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## Trail Plan Raises Questions

County holds community input session with CountrySide Proprietary.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services gave a presentation Dec. 12 to the CountrySide Proprietary on the proposed trail through Horsepen Run that would complete Loudoun's segment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

The meeting, which took place in the Parkway Pool Meeting Room in CountrySide, was convened to allow the community to hear from the county on its current, updated plans for the trail. Although the county owns the land and Horsepen Run is already slated to become a part of the Heritage Trail, Mark Novak, park planner for the Department of Parks and Recreation, said that the county wants to work directly with the CountrySide residents so that all parties can have a hand in the park's development and be satisfied with the results.

"Part of what is so special about this trail is we want to work together with you," Diane Ryburn, director of the Department



Supervisor Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac), a CountrySide resident, speaks to her neighbors.

### The Potomac Heritage Trail

To learn more about the trail, visit [www.nps.gov/pohe](http://www.nps.gov/pohe).

of Parks and Recreation, said. "We are anxious to continue working on this trail."

Horsepen Run is a 370-acre tract of undeveloped land that was donated by the original developer of CountrySide, the 437 Land Company, to the proprietary. Forty-

seven percent of Horsepen Run is classified by federal authorities as wetlands and is designated as a wildlife preserve for the residents of CountrySide. Horsepen Run's role in the Potomac Heritage Trail would be to connect two existing segments.

tiful Park and runs northeast along Goose Creek to the Potomac River. There, it runs southeast along the river until veers away from the Potomac and south through Broad Run until it hits Route 7. It travels along Route 7 until it follows Algonkian Parkway, where it ends before CountrySide.

**CURRENTLY** the Loudoun section of the Heritage Trail starts in Keep Loudoun Beau-

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## BOS Says No to 'Skins'

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

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he 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 gen-

"This idea to me was a brilliant use of these funds that cannot be used for items except of this nature."

— Scott York,  
Board of Supervisors, Chairman

eral fund.

In the first year, the proposal requested \$100,000 in exchange for the county's logo being placed on the

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## Showing Off for Family

The Fire-Rescue volunteer class holds Family Day.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he 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

"Our families get to see what we've been doing the last six months."

— Dennis Andrews, a recruit with Company 11 in Sterling

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WEEK IN LOUDOUN

## 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 Burn Exercise

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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 "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.

### 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.



**Recruits make entrance to the burn building.**

# BULLETIN BOARD

## THURSDAY/DEC. 18

**FLU SHOT CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., Inova Loudoun Medical Campus, Leesburg, 224 Cornwall St., adjacent to South Lobby, Leesburg, on board 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.

**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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**Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church** will be celebrating Advent and Christmas with several worship services. Advent services will be held, Wednesdays, **Dec. 17**, at 7:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve** services include a 5 p.m. family Christmas service, a 7 p.m. carols and candlelight service, a 9 p.m. carols, candlelight and praise service and an 11 p.m. candlelight and communion service. There will also be a service on **Christmas Day** at 11 a.m. OSWLC is located at the intersection of Waxpool Road and Claiborne Parkway. Visit [www.oswlc.org](http://www.oswlc.org).

**Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation**, 21740 Beaumeade Circle, Suite 100, Ashburn, is having a candle lighting and Chanukah party, Sunday, **Dec. 21**, 5 p.m. Each family is asked to bring

a menorah to light as part of a communal lighting ceremony led by Rabbi Jesse Gallop. The evening will also include music, dreidel playing, craft activities and donuts. Call 703-729-1659, visit [www.bethchaverim.org](http://www.bethchaverim.org) or e-mail [worshipvp@bcrcva.org](mailto:worshipvp@bcrcva.org).

The **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling**, 22135 Davis Drive, Sterling, will hold a service Sunday, **Dec. 21**, at 10:30 a.m., which will be based on Patricia Polacco's "The Trees of the Dancing Goats," a tale of compassion and community that honors both Hanukkah and Christmas. Visit [uusterling.org](http://uusterling.org) or call 703-406-3068.

