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Mandie Plowman learns some dance moves for her role in the upcoming production of "The Pajama Game" at Park View High School on April 30, May 1 and 2 and May 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

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ON STAGE



Amy Young, theatre director at Dominion High School, directs her students during a recent rehearsal at the school for their upcoming production of "The Music Man". Production dates for "The Music Man" are April 30, May 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 3 at 3 p.m.



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Assistant choreographers Jessica Stopa and Allison Pritchett help the actors of Dominion High School's production of "The Music Man," with dance moves during a recent rehearsal at the school. Production dates for "The Music Man" are April 30, May 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 3 at 3 p.m.

It's Hard Work To Make Believe

As they learn lines, students also learn about themselves.

BY AARON STERN
THE CONNECTION

In one year Jessie Bhamrah made the transition from stoic cowboy to renegade chocolate tycoon. It was a lot of work.

"You have no idea," said Bhamrah as he broke from rehearsal last week at Briar Woods High School. A junior, Bhamrah took up acting last year. His first part was

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a small role as a cowboy in "Crazy for You," but now, just a year later, Bhamrah played Willy Wonka himself in the Briar Woods performance of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" earlier this month. Last year he had to memorize seven lines. This year he had over 100.

"Learning lines was a killer," he said. Bhamrah's rapid ascension from an afterthought character to a lead role is atypical in high school theater, where students typically rise from minor roles as freshmen to lead roles as juniors and seniors, putting in hundreds of hours rehearsing, memorizing and performing along the way.

It is difficult for those not involved in theater to appreciate the amount of work that students put into a show, said Dominion drama director Amy Young. In

addition to two-plus hour rehearsals each day after school, there is the work of memorizing lines that must be done at home, which is the same place that the student actors often rehearse the intricate dance steps in their bedrooms, and those who are truly committed to acting become students of human nature and avid people watchers.

"It's hours of work that they put into it," said Potomac Falls drama director Renee Haynes. "It's every bit as much work as a sport is."

Stone Bridge senior Vicky Martinez can

attest to that. Martinez has run track and played basketball through her four years but in this, her final semester of high school, Martinez gave up track to focus on theater. She had only taken part in one show before — last year's production of "Arabian Nights" — and had never had a lead role or performed in a musical before. This year

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— Potomac Falls drama director Renee Haynes

she has a major role as Auntie Em and has a solo song.

"Every single little thing — just like in a sport — affects every second of a show," Martinez said. In fact, in some ways theater is harder, she said. Instead of relying on four teammates on the basketball court at a time, the entire cast and crew — 30 people or more — must rely on one another to ensure a successful production. And unlike in a sport where there are moments one can fade into the background, in theater that is not an option. Every movement, every note, every gesture has to be precise, Martinez said.

"Once you get it right it's the best feeling," she said.

WHAT KEEPS ACTORS coming back is not just that feeling of getting it right but the thrill and challenge of acting itself.

"You can step out onto the stage and be anyone you want. There's nowhere else you can do that," said Dominion senior Chris Wolfe.

Being someone else isn't always easy. Musicals are one thing — the characters and subject matter tend towards the lighter side — but dramas can be difficult, said Potomac Falls senior Heather Ellis. There are times in drama class that Ellis is rehearsing the role of a troubled character, trying to connect with the depth of emotion that her character is experiencing.



Park View choral students participate in a dress rehearsal at the school on March 31 while preparing for their upcoming production of "The Pajama Game."

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Practicing Multi-Hat Wizardry

Drama directors master multi-tasking, long hours, and the personal growth of their students.

BY AARON STERN
THE CONNECTION

Auntie Em loves her niece, but taking care of her wasn't her first choice of ways to devote her life. Conveying such sentiment in song is no easy task, and two weeks before opening night Stone Bridge drama director Glen Hochkeppel was trying to help senior Vicky Martinez, who is playing Auntie Em in the school's upcoming performance of "The Wiz," find her inspiration.

"It's kind of a hard thing to hear, it's like 'Yeah, I love you, but not a million,'" Hochkeppel told Martinez.

Then he quickly walked through the paces he wanted to see from Martinez while giving his stage directions in a grave musical singsong — "It's kind of like 'ah da da da, you're running away, now take it down-stage.'"

Hochkeppel spent much of rehearsal that day in the Stone Bridge drama room with Martinez and Abi York, who will play Dorothy, and much of that time he had his four-year-old daughter Mimi perched atop his shoulders while his five-year-old daughter Ella flitted around the room blowing bubbles and dancing, both occasionally imploring their father for one thing or another.

"That's Mr. Hochkeppel's crazy life," said Stone Bridge freshman Kaitlynn Norton.

THAT LIFE of is one many high school drama directors can relate to. Being a drama director is often a juggling act between the duties of a teacher and a parent, not to mention the multiple roles directors play



Stone Bridge drama director Glenn Hochkeppel works with senior Vicky Martinez to perfect the opening musical number to "The Wiz."

in leading a cast and crew of 30-some high school students who are themselves still growing up while juggling busy academic, extracurricular and social lives. Consequently, drama directors alternate between coach, cheerleader, confidante and whip cracker.

"You wear every hat in the book," said Dominion High School drama director Amy Woods.

"You wear every hat in the book."

— Dominion High School drama director Amy Woods

Then, of course, there is the show itself to direct. Directors choose shows based on the students they have, while considering the themes of recent shows and what will appeal to the audience.

"The way I look at theater... is you have to be responsive to the community," said Marilyn Gilligan, who is in her third

year as the director at Briar Woods. "You want the public to come out and if our neighborhood is created of little kids on up, I want to do pieces where someone's little brother can come see it."

To get the most out of students who are still developing emotionally and forming their own identities while learning how to act onstage, Potomac Falls director Renee Haynes often prompts her students with questions.

"You find your courage here — where do you find that?" she might ask, or other times she will be less direct, simply asking "What is that about?" about a character's habits, for instance.

Broad Run director Tim Willmot said that while some directors are open to a lot of student involvement in the overall direction of a show, he prefers to run it himself with a professional approach that often includes professional musicians, choreographers and fight choreographers.

"I've just always been around that professional element, so that's what kind of does it for me," Willmot said. "I think they're very appreciative of it — afterwards usually, maybe not so much when its happening."

AS MUCH WORK as it is — and directors can often reach triple digits in hours spent at school the two weeks leading up to a show, getting home at 11p.m. and later —

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A 13-year veteran of the Capitol Steps comedy troupe, Amy Young is in her first year as the drama director at Dominion High School.

there isn't anything better than combining a love of storytelling with the full-bodied thrill of being onstage and teaching students how to act, said Hochkeppel.

"It's really the most fun job in the school," he said.

"That's what makes me stay late, that's what makes me do more and more shows," said Gilligan. "It's just their energy and their enthusiasm."

Last year Haynes graduated a student who as a freshman was so nervous onstage that he couldn't be heard in the audience but as a senior was a musical lead. Watching students grow as people over four years is fulfilling and rewarding, Haynes said.

"For me it's really all about the kids," she said. "I think I have the best job in the world."

