVISOR** hailed the groundbreaking as a historic moment for Sterling. He said the Sheriff's Office had looked for a place to build a station in Sterling for six years before Delgaudio contacted School Board member J. Warren Geurin (Sterling) two years ago to see if the 5-acre plot next to Rolling Ridge could be transferred to law enforcement. Voters approved the construction of the station in a bond referendum last year.

"For a long time, Sterling Park

**"For a long time, Sterling Park residents have been waiting for a sheriff's station to be here."**

**— Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling)**

residents have been waiting for a sheriff's station to be here," he said, adding that the county had saved \$3 million by using its own land.

The Lower Loudoun Football League is the only group that officially uses the field, although it is a popular site for pick-up soccer games and Delgaudio said the county would look for another field for the football league.

Rolling Ridge Principal Andrew Davis said he had been briefed on safety precautions that would be taken at the station and was "very comfortable" with its presence, believing it would increase safety. "We're actually very excited about the opportunities it's going to provide our kids," Davis said. He said he looked forward to visits from deputies and free field trips at the station. "I can already foresee there being quite a bit of back-and-forth."

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The Sterling Playmakers will perform “**Flowers for Algernon**” Friday, **Nov. 14** and Saturday, **Nov. 15**, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, **Nov. 16**, at 2 p.m., at Sterling Middle School, 201 W. Holly Ave., Sterling. Tickets: \$12. Visit [www.sterlingplaymakers.com](http://www.sterlingplaymakers.com).

The Pickwick Players present “**The Sound of Music**” Friday, **Nov. 14**, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, **Nov. 15**, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at River Bend Middle School, 46240 Algonkian Parkway, Sterling. Cost: in advance adults \$10, child/senior \$8; at door adults \$11, child/senior \$9. Special family rate of \$45. Nov. 8. 2 p.m. Call 540-454-6320, e-mail [pickwickplayers@mail.com](mailto:pickwickplayers@mail.com) or visit [thepickwickplayers.org](http://thepickwickplayers.org).

The Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College will host an exhibit of digital photographs by **Mark Worthington**, from **Nov. 17-Dec. 12**, in Waddell Art Gallery, 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway in Sterling. A reception for the artist is scheduled for **Nov. 20**, from 5-7 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. The gallery is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

**Loudoun Lyric Opera** announces auditions for its spring concert performance of Donizetti’s *L’Elisir d’Amore* (The Elixir of Love) with the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra; performances will be held March 14 and 15 in Leesburg. Rehearsals will begin in mid-late January.

Principal auditions will be held at the Clubhouse of Leisure World of Virginia, 19375 Magnolia Grove Square, Leesburg, Tuesday, **Nov. 18**, from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, **Nov. 22**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chorus auditions will be held Wednesday, **Nov. 19**, from 6-9 p.m. Applicants for principal roles must have prior experience performing solo operatic roles with full orchestra. Bring one aria in Italian (preferably bel canto style) and a second aria of your choice.

To schedule an audition, e-mail a request along with a resume or bio to [admin@loudounlyricopera.com](mailto:admin@loudounlyricopera.com).

**Art on Exhibit** throughout **November and December** at local libraries include pastels by Christina Maggio at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn; and photography by Kim Coughlin at Cascade Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

Photographs by Northern Virginia photographer **Lillis Werder** are on exhibit at Washington Dulles International Airport **through December**. Two series of work by the artist, “Washington, D.C. War Memorials,” in honor of the upcoming Veteran’s holiday, and “Venice, Italy,” are on display.

The exhibit, coordinated by Gallery 222 and the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority, is the fifth in the program’s rotating series of displays.

# Now That’s Italian

## Loudoun Lyric Opera Performs Puccini’s “Gianni Schicchi.”

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

**A**drianna Sgarlata, 26, of Fairfax Station, will perform in the Loudoun Lyric Opera’s upcoming performance of Puccini’s only comedic opera, “Gianni Schicchi.”

“I’m delighted to be working in my first semi-professional role with the Loudoun Lyric Opera and working with brilliant artists,” Sgarlata, who was Miss Virginia 2006 in the Miss America Pageant, said.

**WITH A CAST** of 13 people from Northern Virginia and the metropolitan area, the opera is about a wealthy Italian man who dies and leaves his fortune to a monastery. His family hires Gianni Schicchi to impersonate their dad in order to change his will. The 75-minute production is a straight ensemble where the tight-knit characters rely on the other singers to make the story happen.

“It’s really quite an enchanting piece,” Sgarlata said. “It’s gorgeous music that’s written in a brilliant manner.”

