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**NEW COMMITTEE.** 7 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. A meeting for concerned Loudoun bicyclists to organize a Bicycle Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the county to about bicycle commuting and improved safety for all, including recreational cyclists.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 19

**FLU SHOT CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., Inova Medical Center-Dulles South, 24801 Pinebrook Road, Chantilly, onboard the Mobile Unit. Children ages 4 and above and adults can be vaccinated. Cost for the flu shot is \$25 per person, no charge for seniors with a valid Medicare card with Part B. Pneumonia shot for seniors and those with chronic diseases, \$45. Call the Mobile Health Services hotline at 703-771-2907.

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## Showing Off for Family

### The Fire-Rescue volunteer class holds Family Day.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI  
THE CONNECTION

The fire trucks came roaring to a stop in front of a nondescript three-story building with smoke billowing out of it. The personnel quickly went to work to look for victims and put out the fire, all amid the clicks of cameras and an emcee describing the action.

This weekend, the members of the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue academy's most recent volunteer recruit class got to show off their skills not only for their instructors, but for those who have supported them with live burn evolutions. In all 30 recruits, broken up into teams, took part in the exercises, with half the class being put through its paces Saturday morning and the rest Sunday.

"It's their final burn and a chance to show off for family and friends," Nathan Herlocker, a training officer, said. "They don't have the stress level as high this

week."

**THE VOLUNTEER** Firefighter Family Day marks the near completion of months of training for the recruits, who will graduate Feb. 17. Herlocker said the class members still have three weeks left of smaller, specialized classes. However, the recruits have already taken their state-mandated written tests, required for certification, and are just waiting for the results. In addition, the class members must obtain separate certification from the county.

Herlocker said he started with about 40-plus recruits and expects to graduate 38. In all, the county has 1,500 volunteers that are classified as active, with 800 of those classified as active duty, which means they man

the various volunteer stations across the county. Loudoun also has about 500 career firefighters, which work in conjunction with the volunteers.

"Most will stay in Loudoun County as volunteers," Herlocker said.

"Some will pursue a career spot."

All of the recruits enrolled as volunteers through county stations, except one, Bob Mertz, who came from Warren County, he said because the training was better.

**SUNDAY'S FAMILY DAY** consists of four  
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### Making the Cut

The volunteer recruit class includes hopefuls from Company 6 in Ashburn: Miguel Juarez, Matt Knarr, Josh Mendel, Lucy Todd, Monique Hamm, Susan Marston and Anita Rodriguez; and Company 11 in Sterling: Geoff Chalfant, Dennis Andrews, Rafael Coelho, Ben Phillips, Alex Phillips and David Shaw.



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Recruits make entrance to the burn building.

## Changes in Works

### Shifting students may be the answer in a tough economy.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI  
THE CONNECTION

With a directive from the county Board of Supervisors not to include any new construction in the fiscal year 2010 — and possibly FY 2011 — Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the School Board is looking to shift attendance areas for several schools to relieve overcrowding and establish boundaries for Kenneth Culbert Elementary School in Hamilton, which opens in 2009 and Tuscarora High in Leesburg, scheduled to open in 2010. An amendment put forth by School Board member Bob Ohneiser (Broad Run), which passed 5-3-1, removed Broad Run High School from the schedule, however, 14 Ashburn/Dulles area schools face

### Boundary Calendar

The School Board has approved an attendance boundary review calendar, which includes Creighton's Corner, Legacy, Mill Run, Cedar Lane, Belmont Station, Newton-Lee and Seldens Landing elementary schools; Mercer, Stone Hill, Belmont Ridge, Eagle Ridge and Farmwell Station middle schools; and Briar Woods and Stone Bridge high schools. Changes for the elementary and middle schools will be effective fall 2009 with the changes to the high schools effective the following fall. For a complete list of meeting dates, which begin Jan. 7, visit the school system Web site, [www.loudoun.k12.va.us](http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us), and then click on Planning and Legislative Services.

having their attendance areas modified. In all 36 schools are being considered for boundary changes.

Any modifications, which are expected to be adopted April 28, will be effective fall of 2009 for elementary and middle schools and the following year for the high schools.

"We had a number of projects delayed or pushed out of the CIP," Sam Adamo, director of the schools system's Planning and

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## Supervisors Say No to 'Skins

### The Board of Supervisors voted not to use tourism funds for Redskins partnership.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

The Board of Supervisors' decision not to use Transient Occupancy Tax funds to form a partnership with the NFL's Washington Redskins has spawned an ongoing debate within in the county. The proposal, which failed 4-5, would have allocated a total of \$250,000 in occupancy tax money over two years in what Chairman Scott York (I-At Large) described as a "purchase of a commodity."

The Transient Occupancy Tax is a 5 percent tax that is levied on patrons of hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and campgrounds. Each year, the board must allocate 3 percent to tourism in the county and the remaining 2 percent is absorbed by the general fund.

In the first year, the proposal requested \$100,000 in exchange for the county's logo being placed on the Redskins' Web site and a kiosk at the team's spring training facility in Ashburn to promote tourism in the county. In the second year, the county would give \$150,000 toward the creation and development of a "Redskins Hall of Fame" in the county.

York, Lori Waters (R-Broad Run), Susan Klimek-Buckley (D-Sugarland Run) and Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) were the four who supported the failed proposal. Their defense of the partnership was that the Web site averages more than 21 million hits a year and that training camp brings more than 75,000 people to Ashburn over the nine-day span, making this an investment opportunity, which will drive tourists to the county.

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## Loudoun Man Killed

The Arlington County Police Department's Homicide/Robbery Unit is investigating a homicide that occurred Monday, Dec. 8. Police received a phone call at 3:56 a.m. from a man stating that he had shot another man inside his home in the 2100 block of S. Arlington Ridge Road.

Police charged the 35-year-old male, the resident of the house, with murder. He was being held without bond in the Arlington County Detention Center.

The victim was been identified as Matthew Hicks, 32, of Loudoun County.

Police ask that anyone who has information relating to this incident call the Arlington Police Tip Line at 703-228-4242.

## Beware of False Collection Agencies

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. warns the public of recent misrepresentations by a collection agency. The collection agency, NCO Financial Systems, has contacted persons who may have received parking citations and requested immediate payment. The agency claimed to be

representing Loudoun County in this effort.

Loudoun County has no relationship with this collection agency and has not contracted for any services with the agency. NCO has been contacted and instructed to stop this unauthorized activity.

Zurn said the matter is being investigated and additional action may be taken. If anyone has received a call from this company regarding a past due parking citation or other account, they should contact the Treasurer's Office immediately to provide additional information. The

Treasurer's Office can be reached at 703-777-0280 or by sending an e-mail to [taxes@loudoun.gov](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov).