The Women's Earth-Based Spirituality group at the **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling**, 22135 Davis Drive, Sterling, will present a winter solstice service, at 7 p.m., Monday, **Dec. 22**. Through ancient stories, song and ritual, the less commercialized side of the holiday season will be celebrated. Visit [uusterling.org](http://uusterling.org) or call 703-406-3068.

### Sterling United Methodist

**Church**, 304 E. Church Road, Sterling, is holding four **Christmas Eve** services: the family Nativity pageant, 5 p.m.; traditional candlelight communion services, 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Call 703-430-6455 or visit [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org).

The **Unitarian Universalists of Sterling**, 22135 Davis Drive, Sterling, will have two Christmas Eve services Wednesday, **Dec. 24** with a reception in between. An intergenerational service called "Lessons and Carols" will be held 5-5:30 p.m. "Candlelight Reflection," a meditative celebration of the season will be held 6-6:45 p.m. Visit [uusterling.org](http://uusterling.org) or call 703-406-3068.

**Congregation Sha'are Shalom**, 19357 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, will hold a discussion titled "Relearning Heschel, Rebirthing King, Re-Inaugurating America: Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Day," Friday, **Jan. 16**, 6:30-7:15 p.m. The erev Shabbat service will follow at 7:30 p.m. Child care provided. Free. Visit [www.sha-areshalom.org](http://www.sha-areshalom.org).



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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.loudouncountymastergardeners.org](http://www.loudouncountymastergardeners.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.

### Snapshot



**Loudoun County Master Deputy Todd Bailey achieved master trainer status with the North American Police Work Dog Association in November. Bailey was named National Trainer of the Year in 2006. He joined the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office in 1987 and has been a member of the agency's canine unit since 1994. He is partnered with Dino, his second German shepherd since joining the unit.**

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**Rob Heckman, member of the CountrySide Proprietary's board of directors, speaks to the crowd.**

## Residents Question Trail Plan

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The next existing part of the trail starts just outside CountrySide by Tenfoot Island where it travels through to Lowe's Island and into Fairfax County. A trail through Horsepen Run would connect the Heritage Trail so that it could run completely through the county so the greater trail could continue its path along the historic corridor from Pittsburgh, Pa., to the Chesapeake Bay.

"This is one of the major trails in the National Park System," Novak said. "This is the only trail [in the corridor trail] with the word 'heritage' in it. It is more than a single trail; it is a network of braided trails."

The "network of braided trails" Novak refers to is the concept of the "linear park" that the county wishes the Loudoun segment of the Heritage Trail to be. Instead of a single trail through the county, Heritage Trail connect several different parks and historic sites within the county like Elizabeth Mills Lock and Bles Park, making all of the sites and parks along the Heritage Trail one large linear park.

After the presentation, the meeting was opened to questions, which is when a rather large group of CountrySide residents voiced their concern over the trail running through Horsepen Run. The central argument against the trail was the increased foot traffic it would bring. The residents were concerned that with more people using the trail, that the land would deteriorate and that unsavory people may enter the community.

"This place has deteriorated," Manuel Galvan, a CountrySide resident said. "Just last year to this year, there have been paths cut and foliage harmed. That has to be looked at."

**AS HORSEPEN RUN** has gained notoriety as its profile grew due to its involvement with the Heritage Trail, the area has seen an increase in people using the trails for hiking and mountain biking. The real problem of this increased traffic is that several unauthorized trails have been blazed by unknown groups. Originally, there was only one trail, but in

recent months, other trails with yellow, white, red and a different shade of blue markings have been cleared, which is illegal.

"There have been, in the past months, very clear markings that someone is blazing," Chris Galvan, CountrySide resident, said. "There have been jumps [made], pavers and erosion. You can see the difference."

In addition to illegal and eroded trails, some residents in attendance also noted that the increased foot traffic will result in environmental abuse. Galvan said that once people are allowed to camp in the area, they will naturally drift into unauthorized areas outside of the trail. Others also noted that with more campers and hikers, there was a greater chance of people coming to the trail to drink or do drugs and leave litter behind. Some in the audience even expressed concern over shady people potentially having access to their community through the trails.

