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Broad Run's Chelsea Gantt (22) scores two of her 17 points during the Spartans' Dulles District girls basketball win over Park View last Friday night. The red-hot Spartans have won five of six since a 1-5 start to the season.

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Planning Ahead

Inova files applications to help clear the way for future expansion.

BY JENNIFER LESINSKI
THE CONNECTION

Officials at Inova Loudoun Hospital have an eye to the future, both distant and right around the corner.

A pair of applications filed with the county's Department of Planning and Zoning seek to essentially rezone a portion of the land owned by Inova Health System in Lansdowne as part of a master plan overhaul that looks 10 years down the road; and seek a special exception for a Women's and Children's Center the health-care provider hopes to break ground on within two years. The Zoning Concept Plan Amendment application, which features the zoning modification, includes a proffer that would partially fund an interchange at Route 7 and Belmont Ridge Road.

However, the applications come off the table should the county approve the proposed Broadlands Regional Medical Center (BRMC) in the coming months.

"The Women and Children's Center won't happen if Broadlands builds five miles away," Randall Kelley, Inova Loudoun Hospital chief executive officer, said. "We've told the county this project and proffer will not happen if Broadlands goes though."



The Inova Health System is seeking a special exception to construct the proposed Women and Children's Center on the Inova Loudoun Hospital Lansdowne Campus.

Hospital Corporation of America is seeking a special exception and zoning modification to permit a 164-bed facility to be built at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and the Dulles Greenway, about five miles from the Inova Lansdowne campus. That application, which has a more than six-year

history, will be the subject of a supervisors' work session Jan. 14. The board must either approve or deny the application by May.

"We want to fill the need, but we don't want to build something we'll have to give up in two years," Woody Turner, legal coun-

sel for Inova, said. "We're trying to get in line in time to be able to provide services that are needed."

Kelley said the decision was made to file the applications without waiting for the BRMC application resolution to avoid de

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Budget Debate Begins

LCPS' proposed budget reflects an increase in spending; reduction in local tax money.

The School Board started off the new year with a presentation from School Superintendent Edgar Hatrick on his proposed fiscal year 2010 budget, Jan. 6.

In preparing the annual budget, Hatrick created four scenarios reflecting funding levels with the current fiscal year and tiered cuts in regards to the local transfer — money received from the county, which represents 70 percent of the total budget — of 5 percent or \$26.8 million, 10 percent or \$53.7 million and 15 percent or \$80.5 million, per the School Board's request.

The FY '10 proposed budget of \$757.7 million represents a 1.6 percent increase. Of that, \$535.5 million is expected to come from the transfer, a .2 percent or \$1.3 million decrease from last year. The remainder of the budget comes from state and federal funding, as well as fees and tuitions being proposed including requiring students to pay for advanced placement tests, sports fees and increasing the cost of parking and

What's Next?

Public hearings on the proposed fiscal year 2010 budget are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15 and Tuesday, Jan. 20, both at 6:30 p.m., in the School Board meeting room at the Loudoun County Public Schools administration building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn. To be placed on the speakers' list, call 571-252-1020, walk-ins will be accommodated.

To e-mail comments visit www.loudoun.k12.va.us then click "Citizens Comment Form for Proposed FY2010 Budget" found in Quick Links on the home page.

The budget, the superintendent's presentation and proposed tiered cuts are also available on the Web site.

building use fees.

"Spending guidance from the Board of Supervisors set out four possible funding scenarios with regards to the local transfer, no increase or a 5, 10 or 15 percent decrease from this years' funding," Hatrick said. "These economic directions had to be taken in light of the fact that we will open

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Seeking Federal Aid

Board approves request to Congress for more than \$745 million in aid.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The Board of Supervisors voted 7-2 approving a request to Congress for federal aid to help fund public infrastructure projects to stimulate the local economy Jan 6.

The request, which Supervisors McGimsey (D-Potomac) and Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) voted no on, was a list of proposed projects submitted in response to a general survey of local needs carried out by the National Association of Counties and presented to the presidential transition team.

In the survey, Loudoun requested \$512,442,000 for projects that could

possibly begin within 120-180 days and \$231,655,000 for projects that could begin in two years, totaling \$745,097,000.

"As one of the fastest growing counties in the nation, Loudoun is continually challenged to provide necessary public infrastructure and services to our citizens," Chairman Scott York (I-At Large) said in a letter to U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) on behalf of the board. "The immediate infusion of capital strategically directed towards worthwhile and necessary public infrastructure projects will create jobs, boost the overall economy and provide long lasting benefits to our citizens."

THE MAJORITY of the money that that the county is requesting for infrastructure projects is requesting aid for will be allocated to transportation and school projects. The major transportation projects include \$91,200,000 for widening Route 659 from Route 7 to the

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Public Information Session

The Loudoun County Office of Capital Construction will hold a public information session about construction of the Route 7 and Route 607 (Loudoun County Parkway) interchange Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Research 1 building on the George Washington University Campus, 20101 Academic Way, Ashburn. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the project. The interchange will be the county's first construction under the local road bond program approved by voters in November 2006. Construction on the project is expected to begin in early January.

Free Bus Rides

Virginia will provide free rides for Inauguration Day aboard Loudoun County Transit Commuter Bus Tuesday, Jan. 20. Buses will operate between park and ride lots in Loudoun County and the West Falls Church Metrorail station.

Morning buses to West Falls Church on Metro's Orange Line will depart as early as 4:05 a.m. Buses will return to Loudoun County at regular intervals between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Transit representatives will direct passengers to their appropriate buses at West Falls Church Metro.

The free Inauguration Day service, which replaces the regular commuter bus schedule January 20, includes:

- ◆ Leesburg: Departures from 110 Catocin Circle S.E. every 10 minutes between 4:10 a.m. and 7:10 a.m. Returns from West Falls Church Metro every 15 minutes between 3 and 8:00 p.m.

- ◆ Dulles North Transit Center: Departures every five minutes between 4:15 a.m. and 7:05 a.m. Returns from West Falls Church Metro every 10 minutes between 3 and 8 p.m.