## Be Weary of Thieves

The Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit is reminding residents that festive and holiday seasons are also seasons to be wary of burglars, thieves, pickpockets and other holiday grinchers.

Some simple tips to avoid becoming a victim of crime include:

- ❖ Always lock doors and windows.
- ❖ Do not leave the drapes or curtains open with presents in plain view, scatter the gifts around the house, in closets or cupboards, where they can't be so easily seen.
- ❖ If leaving town for the holidays, make sure your home appears occupied. Leave inside and outside lights on timers and have your neighbors pick up newspapers, mail and take flyers off your door. Ask neighbors to park in your driveway. Put a timer on a talk radio station for several hours a day.
- ❖ After the holidays, do not put out empty boxes advertising new purchases. Break them down and put them in the trash cans or in garbage bags.
- ❖ When shopping make sure to use the trunk of your car to keep your packages out of sight. Keep your car locked at all times. Be sure to make several trips to your car to deposit packages in the trunk. Don't allow yourself to become so burdened down with packages that you become a tempting target.
- ❖ When walking through parking lots, be sure that you are aware of your surroundings. Walk with authority. Do not look like a victim.
- ❖ Keep your purse tucked tightly under your arm or do not carry a purse. Place your checkbook, cash or credit cards in your front pockets.
- ❖ Never give credit card number over the telephone to anyone when you did not initiate the call. And be sure that you are dealing with a reputable company when ordering merchandise over the phone.

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**Capt. Jason Collins, who will serve as the command, gives a briefing to those who will be participating the live burn exercises Sunday.**

## Recruits Complete Live Burn Exercise

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"evolutions." The recruits are broken into four groups and there are four tasks to perform divided into attack, or the first responders in the building; truck, or those manning the ladder truck; backup, or those manning the second hose line and rapid intervention, or those who remain outside the building in case of emergencies. The multiple evolutions gave each team a chance to rotate to each task.

The live burns take place in the Fire-Rescue burn building, a three-story, divided concrete structure, which simulates a garden-style apartment building on one side and a single-family home on the other. The building includes balconies and fire escapes and a number of rooms to search for "victims," consisting of a child-sized dummy and a 220-pound dummy.

For the weekend exercises, experienced firefighters served as "igniters," those who go inside the structure to start the fires and man the safety line inside the building and as supervisors of each team, Irv Chilcoat, senior instructor, said.

"The firefighters don't know what room the fire is in," Chilcoat said.

"It's exciting. Our families get to see what we've been doing the last six months," Dennis Andrews, a recruit with Company 11 in Sterling who lives in Lorton, said.

Purcellville resident Ryan Jones, a recruit with Company 8 in Philomont, saw Family Day as one more opportunity for the instructors to "see if we know what we're doing."

Arlington resident and fellow Company 11 recruit Rafael Coelho said the entire experience of the academy training has served to stress teamwork and has fed his "need for excitement."

Both Andrews and Jones hope becoming volunteers assists in their pursuit of becoming career firefighters.

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**— Dennis Andrews, a recruit with Company 11 in Sterling**



**The igniters waiting for the OK to start the fires in the burn building.**

## SCHOOLS

# Several Schools Face Changing Boundaries

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Legislative Services department, said at the Dec. 2 School Board meeting.

**THE SCHOOL SYSTEM** will begin the boundary input sessions in January. At the meetings, schools staff will provide information, including current and projected enrollment figures and ask the community for its suggestions on boundary modifications. In mid-February, schools staff will present its attendance boundary recommendations to the School Board, followed by public hearings on the possible scenarios in March. The School Board is scheduled to adopt the new boundaries in April.

This approach is a departure for the school system. In the past, staff would present possible scenarios to the public, solicit feedback from the community and revise its proposals before presenting them to the School Board.

"You wanted us to go in with a blank slate and no preconceived notions," Edgar Hatrick, superintendent of schools, said. "We're asking the public to take a look across the region and come up with suggestions."

Hatrick said the change in philosophy is due, in part, to technology, which allows the community to have access to much more data, not only including enrollments, but also the geography, socio-economics and other details of attendance areas.

**WHILE IT IS** too early to predict how schools may be affected, students attending Broad Run High School will not face gradating as anything other than Spartans. Ohneiser successfully argued Broad Run should not be included in the mix this go around because it is a "stable" community and the school faces challenges in the near future with several developments either approved or seeking approval, including One Loudoun, Kincora and Moorefield Station. He also said Broad Run is simply too far away to be included in the Tuscarora High boundary considerations.

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Bob Ohneiser



Robert DuPree Jr.

anced and full. It offers little to Tuscarora, which is three clusters away from it," he said. "It's not the same situation as Stone Bridge. I see no benefit in adding students to Broad Run High School. I see no policy benefit to taking students out of Broad Run and putting them into Stone Bridge because an opening occurred because Stone Bridge students have gone elsewhere."

According to enrollment figures in the proposed FY 2010-14 CIP, Briar Woods' enrollment as of Sept. 30, was 1,268 and is projected to be 1,315 in the 2009-10 school year; Broad Run has 1,487 students and is facing a projected 2009-10 enrollment of 1,514; and Stone Bridge is reported to have 1,839 students with an enrollment of 1,922 next year. Both Briar Woods and Broad Run, according to the CIP, are under capacity and are projected to remain that way through the 2011-12 school year. Stone Bridge, however, is already over capacity by 221 students, or 113 percent, and is projected to be 304 students, 118 percent, over capacity next year. The CIP has Stone Bridge at 153 percent, or 862 students, over capacity by the 2013-14 if no changes are made either to attendance boundaries or the facility itself.

Even though Ohneiser's amendment passed, not everyone agreed the school should be off limits.

"I've got a couple concerns about taking something off the table before we even start the process," School Board chair Robert DuPree Jr. (Dulles) said. "... We are facing some tough times."

DuPree said he thought removing Broad Run from the process this early in the game was contrary to Ohneiser's "very frank, public" insistence that a high school should be built in Ashburn before one is built in Dulles South.

Ohneiser has publicly advocated for the School Board to build the proposed HS-6, a proffered site in Loudoun Valley Estates originally slated to open in 2012-13, before HS-7, known as the Lenah property in Dulles South, which was originally projected to open in the 2011-12 school year. However, land acquisition delays for HS-7 and with CIP funding in doubt, both schools face being pushed back further in the Capital Improvement Plan.

DuPree, Tom Reed (At Large) and Priscilla Godfrey (Blue Ridge) voted against removing Broad Run from the attendance area schedule and Jennifer Bergel (Catotcin) abstained.

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# OPINION

## When To Chase? How to judge when benefits outweigh risks to police, public?

In the past week, there were two instances of police chasing perpetrators through multiple jurisdictions that raise some questions.