LOOKING AHEAD

'The Wiz'

STONE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Stone Bridge High School's upcoming spring musical has Dorothy, Auntie Em, and the Wicked Witch, but it's not exactly the "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." "The Wiz" reimagines the classic tale of Dorothy's trip through an alternate world, but puts a 1970s urban spin on the story.

"I like how it's crazier than the 'Wizard of Oz,' crazier and funkier," said senior Vicky Martinez, who plays Auntie Em. Dorothy will be played by Abi York, the Wicked Witch by Austen Willis, and Erik DeLong will play the Wiz.

The show runs at Stone Bridge High School April 16, 17, and 18 starting at 7:30 p.m.

'Music Man'

DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL

As a sleazy salesman and con man bent on making a profit at the expense of the poor inhabitants of River City, Harold Hill doesn't start "Music Man" as a sympathetic or very likeable character. Over the course of the show, though, Hill begins to embrace moral responsibility, prompted in part by his love for River City resident Marion, and the town comes to benefit from Hill's con scheme.

Director Amy Young said the show's message of unity and support for children during hard economic times is particularly poignant these days, particularly as school systems consider cutting arts programs to save money.

"Strong families still need kids to be involved [in] constructive activities and the arts," said Young.

The show runs April 30, May 1, 2, and 3. The Thursday, Friday, Saturday shows start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday, May 3 show starts at 3:30. Tickets are \$7 for students, \$10 for adults.

'The Pajama Game'

PARK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

A standoff between a union and corporate executives at a pajama factory may be an unlikely setting for a love story, but that's what happens in Park View High School's upcoming spring musical "The Pajama Game."

The show has lots of catchy tunes and a mixture of adult humor and good clean laughs for youngsters, making it a good show for the whole family, said Park View junior and stage manager Joy Urban. The audience should especially look forward to the show's signature musical number "Steam Heat."

"The Pajama Game" runs at Park View High School from April 30 through May 2. For ticket and showtime information, call 571-434-4500.

'Fiddler on the Roof'

POTOMAC FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

In the classic Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof," Tevye is a character with a lot on his plate. As he struggles with raising five daughters and must reconcile with their increasingly untraditional choices for husbands, he must also protect his family in an increasingly anti-Semitic Russia. Potomac Falls High School tackles "Fiddler on the Roof" as its spring musical at the end of May.

"I love that it's not just a frilly dance number show. It's serious... but it's also really funny," said senior Michael Wakefield who will play Tevye. The show features layered characters and beautiful music, and heavy themes wrapped in humor, said director Renee Haynes.

"Fiddler on the Roof" kicks off on May 28. For showtime and ticket information, call 571-434-3200.

'Footloose'

BRIAR WOODS HIGH SCHOOL

BriarWoods will present the high-energy production of "Footloose," on May 1, 2, 8 and 9.

The Show Behind the Show

Tech crews, stage directors, and everything else that make a show possible.

BY AARON STERN
THE CONNECTION

Regular audiences at Briar Woods wouldn't recognize senior Sarah Worden because in four years of theater at the school she has never set foot on stage during a show. That's because as the stage manager, if she does her job well, here is the world the audience never sees and never thinks about. Whether its lighting, set design, or making sure that the night of the show every cast member and every technical aspect is in the right place at the right time, a show is only as good as its crew.

"It's like a whole different world backstage, it's like a show going on behind the show," said Worden.

It's Worden's job to make sure that everything goes off without a hitch, and if she does her job right, no one will ever notice it. Speed, efficiency and precision rule the backstage world. To ensure that everything is done properly Worden has a stopwatch that runs as soon as a rehearsal starts. Any miscue — a missed cue, an improper light, a muffed sound effect, a crew member briefly visible to the audience — is clocked, diagnosed, and corrected.

"We try to do it as professional as it would be in real theater," said Worden.

That backstage show that Worden oversees is the world of lighting, sound, props, set changes, and costume changes — everything aside from the actors that makes a show possible. Tech crews oversee stage



While preparing for their upcoming production of "The Music Man," Dominion High School students participate in a recent rehearsal while some parents volunteer their time to help with the stage set.

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microphones, body microphones, sound effects, recorded music, while lighting crews oversee as many as 150 lights that follow a precise program during a show.

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"With tech it's not as obvious as with acting, but it's still fulfilling," said Park View sophomore and sound director Sally Coleman. "You feel like you've done something important at the end of it."

Stone Bridge senior Rachel Martin paints sets for the school shows, something she started doing last year. For the last two weeks leading up to a show she typically spends four hours each day, including weekends, painting the backdrops that often themselves draw applause from audiences when the curtain lifts.

"It's a lot of work but when it comes together you feel really proud of yourself," Martin said.



Park View High School students Margaret Wagner, Joanna Khamphila and Ricky Nigh work on building the stage set at the school on March 31.

THEN, TOO, there is often the school orchestra that plays live music during the show, and the dance numbers take hours of choreography work that is often created and taught by students, said Stone Bridge director Glen Hochkeppel.

In addition to all the people that make the show go each night the set design, costume construction, dress rehearsal dinners, ticket sales, promotional posters, t-shirts, and so on, and parents often play a pivotal role in bringing together all of those things, said Potomac Falls director Renee Haynes.

Some students, like Briar Woods junior Tyler Kirby pull double duty, serving as actors and members of the tech crew during shows. In addition to his portrayal of Grandpa Joe in the school's "Wonka," Kirby

filmed and edited a video montage that sets the stage for the show, wrote three original

Oompaloo songs, penned the transition music and was in charge of sound effects. To imitate the sound of a chocolate rolling down a metal tube, Kirby took a peanut, a funnel cake mold, and his recording

equipment and holed himself up in the nearest of soundstages — a closet in his home full of coats.

All of that work tied up most of his life for the last two weeks before the show, but for Kirby, who envisions himself one day either directing or scoring films, the time was well spent.

"It cost me some grades in classes but its fun," he said. "It's definitely worth it. It's hardly work if I enjoy doing it."

"With tech it's not as obvious as with acting, but it's still fulfilling."

— Park View sophomore and sound director Sally Coleman



Members of the Park View High School theater stage crew, Wendy Kronenberg and Doug Robinson, build portions of the stage set for the school's upcoming production of "The Pajama Game" on April 30, May 1 and 2 and May 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

ON STAGE

Student Cast and Crew Learn To Rely on Each Other

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"The hardest thing probably is... [when] you have to get really emotionally invested onstage," Ellis said. "I'm just onstage screaming and crying and I don't even know why. Then the bell rings and everyone's just like, 'oh right,' and everyone goes about their day."

The challenge for young actors especially, said Haynes, is putting themselves into shoes of characters with life experiences

that they as teenagers likely can not directly relate to.

FOR NEW ACTORS the challenge is especially difficult.

"You're very nervous, you're worried what people will think if you really let yourself go," said Potomac Falls junior Michael Wakefield.

Exactly what makes a good actor is a mystery, said Haynes, but it is a combina-

tion of intelligence, creativity and natural ability.

The key to a good show, said Park View junior Mandie Plowman, is having actors willing to get outside of their comfort zones, and not just onstage or in pursuit of mastering their character — actors must also be willing to open themselves up personally to their fellow actors.

"Its building relationships offstage that makes for success onstage," said Plowman.