- ◆ Cascades area: Five scheduled departures from Broad Run Farms, Cascades and Lowes Island to West Falls Church between 4:39 a.m. and 8:04 a.m. Six scheduled returns between 3:10 p.m. and 7:55 p.m.

While all rides on Transit buses will be free, passengers boarding Metrorail will need to purchase fare cards or use SmarTrip cards at Metrorail stations. Additional Metrorail passenger information is available at www.metroopensdoors.com.

For complete details on the free Inauguration Day bus service, including Loudoun County park and ride locations and all LC Transit bus schedules for Inauguration Day, visit www.loudoun.gov/bus or call 703-771-5665.

Most Crash Prone Intersections

The intersection of Waxpool Road at Loudoun County Parkway in Ashburn tops the list of the most crash prone intersections in Loudoun County for 2008, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Waxpool Road at Loudoun County Parkway saw 86 crashes in 2008; 22 more than the previous year. The intersection of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) at Potomac View Road was the second most crash prone intersection with 61, although it saw a decrease from 81 in 2007.

Route 7 continues to have a number of crash prone intersections throughout the county. They include Route 7 at Ashburn Village Boulevard with 39 and Route 7 and Sterling Boulevard with 35 crashes in 2008.

Every year the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Traffic Research Analyst compiles the top-10 intersections in the county with the highest number of crashes. This year's traffic related statistics include 14 fatalities in Loudoun in 2008, down from 20 fatalities in 2007.

AARP Tax Assistance

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, is operating Feb. 1-April 15. The majority of the sites operate on a walk-in basis, with appointments being required at some Senior Centers. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide. Local sites and the hours of operation include:

- ◆ Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; walk-in clients.
- ◆ Falcon's Landing Senior Residence, 20225 Falcons Landing Circle, Sterling. Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; appointment required, call 703-404-5216.

NEWS

Clearing the Way for More Room

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lays should the supervisors' decision go the way Inova hopes — denial of the Broadlands medical center.

"If we don't run on parallel tracks, if we wait for Broadlands, we're pushed back a number of years," Kelley said.

While two separate applications have been filed by Inova, both will mostly likely go through the vetting process concurrently. In an e-mail, John Merrithew, assistant director for the county planning department, said state code requires Inova's application to be completed within 365 days after it is accepted for review. Inova filed the applications in November. As of last week, the applications were still going through the initial review, which ensures that all the necessary papers are filed and had not been assigned to a specific county planner.

THE ZONING modification is needed, said Turner, to bring the entire 88-acre campus under the same zoning. The original property, when owned by Loudoun Healthcare Inc., was 50 acres. In 2005, Loudoun Healthcare merged with Inova Health System. In October 2008, Inova purchased the neighboring 38 acres, giving the campus its total acreage, which is zoned Planned Development-Office Park. However, the two parcels of land have different allowable floor area ratios (FAR), which determines the total square feet of a building in regards to the square footage of the land area. The modification application looks to consolidate the two properties and make the entire property subject to one FAR. Approval of the modification would allow Inova a total build out of 2,299,968 square feet of medical office and hospital uses on the property. Overall, about one-third of the Lansdowne campus is developed, Turner estimated.

In the long run, Inova is planning for a tertiary hospital and related facilities. Kelley said the tertiary services could include neurosurgery, heart surgery, advanced cancer treatment and medical research, among others.

"Things residents go outside of the county for," he said. "It would duplicate the service available at Inova Fairfax."

The application proffers a total of \$17.5 million toward the construction of the interchange, which would go into an Inova Interchange Trust administered by the county. According to the proffer statement the entire cost for the interchange is \$30 million with \$4 million already collected in other cash proffers and a separate proffer from Toll Brother connected to the Belmont property providing half of the design and construction costs as well as approximately 11 acres of right of way. Inova's portion would be an initial \$10 million up front pursuant to the approval of the application and another \$7.5

million once the occupancy permit for the Women and Children's Center is issued, should the special exception be approved and the center constructed. Also according to the proffer statement, Inova will make a one-time cash contribution to the fire and rescue services with the amount to be determined by the square footage.

THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION application, if approved would allow Inova to create a Women and Children's Center, which would an extension of the Birthing Inn and provide outpatient services such as space for pediatric specialists, obstetrics and gynecology visits and educational programs.

The Birthing Inn was built in 2003-04 because the need for ob-gyn services was growing, Kelley said. At the time, the inn was envisioned to be a larger facility with room for future expansion, however, finances forced Inova to cut back on its plans.

"Nobody anticipated the expansion of that population," Kelley said in reference to the county's large population of women in their child-bearing years and young children.

The center will be five floors with each totaling about 20,000 square feet. Initially, only the first floor will be an expansion of the Birthing Inn with the others used for office space and educational programs and future need.

"From a practical standpoint ... you build more than you need at the time," Turner said.

Inova will wait to do any design work for the center until it knows whether or not the project will move forward. The center is just phase one of Inova's master plan for the next 10 years.

Should BRMC be approved, Kelley said Inova could lose 10 to 15 percent of its patients, which means "the return on the investment wouldn't be there." The potential drop in patients would force Inova to shelve any expansion plans for the foreseeable future.

Turner said it would be a long time before Inova would gain back the patients it would lose with a second hospital and before any expansion plans make sense.

"It would take 20 years for two hospitals to catch up to where one is now," Turner said in terms of services and financial security.

"We're trying to get in line in time to be able to provide services that are needed."

— Woody Turner, Inova legal counsel

PEOPLE NOTES

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Lucas Brown, 2001 graduate of Loudoun Country Day School, has been selected as a Rhodes scholar to enter a masters of philosophy in economics Oxford University, England. Currently a senior at Oberlin College, he received attention in the New York Times last spring for creating a living space, which showcased creative ways to save energy, through contests to save water and reduce energy waste in living

spaces.

Josh Burnheimer of Ashburn, along with a group of Virginia Tech student leaders and faculty members, traveled to Tecnológico de Monterrey (Monterrey Tech) in Mexico to present at the 2008 International Leadership Conference held from Oct. 22-26. The purpose of the agreement was the promotion and expansion of an international understanding and the development of international friendships among students and staff.