In one case, a tractor trailer driven by a man fleeing police in Montgomery County crossed the American Legion Bridge on the Capital Beltway into Fairfax County and then exited in Tysons Corner before crashing down the block from this newspaper's offices on Westpark Drive. Dozens of police cars from Maryland and Virginia participated in the chase, broadcast live on some channels via helicopter.

The chase ended with a few fender benders

and the suspect being tasered. No one else was hurt.

But we wonder what kind of damage could have occurred.

When does it make sense to chase a suspect driving a vehicle with contents unknown into the center of one of the largest shopping districts in the United States during the holiday shopping season? With helicopters in pursuit perhaps this is a case where tracking the truck until it ran out of gas was a possibility?

Last week, a 19-year-old bank robbery suspect from McLean was shot dead by police within sight of a middle school after a foot

chase led them to an Arlington neighborhood.

Last February, a Fairfax County Police Officer drove her police cruiser through a red traffic signal on Richmond Highway on the way to answer a call, striking the car of 33-year-old Ashley McIntosh and killing her. The officer was cleared of charges of reckless driving.

We don't pretend to understand all of the factors that come into play in making such decisions in general or these decisions in particular. We do know that we would like police to be open with the public about their policies.

— MARY KIMM

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### EDITORIAL

### COMMUNITY NOTES

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The Loudoun County Holiday Coalition "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" served more than 1,100 families on Thanksgiving. Each family received a food basket and a food card to purchase perishable items for a typical Thanksgiving meal.

Collections for the Christmas drive run at the Holiday Coalition site, 22714 Glenn Drive, Sterling, Dec. 7-18. Financial donations can be dropped off at the site or mailed to the Loudoun County Department of Family Services at 102 Heritage Way N.E., Suite 103, Leesburg, VA 20176.

The Loudoun County Fire-Rescue System and the Loudoun Career Fire Fighters Association are participating in the 61st annual Toys for Tots Campaign. New, unwrapped toys will be collected at the Fire and Rescue Stations, through Dec. 19. Drop off points include fire stations: in Ashburn at 20688 Ashburn Road and 21730 Red Run Drive; in Sterling at 104 Commerce St. and 46700 Middlefield Drive; in Leesburg at 143 Catocin Circle S.E. and 61 Plaza St. N.E. Call the department's Toys for Tots coordinator, Lt. Nicole Hankin at 703-737-8011.

LINK is seeking volunteers to help with its holiday basket distribution. Vol-

unteers are needed Saturday, Dec. 20, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling, for food distribution. Call 703-437-4409 or e-mail [Diana@hamiltongroup.com](mailto:Diana@hamiltongroup.com).

Loudoun County Animal Care & Control is hosting a Pet Pantry in conjunction with the Community Holiday Coalition to provide donated pet food and supplies to families in need during the holiday season. The Pet Pantry will be located at the Community Holiday Coalition store in Sterling during its December distribution dates. For more information on the Community Holiday Coalition and the Pet Pantry, visit [www.loudoun.gov/holidaycoalition](http://www.loudoun.gov/holidaycoalition). For more information on Animal Care & Control and the CARE program, visit [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals).

Loudoun County is holding a Ms. Senior Loudoun County pageant in January. Open to residents who will reach 60 years of age by Jan. 24. For more information, call the local senior center or Carolyn Bledsoe, 571-437-4543.

The 2008 Loudoun County Holiday Buy Fresh, Buy Local guide has been released and lists sources of local foods, winter farm products, Christmas trees, decorations and more. Copies available at community centers, libraries, tourism offices, the Heritage Farm Museum, wineries and a number of area stores. Call 703-777-0426, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. or visit [www.buylocalvirginia.org](http://www.buylocalvirginia.org) for individual copies.

"The Lure of Loudoun: Centuries of Change in Virginia's Emerald County," a diary in pictures and text of Loudoun County is on sale. The book is illustrated with more than 300 color and black-and-white images of Loudoun's landscapes, personalities, artifacts and historic documents. Cost: \$45 plus tax. Available from Beth Friedmann at 703-777-7427 or Loudoun Museum, 16 Loudoun St. S.W., Leesburg.

Visit [www.loudounfarms.org](http://www.loudounfarms.org) to find local family farms that offer choose-and-cut Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands, poinsettias and other Loudoun holiday items. Farmers will provide assistance in tree selection, bow saws for cutting, and help loading trees.

The Loudoun County Senior Trips Program is offering overnight trips by bus to New York City, San Antonio, New Orleans, Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon for seniors age 55 and older. Call Mark Humphrey at the Cascades Senior Center at 703-430-2397 for trip information and registration.

The Loudoun County Public Library is launching LoudounPedia, a Wiki to find and contribute information about county events, organizations, news, politics, entertainment and more. LoudounPedia helps find the information through multiple links and pathways. For those contributing content, quickly update information and group with similar organizations. Applications to contribute are accessible at [www.loudounpedia.org](http://www.loudounpedia.org).

The trustees of the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation announce that they have concluded their grant cycle for 2009. The foundation has pledged or made gifts totaling more than \$34 million to various charities since its inception. Loudoun-based charities and organizations will have received more than \$10 million, including \$869,000 for 2009.

Volunteer Loudoun's Make a Difference Day was successful, collecting food, personal care and household items for nearly 890 families; an 18 percent increase in donations from last year.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, locally known as the Northern Virginia CASH is seeking volunteers to deliver free tax preparation services at no cost to working families and individuals in the community who earned less than \$42,000 in 2008. Contact Karen Velez, 703-771-5718 or [karen.velez@loudoun.gov](mailto:karen.velez@loudoun.gov) or Debra Bressler, 703-777-0505 or [debra.bressler@loudoun.gov](mailto:debra.bressler@loudoun.gov) to register.

The Loudoun Community Health Center needs funds to provide medical care for needy Loudoun residents. The health center provides medical care to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay, whether they have insurance or not. The goal is to raise \$300,000 before the end of 2008. Donate at [www.LoudounCHC.org](http://www.LoudounCHC.org) or send a check to the Loudoun Community Health Center, 224 A Cornwall St. N.W., Leesburg, VA 20176.

