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Park View High girls basketball players Yorkie Torto (30) and Christina Sheppard play defense during the Patriots' Dulles District road game at Broad Run last Friday night. With the holidays behind them, both area rival teams are beginning a stretch of the season in which they will be playing primarily district opponents.

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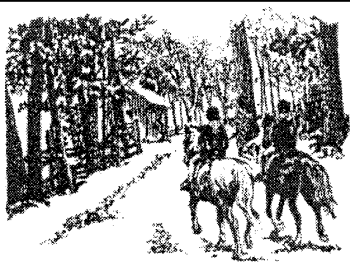
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Seeking Federal Aid

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 transporta-

tion projects include \$91,200,000 for widening Route 659 from Route 7 to the 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



Supervisor Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac)

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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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 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 year’s funding,” Hatrick said.

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.

“These economic directions had to be taken in light of the fact that we will open 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

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Committee Reverses the Call

Ad-hoc committee recommends that the county enter partnership with Redskins.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

An ad-hoc committee recommended Jan. 7 that the Board of Supervisors reverse their initial stance and approve the proposed partnership that would make Loudoun “The Corporate Home of the Redskins.”

The committee, comprised of Supervisors Susan Buckley (D-Sugarland Run), Stevens Miller (D-Dulles), Lori Waters (R-Broad Run) and Chairman Scott York (I-At Large), voted unanimously, along with the support of nonvoting members Tony Howard, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Cheryl Kilday, president of the Convention and Visitors Association and John Wood, chairman of the Economic Development Commission.

“We received a lot more information on what the promotion would entail,” Buckley said. “There was just more de-

tail than was provided previously, which I felt lead to confusion among some supervisors [in the full board vote].”

According to Buckley, Supervisors Jim Burton (D-Blue Ridge) and Sally Kurtz (D-Catoctin), two of the five who originally voted against the proposal, stepped forward to ask more questions while Kilday and local business representatives spoke more in-depth about the marketing and branding opportunities that the partnership could bring.

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THE ADDED INFORMATION expanded upon what Loudoun would tangibly receive in the agreement, which in addition to putting the county’s logo on the Redskins Web site and allowing

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Del. Rust Seeks Input

The Virginia General Assembly begins its 2009 Session Jan. 14 and will last for 45 days. Del. Tom Rust (R-86) has several ways for constituents to stay informed and to make their views known during Virginia's General Assembly session.

First, a district survey has been

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 Catoctin 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.
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- ❖ Falcon's Landing Senior Residence
20225 Falcons Landing Circle, Sterling.
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NEWS

Committee Approves Deal

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Loudoun to have a kiosk at the team's training camp, would include mentions of the county in all media and on-air datelines, and four banner ads and one feature story on the county in e-mail blasts to more than 200,000 subscribers.

Buckley said that a main source of confusion was that the partnership proposal contained two projects, promotional ventures and the construction of a Redskins Hall of Fame and that in the committee's meeting, they separated the two issues, with a focus on fleshing out the details of the promotional agreement.

Initially, the promotional agreement was only for one year when originally put in front of the board. However, as the finer points of the agreement have been worked out, the partnership's length has been changed to two years with the cost from the county's Transient Occupancy Tax Fund remaining at \$250,000.

"When it went in front of the board in December it was one year with an option to extend to another," Buckley said. "One year just was not long enough to realize the value of the outcome."

The Hall of Fame was discussed, but the financial aspects were not vetted as thoroughly as the two-year agreement. The committee acknowledged that Fairfax County was moving forward with their much-publicized efforts to secure the Hall of Fame, so the committee focused on the promotional and financial benefits that would come from the enhanced visibility the Hall of Fame would bring such as the number of potential visitors and the potential for those visitors to explore the county while here.



Supervisor Susan Buckley (D-Sugarland Run)



Supervisor Stevens Miller (D-Dulles)

THE BOARD WILL HEAR the committee's recommendations at its Jan. 21 business meeting and decide whether or not to approve them, which at this point, appears as if it will happen. With the four initial supporters or the partnership at the Dec. 3 vote — Waters, Buckley, York and Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) — still in favor of the deal plus Miller changing his vote, the five votes needed to swing the count are in hand. However, Buckley echoed the notion of the other supervisors that they are seeking the board's full support, not just a simple majority.

"I think that [the recommendations] have a great chance because the four supervisors who supported it in December will remain in support and Supervisor Miller's participation lead to his support," Buckley said. "But we are hopeful that with added detail there will be other supervisors who will support it as well."