For all the memorization of lines and dance steps and the countless hours memorizing lines, rehearsing scenes and practicing dance numbers, the joy of acting goes back to the simple pleasure of make believe, Plowman said.

"Here I get to be a different person every three months. I can be hokey and have fun with people I love," she said. "It's almost a relief for everything that goes on outside of here."

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OPINION

Governor's Race Comes North

Candidates speak to region's business people.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Four candidates vying to be Virginia's next governor reached out to the Northern Virginia business community April 3.

The Republican Party's presumptive nominee Robert McDonnell and three potential Democratic Party nominees — former Del. Brian Moran, state Sen. Creigh Deeds and former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe — participated in the Northern Virginia Technology Council's candidate forum at Microsoft's offices in Reston.

According to its Web site, the Northern Virginia Technology Council is a membership organization for the Northern Virginia technology community. It represents about 1,100 companies that employ more than 200,000 employees.

Three of the candidates have ties to Northern Virginia. McAuliffe lives in McLean. McDonnell, Virginia's former attorney general, grew up in Mount Vernon. Moran lives in the City of Alexandria and represented the area in the House of Delegates.

Deeds is from Bath County and represents the Charlottesville area.

Residents will have the chance to pick between Deeds, McAuliffe and Moran in an open primary, where people affiliated with any political party can vote, June 9. It is assumed McDonnell and the Democratic nominee will face off in the general election Nov. 3.

AT THE FORUM, Deeds emphasized he is the "one candidate for governor who can bring together all of Virginia."

The state senator, who lives in a county in central Virginia without a single traffic light,

has voted for transportation plans that would increase taxes and fees on his constituents for the sake of solving Northern Virginia's traffic problems.

Deeds said he tries to convince his neighbors that providing funding to ease Northern Virginia's road congestion is the right thing to do. Northern Virginia is the "bread basket" of the state and clogged roads and traffic jams in this region means fewer dollars for the rest of the commonwealth, he said.

Deeds added that Northern Virginia's tax revenue subsidizes many of the state functions in less affluent parts of the commonwealth, including parts of his state senate district.

"I told the rural people. You don't pay for your own schools," he said.

ON ISSUES OF education, McDonnell said he favors creating more charter schools in Virginia, which he said will improve access to education for at-risk primary and secondary students.

The former attorney general, who has lived in Virginia Beach and Richmond, added that he also supports a merit-pay system for teachers and principals in public schools.

Several of the "transportation priorities" McDonnell listed for the commonwealth were located in Northern Virginia. The Republican said he wanted to widen Interstate 66 inside the Capital beltway and finish the Dulles Metrorail project on time.

He would also push for a high-speed rail system that connects Washington D.C., Richmond and Hampton Roads.

McDonnell also supports transportation solutions like the high-occupancy toll lanes currently being constructed on the beltway.

"It is not perfect but it will give real and effective choices to commuters," he said.

McDonnell added that the lights on Route 7 should be synchronized and the state should utilize new technology that can locate accidents and traffic jams quickly.

WHEN IT COMES to Northern Virginia's

transportation woes, Moran said no one worked harder in the House of Delegates than he did. He said Virginia, particularly the General Assembly, has to be willing to make a larger investment in infrastructure.

"Can you find someone who is willing to fix you bridge and lay asphalt for free? If you do, let me know," said Moran.

Like McDonnell, Moran supports adding high-speed rail, for both freight and passengers, from Washington D.C. to Richmond. He also said the Virginia Railway Express, Northern Virginia's commuter train, should be expanded.

Moran also backs the use of the public-private transportation act, which helped bring about the Dulles Metrorail project but has been criticized for not requiring companies to provide enough transparency.

"I have been a fan of [the public-private transportation act] and continue to be. It is one of the tools in the toolbox that we currently have. But we need more," said Moran.

AS GOVERNOR, McAuliffe said he would focus on growing Virginia's economy and creating jobs.

"I get it. I've done it. I've hired 1,000s of people and I want to be the number one job creator in 50 states," said McAuliffe, who has started many of his own businesses.

The Democratic political consultant raised a significant amount of money for Barack Obama's presidential campaign and McAuliffe said he would use his relationship with the sitting U.S. president to try and steer stimulus money to Virginia, especially the high tech corridor in the Reston and Dulles areas.

Northern Virginia businesses should be the front of the line when the federal government dumps billions of dollars into digitizing health records, said McAuliffe.

"I am going to call Barack Obama every day and say Virginia wants its fair share. I want Virginia to have more than its fair share," he said. "As you all know, I am pretty good at getting money," added McAuliffe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cost Will Be In Freedom

To the Editor:

How proud I felt that day in June of 2007. Winning the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Loudoun County was special in many ways. From the grass roots support that gave the victory to a virtual unknown candidate to the sense of satisfaction I felt for a job well done. However, more meaningful was representing the Party which I had grown up supporting and believing in. Time has distanced me from the pain of my defeat in the general election but it has not softened the sense of disappointment I have felt from the Republican party on a national level.

Most recently it began with the

original \$700 billion TARP package proposed in the final days of the Bush administration that was not supported by the majority of citizens who consider themselves to be Republican. We opened this bailout door and the Democrat-controlled government has blown it wide open with bailout after bailout. There is now no end in sight as taxpayers will foot the bill for a society that is becoming ever increasingly dependent on the government. More recently, and more disturbing, is the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act (GIVE Act) which, at \$6 billion, will create 250,000 "volunteers" to further government ideas and programs. This youth-targeted act again received the support of Republicans. I clearly expect this door to be

blown open by the Democrats. Much like the evolution of the government bailout program, many fear the GIVE Act could one day bear the resemblance of Hitler youth brigades as a way of indoctrinating our youth. As far fetched as that may seem to some, we find ourselves in financial situations not seen since prior to Hitler, Mussolini, et al.

Where am I going with this you may ask? Yes, it is time for "Change." I clearly believe our government has overstepped its bounds. My greatest disappointment is in the Republican party with whom I expected so much more. First, as our founding fathers boycotted English goods, we need to boycott government bailed out companies. Speak with your money. No GM or Chrysler prod-

ucts. No accounts with AIG, Citi and Bank of America. Second, stop the growing government intervention into our private lives. Men such as George Washington, Thomas Paine and James Madison believed the only purpose of the government was to ensure "freedom and security."

I would encourage all to read "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine just as our founding fathers did in 1776. This work emboldened these men to stand for what they believed was right. As for me, I do not call myself a Republican any longer. While there are many in the party both locally and nationally that I admire, I can not limit myself to a party that does not listen to their constituents.

Greg Ahlemann
Ashburn

PEOPLE

SCAN Honors Curtis' Work

Sue Curtis of Loudoun was one of five Northern Virginians honored last week for efforts to protect children and support families. The event was SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia's official kick-off for April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In 15 years, Curtis has changed the way victims of abuse and neglect are supported in Loudoun County. As executive director of LCSJ/LAWS (Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice/Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter), she created and found funding for a variety of programs for children who have experienced domestic violence and child abuse, as well as developed therapeutic services and provided advocacy, crisis intervention and support services. She implemented the nationally renowned Nurturing Parenting Program at the shelter, opened a facility to provide services for abused children, and began a Sexual Assault program.