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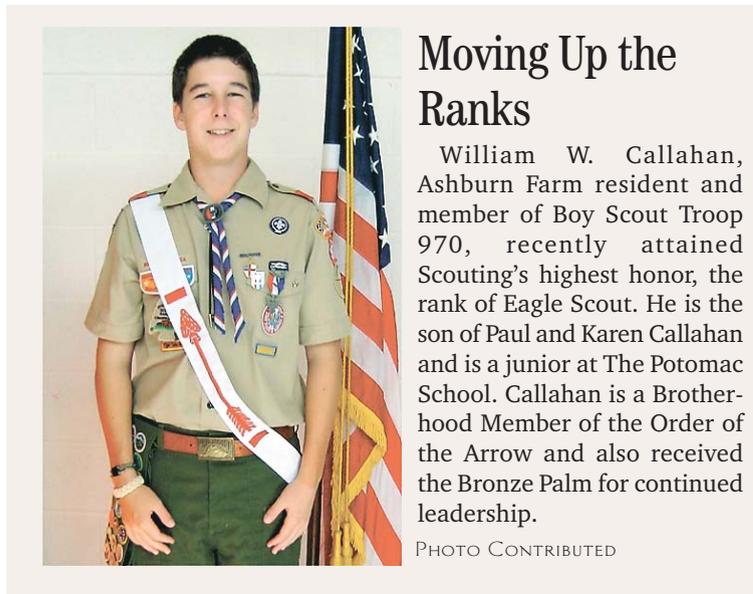
The registration deadline for the Loudoun County Master Gardener Volunteer training program has been extended until Dec. 31. The Master Gardener program is offered through the Loudoun Extension Office to train volunteers to assist the urban horticulturist in providing service and educational programs for Loudoun residents.

Application packets can be downloaded at [www.loudouncountymastergardener.org](http://www.loudouncountymastergardener.org)

or call 703-771-5150.

The Loudoun Museum, 16 Loudoun St. S.W., Leesburg, is seeking volunteers to assist guests as they visit the museum on weekdays. Duties include greeting guests, providing basic tourist and heritage information, collecting admission fees and answering the telephone. Hours are flexible with both morning and afternoon shifts available. Training will be provided. E-mail [bfriedmann@loudounmuseum.org](mailto:bfriedmann@loudounmuseum.org) or call 703-777-7427 to volunteer.

The Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn, is looking for teen reading buddy volunteers to read to young children ages 3-6, Mondays at 4:30 p.m., in November and December. Apply at the Information Desk. Phone 703-737-8100.



### Moving Up the Ranks

William W. Callahan, Ashburn Farm resident and member of Boy Scout Troop 970, recently attained Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the son of Paul and Karen Callahan and is a junior at The Potomac School. Callahan is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow and also received the Bronze Palm for continued leadership.

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# Greenbacks for Green Projects

Federal money should be spent on eco-friendly items, local leaders say.

By DAVID SCHULTZ  
THE CONNECTION

President-elect Barack Obama (D) seeks to stimulate the economy by passing a public works project with a price tag that could run well into the trillions; the leaders of local governments in the Washington area have some suggestions as to how that money should be spent.

Last week, local leaders from Maryland and Northern Virginia gathered to request that the stimulus money be spent on environmentally friendly projects that would create "green" infrastructure across the country.

Led by Climate Communities, a national coalition of cities and counties that lobbies the federal government on climate change issues, the local leaders have a wish list of green public works projects that could be started immediately.

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— Ron Brown, Climate Communities

list of green public works projects that could be started immediately.

"Everyone and their brother are coming to Washington and talking about the funding they need," Ron Brown, executive director of Climate Communities, said. "But these projects are different. They will create jobs and will wean us off of foreign oil."

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY** in homes is especially important in Loudoun County, said Loudoun Supervisor Andrea Gimsey (D-Potomac). Because Loudoun has been growing so fast in



County Supervisor Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac) and other local leaders are requesting federal money for green projects.

recent years, she said, many homes were built with faulty construction work and are now highly inefficient. "Energy is just flying out of the house," she said.

If Congress passes a stimulus for local governments, Gimsey said that Loudoun County would use their funds to pay for the construction of a geothermal fire station in Brambleton. The fire station would be heated and cooled using natural energy from below the Earth's surface.

Gimsey said that the geothermal fire station would result in 30 percent energy savings and would recoup its initial construction expenses in three years. "After that," she said, "It's just pure taxpayer savings."

"This is not just a way to help the local governments," she said. "It's a way to help local taxpayers."

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY** Council Member Roger Berliner (D) said that his county would use the federal funds to provide no interest loans to homeowners. The loans would be used to retrofit homes to make them more energy efficient, he said. If 30 percent of the households in Montgomery County took these loans, it could reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 200,000 tons annually.

Berliner said that the loans would essentially pay for themselves by creating sub-

stantial savings in homeowners' energy bills. A \$5,000 loan used for retrofitting can create up to \$230 per year in savings, he said. "This isn't like what's going on on Wall Street," he said. "We can pay this back."

However, Berliner said that it would be impossible for Montgomery County to create the capital for this program on its own, as the county is facing a \$500 million shortfall for next year's budget. "We don't have the cash," he said. "We can't do the good things, we have to do the essential."

"We have to balance our budget; the feds don't," Berliner added. "We need the feds to be our banker."

**THE CITY** of Alexandria also has several projects that could become greener with an infusion of federal dollars.

Alexandria Vice Mayor Del Pepper (D) said that the city will be building a new fire station and a new centralized police facility. Budget constraints prevent these new buildings from achieving a higher LEED rating from the U.S. Green Building Council, she said. But with less than \$1.5 million in federal funds, Pepper said, the facilities could achieve Gold LEED scores.

The greening of public buildings is an important signal to send to the rest of the community, Pepper said. "We want to set

the standard for the private development community," she said.

But City Council Member Rob Krupicka (D) said that Alexandria faces some difficult challenges in creating more energy efficient buildings. "We are known for our historic neighborhoods and structures," he said. "But those old buildings are typically not role models for energy conservation."

**ARLINGTON COUNTY** Board Member Jay Fiset (D) said that his county would use money from a federal stimulus to install solar panels on multiple public buildings. Fiset said that the project would cost \$3 million, money that the county cannot currently afford because it faces a projected \$40 million budget shortfall for next year.

But the installation of solar panels would go a long way towards helping Arlington meet its goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions 10 percent by 2012, he said. "[A federal stimulus] is crucial for us to meet our greenhouse gas initiative," Fiset said.

Installing solar panels would also have a huge symbolic impact, Fiset said, much like when President Jimmy Carter installed solar panels on the White House. "That was an important message," Fiset said. "Everyone should be putting solar panels on prominent buildings."

## OBITUARIES

### Charles S. Beaner Sr.

Charles S. Beaner Sr., 74, of Paeonian Springs, died Nov. 25 at Inova Loudoun Hospital. Beaner was born Feb. 17, 1934, in Round Hill.

He is survived by one daughter, Audrey F. Payne of Paeonian Springs; four sons, Taylor C. Bell of California, Charles S. Beaner Jr. and wife, Brenda, of Winchester, Ken-

neth L. Beaner and wife, Kristen, of Paeonian Springs and Garry L. Beaner of Paeonian Springs; one sister, Shirley Lane of Round Hill; two brothers Larry Anderson of Leesburg and Lynwood Anderson of Montclair, N.J.; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services followed by interment took place Dec. 6, at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

in Leesburg.