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Victoria A. Howell**, a 2001 graduate

of Westlake High School, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

She is the daughter of Jeanie Farman of Blacksburg Terrace N.E., Leesburg and Richard Rico of Scenic Meadow Drive, Waldorf, Md. Howell is a 2001 graduate of Westlake High School, Waldorf.

Supervisor Seek Bailout

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Greenway and \$75 million for widening Route 50 between Route 742 and Lee Road in Fairfax. Major school projects are \$83,080,000 for Tuscarora High School and \$70,560,000 for Woodgrove High School.

McGimsey said that she voted against the request because of what the list of projects did not contain and not in any opposition to receiving the aid. She said that the project list did not have any money allocated to alternative energy sources or the improvement of public transit. She also said that she voted against it because she feels other transportation issues are more pressing at this time.

"I was making a statement [with my vote]," McGimsey said. "I was not voting against schools or public safety, it was what [the list] was missing."

According to McGimsey, heavy traffic on east-west

roads and the Moran Road Bridge need prioritization in the wish list of transportation projects. A bridge on Moran Road over Route 28, which would connect Sterling to the new Metrorail stop, was needed, she said, because it is in the best interest of the businesses in the area.

THE NEXT STEP for the project list would be its approval by the new administration once it is in place, determining that the county's plans would indeed stimulate the economy and make for the estimated \$3 billion revenue shortfall.

"The list of projects is shovel ready," Supervisor Susan Klimek Buckley (D-Sugarland Run) said. "It is a great opportunity for Loudoun County to cooperate with the federal government to receive funding to move these projects forward."

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The nonprofit initiative of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce will kick-off 2009 with "Finding Your Way through the Money Maze" Thursday, Jan. 15, 8-10 a.m., at the National Conference Center, 18980 Upper Belmont Place,

Lansdowne. The event offers nonprofit executives and board members information on the financial rules, regulations and fund-raising practices that will make them more successful in 2009. Register at www.loudounchamber.org or 571-209-9036.

Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets, 241 Fort Evans Road N.E., Leesburg, will be hosting Government/Military Appreciation Days Friday, Jan. 16-Sunday, Jan. 18. Government and military employees can show their identification to receive a VIP Coupon Book

worth hundreds of dollars in savings. They will also receive a list of additional offers at participating stores. Visit www.premiumoutlets.com/leesburg.

Bridge to Learning Family Yoga, 44110 Ashburn Shopping Plaza, Ashburn, is offering free yoga classes all day Saturday, Jan. 17, to celebrate its one-year anniversary. There will also be an open house from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Bridge to Learning will also hold free adult yoga Saturday, Jan. 24 and free family yoga Sunday, Jan. 25. Visit www.bridgetolearning.net.

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OPINION

It's Not Grade Inflation

Fairfax and Loudoun should change to 10-point grading, add weight for advanced classes; more than 90 percent is an A.

Fairfax County Public Schools, along with Loudoun County schools, have been grading students in a way that puts them at a disadvantage for scholarships, college admissions and college credit compared to other similar school systems.

Right now there is a proposal on the table in Fairfax that would remedy many of these concerns, and the School Board should take this opportunity to do so.

Fairfax has been grading students on a six-point scale, meaning that a student scoring more than 90 points out of 100 could get a B instead of an A; it takes a 94 for an A, and a 64 to pass.

While most comparable school systems offer extra points for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and some honors classes, Fairfax has not been doing so.

EDITORIAL

Will changing the grading scale mean that more students from Fairfax County will head to Harvard? Not at all; many top colleges make their own adjustments to applicants' grade point averages, but not all. While it's easy for some to dismiss this push on helicopter parents who would do anything to further the success of their gifted children, there are some important issues at stake.

There is no question that a lower grade point average as reported by an applicant's school can result in fewer opportunities for merit scholarships. Given the cost of college tuition and the economic challenges facing all families right now, putting Fairfax students at a disadvantage for scholarship money is unfair and unwise.

And at the margins, how the schools calculate and report a grade point average could

affect which colleges accept a given applicant, and these small differences can have a dramatic affect on a student's college experience.

Giving extra weight for the extra rigor and work of AP and IB classes is also critical for our students.

Fairfax County also should ensure that its graduates arrive at college with the most college credit possible for their college level studies in high school. Students taking IB exams should also take the most similar AP exam. In many cases, no additional preparation is required. While IB courses are just as rigorous as AP classes and should result in college credit for the students who have successfully completed them based on test scores, many colleges do not yet recognize IB test scores for credit.

But a student who scores well on the IB test will likely score just as well on the most similar AP test, and almost every college will give credit for high AP scores.

Again this is not a nicety for parents to brag about or students to put on their résumé. Arriving as a freshman in college with college credit gives students a leg up on more advanced coursework, and can in some cases reduce the cost of college by a semester or more.

Of Schools, and Where Our Budget Priorities Need to Be Now

BY DEL. DAVID E. POISSON
(D-32)

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Facing one of the worst financial crises in a very long time, policymakers and bureaucrats everywhere are decrying the toll the economy is expected to exact on our public schools. Headlines in newspapers from one end of Virginia to the other all scream, "Schools Brace for Lean Budgets" — or, as a front-page headline in The Washington Post perhaps put it most aptly, "Strapped Schools May Boost Class Sizes: Proposals Buck Recent Philosophy."

And what philosophy, you ask, might that be? Why the one that insists that students learn best in small classes, which by all accounts they do. But it now appears that as a result of the economic downturn school districts across the commonwealth will have no choice but to increase class sizes — or put less euphemistically, lay off teachers, especially experienced ones. Or will they?

Admittedly, our choices are few. We can raise taxes; never a popular option, especially in a down

market. We can cut spending, such as by deferring maintenance or delaying textbook purchases, which doesn't so much reduce costs as forestall the day of reckoning. Or we can change the way we govern our schools, which is what a proposed constitutional amendment I've introduced with my colleague, Del. Frank Hargrove (R-Hanover), would do.