The opera includes a love story between the daughter Lauretta (played by Sgarlata) and Rinuccio. Sgarlata performed the role last summer in Italian at the Amalfi Coast Opera Festival in Italy. She called that experience “the most fun I ever had in my whole life,” where town groupies followed the singers night after night.

This is the fourth production of the Leesburg-based resident opera company of Loudoun County. The performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15, at 8 p.m., at St. David’s Episcopal Church, 43600 Russell Branch Parkway, Ashburn. A Sunday matinee is on Nov. 16, at 3 p.m., at The



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The cast of “Gianni Schicchi,” Adrianna Sgarlata is kneeling.

“Our goal is to enrich the cultural climate of the community and to grow singers from this area.”

— Pamela Butler, Loudoun Lyric Opera, president

Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville. Tickets are \$25.

Pamela Butler, president of the Loudoun Lyric Opera, is delighted that Sgarlata is cast in the opera. “She’s a beautiful girl with a beautiful voice and one of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet,” Butler said.

She says “Gianni Schicchi” tells a lot about human nature, about the

things that motivate us — such as greed. “And sometimes family ties aren’t what they seem to be,” she added.

The performance includes a second act with short recital of Puccini’s “La Boheme,” “Madama Butterfly” and “Tosca.” The conclusion will be “Turandot,” the tenor aria made famous by Pavarotti and Placido Domingo. Sgarlata will sing “Ch’il Bel Sogno” from “La Rondine.”

“**OUR GOAL** is to enrich the cultural climate of the community and to grow singers from this area,” Butler said, adding that comedies are a good introduction to opera

for people who aren’t that familiar with them.

Sgarlata attended Clifton Elementary and Robinson Secondary. She has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music at George Mason University with a concentration in vocal performance.

She wants to be a professional opera singer, perhaps with the Virginia Opera in Norfolk, as she does only classical singing.

On Dec. 9, Sgarlata will be performing Christmas Carols at the White House in its Holiday Open House. Linda Monson of GMU will accompany her on piano. Next March, she will be performing “Street Scene” with the George Mason Opera Theater. Next April, she’ll be singing the role of the Queen of the Night in Mozart’s the “Magic Flute,” with the Prince William Symphony Orchestra.

To order tickets online, go to: [www.loudounlyricopera.com](http://www.loudounlyricopera.com). For information, call 703-771-0996 or e-mail: [admin@loudounlyricopera.com](mailto:admin@loudounlyricopera.com).

Look for the next performance March 14-15, when the Loudoun Lyric Opera performs with the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra, the opera “L’Elisir d’ Amore,” at Heritage High School in Leesburg, Saturday, March 14, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m.

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### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

**HELLOOOO TURKEY.** 4-5 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Turkey-related fun. For ages 4-10. Call 571-258-3500.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**LET’S TALK TURKEY.** 10 a.m.-noon, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Straight talk about the bird and its lore. Hands-on children’s activities, stories and games. Free with paid museum admission, adults \$5 and children \$3. Call 571-258-3800.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 16

**SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA.** 1-5 p.m., Sterling Volunteer Fire Station, 46700 Middlefield Drive, Sterling. A “Holiday Shopping Extravaganza” will be held in Patton Hall. Choose from many vendors. Proceeds benefit

the fire department.

### MONDAY/NOV. 17

**TOM TURKEY.** 4 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catoctin Circle, Leesburg. Turkey songs, stories and crafts for children ages 4-6. Register online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or phone 703-777-0323.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 18

**CALLING ALL TURKEYS.** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Turkey-related fun. For ages 4-10. Call 571-258-3500.

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## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

**BEALE STREET PUPPETS.** 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-4:15 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 405 E. Market St., Leesburg. All ages. See the "Out of Orbit Puppet Show." Must register in person at Douglass Community Center. One free parent per paid child, cost: \$5 per child, \$3 per additional parent. Call 703-771-5913.

**MIDWEEK 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. For adults and older children. Free. Visit [www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org).

**GUITAR DUOS.** 7 p.m., Park View High School auditorium, 400 W. Laurel Ave., Sterling. The Klasinc & Loncar Guitar Duo is playing live with special guests The Russo-Wells Guitar Duo. Proceeds benefit the Aguado Guitar Club/PVHS guitar competition.

**MAKE AN IMPRESSION:** Exploring Native American Pottery, 3:30-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Children ages 6-10 can explore artifacts and decorate clay in a Native American style. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

## THURSDAY/NOV. 13

**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.

## FRIDAY/NOV. 14

**FURRY FRIDAY.** 5-7 p.m., Sterling Community Center, 20 Enterprise St., Sterling. Once a month, animals from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be at the Sterling Community. Bring the whole family for a real "happy hour" with animals looking for new homes. Visit [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals).