### Randolph R. Reid

Randolph R. Reid, 68, of Loudoun County, died Dec. 1, at Inova Loudoun Hospital. Reid was born April 26, 1940.

He is survived by four brothers, Freddie Reid of Milwood, Va., Henry Reid of Upperville, Va., Clarence Reid of Clinton, Md., and James Reid

of Upper Marlboro, Md.; two sisters, Roberta Murphy of Washington, D.C., Mary Reid of Temple Hill, Md.; dear friend Angela Taylor and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Theodore Reid and Conway Reid and one sister, Susie Matthews.

Services were held Dec. 9 at the Community Church in Ashburn followed by interment at Rock Hill Cemetery in Round Hill.

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### WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

**HOLIDAY CONCERT.** 7 p.m., Briar Woods High School, 22525 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn. The Briar Woods High School Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band present its annual holiday concert in the auditorium. Attendees asked to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.

**CONCERT.** 7 p.m., Stone Bridge High School, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn. The Stone Bridge High School Band presents a concert in preparation for the marching band's appearance in the historic New Year's Day parade in London, England.

### THURSDAY/DEC. 18

**THEATER TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Columbia, Md., to Toby's Dinner Theatre for the production of "A Christmas Carol." Cost: \$58 for members, \$60 for nonmembers, includes transportation, show, champagne brunch and tip. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 19

**NUTCRACKER.** 7:30 p.m., Heritage High School, 520 Evergreen Mill Road, S.E., Leesburg. The Loudoun Ballet Company performs "The Nutcracker." Cost: advance tickets \$20 for adult reserved seating, \$15 for children 12 and under and for seniors 60 and above, premium reserved seats are \$25; at the door are \$25. Call the LBC box office at 703-771-8074 or visit [www.loudounballet.org](http://www.loudounballet.org).

**FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS.** 7 p.m., Sterling United Methodist Church, 304 E. Church Road, Sterling. Fireside Christmas is a family evening of seasonal songs, skits, inspirational readings and other live entertainment. Free. Call 703-430-6455 or visit [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org).

### SATURDAY/DEC. 20

**NUTCRACKER.** 1 p.m. and 5:30, Heritage High School, 520 Evergreen Mill Road, S.E., Leesburg. See Dec. 19 item for details.

**GINGERBREAD WORKSHOP.** 10:30-11:15a.m., Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodbridge Parkway, Lansdowne. Briar Woods High School presents a "Gingerbread Workshop." Fees apply; call 703-729-8400, Ext. 2107 to register.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 21

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL."** 6 p.m., Oatlands Carriage House Theater, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Drive, Leesburg. Oatlands Carriage House Theater presents Charles Dickens' beloved story. Cost: \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Call 703-777-3174, Ext. 100 for tickets.

### MONDAY/DEC. 22

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL."** 6 p.m., Oatlands Carriage House Theater, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Drive, Leesburg. See Dec. 21 item for

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PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

Jim Klock of Ashburn Village with his decorations.

# A Clark Griswold Christmas

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

Jim Klock, 47, of Ashburn Village, thought of Clark Griswold from "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" when he decorated his home for the Ashburn Village Holiday Light Tour.

To say it's over the top is an understatement.

LED lights line the perimeter of the home on Cowgill Court and a variety of blowups come with life-like snow scenes. There's penguins, a Snoopy, a snowman and pandas, a train, a merry-go-round and Santa and reindeer on a sled.

"The whole theme was the Clark Griswold Christmas," said Klock, who works for the U.S. Secret Service protecting the White House. "We had watched the movie so many

times with Chevy Chase."

**KLOCK DID ALL** the electrical work, using 500 lights, nine inflatables, 300 feet of extension cords and four transmitters that react to music and control the flickering lights.

"Each [light] reacts to the beat of the music, so they go back and forth," he said. "They correspond to the music itself. So it blinks to the beat of the music."

He spent about 40 hours setting up the display with daughter Samantha, 11, a sixth-grader at Farmwell Station Middle School. "Last year we came in second, so this year my dad tried to outdo himself," she said.

"The thought was we had to cover the whole house and do something spectacular and impress the judges," said her dad.

Son Tommy, 13, even got up on the ladder and roof to install the lights. "I like how the lights blink to the music," he said.

It was too much on one circuit breaker so he wired it into eight different outlets inside the house. When asked about his electricity bill, Klock laughs. "I'm afraid to look. ... They've been up since after Thanksgiving. The goal was to keep them all through New Year's."

Judging takes place this weekend by members of the Ashburn Village Community Association. They award first-, second-, and third-place honors in the single-family home and townhouse categories to some 5,000 homes in Ashburn Village.

Klock is also president of the Dulles Little League Baseball and coaches seventh- and eighth-grade basketball. He is married to wife Judith.



Community of inflatables graces the Klock family's lawn.



The Klock family's decorations are inspired by Clark Griswold from "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

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## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

**SENIOR MOVIE.** 1:30 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. See "Mama Mia," starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan. Rated PG-13, run time 108 minutes. Cost: \$2 includes popcorn and soda. Call 703-4430-2397.

**ANIMAL HUNT.** 12:30-1:45 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Listen to the story of a little boy who loses his mitten and what happens when the animals find them then search the woods for animals to fill your own mitten and enjoy juice and cookies. Adult must accompany children. Cost: \$4 per child; call 571-258-3700 to register.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 18

**BILINGUAL STORY TIME.** 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Bilingual story telling in English and Spanish for children ages 2-6. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

**FOLLOW THAT DEER.** 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Search for footprints, bits of fur and bark rubbings that tell us deer live here. Become an expert on the park's largest animal. Ages 3-6; cost: \$10.50 per child.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 19

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

## SATURDAY/DEC. 20

**N.Y.C. BUS TRIP.** 6:30 a.m., Loudoun Commuter Bus Lot, 110 Catocin Circle S.E., Leesburg. Travel by luxury motor coach to New York City. Cost: \$60 per person; under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Call 703-771-5913 to register.

**CONCERT.** 2 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Mr. Knick Knack (Steve Rossi) performs. All ages. Free tickets available half an hour before the program. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

**MAGDRI.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Santa Paws PetSmart, 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling. The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League is hosting a meet and greet with great danes.

## MONDAY/DEC. 22

**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>.

## TUESDAY/DEC. 23

**MOVIES.** 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac

Falls. Watch "The Muppet Christmas Carol." Rated G; 86 minutes. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

## SATURDAY/DEC. 27

**SCHOOL OF ROCK.** 6-9 p.m., Ned Devine's Irish Village, 21800 Town Center Plaza, Sterling. The School of Rock All-Stars will play with special opener The Pat Sommers Project. Call 703-444-7873 or visit [www.irishvillage.neddevines.com](http://www.irishvillage.neddevines.com).