In 2007, Curtis was instrumental in securing funding to launch a Child Advocacy Center in Loudoun County, for which LCSJ became the host agency. Today, the center is open and fully functional.

NVCC President Dr. Robert Templin was the event's keynote speaker, and NBC4's Julie Carey presented the awards. Verizon was the lead sponsor of the event.

More information on SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia can be found at www.scanva.org.



Sue Curtis of Loudoun with NBC4's Julie Carey and SCAN Executive Director Diane Charles.



Gotta Dance

Gotta Dance Troupe, a senior women's tap group, will present its 18th annual spring show at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at Park View High School, 400 E. Laurel Avenue in Sterling. The public is invited to the free performance which showcases group tap numbers, featured dancers, musical comedy presentations and musical performances by The Arcadians. Gotta Dance Troupe members, at left, in a recent performance include: Dorothy Morris, Jessie Chambers, Sally Guilfoyle, Judy Searle, and Mary Penn.

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Learning About Trash

Members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 2295 from Sterling attended a driving tour at the Loudoun County landfill to see where their garbage goes and to learn more about recycling.

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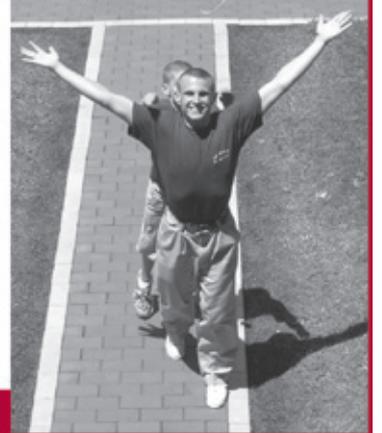


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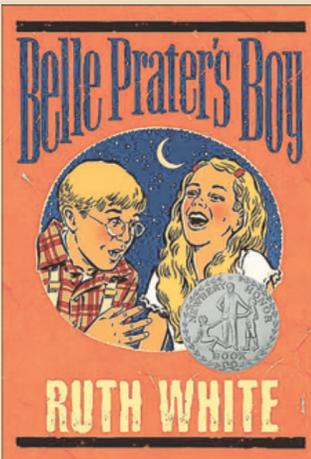
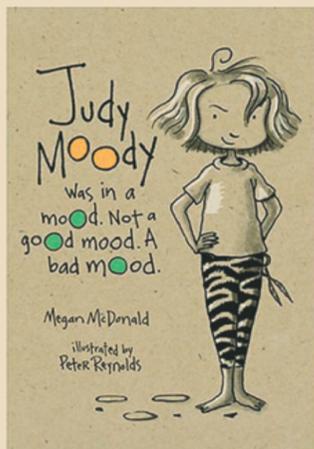


THE CONNECTION
NEWSPAPERS

CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Read a book in the "Judy Moody" series and enjoy fun related activities on Wednesday, April 15 at Cascades Library. Free.



Children 9-12 can discuss "Belle Prater's Boy" by Ruth White on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at Ashburn Library. Free.

Children's movies such as "Kung-Fu Panda" are being shown at Cascades and Ashburn Library on Thursday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Call for movie title.



Send announcements to loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, two weeks prior to event; photos/artwork encouraged.

THURSDAY/APRIL 9

Second Night Passover Seder Reading. Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation will hold a reading of the Haggadah and traditional Seder meal. \$46/nonmember; \$20/child. RSVP to socialvp@bcrcva.org.

Movies. 2 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Children can watch "Kung Fu Panda" and other movies. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Movies. 2 p.m. at Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St. Children can watch "Kung Fu Panda" and other movies. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Seminar. 7 p.m. at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Enjoy a seminar on smart shopping. Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-444-3228.

Grand Re-Opening. Luxe Home Interiors, 45591 Dulles Eastern Plaza with designer Joe Ruggiero. Starts at noon. Reservations required, 703-481-4490.

ADULT BOOK CLUB. 10 a.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. The group will discuss "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. Call 703-430-9500.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. The Middle School Book Club will meet to discuss "Cupboards" by N.D. Wilson. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

FRIDAY/APRIL 10

AFTER HOURS TEEN CENTER. 7-10 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. "Draw Manga." All teens attending the After Hours Teen Center must have a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at <http://library.loudoun.gov> go to Teen Scene->Events>Hanging Out Rocks.

Movies. 2 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Children can watch "Kung Fu Panda" and other movies. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Movies. 2 p.m. at Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St. Children can watch "Kung Fu Panda" and other movies. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 11

Easter Event. Easter in Great Falls Plaza, 20789 Great Falls Plaza, Sterling. Join the merchants of Great Falls Plaza for a fun-filled family/pets event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call 571-434-0250 or visit www.amccascades.com.

Story Time. 2 p.m. at Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Children ages 6-10 can explore the world of caterpillars and bugs. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov to register.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Ruritan Club, 183 Ruritan Road. Enjoy meeting Rudy Bear and having Easter eggs handed out. 703-444-6039.

Ashburn Classics. 10:30 a.m. at Mills Recreation Center. Hear guest speaker Judith Hines. Free.

Concert. 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun. Joe Jencks performs. \$12/person. Visit www.shenandoahacoustics.com for more.

Open House. 10 a.m. at Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road. Lanesville House will be open for tours. Free. 571-258-3700.

MONDAY/APRIL 13

Frogs and Tadpoles. 9:30 a.m. at

Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road. Children 3-6 can search for these animals. \$10.50/child. 571-258-3700.

TUESDAY/APRIL 14

MAD SCIENTISTS' CLUB. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Children ages 9-11 can explore science topics through recreational activities. Theme is "Pollution Solutions and the Recycling Process." Registration required; call 703-737-8100 or visit library.loudoun.gov to register.

Toastmasters International. 7:15 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Conquer your fear of public speaking in a safe environment. Open to ages 18+. For more information visit <http://cascades.freetoasthost.info> or e-mail cascadestm@yahoo.com.

Author Story Time. 7 p.m. at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place. Meet Lauren Lette. For children ages 2 and up. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Open House. 5:30 p.m. at Ashburn Children's Center, 20424 Ashburn Village Blvd. Free. 703-729-9100.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

Flashback Features. Noon and 7 p.m. at Regal Fox 16, 22875 Brambleton Plaza, Ashburn. \$5. 703-957-1027 for details.

Birds in Migration. 8:30 a.m. at Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road. Ages 18 and up can walk through the park. \$4/person. 571-258-3700 to register.

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK BREAK. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. For children ages 6-8. Read books by the author of the month with fun activities. April: Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald. 703-444-3228.

THURSDAY/APRIL 16

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Discuss "Belle Prater's Boy" by Ruth White. Children ages 9-12. Register at library.loudoun.gov.

Frogs and Tadpoles. 12:30 p.m. at Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road. Children 3-6 can search for these animals. \$10.50/child. 571-258-3700.

ORIGAMI BOOK CLUB. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. For children ages 8 and up. Discuss the book with origami activities. "The Prince and the Pauper" by Mark Twain. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or call 703-444-3228.

KIDS EXPLORE BOOK CLUB. 4 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Ages 6-8. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Selection: "Waiting for Wings" by Lois Ehlert. Register by phone 703-737-8100 or online at library.loudoun.gov.