**TEEN CENTER.** 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features swing dance night. All teens attending the teen center must



Photographer Middleton Evans will discuss his book, "Rhapsody in Blue, A Celebration of North American Waterbirds," Nov. 18.

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**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT.** 5-10 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 405 E. Market St., Leesburg. Ages 5-12. Children enjoy a night of play time in the gym, movies and Nintendo Wii on the big screen, and pizza. Bring a drink. Cost: \$25. Call 703-771-5913.

**TODDLER ONE AND TWO.** 11 a.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Stories, rhymes and movement for ages 12-24 months with a parent or caregiver. Sign up online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or phone 703-777-0323.

## SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**CASINO NIGHT.** 6:30-11 p.m., AOL Facility, Ashburn. AOL is hosting a casino night fund-raiser with all monies going to support children and adults with disabilities served by LARC and ECHO. Cost: \$80, which includes hors d'oeuvres, \$15,000 in play money and two drink tickets. Call 703-777-1939 or e-mail [Larclady@aol.com](mailto:Larclady@aol.com) for tickets.

**BOOK DONATIONS.** 10 a.m.-noon, Rust@Catocin Library parking lot, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. Bring book donations for the Loudoun Library Foundation Inc. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.** 1-3 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Claude Moore Park's Visitor Center. Includes hiking, crafts, face painting,

exploring the updated Discovery Room and birthday cake. An adult must accompany children. Free. Call 571-258-3700.

**BIRD WALKS** for Beginners. 8-9 a.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Childrens Center Road, Leesburg. Learn about bird watching. For adults and older children. Free. Visit [www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org).

**APOLLO 11:** Footprints on the Moon. 2 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Children, ages 6 and up, learn about the technology and the people that helped get men to the moon. Free tickets will be available half an hour before the program. Call 703-737-8100.

**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC.** 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Learn about the history and different types of these classic toys. Ages 6-10. Register online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or phone 703-430-9500.

**GREAT DANE ADOPTION.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., PetSmart, 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling. The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL) is hosting a "meet and greet" with Great Danes. MAGDRL will be at the Sterling PetSmart on the third Saturday of every month. Visit [www.novamagdrl.org](http://www.novamagdrl.org).

**TWILIGHT MOVIE** Release Party. 1 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Swap movie theories, discuss the books and indulge in "Twilight"-themed fun. For teens. Call 703-444-3228.

**CELEBRATE MAMA.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Claude Moore Recreation Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Celebrate your mother at a family oriented festival with marketplace shopping, entertainment, children's activities and more. Free. Visit [www.celebratemama.com/loc\\_main.asp?L\\_ID=1017](http://www.celebratemama.com/loc_main.asp?L_ID=1017).

## SUNDAY/NOV. 16

**FILM SERIES.** 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Watch the documentary "The Punjabi Club," followed by a scholar-led discussion. 703-444-3228.

## MONDAY/NOV. 17

**STORY TIME.** 4:30 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. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

**MIGRATION OR HIBERNATION-**You Choose. 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old

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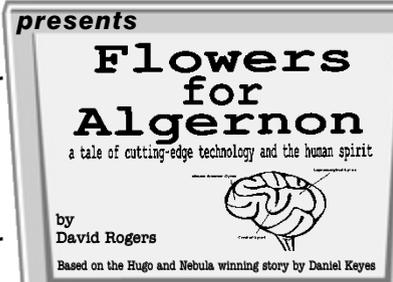
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## ENTERTAINMENT

# 'Twilight' Party at Sterling Library

Coincides with opening of vampire movie on Nov. 21.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

To coincide with the Nov. 21 U.S. release of the teen vampire movie "Twilight," the Sterling Library is holding a "Twilight" Party, Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. The movie is based on Stephenie Meyer's wildly popular books that appeal to teenage girls and young adult women. Her four books — "Twilight," "New Moon," "Eclipse," and "Breaking Dawn" — are to teens what Anne Rice's "Vampire" series are to adults, with more love story and less graphics and gore.

**"Two of us on staff really love the series."**

— Anne Lee, youth services librarian

Lee. So to capitalize on the popularity, she's inviting fans to the library to get excited about the movie opening. They'll play "Twilight" trivia, a "Twilight" Jeopardy game and talk about the characters. Also, there are free prize giveaways, movie tickets, posters, food and fun.

"Two of us on staff really love the series," said Lee, "And wanted the opportunity for people in the community who love the series to get together and have fun."