## SUNDAY/DEC. 28

**CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT.** Count circle covers 177 square miles north to Waterford, south to Aldie, east to Ashburn and west to Purcellville. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy in the National Audubon Society's Annual Christmas Bird Count. Everyone is welcome, both beginners and expert birders, amateurs are teamed with experienced birders. Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or [jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org](mailto:jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org).

## MONDAY/DEC. 29

**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>.

**FAMILY MOVIE.** 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Bring pillows and blankets for a showing of "Horton Hears a Who." Rated G; 88 minutes. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

**ENTERTAINMENT.** 2 p.m., Cascades

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### TUESDAY/DEC. 23

**GRINCH WHOBLATION.** 1:30-3 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestals Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 6-10. What is a Grinch? The Grinch is lurking in the park, can you find him? Cost: \$4. Call 571-258-3700 to register.

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL."** 6 p.m., Oatlands Carriage House Theater, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Drive, Leesburg. See Dec. 21 item for details.

### WEDNESDAY/DEC. 24

**COLONIAL CHRISTMAS.** Noon-2 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Holiday luncheon with ham and turkey reminiscent of Colonial Williamsburg. Bring salad, side dish or dessert to share. Cost: \$2 members, \$4 nonmembers. Call 703-430-2397.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 28

**HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodbridge Parkway,

Lansdowne. River Bend Middle School presents a "Sunday Brunch." Fees apply; call 703-729-8400, Ext. 2107 to register.

### THURSDAY/DEC. 31

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE.** 1-4 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Music by disc jockey Sky Dantine, includes light snacks and refreshments and transportation after the event. Cost: \$5 for members in advance; \$7 for nonmembers and for members day of the dance. Call 703-430-2397.

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Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Sophie, a talented cairn terrier, will entertain with amazing tricks and antics. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

### TUESDAY/DEC. 30

**STORY TIME.** 4:30 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. One-on-one reading time for children as they buddy up with teen volunteers who will read picture books to them. Recommended for ages 3-6. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

**MOVIES.** 2 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Watch "Wall-E." Rated G; 97 minutes. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

### SATURDAY/JAN. 3

**STORY TIME MATINEE.** 2 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Stories, songs, a video storybook and a craft. Ages 3-6. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

### SUNDAY/JAN. 4

**MEET THE ARTIST.** 3 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Alice Power, a local watercolor artist, will demonstrate and discuss her work. Her watercolors are on display at the library during January and February. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

### THURSDAY/JAN. 8

**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.

### WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

**PAJAMA PARTY.** 2-4 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Includes stories, humor, music, waffles and juice; participants dressed in pajamas optional. Cost: 3 members, \$5 nonmembers and day of event. Transportation available after. Call 703-430-2397.

### FRIDAY/JAN. 23

**CHINESE NEW YEAR.** 2-4 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Celebrate the Year of the Ox with Chinese food and karaoke. Cost: \$3 members, \$5 nonmembers and day of event. Transportation available after. Call 703-430-2397.

**BOOK SALE.** 10 a.m.- 9 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Purchase used books, software, video and music. Prices range from \$.50-\$2.00. Donate used items between

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### SATURDAY/JAN. 24

**BOOK SALE.** 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. See Jan. 23 item for details.

### SUNDAY/JAN. 25

**BOOK SALE.** 12-3 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. See Jan. 23 item for more details.

### MONDAY/JAN. 26

**MUSEUMS TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the Smithsonian American Art/Portrait Gallery Museum or the Spy Museum. Lunch on own. Cost: \$9 for members, \$11 for nonmembers, includes transportation with free admission to the art museum; additional \$15 admission at Spy Museum. Extensive walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

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### FRIDAY/JAN. 30

**PINK FLOYD.** 7 p.m., Ned Devine's Irish Village, 21800 Town Center Plaza, Sterling. The Paul Green School of Rock Music presents a live performance of the Pink Floyd's "The Wall." Cost: \$10. Call 703-444-7873 or visit [www.irishvillage.neddevines.com](http://www.irishvillage.neddevines.com).

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**STORY TIME MATINEE.** 2 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Stories, songs, a video storybook and a craft. Ages 3-6. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

### THURSDAY/FEB. 12

**THEATER TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Baltimore, Md., to Toby's Dinner Theatre for the production of "Sophisticated Ladies." Cost: \$61 for members, \$63 for nonmembers, includes transportation, show, buffet lunch and tip. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

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### SATURDAY/FEB. 14

**THEATER TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Strasburg, to Wayside Theatre for the production of "Lies & Legends-The Musical Stories of Harry Chapin." Cost: \$56 for members, \$58 for nonmembers, includes transportation, show, buffet lunch at Hotel Strasburg and tip. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

### FRIDAY/FEB. 20

**'80S HAIR METAL.** 7 p.m., Ned Devine's Irish Village, 21800 Town Center Plaza, Sterling. The Paul Green School of Rock Music presents the '80s Hair Metal Show, a tribute to Spandex, long hair, guitar shredding and power chords. Cost: \$10. Call 703-444-7873 or visit [www.irishvillage.neddevines.com](http://www.irishvillage.neddevines.com).

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# BOS Votes No on 'Skins Deal

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"We were buying a marketing package at a worth of over \$650,000" York said in a newsletter. "This idea to me was a brilliant use of these funds that cannot be used for items except of this nature."

**ON THE OTHER SIDE** of the aisle, the general concern was giving money to a team that is the second wealthiest team in the NFL and that there was no guarantee that the partnership would actually bring in more revenue.

Supervisor Kelly Burk (D-Leesburg) echoed the sentiment of most of the other Supervisors that did not support the proposal, saying that while she is a fan of the Redskins and football, she just did not see where the return would be.

**"The issue is not with the Redskins itself, but it is with the idea that should the board be using tourism money in this particular way."**

— Kelly Burk, Board of Supervisors, Leesburg District

Burk added that another concern was that in the second year of the proposal, in which the county gives \$150,000, there is no official agreement to actually build the hall of fame in Loudoun and no guarantee that the team would keep its facilities in the county. Also, she questioned the proposal's pitch that the county would be called the "Corporate Home of the Redskins," which she felt is seeking to attract businesses, not tourism, which is the point of using occupancy tax funds.

Following the vote, several organizations



Stevens Miller

quickly called for the board to reverse its decision. Tony Howard, president of the county's Chamber of Commerce, sent letters to each of the board members asking them to change their position. York also said that the Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association and the general manager of the National Conference Center also expressed disappointment in the decision and called for a reversal.