COMMENTARY

Under our proposal (H.J.R. 634), local governments would be provided the option of overseeing the schools on their own. In other words, the authority now exercised by school boards would be subsumed by the town council, city council or board of supervisors, thus consolidating responsibility for supervising all functions of government under one local governing body.

The most noteworthy advantage of consolidation is that it vests in the body that now has taxing authority responsibility for school budgeting. Local governing bodies are thus spared having to raise revenues for activities

they had no hand in approving and can explore with their chief administrative officer, i.e., the town, city or county manager, how to achieve greater efficiency by looking at school spending in the context of the rest of the locality's budget obligations.

The other — and, in terms of savings, more promising — feature of this proposal is that it would also permit the schools to be run under the auspices of the town, city or county manager. In other words, rather than operate a bureaucracy that is a mirror-image of that which oversees the rest of the locality's operations, the schools would become a department of local government, with the superintendent its head.

Departments common to both the schools and local government, such as information technology, capital improvement, human resources, transportation and procurement, to name just a few, would be consolidated and brought under the jurisdiction of the local governing body and its chief administrative officer. This would permit the newly constituted school department to focus exclusively on our children's edu-

cation while enabling the locality to achieve significant economies of scale by addressing the locality's and schools' shared needs jointly rather than separately.

While there will no doubt be those who view this as an assault on the institution of local school boards and the members who make them up, nothing could be further from the truth. It goes without saying that communities all over Virginia have benefited greatly over the years from the selfless contributions these public servants have made. But many localities in the commonwealth are hurting badly.

If this proposal is an assault on anything, it is on the idea of allowing a higher priority to be placed on preserving the status quo, with all of its attendant costs, than on making certain our children get a quality education, even — no, especially — in these tough economic times. They need and deserve no less.

First elected in 2005, Delegate Poisson is a member of the House Counties, Cities and Towns and Militia, Police and Public Safety Committees.

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Public Hearings Begin This Week

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“These lists of tiered cuts could amount to a butchering of the Loudoun County Public Schools we know.”

— **Edgar Hatrick, Schools superintendent**

another new school in September 2009 and we will add 2,480 additional students, increasing student enrollment to more than 59,000 students.”

THE BUDGET includes a \$12.8 million increase in expenditures for salaries, the opening of Kenneth W. Culbert Elementary School in Hamilton, fuel and utility costs, textbooks and whiteboards. Some cuts come from part time and overtime salaries, reduction in funding for the activity busses and field trips, increased class

sizes, reductions in English as a second language and special-education content teachers, among others.

The tiered cuts include items such as further raising class sizes, eliminating assistant athletic directors, delaying band uniforms for some schools, eliminating security cameras and increasing health-care costs, among others to

reach the 5 percent cuts. In order to reach 10 percent cuts, higher class size increases, eliminating high-school deans, eliminating all freshman sports and girls and boys junior varsity lacrosse and closing four western county elementary schools are among the recommendations. To achieve a 15 percent cut, all funding for activity busses and field trips is eliminated, staffing for art, music and physical education and reading specialists is reduced, the elementary foreign language program is reduced and athletic fees per sport are implemented.

“There is no nice way to put this,” Hatrick said. “These lists of tiered cuts could amount to a butchering of the Loudoun County Public Schools we know.”

Public hearings on the proposed budget take place Jan. 15 and 20, followed by work sessions, another work session is scheduled for Jan. 22 and the budget is expected to be adopted Jan. 27.

— JENNIFER LESINSKI



Edgar Hatrick

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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The **Cuddle Bugs Playgroup** will meet 8-9 a.m., Fridays, **Jan. 23, Feb. 6, 20 and 27**, at Douglass Community Center, 405 E. Market St., Leesburg. Meet other parents and encourage children 6-18 months to explore the world around them. Free. Advance registration required; call 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudou.gov.

The Virginia Readers' Choice **primary book club** will meet Monday, **Jan. 26 and Feb. 23**, 7 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Children ages 5-8 will learn about an author and illustrator and do a fun activity. January's book is "Duck at the Door" by Jackie Urbanovich and February's is "Library Lion" by Barbara Knudsen. Registration required; call 703-737-8100 or visit library.loudoun.gov.

The **Ashburn kids' book club** will meet Thursday, **Feb. 5**, 7 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road,

Ashburn. The club, recommended for ages 8-11, explores one award-winning, high-quality book. Registration required and begins four weeks before the program. Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-737-8100.

La Leche League of Ashburn will hold its next meeting Friday, **Feb. 6**, 10:15 a.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. The topic is "The Advantages of Breastfeeding." Pregnant and nursing women as well as their children are welcome to attend. Free. Call a La Leche League leader at 703-753-3214.

The **mad scientists' club** will meet Tuesday, **Feb. 10**, 7 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Children, ages 8-11, can explore scientific topics through fun and informational activities. Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-737-8100.

The **magic tree house kids' book club** will meet Wednesday, **Feb. 11**, 4 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Recommended for children aged 7-9. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-737-8100.

The **middle school book club** will meet Thursday, **Feb. 12**, 7 p.m., at the

Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Recommended for ages 12-15. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

The **American Girls book club** will meet Tuesday, **Feb. 24**, 7 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. February's is "American Girl Addy." Recommended for ages 7-11. Registration required; visit library.loudoun.gov or call 703-737-8100.

Loudoun Habitat for Humanity will host a volunteer orientation at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn Saturday, **Feb. 28**, 11 a.m. Visit www.loudounhabitat.org or e-mail tonypammcgraw@cs.com.

The Salvation Army's **Angel Tree Program** helped 1,168 people this Christmas. The staff and volunteers collected and distributed clothing, toys and personal items. Shoppers at Dulles Town Center and the Walmarts in Leesburg and Sterling selected names from a tree and bought gifts.

The **Freemasons** of the Ashburn-Sterling Masonic Lodge, 43881 Waxpool Road, Ashburn, meet the **second Tuesday** of each month at 6:45 p.m. for dinner. Visitors are welcome. Visit www.AshburnLodge.org or call 703-868-7896.

Potomac Falls. The group plans to organize a Bicycle Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the county to about bicycle commuting and improved safety for all levels of bicyclists. Call Pat Turner at 703-444-4199.