In the movie, the lead vampire Edward is played by Robert Pattinson, an unknown British actor who had a small part in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." The lead actress who plays Bella, his love interest, is Kristen Stewart.

"There's a lot of hype around it," Lee said. "I think people are really excited about the actors who are cast in it."

The Sterling Library is at 120 Enterprise St., Sterling.

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## CALENDAR

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**Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling.** Children ages 3-6 can explore how animals survive through migration and hibernation. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

**KALEIDOSCOPE.** 10 a.m., Ida Lee Park Recreation Center, 60 Ida Lee Drive N.W., Leesburg. Mr. Knick Knack will perform his original songs as part of the Kaleidoscope Children's Series. Cost: \$6 in advance, adults free; \$8 at the door, adults free. Call 703-777-1368 or visit [www.idalee.org](http://www.idalee.org).

**LIVE MUSIC.** 6 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Roger Day, two-time Parents' Choice Award winner, will be performing. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

### TUESDAY/NOV. 18

**ME AND MY WORLD.** 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. A "Magic Pebble" scavenger hunt will be held in honor of William Steig, the creator of "Sylvester." For ages 4-7.

Register at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or 703-430-9500.

**RHAPSODY IN BLUE,** A Celebration of North American Waterbirds. 7-9 p.m., Leesburg Safety Center. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy for a free program presented by nature photographer Middleton Evans, who will discuss and show images from his latest book, "Rhapsody in Blue, A Celebration of North American Waterbirds." Includes light refreshments. Contact Laura Weidner at [lweidner@loudounwildlife.org](mailto:lweidner@loudounwildlife.org) or 540-229-2816.

**WHOSE LINE Is It Anyway?** Improv. 7 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Teens are challenged to think fast and act faster in improv games. Register online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or call 703-444-3228.

**HABITAT FUND-RAISER.** 7 p.m. at Lansdowne Resort. Political satire group Capitol Steps performs at a fund-raiser for Loudoun Habitat for Humanity. Bring a nonperishable

food item or canned good for the Loudoun Interfaith Relief's pantry. Call 703-737-6772 or visit [www.loudounhabitat.org](http://www.loudounhabitat.org).

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

**SENIORS MOVIE.** 1:30 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. See "Get Smart," starring Steve Carell, Alan Arkin and Anne Hathaway, rated PG-13, running time 110 minutes. Cost: \$2 includes popcorn and soda. 703-430-2397.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 20

**TWILIGHT PARTY.** 7 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Teens, come to the library to celebrate the release of the movie "Twilight." Register online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or call 703-430-9500.

**BILINGUAL STORY TIME.** 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

Drive. Call 703-406-3068 or visit [uusterling.org](http://uusterling.org).

The **Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun (UUCL)** celebrates this Thanksgiving holiday with a service called, An Intergenerational Giving of Thanks, Sunday, **Nov. 23**, at 10 a.m. The service will be led by UUCL's minister, the Rev. Elizabeth (Lisa) Kemper. Visit the Web site, [www.uuloudoun.org](http://www.uuloudoun.org) or call the church at 703-737-7644.

The 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, **Nov. 30**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** is "Finding Spirituality." This lay-lead service will explore the meaning of and quest for spirituality through poetry and music. UUS meets every Sunday 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.

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The 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, **Nov. 16**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling** is "Newton's Imagination." This service will celebrate the completion of an Analemma on the wall inside the sanctuary. 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).

**Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation**, 21740 Beaumeade Circle, Suite 100, Ashburn, invites the community to our Second Annual Jewish Book Fair, **through Nov. 18**, featuring guest authors on the following dates. Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m., havdalah and dessert reception, guest speaker Jack Kitaeff, author of *Jews in Blue*. Sunday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m., guest speaker Deborah da

Costa, author of *Hanukkah Moon and Snow in Jerusalem*. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., dessert reception, guest speaker Maggie Anton, author of *Rashi's Daughters: Book One-Joheved*, *Book Two-Miriam* and for young adults, *Rashi's Daughter: Secret Scholar*. For the sales hours, contact 703-726-1659, [www.bethchaverim.org](http://www.bethchaverim.org).

**Congregation Sha'are Shalom**, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, will host woodwind quintet Ensemble à la Carte, Sunday, **Nov. 23**, 3 p.m. The program features works by Rossini, Piazzolla, Bozza, Taffanel and others. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door and are available by calling 703-737-6500 or by mailing checks to P.O. Box 4518, Leesburg VA 20177-8577.