FRIDAY/APRIL 17

AFTER HOURS TEEN CENTER. 7-10 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. "Sculpture with Mixed Media." All teens attending the After Hours Teen Center must have a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

Musical Comedy. 8 p.m. at Sterling Middle School, 201 W. Holly Ave. Watch "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940." \$12/person. Visit www.sterlingplaymakers.com or 703-437-6117.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Parenting Course. 9 a.m.-noon at The Birthing Inn at Inova Loudoun

MONDAY/APRIL 20

Early Literacy. 7 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Learn how

to teach pre-reading skills to children ages 2-3. Registration at library.loudoun.gov or 703-737-8100.

Puppet Show. 4:15 p.m. at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place. See a double feature of puppets. All ages. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Musical Comedy. 8 p.m. at Sterling Middle School, 201 W. Holly Ave. Watch "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940." \$12/person. Visit www.sterlingplaymakers.com or 703-437-6117.

Arbor Day Celebration. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oatlands. Enjoy a parade, award ceremony, activities, exhibits and more. 703-777-2075.

Book Swap. 10 a.m.-noon at Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Recycle adult and children's books, especially those for ages 6-14. Free. 571-258-3500.

Earth Day Action. 8 a.m.-noon at Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages can clean up trails and more. Register at 571-258-3700.

Mambo Combo Concert. All ages can enjoy music at 2 p.m. at Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Free. 703-430-9500.

Dulles South Fun House. 11 a.m. at Dulles South Multipurpose Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding. \$5/person. Enjoy giant fun houses and more. 571-258-3456.

Performance. 7 p.m. at Franklin Park Performing Center. Loudoun's One Horse Town band will perform. \$20/advance or \$24/door. Visit www.goosecreekmusic.com or 540-338-7973 for tickets.

Sterling Boulevard Cleanup. 9 a.m. to noon. at Park View Recycling Center, 400 W Laurel Ave.) to receive orange bags, safety vests, and instructions. Bring gloves. 703-406-7749 or visit www.sterlingfoundation.org.

Acting Workshop and Performance. 1 p.m. at Ashburn Library. See a performance of "Romeo & Juliet." Workshop for teens only. Registration required, library.loudoun.gov.

Teen Musicians. 7 p.m. at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place. Teen Battle of the Bands. Must be age 12-18 to participate. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Storyteller and Author. 11 a.m. at Sterling Library, Donna Washington will read. All ages. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Mambo Combo Concert. All ages can enjoy music at 2 p.m. at Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Free. 703-430-9500.

SUNDAY/APRIL 19

Musical Comedy. 2 p.m. at Sterling Middle School, 201 W. Holly Ave. Watch "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940." \$12/person. Visit www.sterlingplaymakers.com or 703-437-6117.

Music Concert. 3 p.m. at Franklin Park Performing Center. Hear the Loudoun Symphony Chamber Players. \$12/door for adults; \$10/door for senior. Advance purchase discount. Visit www.loudounsymphony.org or 703-771-8287.

Performance. 6:15 p.m. at Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church, 43115 Waxpool Road, Ashburn. Master Singers of Virginia perform. \$15/adult; \$12/student, senior in advance or \$17/adult; \$14/student, senior at door. Visit www.msva.org or 703-655-7809 for more information.

Dog Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at NVCC Loudoun Campus, 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway, Sterling. Activities include microchipping, vaccinations, washing and more. Prices vary for activities.

MONDAY/APRIL 20

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TUESDAY/APRIL 21

Documentary Films. 7 p.m. at Cascades Library. Watch Holocaust Remembrance Day films. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Poetry. 4 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Children 8-11 enjoy poetry mad libs. Free. Visit library.loudoun.gov for more.

Relay For Life Team. American

Cancer Society's Eastern Loudoun "Relay For Life" team - Stand By Me fund-raiser at Mimi's Café in Sterling, from 6-8 p.m. Mimi's will donate 10 percent of the proceeds to the American Cancer Society. For flyer visit www.raymondmueller.com

TWEEN BOOK CLUB. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Recommended for ages 8-11. "Hate That Cat" by Sharon Creech. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or call 703-444-3228.

Film Series. 6:30 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Watch movies from India, Argentina. Free.

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK BREAK. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place. For children ages 6-8. Read books by Megan McDonald with fun activities. 703-444-3228.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22

Flashback Features. Noon and 7 p.m. at Regal Fox 16, 22875 Brambleton Plaza, Ashburn. \$5. 703-957-1027 for details.

Crafts. 4 p.m. at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place. Children 6-10 can make crafts from nature. Free. Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-444-3228.

Film Series. 6:30 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Watch movies from India, Argentina. Free.

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK BREAK. 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place. For children ages 6-8. Read books by Megan McDonald with fun activities. 703-444-3228.

THURSDAY/APRIL 23

Theater Performance. Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, presents "And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the Word of Anne Frank" at 7:30 p.m. \$7/person. 703-957-4305.

GUYS READ. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Ages 8 and up. Selection: "Guinness World Records." Register by phone 703-737-8100 or at library.loudoun.gov.

JUNIE B. JONES BOOK CLUB. 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Ages 6-9. Selection: "Junie B., First Grader: Cheater Pants" by Barbara Parks. Register by phone 703-737-8100 or at library.loudoun.gov.

FRIDAY/APRIL 24

AFTER HOURS TEEN CENTER. 7-10 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. "Dance to the DJ's Tunes." All teens attending the After Hours Teen Center must have a permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, on file. Download the permission slip at <http://library.loudoun.gov> go to Teen Scene->Events>Hanging Out Rocks.