THURSDAY/JAN. 15

KIDS EXPLORE BOOK CLUB will be held at 4 p.m., at the Ashburn

Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. The meeting will focus on Steve Jenkins' "Actual Size." Recommended for ages 6-8. Register at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or 703-737-8100.

AMERICAN GIRLS book club will meet Tuesday, 4 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. January's topic is "Your Favorite American Girl." Recommended for ages 7-11. Registration required; call 703-737-8100.

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Cloudscape #1 by Kurt Schwarz and Don Giovanni by Maggie Siner, above, and other works by the two artists will be on display at Gallery 222, 222 S. King St., Leesburg through March 31.

THE ARTS

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Gallery 222, 222 S. King St., Leesburg, is hosting a sale of original fine art by Loudoun's favorite artists Jan. 17-18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 703-777-5498, e-mail gwaldron1@verizon.net or visit http://www.gallery222.com

IN THEIR WORDS

COUNTRYSIDE ES

The Freezing Cold Day

Katlyn stood on the blacktop frozen. She thought about her life. She had something missing ... a friend. It was so freezing Katlyn didn't bother to look up. She felt an icy cold tear slip down her eye. She quickly wiped it off hoping that no one was watching. She put her hands in her pocket. She thought crying would help, but look silly. Katlyn so badly wanted a friend! Then she heard something ... a voice!!! "Katlyn want to play?" said the voice softly. It was Tamia. "Uh ... sure!" said Katlyn. Katlyn smiled for she had got her dream, a friend!

Sidney Wollmuth, 8 Third Grade Mrs. Hermens' class



"I think it's going to be very exciting with the lineup and music and dignitaries."

— Cindy Wright, media coordinator

President-elect Barack Obama, wife Michelle and daughters Sasha and Malia.

Having a Ball

Festivities take place Jan. 19 at the Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

By STEVE HIBBARD THE CONNECTION

Tickets are still available for the Virginia Inaugural Black Tie and Blue Dominion Ball being held Monday, Jan. 19, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

Between 3,000 and 5,000 people are expected for the black tie and blue event. "We want as many people as we can get," Cindy Wright, media coordinator, said. "And part of the proceeds go to the Washington USO to support their programs."

Tickets start at \$150 for military personnel, \$250 for individuals, \$400 for couples and \$1,000 for VIPs. They include an open bar on all levels, gourmet catering provided by Windows Catering Company, "spontaneous dancing" all around the museum and a five-star, sit-down dinner for the VIPs near the Space Shuttle Enterprise.

"We wanted to plan an inaugural event where we celebrated where Virginia is emerging as its own political force," Del Walters, executive producer, who used to anchor for WJLA-TV, said. "Some 1.95 million Virginians went to the polls and changed the state from red to blue and we're celebrating that fact."

President-elect Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, were invited, but have neither confirmed nor denied they will attend. "We're hopeful and optimistic that he may make an appearance," Wright said.

PROVIDING THE musical entertainment are the Commodores and Gentlemen of Leisure, one of Obama's favorite Chicago bands, as well as April Ellington, daughter of Duke Ellington, and Michael Girdy of GI Entertainment.

A highlight of the night is artist Michael

Israel who is painting a portrait of Barack Obama on a 4-by-6 canvas near the Blackbird display.

He'll be working inside a bubble, reminiscent of illusionist David Blaine. "It's a high-energy show to music," Walters said.

Some of the invited guests are Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine, former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, Attorney General-designate Eric Holder, Congressman Jim Moran, former Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Kate Hanley and U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau. Celebrities include former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, former Washington Redskins Charles Mann and Brian Mitchell, actors Jasmine Guy and Jenna Elfman.

"I think it's going to be very exciting with the lineup and music and dignitaries," Wright said. "We've got a unique setting with the shuttle Enterprise as the backdrop. It's going to be unique."

Decorated in an aeronautical theme, blue and silver linens will adorn the tables with

floral pieces and center replicas of the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument, said Debbie Smith, senior event planner with Windows Catering. Windows is actually preparing two different menus.

For the VIPs' seated buffet dinner, guests will feast on beef short ribs, Virginia Chicken Roulade, pear and onion tart, green salad with apples, bacon and manchego cheese. For the general audience, there's sliced London broil with a variety of horseradish and béarnaise sauces, porcini ravioli, haystack potatoes and antipasta platters. Lighting will be provided by Williams Gerrard.

On a special note, 28 tickets were set aside for the wounded soldiers of Walter Reed Hospital.

Corporate Sponsorship is available: Platinum: \$50,000, which includes 10 tickets (\$1,000 VIP reception); Gold: \$30,000, which includes six tickets (\$1,000 VIP reception); Silver: \$15,000, which includes four tickets (\$1,000 VIP reception); and Patron: \$5,000. The address of the museum is 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. For tickets, go to VirginiaInauguralBall.com. Reserve Special Transportation at www.washtran.com.



The Virginia Inaugural Ball will be held at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, Air and Space Museum.

101 WAYS

Finding Fun in the Community

Residents can find activities and events to suit everyone's tastes and interests.

Throughout the month of January, The Connection will be highlighting 101 ways residents can have fun in and around their community. Mike DiCicco, Justin Fanizzi, Jennifer Lesinski and Rich Sanders worked on this project. This is part two of four.

Be a Buddy

Reading Buddy Volunteers Ashburn Library 43316 Hay Road Ashburn, VA 20147 703-737-8100 www.library.loudoun.gov This great volunteer opportunity requires a person to commit an hour of time, every Monday from 4:30-5:30 p.m., for a two-month session. Encourage a child's love of books by pairing him or her with a teen read-

ing buddy for one-on-one reading time. Recommended ages for volunteers: 12-18.

Strengthen Relationships

Mom & Me Book Club Sterling Library 120 Enterprise St. Sterling, VA 20164 703-430-9500 www.library.loudoun.gov The monthly Mom & Me Book Club is a special opportunity to read books and engage in conversation. Recommended for daughters ages 9-12 and their mothers or mentors. Call to register and for titles.