Public Hearings Begin This Week

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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

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

— Edgar Hatrick, Schools superintendent



Edgar Hatrick

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

BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

LOUDOUN BICYCLISTS will be meeting, 7 p.m., at the Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, 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.

MOM & ME BOOK CLUB will meet, 4

p.m., at Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Recommended for daughters, age 9-12 with a mother or mentor. Registration begins two weeks before the program at library.loudoun.gov or 703-430-9500.

NEWS

Investigating String of Burglaries

The Loudoun Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate a series of daytime burglaries that have occurred in the Sterling Park area.

Since Dec. 7, the Sterling Park area has seen at least eight daytime burglaries. The most recent incident occurred Jan. 12 in the 800 block of West Maple Avenue. Unknown subject(s) forced entry into a residence sometime between 8:45 a.m. and 5:50 p.m. and rummaged through the home. Jewelry and cash were among the items removed from the home.

The first daytime burglaries occurred at a home in the 700 block of North Amelia Street and a home in the 1800 block of North Sterling Boulevard on Dec. 7. On Dec. 22, two more homes were entered, one in the 1400 block of Kennedy Road and the second in the 200 block of Harrison Road. Sometime between Dec. 24 and 25, a home was entered in the 800 block of North Argonne Avenue. The burglaries continued Jan. 2 when a home was entered in the 300 block of East Charlotte Avenue and another home

was entered Jan. 5 in the 800 block of West Maple Avenue. In most of the cases the houses have been ransacked and jewelry and cash appear to be the main target.

Although it is unclear why these homes were targeted, the Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to lock doors and windows. If leaving the area for a vacation, make sure the home appears occupied. Leave inside and outside lights on timers and have neighbors pick up newspapers, mail and take flyers off the door. The agency is also asking for residents to report any suspicious activity to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office at 703-777-1021.

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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Send announcements or 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

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 chil-

dren 6-18 months to explore the world around them. Free. Advance registration required; call 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudou.gov.

The **nonfiction book club** will meet Monday, **Jan. 26** and **Feb. 2**, 4 p.m., at the Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Children ages 6-8 can discuss the book of the month and do a fun activity. January's book is "Snowflake Bentley"

by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and February's is "Anansi and the Talking Melon" by Eric A. Kimmel. Registration required; visit library.loudoun.gov or call 703-444-3228.

The **CountrySide Women's Club** will have a presentation by Aaron Schultz of The Farr Law Firm on Estate Planning Friday, **Feb. 13**, 9:30 a.m., at the Parkway Pool Meeting Room, 46020 Algonkian Parkway, CountrySide.

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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.

EDITORIAL

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.

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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POLITICS

Rust Goes To Richmond

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) heads to Richmond this week for the 2009 General Assembly session. The following are two of the bills he plans to introduce as the representative from the Herndon and Sterling area.

❖ Rust has introduced a bill that would allow businesses to expand group life-insurance benefits to the partners, same sex or otherwise, of employees. The Virginia General Assembly passed a similar law with regards to health insurance three years ago and Rust said he expects the business community to back the proposal.

Rust's engineering firm is located in multiple states, including Virginia, and the delegate said it is unfair to his own employees that he can offer some benefits to his people in other states, but not in Virginia.

"It puts [Virginia] businesses at a disadvantage in terms of recruiting and hiring," he said.

❖ The delegate has also proposed a bill that would allow local authorities to impound the vehicle of



Del. Tom Rust

someone caught driving without a driver's license for a second time.

The new law would not apply to people who are under 18 years old or who are driving on an old license that has expired within the last year. Instead, the bill is primarily aimed at people who have never acquired a driver's license — possibly because they are an illegal immigrant and are not eligible for one — or people who have had their driver's license revoked, which frequently happens to people convicted of drunk driving.

At local road checkpoints, Fairfax County police are far more likely to catch someone driving without a license than a person driving under

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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.

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www.gallery222.com or
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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

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The Master Gardener class of 1992 first developed the Demonstration Garden. The goal was to create a practical organic garden for growing vegetables and fruit where the public could visit and learn about chemical-free gardening. The garden has grown considerably since then in size and scope. The garden is divided into a variety of areas including a children's garden, vegetables, butterfly and perennial garden, wedding garden and more. The garden is never closed; feel free to visit anytime. However, on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, from 9 a.m.-noon, Master Gardeners will be there to answer questions.

Kick Off the Weekend

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info@loudounarts.org
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Stroll through History

Town of Middleburg
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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.

See the Sights

Rust Sanctuary
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www.audubonnaturalist.org

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Bridgette is a 2-year-old, spayed female brown tabby

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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.