The 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, **Nov. 23**, at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling**, is "Guest at Your Table." The Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael leads this service of Thanksgiving for all ages. UUS meets every Sunday at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center at 22135 Davis

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## BULLETIN BOARD

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

**LEAP MEETING.** 7:30 p.m., at the LCPS Administration Building, 12000 Education Court, Ashburn. Loudoun Education Alliance of Parents (LEAP) meets every second Wednesday of the month, this month's topic is "To 'B' or Not to 'B' ... That is the Question," regarding the county's grading policies. Public is welcome. E-mail [Leap.news@gmail.com](mailto:Leap.news@gmail.com) or visit [www.loudoun.k12.va.us](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us), go to Parents section and look for LEAP.

**SCHOOL FUND-RAISER.** 7 p.m., Potomac Falls High School, 46400 Algonkian Parkway Sterling. Pampered Chef Party sponsored by the by the Potomac Falls High School Band Boosters. Sample recipes and take home a Pampered Chef catalog. Contact Angela Vipond at 703-509-7844.

**CLUB MEETING.** 7:30 p.m., Old Dominion University building, third floor, near the Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun campus. Ashburn-Leesburg AAUW meeting, speaker will be addressing human trafficking. Visitors welcome.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 13

**FLU CLINIC.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dulles Town Center, 2110 Dulles Town Center, Dulles; and 4-8 p.m., Broadlands Homeowners Association, at the Nature Center, 21907 Claiborne Parkway, Broadlands. Adults only. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card 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.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 14

**WOMEN'S CLUB.** 9:30 a.m., at the

Weichert, Realtors will host a **tax credit seminar** for first-time homebuyers in each of its more than 500 company owned and franchised offices Saturday, **Nov. 15**, 11 a.m. This free seminar is designed to edu-

cate first-time homebuyers on the specifics of the tax credit created by Congress and the other benefits of buying a home in the current market. To reserve a seat, call the local Weichert office, which can be found at [www.weichert.com](http://www.weichert.com).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**HHW Collection.** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Heritage High School, 520 Evergreen Mill Road, Leesburg. The last Household Hazardous Waste collection event of the year will be held. Read about the disposal of HHW, identifying HHW and proper paint disposal at [www.loudoun.gov/hhw](http://www.loudoun.gov/hhw).

**SCHOOL FUND-RAISER.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Park View High School, 400 W. Laurel Ave., Sterling. The Park View High School Band is holding a holiday craft fair. Includes crafts and food. Free admission. Interested vendors go to [www.craftlister.com/e1175029](http://www.craftlister.com/e1175029).

**SCHOOL FUND-RAISER.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Ashburn. The Broad Run High School Band Boosters Association will hold its annual tag day fund-raiser. Groups of BRHS band students will be going door to door in Ashburn neighborhoods to solicit donations to help fund 2008-2009 band season activities.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 16

**FLU CLINIC.** 8:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., St. James Episcopal Church, 14 Cornwall St., N.W., Leesburg. Adults only. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card 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.

### TUESDAY/NOV. 118

**FLU CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., Ashburn Farms Homeowners Association, 21400 Windmill Drive, adjacent to the clubhouse, Ashburn. Adults only. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card 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.

### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19

**MOMS CLUB.** 10 a.m., Ashburn. The MOMS Club of Ashburn Village Area will hold a member's meet and greet open to current and potential members. Music with Maddy will provide a free class. Visit [www.geocities.com/ashburnmomsclub/](http://www.geocities.com/ashburnmomsclub/) or e-mail [ashburnmomsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:ashburnmomsclub@yahoo.com).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 20

**DEMOCRATS MEETING.** 7-9 p.m., at the John Tolbert Elementary School, 691 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg. Loudoun County Democrats holds its monthly meeting. Call 703-771-3366.

**FLU CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., at Inova Loudoun Medical Campus, 224 Cornwall St., adjacent to south lobby, Leesburg. Children ages 4 and above and adults can be vaccinated. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card 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.

tion on the county's procurement processes and upcoming contracts. The sessions will take place Thursday, **Nov. 20**, 2 p.m.; Thursday, **Dec. 18**, 2 p.m.; Thursday, **Jan. 22**, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, **Feb. 24**, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, **March 25**, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, **April 23**, 2 p.m.; Thursday, **May 21**, 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, **June 23**, 2 p.m.

For locations call 703-777-0403 or send an e-mail to [Rebecca.Kummel@procurement@loudoun.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Kummel@procurement@loudoun.gov).