Go Cosmic

Bowl America Dranesville 46940 Woodson Drive

Sterling, VA 20164 703-430-1350 www.bowl-america.com Every Friday and Saturday, from 11 p.m.-2 a.m., the lights go out, the music goes up and a party atmosphere takes over the bowling alley for cosmic bowling. The nightclub-like, family-friendly evening features pulsing lights and glow in the dark bowling balls. Cost is \$5.75 per person per game.

Fresh Off the Farm

Loudoun Valley Homegrown Markets Association P.O. Box 716 Hamilton VA 20159 540-454-8089, info@loudounfarmersmarkets.org www.loudounfarmersmarkets.org The six summer farmers markets take place May through October, throughout the county along with a winter farmers market, November through April, in Leesburg. Each



Perla Medina, 10, mans the cash register for Medina's Produce, based in Westmoreland County, as Libby Brauns of Cascades pays for her produce at the 2008 Cascades Farmers Market.

CALENDAR

Send events, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

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.

INOVA GRADUATION. 11:30 a.m., Inova Loudoun Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 235 Old Waterford Road N.W., Leesburg. Certified nursing assistants will graduate from the first ever certified nursing assistant advanced program at Inova Loudoun. All 10 graduates will continue to be employed at Inova.

ICE AGE ADVENTURE. 3:30-5 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Children ages 6-10 can explore how people in the Ice Age traveled great distances and faced many challenges. Discover the animals, the life of these people and the clues archaeologists have uncovered about their presence. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

THURSDAY/JAN. 15

SPACE TECHNOLOGY. 7 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Rob Cork will talk about the technology and the people that helped get us to the moon. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Registration begins two weeks before the program at http://library.loudoun.gov or 703-444-3228.

CHILDREN'S HISTORY PROGRAM. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and take home one of his "big" words. Recommended for ages 6-8. Register at http://library.loudoun.gov or 703-737-8100 starting two weeks before the program.

DAY OF THE DRAGON. 4 p.m.,

Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Fun and games with a dragon theme. Recommended for ages 6-10. Registration begins two weeks before the program at http://library.loudoun.gov or 703-430-9500.

BILINGUAL STORY TIME. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. A Spanish bilingual story time with Barbara Davila. Recommended for ages 2-6. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

WII GAMING NIGHT. 6-9 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 405 E. Market St., Leesburg. Children ages 6-14 can come for a night of virtual gaming on the Nintendo Wii, age-appropriate movies and pizza. Advance registration required; call 703-771-5913.

HOOT FOR AN OWL. 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Owls may fly at night, but can sometimes be spotted in the day. Search the woods for their eyes and discover how their eyes, ears and feathers make owls special. Recommended for ages 6-10. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

MAGDRL MEET AND GREET. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., PetSmart, 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling. Help find a home for a Great Dane at this meet and greet sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League. Visit www.nova-magdrl.org.

BIRD WALKS. 8-9 a.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Children's Center Road, Leesburg. Learn about bird watching in this class for beginners. Free. Call 703-737-0021.

HOOK-IN. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Algonkian Regional Park Conference Center, 47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling. The Goose Creek Ruggers will hold their 5th annual Hook-In. Cost: \$5; call 703-673-6528.

COUNTRY DANCING. 8-11 p.m., Purcellville Skating Rink, 250 S. Nursery Ave., Purcellville. Bluemont continues its series of monthly dances with the band Night Watch playing lively old-time country-dance music with figure calling Shawn Brenneman of Radford. Cost: \$10 per person, \$7 per Bluemont Friends, students, seniors 65-plus and Purcellville

residents.

SUNDAY/JAN. 18

WINTER ECOLOGY. 1-3:30 p.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Children's Center Road, Leesburg. Explore the ecology of winter with a senior naturalist. Recommended for adults and children over 10. Cost: \$5 per person. RSVP at 703-737-0021 by Jan. 17 at noon.

MONDAY/JAN. 19

BILINGUAL STORY TIME. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. A Spanish bilingual story time with Barbara Davila. Recommended for ages 2-6. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

BIRD FEEDERS. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Douglass Community Center, 405 E. Market St., Leesburg. Create feeders for birds that are not flying south for the winter. Ages 3-4. Cost: \$4. Call 703-771-5913 or e-mail jaime.cox@loudoun.gov.

MLK CELEBRATION. 10:30 a.m., Old Loudoun County Courthouse, 18 E. Market St., Leesburg. The annual Martin Luther King Day march starts at the Old Courthouse and travels to Douglass Community Center followed by a program at noon. This year's theme is "Sharing the Dream Together."

TUESDAY/JAN. 20

SKI TRIP. Whitetail Ski Resort, Mercersburg, Pa. Travel to Whitetail Ski Resort for a day of skiing or snow boarding. Pickup locations include Harper Park MS, Farmwell Station MS and Harmony IS. Trip is for children in grades six-12. Packages range from \$65-\$85 and registration and payment must be made at the Douglass Community Center, 407 E. Market St., Leesburg. Call 703-771-5913.

KALEIDOSCOPE SERIES. 10 a.m., Ida Lee Park Recreation Center, 60 Ida Lee Drive N.W., Leesburg. Kaleidoscope Children's Series kicks off its winter season with a performance of "Oh Susannah." Cost: \$6 in advance; \$8 at the door; adults free with paying child. Call 703-777-1368 or visit www.idalee.org for

tickets.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

WACKY INVENTIONS. 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Discover wacky and fantastic inventions created by children. Recommended for ages 8-11. Registration begins two weeks before the program at http://library.loudoun.gov or 703-430-9500.

SENIOR MOVIE. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. See "Swing Vote," starring Kevin Costner. Rated PG-13, running time 128 minutes. Cost: \$2, includes popcorn and soda. 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.

SKI TRIP. 6:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A ski trip to Whitetail for students in grades six-12. Pickup/drop off locations: Harper Park Middle School, 701 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg; Farmwell Station Middle School, 44281 Gloucester Parkway, Ashburn; Harmony Intermediate School, 38174 W. Colonial Highway, Hamilton. Cost: \$60-\$85. Call 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudoun.gov to register.