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102 Hall Rd E	5	5	1		STERLING	\$739,000	Detached	0.53		NONE
43616 CAMERONS POINT CT	4	3	1		STERLING	\$629,000	Detached	0.49		LOUDOUN VALLEY ESTATES
43451 ROCKFOREST CT	4	3	1		STERLING	\$580,000	Detached	0.54		LOUDOUN VALLEY ESTATES
23309 ROGERDALE PL	4	3	1		STERLING	\$535,000	Detached	0.63		LOUDOUN VALLEY ESTATES
47563 RIPPLING DR	5	3	1		STERLING	\$535,000	Detached	0.15		CASCADES
47672 PENNRUN WAY	3	4	1		STERLING	\$529,000	Detached	0.17		CASCADES
46848 BACKWATER DR	4	3	1		STERLING	\$455,500	Detached	0.20		RICHLAND FOREST
46233 ALLSBROOK PL	4	2	1		STERLING	\$415,000	Detached	0.33		POTOMAC LAKES
45826 SHAGBARK TER	4	2	2		STERLING	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.05		TALL OAKS
20756 PARKSIDE CIR	4	2	1		STERLING	\$395,000	Detached	0.19		POTOMAC LAKES
130 APPLGATE DR	5	3	0		STERLING	\$370,000	Detached	0.23		FOREST RIDGE
46342 SHEEL TER	3	2	1		STERLING	\$368,000	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC LAKES
165 APPLGATE DR	5	3	1		STERLING	\$355,000	Detached	0.23		FOREST RIDGE
20784 HOLLOW FALLS TER	3	2	1		STERLING	\$345,900	Townhouse	0.04		GREAT FALLS CHASE
105 SILVERLEAF CT	4	3	1		STERLING	\$341,900	Detached	0.28		FOREST RIDGE
46143 CECIL TER	3	2	2		STERLING	\$335,500	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC LAKES
21734 LADBROKE GROVE CT	4	3	1		STERLING	\$326,280	Detached	0.10		PEACE PLANTATION
20877 QUAY LN	3	2	1		STERLING	\$320,531	Townhouse	0.03		POTOMAC LAKES
47706 SANDBANK SQ	3	3	1		STERLING	\$319,900	Townhouse	0.06		CASCADES
2 WOOD OWL CT	4	2	2		STERLING	\$318,000	Detached	0.20		CARDINAL GLEN
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20952 CHEROKEE TER	3	3	1		STERLING	\$311,000	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC LAKES
47385 DARKHOLLOW FALLS TER	3	2	2		STERLING	\$300,000	Townhouse	0.04		GREAT FALLS CHASE
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625 BEECH RD	4	3	0		STERLING	\$300,000	Detached	0.30		STERLING PARK
247 SILVERLEAF DR	4	3	1		STERLING	\$300,000	Detached	0.25		FOREST RIDGE
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46779 KESWICK SQ	3	2	1		STERLING	\$285,000	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC LAKES
20888 COSWORTH TER	3	3	1		STERLING	\$279,000	Townhouse	0.06		POTOMAC LAKES
100 LINDEN CT	4	2	1		STERLING	\$275,500	Detached	0.25		FOREST RIDGE
800 UPTON ST N	6	7	1		STERLING	\$275,000	Detached	0.22		STERLING PARK
204 MEADOWLAND LN	4	2	0		STERLING	\$270,000	Detached	0.20		SUGARLAND RUN
1209 MAPLE AVE	5	3	1		STERLING	\$269,800	Detached	0.28		STERLING PARK
20881 SANDSTONE SQ	3	2	1		STERLING	\$267,500	Townhouse	0.04		POTOMAC LAKES
20859 ROCKINGHAM TER	3	2	1		STERLING	\$265,000	Townhouse	0.03		POTOMAC LAKES
313 STAUNTON AVE E	5	2	1		STERLING	\$260,000	Detached	0.21		STERLING PARK
803 CROYDON ST N	5	3	0		STERLING	\$260,000	Detached	0.21		STERLING PARK
143 KALE AVE	6	3	1		STERLING	\$259,000	Detached	0.18		SUGARLAND WEST
21967 MANNING SQ	4	3	1		STERLING	\$257,900	Townhouse	0.04		PEACE PLANTATION II
102 YEW CT	4	3	1		STERLING	\$253,000	Detached	0.24		FOREST RIDGE
22968 FLEET TER	4	3	1		STERLING	\$250,100	Townhouse	0.04		GROVEWOOD
1005 BUCKINGHAM RD	5	2	1		STERLING	\$250,000	Detached	0.21		STERLING PARK
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46819 WOODSTONE TER	3	3	1		STERLING	\$218,000	Townhouse	0.06		WOODSTONE
46917 TRUMPET CIR	4	3	1		STERLING	\$215,900	Townhouse	0.04		FOX CREEK
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1801 CRAIG ST	3	2	0		STERLING	\$185,500	Detached	0.21		STERLING PARK
228 ASH RD W	3	1	0		STERLING	\$182,000	Detached	0.30		STERLING PARK
45270 GABLE SQ	3	3	1		STERLING	\$180,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLD STERLING GABLE
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1803 STERLING BLVD	3	2	0		STERLING	\$168,000	Detached	0.21		STERLING PARK
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14 CLINTON CT	3	2	1		STERLING	\$162,600	Townhouse	0.04		COUNTRYSIDE
21700 CALAMARY CIR #65	3	2	0		STERLING	\$160,000	Townhouse			ROLLING RIDGE
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1005 GREENTHORN AVE S	4	3	0		STERLING	\$158,000	Detached	0.27		STERLING PARK
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OTHER ITEMS

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TUESDAY/APRIL 14

Open Houses. Ashburn Children's Center, (703-729-9100); Sully Station Children's Centers I & II (703-449-8123); McNair Farms Children's Center (703-713-0093); Fair Lakes Children's Center (703-818-9002) and South Riding Children's Center (703-327-6618) are all hosting springtime open houses from 6:00-7:30pm with spring-

related activities for the children as their parents tour the centers.

THURSDAY/APRIL 23

BUYER/SELLER INFO EXCHANGE. 2 p.m. All local area vendors are invited to attend Loudoun County Procurement's 2008 buyer/seller information exchange sessions that provide information on the county's procurement processes and upcoming contracts. For location call 703-777-0403 or e-mail to [Rebecca Kummel at procurement@loudoun.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Kummel@procurement@loudoun.gov).

TUESDAY/APRIL 28

Toastmasters International. 7:15 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Conquer the fear of public speaking. Open to ages 18 and up. For more information visit <http://cascades.freetoasthost.info> or e-mail cascadestm@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 5

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SCHOOL NOTES

Families in Sterling and surrounding communities have a new option in **Montessori education** as Lola's Place announces the addition of a primary program. The five-day primary program educates children ages 3 through 5 in a Montessori environment. For more information or to schedule a tour call 571-434-7555 or e-mail cascadesdirector@lolas-place.com. Visit www.lolas-place.com.

The Park View Mathematics Department congratulates **Mustafa Sungkar**

for his outstanding performance on the American Mathematics Competition on Feb. 10.

Nathanael Arthur has been named a Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar, one of a select group of students across the United States to receive this honor. Arthur, a student at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, will receive a \$1,000 stipend and a commemorative medallion and be recognized in "USA Today."

Arthur lives in Sterling and goes by

the name of Nate. In essays written for the scholarship competition, he discusses his early life in India and the rocky road of his college journey.

Loudoun's **Natural History Day Camp** will be held again this summer. Two sessions: June 22-26 and July 6-10; 9 a.m.-3 p.m., daily at The 720-acre Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, Woods Road. For children entering 3rd through 7th grade. \$130/student. Visit www.LoudounWildlife.org or 540-338-6528.

Chamber To Host Valor Awards

More than 400 area business leaders will be on hand when to Lt. John Early, of the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department, receives the Gold Medal of Valor in recognition of his sacrifice and heroism in the line of duty during a May 25, 2008 house fire in Leesburg.

Early is among the 44 honorees — including professional emergency responders, volunteers and ordinary citizens — whose heroism and lifesaving actions will be recognized at the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce's 24th Annual Valor Awards on April 14 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne.

"The 2009 Valor Awards promise to be the most compelling and historic ceremony in the 24-year history of this event, with the historic presentation of the most prestigious honor that an Loudoun County emergency first responder can receive," Chamber President Tony Howard said in a statement.

FBI Assistant Director Joseph

Persichini, Jr., head of the Bureau's Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia operations, will be the keynote speaker at the Valor Awards. Alison Starling and Doug McKelway, of WJLA-TV's Good Morning Washington, are the Masters of Ceremony.