**Benihana** and Best Buddies International are making it easy for people to make a difference by launching a "Round Up" program, which runs **through Nov. 20**, at participating Benihana restaurants nationwide. After enjoying a meal at Benihana, guests can round up their check to the amount they'd like to give. Benihana will match guests' contributions up to \$50,000.

**Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)** is one of 20 colleges and technical schools selected by the American Association of Community Colleges to participate in the Wal-Mart Workforce and Economic Opportunity Initiative. Each college receives an \$86,000 grant. NOVA will use the grant for the American Dream Team initiative, which aims to help the growing popula-

tion of low-income, legally documented, limited English-speaking adults increase their earnings through employment-focused English as a Second Language (ESL) programs that lead directly to new careers or to affordable career training and college education.

**Hooked**, located in the Great Falls Plaza, Sterling, has been named the best seafood restaurant in the Washington, D.C.-metropolitan area by OpenTable.com's Diner's Choice Awards.

Virginia National Guard honored the **Dulles Hotel Connection** along with several other companies at its C/3/116th Freedom Salute for contributions made to support the soldiers attached to the Leesburg Armory that are serving in Iraq. The Dulles Hotel Connection, located in Dulles, is comprised of eight hotels and the Executive Conference & Training Center.

The inaugural **Housekeeping Olympic Games**, hosted by the team from Holiday Inn Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, featured housekeepers from 14 Washington, D.C.-area hotels and showcased events with a housekeeping theme. Teams competed in three hotel-related "sports."

## Must See Opens on November 15th & 16th



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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Broad Run running back Breon Earl looks for running room during the Spartans' regular season game at Potomac Falls. Both Broad Run and Potomac Falls will be hosting Region II playoff games this Friday night.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



The NOVA "NFL" Youth Flag Football League held its 11th annual **Super Bowl Championship** games Nov. 8 at Fincastle Field in Ashburn. The Redskins (Majors Division), Colts (Junior Division) and Buccaneers (Mites Division) all captured titles. The following are recaps of the championship games.

The Junior Division Colts defeated the Bengals, 46-40, in one of the most exciting playoff games in league history. The American Conference title game win propelled the Colts into the Super Bowl against the undefeated National Conference champion Redskins.

It appeared the Super Bowl game was heading into overtime before receiver Coleman Rafferty of the Colts made a spectacular catch and raced down the sideline to score the winning touchdown with only 49 seconds remaining, leading his team to a 20-14 victory over the tough Redskins.

Not to be outdone in the excitement department, the Mites Division (6- to 8-year-olds) Super Bowl contest saw the National Conference champion Buccaneers cap off an unbeaten season with a nail-biting 18-16 win over the American Conference champion Chargers. The game was fittingly decided by the small margin of a two-point safety.

In the Majors Division (12- to 14-year-olds) Super Bowl, the Redskins defeated the Cowboys to complete their perfect season. In a rematch of an early regular season contest that saw the Cowboys come within two points of defeating the Redskins, the Redskins' high-powered offense was simply too much for the Cowboys early on in the Super Bowl contest.

The league would like to thank all of its coaches, referees, league officials, parents and especially the players for making the fall 2008 season the most exciting and fun season in the 11-year history of the NOVA Youth Flag Football League.

NOVA league summer camps will be held in late June and early August, as well as next fall. Registration for both will open online in March of 2009. For more information on the NOVA "NFL" Youth Flag Football League, visit [www.novaflag.com](http://www.novaflag.com).

Registration for the Loudoun County Parks and Recreation adult **winter volleyball** will continue through Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m. The coed league consists of A and B divisions, with A representing the more competitive level. Divisions may be combined depending on the number of teams. This is a self-officiated league, meaning teams will be scheduled to officiate matches that do not conflict with their schedule. There will be a Wednesday night and Sunday night league. Games begin Dec. 10 and will be played at Stone Hill Middle School in Ashburn. The league features an eight-game regular season with a single-elimination tournament. The team registration fee is \$200. A mandatory captain's meeting will take place Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services' administrative office in Leesburg. Contact 703-737-8450.

## It's Playoff Time for Potomac

**Panthers readying for Winchester's James Wood; Broad Run, Briar Woods also set for Region II playoffs.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The Potomac Falls High football team concluded its regular season with a 48-10 win over Dominion last week. The Panthers (9-1) will host James Wood (8-2) of Winchester in a Region II, Division 4 semifinals playoff game this Friday night. James Wood is the No. 3 seed, while the Panthers are the No. 2 seed.

"They have a really good defense and run a 4-4 [alignment]," Potomac Falls coach Scott Woodlief said of James Wood. "Offensively, they kind of pound the football. They are real patient when it comes to offense."