David Berrie, president of the CountrySide Proprietary and a supporter of the trail being built in Horsepen Run, quickly countered that no one has had authorization to alter, corrupt or build anything in the area and that anyone doing so was taking "a huge risk," and encouraged residents to report any illegal blazing to the authorities.

Glenn Gillis, a member of the Potomac Heritage Trail Association, added that while every person's concerns are valid, making the trail official, under the protection of the National Park Service and local officials will only have positive effects. He said that making the trail part of the greater National Scenic Trail will put more eyes on the trail to police it and that people's mind-sets change when using a public facility; making them more conscious to be respectful.

The debate continued until the end of the two-hour meeting, answering many questions but still leaving some attendees hesitant to commit their support.

"Every park in the history of the United States has had the same concerns," Gillis said. But when the trails are in, people are happy and the quality of life is better."

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All local area vendors are invited to attend **Loudoun County Procurement's 2008 buyer/seller information exchange sessions.**

These sessions are to provide information on the county's procurement processes and upcoming contracts. The sessions will take place 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).

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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### 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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details.

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

Saturday, Jan. 10-Wednesday, Jan. 21 during normal library hours. To volunteer during the sorting period or sale, contact Douglas Nelms at [alab\\_volunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:alab_volunteer@yahoo.com).

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

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# BOS Votes No on 'Skins Deal

FROM PAGE 3

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.

"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," Burk said. "Will people come because of this program?"

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 quickly called for the board to reverse its decision. Tony



Stevens Miller

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 Herrity 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.

**"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**

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# New-Look Park View Winning Early

**Patriots' boys basketball team has new head coach, new key players.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Park View High boys basketball program is going through a year of transition this winter with a somewhat different lineup from last year's 16-7 team as well as a new head coach.

Mike Koscinski is the program's first-year head coach and had the Patriots off to a 2-1 start following last Friday night's 78-72 win at Loudoun County (5-1). It was the Raiders' first loss of the season.

Koscinski was an assistant boys coach at Briar Woods the past three years. Prior to that, he coached in New York state for seven years.

He was officially named the new Park View coach in late June. Jeff Schneider, who coached the team the past four years, informed school officials last May that he had decided to step down. The decision was based on a family decision to move to Greensboro, N.C.

Schneider steadily built the Patriots into a winner. They were 6-17 and sixth place in the eight-team Dulles District in his first season before improving to fourth place the following season. Then two year's ago (2006-07 season), the Patriots had a breakout season with a 19-6 overall record and a trip to the Region II playoffs.

Then, last year's successful 16-7 campaign ended with a district tournament semifinals loss to Potomac Falls. The Patriots of last winter were led by since-graduated standouts Danny Foley, Thomas Mulabah and C.J. Leizear.

**KOSCINSKI, DESPITE** the loss of the key players, believes Park View can be in the running for a district crown.

"There's no reason we can't compete for the district," he said.

His core of top players this winter includes senior center Kenny Smith, senior point guard Josh Jones and senior shooting guard Marcus Freeman.

Smith, the 6-foot-5-inch pivot, scored a game-high 25 points in the Patriots' win over Loudoun Country Friday. A fourth-year varsity player, Smith's junior season was effectively ended by a knee injury. This season, the court-savvy, frontcourt player is healthy and likely to be a big part of his team's success.

"He's definitely a presence down low," Koscinski said of Smith. "He has a real great feel for the game and plays off his teammates. We look for Kenny to be real consistent on the boards and a big part of anchoring the defense."

Freeman, who scored 19 in the win over the Raiders, is making the transition from point guard, where he played last year, to a shooting guard position this season. The 5-foot-6 player, who nailed four 3-pointers against County, has tons of talent and was a key member of last year's squad.

"Marcus has the most playing experience of anyone on the floor," Koscinski said of the versatile Freeman. "He can shoot the basketball. If he's on, we don't have to play perfect to win."

Handling point guard duties for the Patriots is Jones, who will help Park View play at another gear when he is on the court.

"He's 100 percent pure energy," Koscinski said of Jones. "He's fast and brings another dimension as far as penetrating and getting to the basket."