The **Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun**, 20460 Gledsville Road, Leesburg, will honor Dr. Martin Luther King and other martyrs of the civil rights movement with a special service called "Something Worth Standing For." The **Jan. 18**, 10 a.m. service will be dedicated to the legacy of these brave and pioneering people. Visit www.uuloudoun.org or call 703-737-7644.

Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, 21740 Beaumeade Circle, Suite 100, Ashburn, invites the public for a weekend celebration of the Installation of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Jesse Gallop. Friday, **Jan. 30**, 7:30 p.m., Sabbath service and the formal installation ceremony. Rabbi Scott Sperling, director, Union Reform Judaism, Mid-Atlantic Region, and Dr. Alyssa Gray, associate professor Codes and Respona, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will conduct the installation. Sabbath services will be followed by an Oneg Sabbath social.

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Spartans Stifle 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, includ-

"They hustled well and got to their spots. They outrebounded us. We were not as aggressive."

—Kim Grigley,

Park View High girls basketball coach

ing 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," said versatile Broad Run senior frontcourt player Chelsea Gantt. "We're learning to play together."

Following its slow start 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

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Park View players Karita Brown (34) and Yorkie Torto (30) go for the basketball during the Patriots' district loss in Ashburn Friday night. Brown scored a team-high 17 points for Park View.

Breakthrough Basketball Win for Dominion Boys

Titans stay unbeaten in Dulles with victory at Potomac Falls.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Last Friday night was a banner one for the Dominion High boys basketball team, which earned one of its biggest wins in its six-year history as a program when it defeated defending Dulles District champion Potomac Falls, 58-52, in a road game.

"It was a great win for us and a game for the number-one spot in the district," said Dominion coach Steve Douglas, whose team improved to 9-4 overall and 4-0 in the district.

For Potomac Falls (9-3, 4-1), it marked the first district setback of the season.

Dominion, a senior laden team with 10 12th-graders, was led by Deandre Albritton's game-high 26 points. A senior point guard, Albritton is averaging

"It was one of the better defensive games we've played in my two years."

—Steve Douglas,

Dominion High boys basketball coach

19 points a game this winter. Also in double figures in the win for the Titans was senior guard Greg Smucker (12 points).

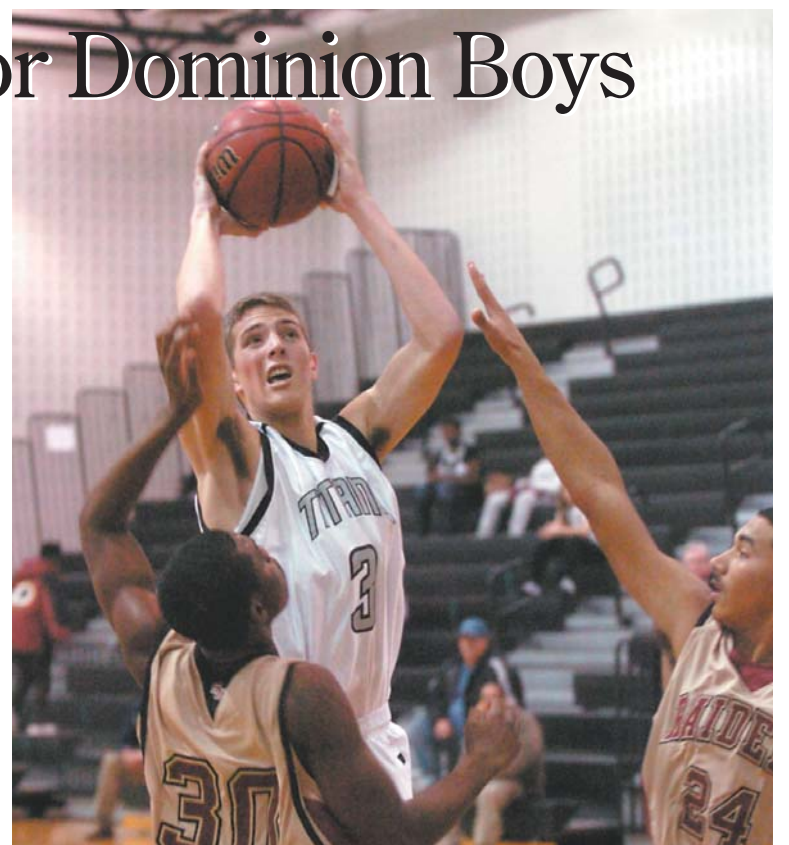
Potomac Falls received double-digit outings from senior guard Kevin Bartnick (18 points) and sophomore shooting guard Lukas Mihailovich (15).