In all, 18 members of the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Department will be recognized for their heroism in the same incident for which Early will be honored, including Captain Micha Kiger, who will receive the very prestigious Silver Medal of Valor. Among the other honorees from this incident are two Bronze medals of Valor recipients: FF/EMT Jackie Shingleton and FF/EMT Brandy Lapoloe.

Tickets are still available for the 2009 Valor Awards. To purchase a table or seats to the 2009 Valor Awards, visit <http://www.loudounchamber.org/html/ifevents.html> and click on the "Register" link next to the Valor Awards headline or call 703-777-2176 for more information.

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Golf Classic Is Driving Force for Dominion High

Annual event benefits Titan sports and activities programs.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Spring fever is in the air and local golf enthusiasts are dusting off their clubs and preparing to hit the local links. For Dominion High School enthusiasts, the opening of the golf season has come to have an extra special measure of meaning because of an annual event — the Dominion Classic — that benefits the Sterling school's athletics and activities programs.

"It's a good tournament, a good time and it's for a good cause," said Eric Holmberg, the creator and past chairman of the Classic.

This year's golf outing, the fourth annual, will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at Lowes Island Club in Potomac Falls. The two, 18-hole courses (par 72) at the private course facility stretch along the banks of the Potomac River. The shotgun start will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the day's golfing will run through about 4. There will be special prizes, including the potential of claiming a car in a hole-in-one contest. Other prizes will include a TV set and golf clubs.

A grilled lunch will be enjoyed at the halfway point of the event at the No. 10 hole and a post-event reception, with raffles and prizes, will take place afterwards. It will be a day of golfing fun, camaraderie and laid back competition.

"It's more about golfing and having a good time," said this year's event chairman, Dave Ledwell. "It's all for fun and bragging rights. There are small prizes for the winners."

The event's yearly theme is "benefiting each and every Titan at Dominion High School." Local businesses, families and individuals come together to sponsor the extravaganza with 100 percent of the proceeds going to ATLAS (Association of Titan Leaders Assisting Students), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Dominion students and the school as a whole. ATLAS was created six years ago when Dominion



PHOTO COURTESY/DAVE LEDWELL

A golfer prepares to putt the ball at Lowes Island, which will once again play the gracious host for the upcoming Dominion Classic. The Fourth Annual event is a fundraiser for the athletic and activities programs at Dominion High School.

first opened.

ATLAS uses the funds brought in from the Classic for everything from helping the school band upgrade its uniforms and instruments, to making sure the football team has the right kind of cleats, to giving a boost to chess club activities. The Classic is one of the school's biggest yearly benefit events.

"ALL PROCEEDS go into the school for programs of all sorts," said Laurie Bush, the event's public relations liaison. "I enjoy working with the parents and the community, and I enjoy the incredible results for our students."

Dominion High Principal John Brewer, in a letter thanking sponsors on the event web page at teeupfortitans.com, expressed his sentiments regarding the importance of school activities for students.

"At the heart of our vision [as a school] is a commitment to meaningfully engage each and every Dominion student in school activities," wrote Brewer. "Significant resources are required in order to implement

our plan for accomplishing this noble purpose. The Dominion Classic represents one of the most significant annual fund raisers toward the provision of these resources. All proceeds generated from this annual event are invested directly into the instructional and extra-curricular programs of Dominion High School and thus, benefit a wide range of activities and engage a broad spectrum of students. ... The enthusiastic efforts of Dave Ledwell and the Tournament Committee have been met by a highly supportive and professional contribution by Bob Fikac and the Lowes Island Club. Our ongoing partnership with the staff at The Club makes The Classic the premier event that it is."

THE CLASSIC was Holmberg's brainstorm several years ago. A Dominion parent, he has been and remains dedicated to supporting the Loudoun County schools' student programs.

"He and a couple of others wanted to do something to help the school, so he ran [The Classic] the first few years," said Ledwell, of his friend.

In his business ties, Holmberg has been involved in numerous golf charity events over the years and believed golf would be an excellent avenue to boost Dominion activities.

"The idea was to raise as much money as possible in one swoop," he said.

Holmberg admittedly tried to do too much of the work himself for the Classic's first event in May of 2006. He made it his mission

to set up the event's logistics and to get word out across the community seeking sponsorships. That first year's event was a success with 45 individuals participating.

"Everyone had a good time," said Holmberg, of that initial Classic. "We had a little rain. But just about everybody who played that first year came back the second year."

Holmberg said he learned from his first year running the event to better utilize those who were willing to help him out.

"I tried to do everything myself and that

was a mistake," said Holmberg, the Classic chairman its first two years. "Since then, we've had lots of volunteers."

A Classic committee was formed for the preparations for the second year in '07.

"It was a good committee and we really beat the drums for sponsors and golfers," said Holmberg.

Ledwell took over the chairman role for last year's event which attracted 80-plus players. He is thankful for his 12-member committee and the other volunteers who help drive the event and make it a success.

"There's a lot to this," said Ledwell. "I have lots of volunteers and everybody does a real good job."

RAISING SPONSORSHIPS for the upcoming Classic has been more difficult than last year because of the tight economy.

"But we're getting sponsorships every day," said Ledwell. "A lot of people continue to step up and we're grateful for that."

Ledwell and his fellow event volunteers are also grateful for Lowes Island for allowing Dominion to use its course for the annual springtime golf outing. Lowes Island, the home course for Dominion High's fall season golf team, has been extremely accommodating in being the host course of the Classic, Ledwell said.

"They really go out of their way to make it happen for us," he said. "They have always been a great venue for us."

Bush said there is a sense of excitement and enthusiasm on the morning of each

year's Classic as players gather to begin the day of golfing. "Everyone gathers in the morning for registration and there is a putting contest," she said. "The Lowes Island Club is so gorgeous, it's just beautiful."

Holmberg believes the Classic has a bright future for many years to come.

"We want to make sure this is institutionalized as an annual event for Dominion," he said. "It's been our baby."

To learn more about the Classic and for information on becoming a sponsor, go to teeupfortitans.com.

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— Eric Holmberg, Past Chairman and Current Advisor of the Classic Event

Porter Named Girls' Region II Basketball Player of the Year

Dominion's Albritton named first team on boys' squad.

First Team members of this year's Region II high school girls' basketball team were: Kendra Holmes (Loudoun County High), Meixandra Porter (Freedom), Shawntae Payne (Charlottesville), Melaine Lamb (William Monroe) and Courtni Green (Millbrook). Named to the Second Team were: Brittany

Batts (Loudoun County), Kim Bell (Briar Woods), Kelsey Buchanan (Freedom), Heather Armel (James Wood) and Lacey Harris (Millbrook). The Region II Player of the Year was Meixandra Porter of Freedom High School. Region II, Div. 3 Co-Coach of the Year were Debby Sanders (Millbrook) and Jason Eldredge (Freedom). The Region

II, Div. 4 Coach of the Year was Kevin Reed (Loudoun County).

First Team members of the Region II boys' basketball team were: Deandre Albritton (Dominion), Joe Bushrod (Loudoun County), Mike Roach (William Monroe), Clayton Rodney (Millbrook) and Vance Washington (John Handley High).