To make matters more contentious for the supporters of the failed plan, other jurisdictions in the state are showing interest in partnering with the Redskins. According to a Dec. 8 statement written by Supervisor Pat Herry of the Springfield District in Fairfax County, not only is Virginia Beach "actively pursuing such an agreement," but also noted that he has had "discussions with the president and CEO of FXVA [Fairfax County's Convention and Visitors Corporation] and several of its board members" about bringing the Redskins there if Loudoun cannot work out an agreement.

**IN RESPONSE** to the growing dissent within the county, Supervisors York and Stevens Miller (D-Dulles) have stepped forward and called for their fellow board members to reconsider the issue.

In his constituent newsletter, York wrote that "This [decision] simply leaves me baffled and discouraged as we head into making probably the most difficult budget decisions during my tenure on this board. I encourage you to write directly to your own Supervisor and ask them to reconsider this vote."

Miller, who initially voted against the proposal, released a statement Dec. 11 announcing that he will make a motion for the board to revisit the vote at its business meeting Dec. 18.

"I hope that the residents, stakeholders and the Redskins family understand that I believe the Burgundy and Gold is a tremendous asset to the community," Miller said. "This is the home of the team and we are proud to have them here. We simply need to fill in some gaps in the plan as presented. This is not a 'do-over,' but a 'do-more.'"

If the motion is approved, a new vote on the proposal can be held, where there is a possibility the decision will be reversed. The proposal failed by one vote and with Miller possibly changing course, the supporting supervisors may well get that clinching fifth vote.

## REAL ESTATE NOTES

**Weichert Realtors** kicked off the company's 30th Annual Toy Drive. Toys will be collected at each of the company's sales offices for distribution to financially and/or physically disadvantaged children within the local communities. Donations of new unwrapped toys accepted **through December**.

The **Loudoun County Department of Family Services** is taking applications for use of the county's consolidated housing funds. Up to \$3 million in proffer and Affordable Dwelling Unit program-generated funds is available to help finance the construction of affordable housing. Visit [www.loudoun.gov/housing-funds](http://www.loudoun.gov/housing-funds) for application materials.

## BUSINESS NOTES

**Glenfiddich Farm Pottery**, 17642 Canby Road, Leesburg, will be open Saturdays **through Dec. 20**, 12-5 p.m. The pottery including teapots, mugs, bowls, plates, platters and many other ideas for gift giving and stocking stuffers. Visit [www.glenfarmpottery.com](http://www.glenfarmpottery.com).

**Lansdowne Resort** will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Any guest who brings a new and unwrapped toy to Sunday brunch buffet, at the resort's On the Potomac restaurant, will receive \$10 off the brunch price of \$49 per person. This offer applies only to the adult brunch price and the maximum "discount" will be \$20 per couple. The promotion and collection will go on **through Dec. 21**. Call 703-729-8400 or visit

[www.lansdowneresort.com](http://www.lansdowneresort.com).

The Loudoun Chamber, in conjunction with all of the local public safety agencies, established the **Loudoun County Valor Awards Program** to recognize and acknowledge those who continuously place themselves in harm's way to ensure the safety of others. The 2009 Valor Awards will be held on Tuesday, April 14, at The National Conference Center in Leesburg. The deadline for nominations is Friday, **Dec. 31**; visit [www.loudounchamber.org](http://www.loudounchamber.org).

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# Broad Run Boys Basketball Off to 5-0 Start

**New head coach Costello utilizing a deep Spartans' bench.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The winter high-school basketball season could not have started much better for the Broad Run High boys and new head coach John Costello. The Spartans, following last Friday night's 75-70 Dulles District home win over Briar Woods, were a perfect 5-0.

Costello, who was hired last spring to take over the program following former head coach Larry Boomer's decision to step down, is no stranger to Broad Run basketball. He was a part of coach Boomer's staff for several years and was the program's freshmen boys head coach the past three years. Boomer, the former coach, led Broad Run to Dulles District titles in both the 2005-06 and 2006-07 seasons before the Spartans struggled at 12-13 last year. Costello said Broad Run basketball is more than winning and losing games. "I'm trying to make a difference in their lives and coach Boomer was the same way," Costello said.

**ON THE COURT**, Costello, who said he has a team full of good athletes, will stress

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

At the recent Northern Region Wrestling Classic event, held at Fairfax High School, Dec. 5-6, Jefferson wrestler **Kevin Zigadlo**, a South Riding resident, was a fourth-place finisher in his respective weight class, helping the Colonials to an eighth place overall finish at the 32-team event.

Leesburg resident **Jaxon Leo**, a junior on the Wheaton College (Mass.) men's basketball team, scored 14 points and pulled down eight rebounds in his team's 89-73 win over visiting Salem State College Nov. 25. Leo also had eight boards in Wheaton's 53-46 win at Connecticut College following the Thanksgiving break.

The **Northern Virginia U.S. Tennis Association** Super Duper (over 70) Men's Doubles Tennis League is open for registration for the season scheduled to begin in March. Play will be at the Regency Sport and Health Club in McLean on Old Meadow Road. For further information, contact league coordinator Edward Bernier at EdwardBernier@aol.com.

playing hard, intense basketball. Team depth will be a strength this season.

"We'll use 10 guys a quarter," said Costello, who was the Broad Run High girls basketball coach for three years in the late 1990s.

Costello has been around most of his players the past several years as a part of the program's coaching staff and has a good feel for his team. As a result, the transition from assistant to head coach has gone smooth.

"I've been around these kids a long time and that has been a huge advantage," he said. "I've seen them [play] as freshmen."

Broad Run received a nice addition of players and firepower in its recent non-district, 68-55 home win over Ashburn rival Stone Bridge Dec. 10. That win, in which

the Spartans improved to 4-0, saw the return of several Broad Run football players who had not been able to compete on the hardwood because of the football team's extended fall season that resulted in a state title.

Costello said the football players — seniors Breon Earl, Didier Saidi, Kevin Sandersen and Will Field — reported for their first basketball practice Dec. 8 and were ready to get some playing minutes against Stone Bridge.

"They didn't start or anything, but they played some good minutes," said Costello, who used the football turned hoopsters off the bench against the Bulldogs.