The Patriots will be looking to move the ball quickly up and down the court with Jones handling the ball.

"He's a guy that can get to the basket and advance the ball up court quickly," Koscinski said. "He's real good at going after people and attacking offensively and defensively."

Another top producer this season is likely to be junior forward Jordan Owens, who netted 16 points against County.

**"Marcus has the most playing experience of anyone on the floor."**

**— Mike Koscinski, Park View boys basketball coach**

"He does everything," Koscinski said of Owens, who came off the bench last year for the Patriots. "He brings it on both sides of the floor. He's all focus and business and he's an explosive player for us."

Also, look for senior Kurt Schray (eight points against County), a solid player both inside and outside of the paint, to be a consistent contributor.

**PARK VIEW** opened the season up a couple of weeks ago at the Tipoff Tournament, a season-opening event co-hosted by both the Patriots and Potomac Falls. There, it lost its opening game to Stone Bridge Dec. 5 by a 70-59 score before coming back and defeating Turner Ashby of Bridgewater the following night for its first win of the season. Freeman scored 21 in the loss to local rival Stone Bridge, while teammates Jones and Smith were also in double figures with 13 points apiece.

The Stone Bridge game was played at Potomac Falls, while the Turner Ashby contest took place at Park View.

Koscinski said his team played a little uptight in the season opener loss to the Bulldogs.

"We had some turnovers against Stone Bridge," said the coach. "We were nervous."

Look for Park View to be an attacking, run-the-court team.

"We can score in spurts and we're look-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

**Park View lost one of last year's standout players to graduation in shooting guard Danny Foley (34), but the Patriots have a strong nucleus of frontline players this winter.**

ing to come out and go after people," Koscinski said. "We want to be an attacking team on both sides of the court."

## 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

Park View is scheduled to play district home games Dec. 16 and 19 against Heritage and Potomac Falls, respectively.

53-46 win at Connecticut College following the Thanksgiving break.

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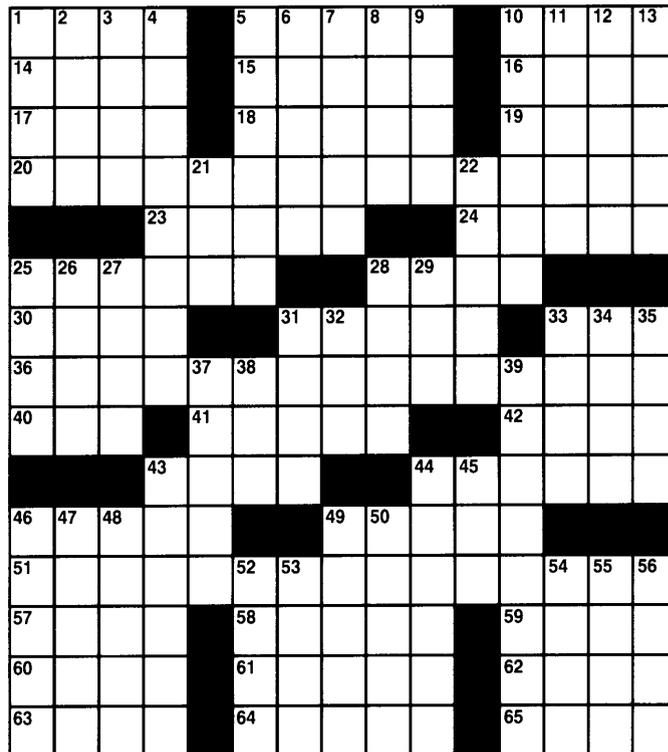
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- 10 Air pollution
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- 15 California border lake
- 16 TV drama length, usually
- 17 Stocking shade
- 18 Cell terminal
- 19 Old-fashioned letter
- 20 Saint-Exupéry lad
- 23 Implore
- 24 Done
- 25 Moves furtively
- 28 Gun's recoil
- 30 Money in 31-Across
- 31 Province in Tuscany
- 33 Indignation
- 36 Arachnid of song
- 40 Vegetable that's hard to eat with a knife
- 41 Rich soils
- 42 Close
- 43 Engagement token
- 44 Olympic prizes
- 46 Football Hall-of-Famer Merlin
- 49 Unbroken
- 51 Nursery rhyme fellow
- 57 Etna output
- 58 Grocery section
- 59 Singer Turner
- 60 In any way
- 61 Look of disdain
- 62 The "E" of B.P.O.E.
- 63 Take care of
- 64 Shorebirds
- 65 Medicinal amount