Woodlief is thrilled that his team is playing at home in its first-round game. This marks the first year Potomac Falls has qualified for the football playoffs.

"For it to be a home game, it's a lot more exciting," he said. "Our [team] morale is good."

Potomac Falls' lone loss this season came against visiting Broad Run, 38-0, Oct. 24. If both the Panthers and Spartans win their respective semifinals games this Friday night, they would meet in the Division 4 title game next week.

Coach Woodlief said his team's primary goal this season was to win the Dulles District title. But Broad Run ended up winning the district crown. Potomac Falls' secondary goal was to make the playoffs.

"They've reached that and now they want to go as far as they can," Woodlief said.

In the Panthers' win over Dominion last week, quarterback Greg Woodlief completed 11 of 17 passes for 186 yards and four touchdowns in his team's win over

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## Panthers Run Well at State Cross Country

**Boys take third place and the girls fifth.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Both the Potomac Falls High boys and girls cross country teams put together strong showings at last Saturday's Virginia State AA Championships. The postseason event took place at Great Meadows in The Plains.

The boys' team earned third place in the

team standings with 111 points. The Panthers, who captured the Region II championship, Oct. 30, at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, finished behind first place Jamestown of Williamsburg (61) and second place Blacksburg (104).

Behind the Panthers in the 16-team state field was fourth place Spotswood of Penn Laird (114) and fifth place Western Albemarle of Crozet (133).

**LOCALLY, DOMINION HIGH** finished eighth overall. The Titans' top finishers were sophomore J.T. Duke (21st overall), senior Nick Phillips (55th) and junior Nick Sharp

(66th). At the recent Region II meet, Duke finished 10th overall.

Leading the charge for the Panthers was senior Josh Hardin, who finished eighth overall, in a field of 127 runners, with a time of 16 minutes flat. Also earning a top-15 medal for Potomac Falls was senior Ryan Hagen, who was 14th place overall at 16:11.

Other solid contributions for the Potomac Falls boys came from senior Brian Robinson and junior Alvaro Morales, who were 33rd and 34th overall, respectively, along with seniors Andrew Mott (56th) and Josh Ber

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## A Pill Worth Swallowing



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Understanding that as a salesman by profession, it is very easy for me to be sold, what I heard on a radio show this morning nevertheless caught my attention. The program seemed to be about vitamin/nutrient supplements and the miraculously positive effects the specific supplement being discussed has, according to opinions, studies, university research, the host, the guest, etc.

The information and presentation of said information was so clear and concise and so free from hyperbole, and made so much logical sense that I was almost one of the first 100 callers to call in after the radio program had aired and receive my free sample as well as my free gift and only have to pay for shipping and handling, a nominal fee, I'm sure, given the fact that I was receiving "free" stuff.

But as easily swayed as I am, I resisted the temptation, or rather avoided an accident since I was driving at the time and would have had to multi-task (do two things at once); therefore, I decided to focus on the wheel (driving) and for the time until I arrived home, neglect the well. (Increased focus and concentration were two of the benefits of this supplement, by the way. Yet another pair of improvements/enhancements likely attributable to this enzyme-type "bio-available" combination super pill.)

Listening and learning, as I so often do, since I know so little about so much, this supplement sounded too good to be true. But if a product is in fact good, shouldn't it be promoted as good? Have we become so skeptical — and cynical (or shall I simply speak for myself?) — that something that sounds too good to be true is as bad as something that is so bad it is barely promoted at all?

What if this pill/supplement is as effective as its proponents say it is? What if this pill is even half as effective as its proponents say it is? From what I heard discussed in the 20 minutes or so that I was listening this particular Sunday morning, I'd have to be stupid to ignore the findings and miss their message.

This pill wasn't exactly the fountain of youth but it sure sounded like a pill of rejuvenation: improvements in skin, reduction of wrinkles, increased energy and stamina, enhanced focus and concentration, facilitates weight loss, improves digestion and circulation, strengthens the immune system, etc. Moreover, this pill is

constructed/constructed in a vegetable-type form that further increases its absorption into the body to more effectively — and efficiently — work internally to do what its designers/creators say it does. WOW!

Since salesmen are so easily sold, and we know it, sometimes we are not at all open to the pitch. We are afraid that we'll say yes too quickly (instinctively almost) and in our haste will commit to something that not only will cost us at the beginning but also cost us in the middle and at the end, too. It may be a good cause or a good product and/or service, but occasionally it's not and the risk/reward might not be worth the dollars that eventually won't make any sense.

Still, if there were a pill that could sharpen our judgment and increase our sales, that would be a pill with not only a future, but a present as well. I even have a pharmaceutical-type name for it: Celmor.