MOVIE TIME. 3 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Bring popcorn and beverages and watch "Snow Buddies." Rated G. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

SATURDAY/JAN. 24

BOOK SALE. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn.

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

BUDDY STORY TIME. 4:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Encourage a child's love of books by pairing him with a teen reading buddy for one-on-one reading time. Recommended for ages 3-6. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

WOOLGATHERING. 6 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Recommended for ages 12 and up. All knitting levels are welcome. Bring needles and yarn. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

VIDEO GAME DESIGN. 7 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Learn how video games are designed from a professional with 14 years experience. Recommended for ages 12-18. Register at http://library.loudoun.gov or 703-444-3228.

TUESDAY/JAN. 27

ME AND MY WORLD. 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Learn weird and wacky facts in this program called "The Scoop on Poop." Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-430-9500.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

CASINO TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Charles Town, W.Va. Includes slots

Plenty for Families To Do Close to Home

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provides and guarantees fresh produce and every market offers different events. Visit the Web site for locations, times and special events.

Indulge Your Sweet Tooth

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Leesburg, VA 20175
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<http://www.chocolatesgalore.org>

The annual Chocolates Galore and More fund-raiser for the YMCA Loudoun County, taking place Feb. 20, offers a room filled with the most spectacular chocolate, dessert and hors d'oeuvre creations for participants' sampling pleasure. Attendees will vote for Best Taste and Best Presentation in both the dessert and hors d'oeuvre categories at the end of the evening. The event also features a silent and live auction, dancing and champagne. Proceeds benefit the YMCA Loudoun County's Building Bridges Program, which provides essential support to area families in need. Ticket Price: \$60 per person advance purchase, \$65 per person at the door.

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www.divafitonline.com

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Go Irish

Ned Devines Irish Village
21800 Town Center Plaza
Sterling, VA 20164
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sterlingquestions@neddevines.com
www.irishvillage.neddevines.com

Always wanted to visit Ireland, but could never afford it? Ned's allows diners to feel like they are at least eating in the Emerald Isle. The walls of the restaurant consist of "storefronts" from an Irish village and the menu features traditional dishes such as lamb stew, shepherds pie, Guinness beef stew, bangers and mash and of course, corned beef and cabbage. On weekends, Ned's becomes a nightclub with live entertainment and features a martini bar. See the Web for entertainment details.

Get Moving

Zumba Fitness Creative Dance Center
44710 Cape Court
Suite 126
Ashburn, VA 20147
703-724-4900,
Margaret@cdcdance.com
www.cdcdance.com

Creative Dance Center offers adult Zumba Fitness classes for anyone 18 and older. Zumba Fitness is a fusion of traditional cumbia, salsa, samba and meringue music combined with Latin rhythms and international dance moves.

Let Imagination Take Flight

National Air and Space Museum
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center
14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway
Chantilly, VA 20151
202-633-1000, NASM-VisitorServices@si.edu
www.nasm.si.edu/UdvarHazy

Located minutes from Washington Dulles International Airport, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center opened in December 2003 and is the companion facility to the Smithsonian Institution's museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Among the planes on display are Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest jet in the world; the Boeing Dash 80, the prototype of the 707; the Boeing B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay; and the deHavilland Chipmunk aerobatics airplane. The centerpiece of the museum's space hangar is the space shuttle Enterprise.

The center also offers an IMAX Theater, flight simulators, food service, a museum store, free tours, daily educational programs and school group tours and activities.

The center is open daily, from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission is free, however, it is \$12 to park with annual parking passes available.

Unleash Your Inner Muse

Loudoun Academy of the Arts/Gallery 222
222 South King St.
Leesburg, VA 20177
703-777-5498
www.gallery222.com or
www.loudounacademy.org

Feeling artistic? Visit Gallery 222, home to the area's leading artists. The gallery houses a variety of mediums including watercolor, drawings, photography, calligraphy and sculptures. Feeling really artistic? Take an art class at Loudoun Academy of the Arts, a school of fine arts instruction for artists of all ages and skill levels. The school offers classes like oil painting, pastels, glass and ceramics, and all classes are taught by professional artists. Visit the academy Web site for class offerings and pricings; visit the gallery Web site for information on the ever-changing exhibits and hours.

Provide Creatures Comfort

Loudoun County Animal Shelter
39820 Charles Town Pike
Waterford, VA 20197
703-777-0406,
animals@loudoun.gov
www.loudoun.gov/animals

The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located on a 13-acre parcel of land, five miles west of Leesburg. The shelter offers a number of services including pet adoption, assistance with lost pets, information on disaster preparedness for pets and in conjunction with Animal Control, C.A.R.E. (Companion Animal Resource Effort) and wildlife issues. The shelter also provides tours and volunteer opportunities.

Catch the Buzz

Loudoun Beekeepers Association
www.loudounbee.org

Based in Leesburg, the Loudoun Beekeepers Association offers classes on beekeeping, as well as various member and nonmember functions including guest speakers and open houses.



The 2009 Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival takes place April 18 and 19, in downtown Leesburg.

Learn from a Master

Master Gardeners' Demonstration Garden
60 Ida Lee Drive
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www.middleburg.org

Browse among the array of quaint shops and inns. There are approximately 600 people residing in the town. Established in 1787 by Revolutionary War Lt. Col. and Virginia statesman, Levin Powell, he purchased the land for Middleburg at \$2.50 an acre from Joseph Chinn, first cousin to George Washington. Previously called "Chinn's Crossroads," Powell chose the name Middleburg because of the town's location midway between Alexandria and Winchester on the Ashby Gap trading route (now Route 50). There are several inns located within the corporate limits, including the historic Red Fox Inn and Tavern, which is billed as the "oldest original inn in America." The village has earned a reputation as the "Nation's Horse and Hunt Capital," and is home to the National Sporting Library. Middleburg was recognized for its historic preservation efforts by being designated a Preserve America Community by First Lady Laura Bush.

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Broad Run 'D's' Up in Dulles Win over Park View

Spartan girls hold down Patriots' offense in district basketball triumph.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It appears the Broad Run High girls basketball team has gotten into a solid, midseason form of winning basketball following a tough start to the season. Since beginning the winter campaign 1-5, Broad Run, going into this week, had won five of its last six games, including a decisive 55-37 Dulles District home win over Park View last Friday night.