Dominion has never won a district boys basketball title in its brief history. The Titans were 12-12 over

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Dominion High's Sean Ashton (3) grabs the ball during the Titans' earlier season win over Dulles rival Loudoun County. Dominion is home against Briar Woods this Friday night.



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Titans Still Unbeaten

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all last year and 7-7 in the district.

Douglas loves the makeup of this year's squad, which plays unselfish and has team goals as its top priority.

"I'm so proud of these kids for buying into what we're teaching," said Douglas, the team's second-year coach. "It's their team and they're taking ownership of it. They know the lone goal is to win. It's been fun so far."

Playing at the charged up Potomac Falls gymnasium was a stiff challenge for Dominion. A huge crowd was on hand for the game that would determine first place as the season nears its midway point.

"They have a great crowd over there and a great fan base," Douglas said. "I was very proud of my team. It was one of the better defensive games we've played in my two years. In rivalry games, enthusiasm and adrenaline is going to come out."

Dominion led 29-27 at halftime, but Potomac Falls got on a roll in the third quarter and outscored the Titans 15-1 to close the quarter with the lead. The Titans held the Panthers to just five points in the final quarter to gain the win.

"We played man-to-man [defense] the whole game," Douglas said.

The coach said his team always plays all out, but that the Titans revved it up a gear against Potomac Falls.

"We really wanted to rebound and were making the second and third jumps [on the boards]," the coach said. "We were aggressive going to the basket. We took it to another level."

DOMINION'S prior district wins this season came against Loudoun County, Freedom and Park View. The win over visiting Park View, a 58-53 victory, came earlier last week

on Jan. 6. In that game, Titan sophomore guard Deandre Reaves scored 24 points. Other top Dominion scorers in the win were Albritton (15 points) and senior forward Aaron Good (9). Park View (5-5) was led by Marcus Freeman and Jordan Owens, who both scored 13 points, and Josh Jones (9 points). The Patriots led that game 30-29 at halftime before Dominion ultimately prevailed.

Douglas said his team made key defensive stops late in the games against County, Park View and Potomac Falls.

"We're just gaining confidence, playing defense and winning big games," the coach said. Over the holidays, Dominion competed in a tournament at Stone Bridge. There, the Titans defeated Stone Bridge, but lost games to Loudoun Valley and Broad Run. One of the highlights of the tournament for Dominion was a 21-point outing from junior shooting guard Chris Huff in the loss to Valley.

Dominion's leading scorers this season are Albritton (19 points per game), off guard Reaves (13) and senior twins Steve and Greg Smucker (9 and 8 points, respectively). Good, a frontcourt player, is averaging six points and six rebounds and playing solid defense inside the paint. Senior forward Sean Ashton is bringing down seven boards a game.

The Smucker brothers are both outstanding defensive players, according to Douglas. Greg scored 12 second-half points in the win over Potomac Falls.

"We're winning as a team," Douglas said. "The kids have played so hard for me this year. When you play hard, good things will happen. They want to win."

Dominion was set to play three district games this week — Monday at Heritage, Wednesday at home against Broad Run and this Friday night at home against Briar Woods.

In Solid Midseason Form

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ball around the perimeter area before bursting 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. One of her biggest shots of the game was a 3-pointer from the left wing that gave the Spartans a 37-24 lead with less than three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The Spartans also received a solid outing from senior Caitlin Hunter, who came off the bench to tally 11 points with five rebounds.

PARK VIEW had a good night from senior center Karita Brown, who finished with 17 points and six boards. One of the game's better individual moments of the game came when the 5-foot-10 Brown grabbed consecutive rebounds on the offensive end before converting a close range basket while

being fouled. She converted the ensuing free throw to pull her team within 22-16 early in the second quarter.

"She has been consistent defensively, but has flocculated on offense," Grigley said of Brown's season thus far. "She has the potential to have real solid nights."

Both Brown and Park View senior point guard Rachael Miller (9 points, 5 rebounds against Broad Run) are averaging double figures for the Patriots this season.

Broad Run coach Mike O'Hara knew Brown and Miller were the Patriots' go-to players.

"We knew they had two main scorers and tried to make the other girls beat us," O'Hara said. "I thought overall our team defense was good."

O'Hara said the Spartans do not have the take-over-a-game-type player they have had in recent seasons. But the coach said the Spartans hustle, play well as a team and get good bench production. Those team characteristics should help the Spartans be among the top teams in the district. Broad Run is home Wednesday versus Dominion.

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