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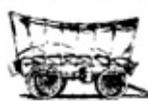
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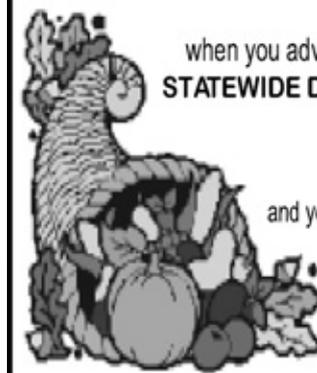
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**Runners Place**

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lin (68th).

**ON THE GIRLS'** side, Potomac Falls finished fifth in the state standings with 156 points. Blacksburg (47) was the team champion, while Hidden Valley of Roanoke (47), Millbrook of Winchester (101) and Brentsville of Nokesville (102) finished in the second through fourth slots.

Potomac Falls sophomore runner Melissa Saunders was the Panthers' top finisher and was 24th overall. She was followed on the team ladder by senior Shannon Brady (39th overall), freshman Kaeley Brady (41st), sophomore Rachel Hagen (48th) and junior Rachael Diniega (56th).



**Potomac Falls High junior Alvaro Morales helps the Panther boys to a fifth-place finish at the state AA championships last Saturday at Great Meadows.**

**Football Title Game Looms**

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Dominion last week. He also rushed for 72 yards and a score. His touchdown passes went to Chris Pelto (6-yard TD catch), Tarrell Owens (45 yards) and Chad McMichael (14 and 9 yards).

Potomac Falls running back Michael Baker rushed for 192 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries.

Dominion finished 1-9 in its first season under Coach Karl Buckwalter. The Titans' lone touchdown against Potomac Falls came on a 37-yard pass play from quarterback Andy Pont to Aaron Good. Dominion also had a field goal from Charles Donkor from 28 yards out.

**BROAD RUN**, the district champion for the second straight season, completed a perfect 10-0 regular season with a 39-26 win at district rival Park View. A year ago, the Spartans also completed a perfect 10-0 regular season with a win over the Patriots.

Next up for Broad Run is a Region II, Division 4, home semifinals playoff game this Friday night against Loudoun County (6-4). The Spartans enter the four-team field as the No. 1 seed, while the Raiders, also members of the Dulles District, are the No. 4 seed.

Broad Run won at Loudoun County in a late season game Oct. 17.

The Spartans, after losing in the first round of the playoffs last year, are especially determined to win their first round playoff encounter this Friday night against the Raiders.

"When you lose, it's over," Broad Run Football Coach Mike Burnett said of the finality of the postseason. "The intensity of the playoffs is, 'This is it.'"

The coach indicated his team's regular season win over Loudoun County won't mean much if the Spartans don't defeat the Raiders again.

"You kind of have to treat it as a whole different game," Burnett said of playoff games. "It's a different scenario with a different perspective."

Burnett is proud of his program's accomplishment in winning back-to-back district crowns. The Spartans have not lost a regular season game since 2006.

"It's very rewarding and a testimony to the hard work [the players] put in when you've [won the title] two years in a row," said the coach. "Being 10-0 is a great by-product of winning the district."

Broad Run had plenty of motivation for its game against Park View this past Friday. The Spartans were eliminated by the Patriots in last year's Region II playoffs.

Broad Run grabbed early control of last week's game, jumping ahead 13-0 after one quarter and carrying a 25-7 lead into the half. The home team Patriots outscored the guests, 19-14, in the second half, but it was not enough as Broad Run clinched the district crown.

Broad Run running back TJ Peeler rushed for 129 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries to lead the Spartans. He opened the game's scoring with a 56-yard touchdown run. Breon Earl, meanwhile, ran for 51 yards and caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Jessop (5 of 13, 149 yards, two TDs). Jessop, a senior, also connected with Adrian Flemming (three catches for 132 yards, two TDs) on a 69-yard scoring strike in the first quarter. Jessop, along with his two scoring tosses, also ran for a touchdown.

Park View, following last year's trip to the Region II playoffs, struggled this season at 3-7.

**BRIAR WOODS** (8-2) is headed for the postseason for the second straight season. The Falcons will compete in the four-team Division 3 playoffs as the No. 3 seed. They will travel to No. 2 Monticello (9-1) of Charlottesville to take on the Mustangs this Friday night. Monticello is the defending region champion.

Last year, Briar Woods, in the school's third year of existence, qualified for the postseason for the first time. At the playoffs, the Falcons lost a high-scoring affair at Millbrook (Winchester).

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