"We've improved so much since the beginning of the year. We're learning to play together."

—Chelsea Gantt, Broad Run senior

Following its loss to the season, Broad Run came back with a pre-Christmas district win over Heritage before sweeping all three of its games at the eight-team Ashburn Holiday Tournament, including a win over Loudoun Valley

in the championship game Dec. 30.

In its next game, the Spartans lost to district power Loudoun Valley at home, 72-57, Jan. 6 before coming back strong with the win over Park View.

THE VICTORY OVER the Patriots improved Broad Run's overall record to 6-6 and 2-2 in the district. Park View, with the loss to the Spartans, also found itself at the .500 mark at 5-5 and 2-2 in the district.

On Friday, Park View was within striking distance of Broad Run at halftime, trailing 28-20, before struggling offensively in the second half as the Spartans pulled away. Stifling defense fueled Broad Run's ability to take over the game in the third and fourth quarters. Park View scored just six points in the third quarter as Broad Run built up a 40-26 advantage going into the fourth. Then in that final quarter of play, the Patriots continued to struggle at the offensive end before scoring a flurry of points over the final several minutes after the home team had pretty much put the game away.

"They were definitely very aggressive," Park View coach Kim Grigley said of Broad Run's intense second-half defense. "They hustled well and got to their spots. They outrebounded us. We were not as aggressive."

Gantt, who is 5 foot 9 inches and listed as a post player, was effective both inside and outside the paint area for Broad Run. On numerous occasions, she would get the ball around the perimeter area before burst-



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Morgan Roehling, a junior guard for Broad Run, dribbles down the floor as Park View's Christina Sheppard defends. Roehling contributed a three-point basket and solid all-around play in the Spartans' victory.

ing left toward the basket for driving baskets. She finished the contest with a team-high 17, including one basket from three-point territory. She also had six rebounds.

Broad Run's second leading scorer in the win was junior post Maggie Andricosky (5 rebounds), who nailed three 3-pointers on way to a 12-point night.

Athlete of the Week



Members of the Briar Woods High Cheer squad enjoy a moment prior to a recent boys basketball game. Falcon Fans have lots to cheer about this winter and have plenty of events they can attend this week. The 7-3 Briar Woods girls basketball team has Dulles District home games scheduled against Potomac Falls, Wednesday night, and Dominion, Friday night. Meanwhile, the Falcons' wrestling team will be competing at the District Super Quad event at Broad Run this Friday night.

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Bulldogs Earn District Win

Stone Bridge boys have key victories over Madison, Langley.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Last Friday night's 72-57 Liberty District loss to Marshall was a bit of a downer for the Stone Bridge High School boys basketball team, which had been riding high following recent district wins over both Madison and Langley.

Stone Bridge, following the loss at Marshall, found itself with a 5-7 overall record and 3-2 in the district. The Bulldogs had high hopes of reaching the .500 mark going into the Marshall game. They were not able to get the victory, but the setback hardly tarnishes what has been an outstanding turnaround campaign thus far for Stone Bridge, which was winless in district play last year.

"The [district] wins have been a very positive thing, especially after last year," Stone Bridge coach Sonny Green said.

In earlier games last week, Stone Bridge had two huge district home wins — victories over Madison, 59-57, on Tuesday, and defending district champion Langley, 68-63, on Thursday.

And in the following day's game at Marshall on Friday, Stone Bridge carried an impressive 34-25 lead into the half. But in the second half, Marshall controlled the play and came back to win.

"We just didn't get the [defensive] stops," Green said of the Marshall game. "We didn't play our best basketball. I don't know if it was fatigue or not."

It certainly could have been a question of fatigue. After all, the Bulldogs were playing their third game of the week and second in two days.

"We were up at halftime [against Marshall], but we didn't have the flow we had been getting," Green said. "It was probably more a mental letdown than anything."

THE WINS over Madison and Langley were vital for the confidence of a team that struggled so much in district play last year. The Bulldogs did get a district win in their

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE
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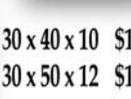
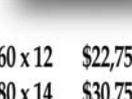
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season opener when they defeated Jefferson in a road game Dec. 2. The team's next district game was a pre-Christmas loss at Woodson Dec. 19. But the wins over the Warhawks and Saxons wiped away the memory of the loss to Woodson.

"They were good wins for the program," Green said. "It gives us confidence. We knew coming in we could play with anybody."

In the win over Madison, Stone Bridge junior guard Richie Berry scored 14 points and senior forward Nate Ingersoll had 13 points. Sophomore Nik Brown and senior Jerel Wright both added nine points.

Stone Bridge also received contributions from numerous players in the win over Langley. Top scorers in the win over the Saxons were Ingersoll (14 points), sophomore Ryan Lowdermilk (11), senior post player Brian Slay (10), Berry (9), senior guard Michael Prince (9), Brown (8) and Wright (7).

In the loss to Marshall, Ingersoll (15 points), Berry (12) and Prince (10) were each in double figures, while Wright and Lowdermilk scored nine and seven points,

respectively.

The season has been one of peaks and valleys thus far for Stone Bridge. The Bulldogs opened with three wins over their first four games before losing five straight. Last week's win over Madison stopped the losing skid.

"Everyone was frustrated," Green said of the five-game winless stretch. "But we recommitted to everything. We got back to fundamental basketball. We focused on playing hard, smart and together." The Bulldogs love to initiate the action with a running style of play.

"We like to push the tempo," Green said. "On defense we want to really pressure the ball. When we put pressure on the ball, it enables us to run the court [offensively on the break]."

Green said Stone Bridge has struggled at times when opponents have slowed the pace down. He said the Bulldogs must get better at running their half-court game on offense.

OVER THE first half of the season, contributions have come across the board for Stone Bridge. Ingersoll is averaging 10 points and leading the team in rebounding.

"We knew coming in we could play with anybody."

— **Sonny Green, Stone Bridge boys basketball coach**

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