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- 1 Sharpen, as a knife
- 2 "That hurts!"
- 3 Grimm villain
- 4 Dirty dealing
- 5 What Senators represent
- 6 Ray
- 7 Get — of (reach by phone)
- 8 Pig Latin, e.g.
- 9 Withhold
- 10 Psychiatrist
- 11 Pitcher's place
- 12 Cup fraction
- 13 Avarice
- 21 Sort
- 22 Sum up
- 25 Boo-boo
- 26 Paper-and-string flier
- 27 Celestial bear
- 28 Ivories
- 29 Election winners
- 31 For men only
- 32 Doctrine
- 33 Concept
- 45 Samuel's teacher
- 46 Young hooter
- 47 Sailor's time off
- 48 Deadly sins number
- 49 Not so dumb
- 50 Actress Hunt
- 52 Endure
- 53 Unemployment office sight
- 54 Metric weight
- 55 Signs, as a contract
- 56 Repose

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**Public Notice - Environmental Permit**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality to limit air pollution emitted by a facility in Reston, Fairfax County, Virginia.

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: ehaiken@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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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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The Potomac Falls High wrestling team took second place at the Fort Defiance wrestling tournament, held Dec. 6. The Panthers had five individual champions at the meet: Michael Oswald, Charlie Haislip, Joshua Berlin, Ryan Hagen and David Zedan. Second-place finishers for Potomac Falls were Nick Rea, Jo Jo Koenig, Darren Waters, Chris Belin and Aaron Rowane.

Other solid place outings came from Mike Linza, third place, Ryan Snead, third, Zach Duffin, third, and Ray Khawaja, fourth.

The Panthers were scheduled to compete at the Lyon's Tournament at Park View High School Dec. 13.

Loudoun South Little League is registering players ages 5-12

for the spring 2009 season at [loudounsouthlittleleague.org](http://loudounsouthlittleleague.org). Registration continues through Feb. 10. E-mail registration@loudounsouthlittleleague.org for more information.

The Freedom High boys basketball 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. They shot 50 percent from the field and had 20 team assists in the non-district win.

Skills Plus Basketball Academy announces its fourth annual winter basketball clinic for girls. Skills Plus will offer the basketball skills clinic, Monday, Dec. 29, at Douglass Community Center in Leesburg. The clinic time for girls ages 11-13 will be 10-11:30 a.m. The clinic time for girls ages 14-17 will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Turnout could dictate merging the time periods. Contact Michael Turner at 703-303-0808 or at [michaeltturner@aol.com](mailto:michaeltturner@aol.com) for more information or to register.

The 10U Leesburg Revolution girl's fast-pitch travel softball team completed a successful fall 2008 season. The squad will return to action in January in preparation for the spring season. The Revolution is recruiting girls from all over Northern Virginia who are interested in playing travel softball. The Revs have two roster spots open. Those interested in trying out for the spring team should contact Dave Carver at [10Urevolution@leesburggirlssoftball.org](mailto:10Urevolution@leesburggirlssoftball.org). An open tryout will be held in early March. Check out the team Web site at [revolutionfastpitch.org](http://revolutionfastpitch.org) for dates and locations of the tryouts.

Also, the 12U Revolution is looking to fill out its spring roster. Those interested in playing with the 12U Revolution should contact Roger Turner at [12Urevolution@leesburggirlssoftball.org](mailto:12Urevolution@leesburggirlssoftball.org) to arrange a tryout.

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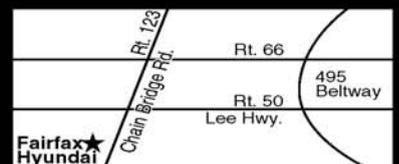
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