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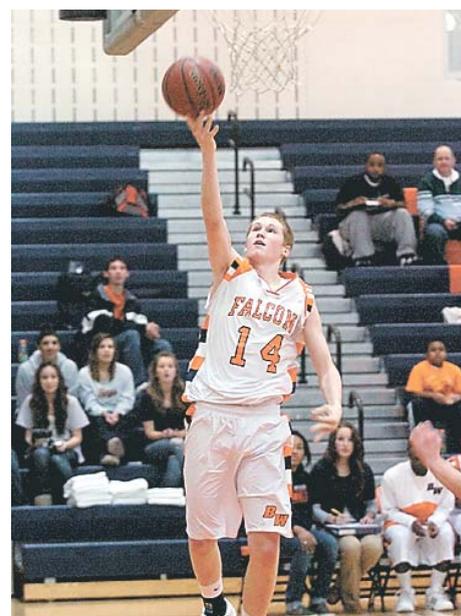
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— **John Costello, Broad Run High boys basketball coach**



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**Kevin Sandersen (40) is one of four Broad Run basketball players who got a late start on the hardwood as a result of the Spartans' run to the state football championship.**



## Athlete of the Week

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Briar Woods' Matt Roush goes up for a layup during a recent boys basketball game. Although the Falcons have lost their past two games, the Falcons are 3-2 overall. The team, under coach Mike Benson, played Dulles District rival Broad Run tough in a 75-70 road loss last Friday night. The Falcons have district home games this week Tuesday, Dec. 16, against Dominion and Friday, Dec. 19, against Freedom.**

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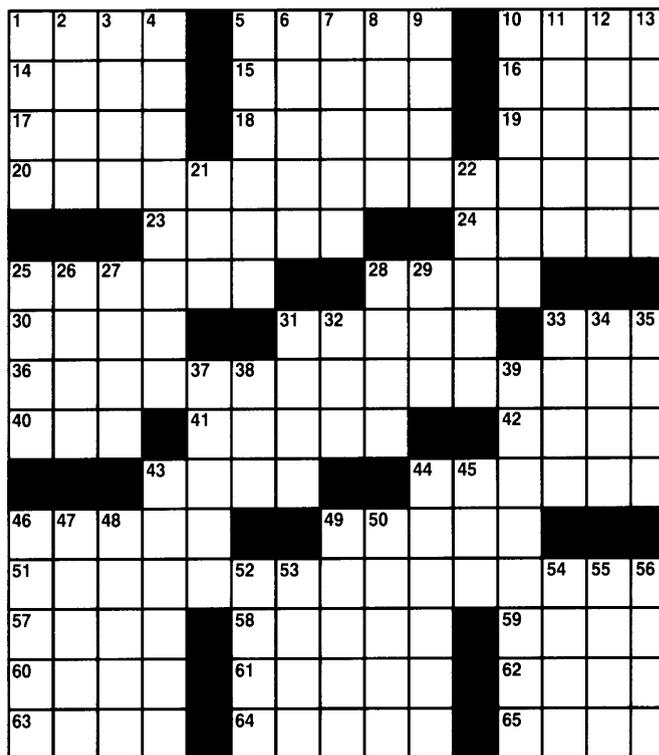
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Public comment period: December 18, 2008 to January 20th, 2009

Permit name: State Operating Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the Air Pollution Control Board

APPLICANT Name, address and registration number: Verizon Business; 2400 North Glenville Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082; Registration Number: 73729.

Project description: Verizon Business has applied for a new permit to operate fuel burning equipment at Verizon Business located at 12369 East Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191. The permit would allow the source to operate one diesel fired engine-generator set.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Elizabeth Aiken; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193; Phone: 703-583-3890; E-mail: ehaken@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 703-583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above.

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# SPORTS

## Off to a Fast Start

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Costello said the win over Stone Bridge was a well played, solid overall game for his squad, which built a 32-24 halftime lead.

"We rebounded hard and defended hard," Costello said.

Broad Run's top scorer in the win was 6-foot-4-inch junior swingman Kevin McGaughey, who tallied 14 points. Also contributing to the balanced attack were sophomore guard-forward Taylor Johnson (13 points), senior guard Tim Sanders (10) and point guard Earl (8).

Stone Bridge, 3-2 following the loss to the Spartans, was led by senior forward Ricci Patrick (13 points).

did not play basketball last year, recently earned a scholarship to play lacrosse at Sacred Heart University (Fairfield, Conn.).

"He's a very athletic kid with lots of speed," Costello said of Sanders.

Other members of the team and players who will have their chances to contribute are Johnson, junior wing Ahmad Zasar, a member of the junior varsity team last year, sophomore Eric Hiatt, the team's backup point guard and versatile junior Nick Salgado, who can play about anywhere Costello asks.

Ten different players scored points in the win over Stone Bridge. Costello said any one of a number of players can step up and give the Spartans a huge lift in any game.

"It can be any kid a night, that's the beauty of it," said Costello, pleased with his team's solid depth. "I wouldn't want to have to defend us. Right now, we're not on anybody's radar and the kids love it and are playing with confidence." In district action this week, Broad run was scheduled to play at Freedom, Tuesday, Dec. 16, and home against Heritage, Friday, Dec. 19.

Over the Christmas holidays, Broad Run will compete in a holiday tournament at Stone Bridge, Dec. 26, 27 and 29. The four-team tourney field will consist of Loudoun Valley, Dominion, host Stone Bridge and the Spartans.

**MCGAUGHEY**, A part-time starter last year, brings a lot to the Spartans' lineup, both close to the basket and away from it.

"He can face the basket and knock down the 20-footer," Costello said. "He's a good rebounder and he can handle [the ball] if we need him to. He's real good on the wing and he'll play down low sometimes and take the other teams' biggest player most of the time."

The Spartans will have a good backcourt with Earl at the point, along with fellow seniors Wes Malchev, Greg Snow and Sanders all playing guard positions.

Sanders, a standout lacrosse player who

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS



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The Loudoun Field Hockey Association entered two teams — a high-school team and a middle-school team, pictured — in the Black Eyed Susan Field Hockey Tournament, held at the Maryland Polo Club in Fallston, Md., last month. Both teams are nicknamed the Spiders. The middle-school team is, back row, from left, Coach Meg Dudek, Coach Lou King, Anabel Winants, Lindsay Scholten, Alissa Cuellar, Mary Katherine Sullivan, Anne Marie Riccio, Christina Barbini, Delaney Cosgrove and Coach Jackie Scholten; front row, from left, Jess Mays, Tess Jacobson, Taylor Stone, Laney Malone, Maddie Thompson. In the front is Daisy Adams-Goodall. The players represented the following Loudoun County schools: Eagle Ridge Middle School, River Bend Middle School, Mercer Middle School, Harper Park Middle School, J.L. Simpson Middle School, Harmony Intermediate, Smart's Mill Middle School and Lincoln Elementary School.

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team, coached by Kevin Weeren, recently won its season opener, defeating Warren County, 72-48. Freedom senior Ron Campbell led the Eagles with 20 points. He also had five steals, four rebounds and four

assists. Other big games for Freedom came from sophomore Mark Muhlenburg (14 points, six rebounds) and senior Ethan Stewart (10 points). The Eagles led 14-13 after one quarter, 30-21 at half and 45-33 after three quarters.

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