Second Team members were: Kevin McGaughey (Broad Run High), Kevin Leatherwood (Charlottesville), Quintin Hunter (Orange), Danziel Cartwright (John Handley) and Tylon Raynor (John Handley). The Region II Player of the Year was Deandre Albritton, who led the Dominion Titans to the state playoffs. Coaches of the Year were Handley's Tom Dixon (Div. 3) and Charlottesville's Mitch Minor (Div. 4).

— BY RICH SANDERS

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I'm at a funny age, somewhere between accomplishment and retirement/entitlement. And though I truly believe I have plenty of good years ahead, it's the years I've left behind that concern me more. It seems like the tools I've used to reach this point in my life might not be the tools I'll need to reach the next points in my life. Specifically, I'm referring to technology, past and present versus future. As a few examples: utilizing a solar-powered calculator instead of pencil and paper and one's actual brain; replacing an eight-track tape player with a CD player and then replacing the CD with the upgraded benefits of a DVD; scrapping the VCR for the enhancements offered through TiVO/DVR; communicating via cell phone rather than with a cordless land line (and not having to be within 500 feet of its base); and switching to cable/digital/HD television and saying goodbye to antennas/rabbit ears (with or without the aluminum foil), among many others too numerous to mention but familiar to most.

These sorts of improvements, this kind of progress, I could handle; it seemed to follow in some sort of line with what had preceded it. Mentally, conceptually, even literally, I was able to connect the dots, so to speak and follow the progression of change. Things sort of built upon the hands-on experiences and instincts I had accumulated over time, those formative Wonder Bread-years where one sort of understands and appreciates a bit of what's going on and much of what has already gone on.

But now, the technology changes so quickly that some of the improvements seem not to be grounded in, or even based upon, the previously accepted technology of the day. It's like having to learn a new language/verbal means of communication when the previous language offered few familiar elements that were compatible; like going from English to Chinese to Navajo to Bushmen to signing for the hearing impaired. Other than them all being means of communication, it's not as if knowing something about one will help too much with the other. Your experiences will only clarify all that you don't know rather than some of what you might know. This is exactly how I feel about the technological revolution that is likely passing me by.

All my learning instincts (and many of my life's experiences) seem unsuitable for the environment in which I must now thrive in order to survive - or else. It sometimes feels like an episode of "Star Trek, Next Generation," where I'm stuck in a recurring time loop and can only succeed up to the point where I've already succeeded (something to do with the time-space continuum). It's sort of an upgraded "Peter Principle" for the 21st century. I feel like I've reached a point in my life where I've become successful but unfortunately for me, the kind of success I've had (and am having) does not make for a successful transition to the next level. It's as if I'm a victim of my own successful circumstances.

I can only do what I know how to do. But continuing to do that might not get me to the promised-to-no-one land. To succeed more, going forward, is going to require doing things with which I've had little success doing. I suppose I don't have to totally undue, I just have to find a way to redo, and redo in a way in which I've never done before; specifically using/embracing technological tools of the future trade, tools with which I have few instincts, limited experience, minimal aptitude and zero patience. And yet, if I don't embrace this new math, you can count me out, literally and figuratively. But I'm too young to be counted out. So either I change for the better or not change for the worse.

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Donald Dennis Fusaro, 81, retired Computer Systems Analyst with the Library of Congress, died March 9, 2009, at home from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Mr. Fusaro came to Washington in 1965 as a computer programmer with IBM. He joined the Information Technology Service at the Library of Congress in 1970 and was a programmer and systems analyst. He worked on the Library's conversion from a manual to a digital database system and other projects. He retired in 1998. He liked to dialogue, pun and engage in conversational sparring. He and his family moved to Reston, July, 1967.

Donald D. Fusaro was born in New Britain, Conn. He graduated from Yale University in 1950, studied at the Yale School of Architecture, following which he worked for architecture and engineering firms. In 1960 he received a Master's Degree from Yale. During the 70's he participated in Bucky Fuller's World Game Summer Institutes. He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor "Ellie" Fusaro, son Dennis Fusaro and wife, Mary, daughter, Susan Alderson and husband, Michael, 7 grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2009, 11Am at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA. Memorial contributions for a lecture on Buckminster "Bucky" Fuller may be made to Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiele Ave, Reston, VA 20190.

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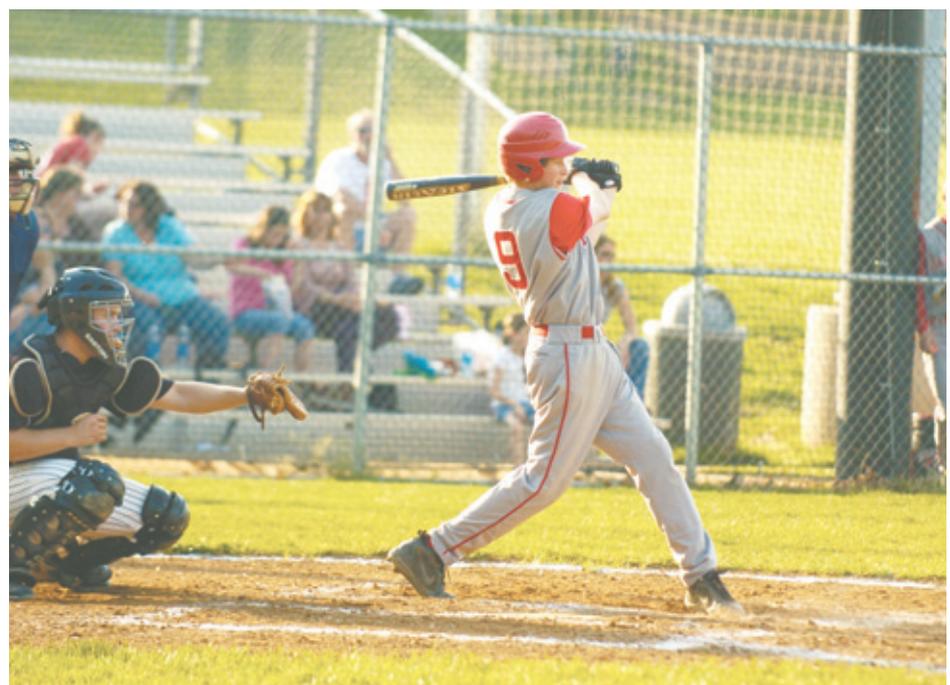


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The Park View High baseball team has won two of its last three games after opening the spring season 0-3. The Patriots, under head coach Mickey Leap, won a close 5-4 game at Dulles District rival Dominion on March 31. This week, Park View and Freedom High were co-hosting the Second Annual Spring Break Tournament. The field of teams included Wakefield, Marshall, Jefferson, Dominion and O'Connell.

The Ashburn Village Sports Pavilion and Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department announced that registration is now open for the **Ashburn Village 10K, 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run**. This year's races will take place on Sunday, April 26. The 10K will begin at 8 a.m., the 5K at 8:10 and the Fun Run at 8:20. The race site will be Ashburn Elementary School (44062 Fincastle Dr., Ashburn). New courses for the 5K and 10K have been certified. The courses

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loop through Ashburn Village with no more than a one percent grade incline at any time. The race will be timed and scored by Capital Running Company, using the ChronoTrack Timing System. Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers as well as the top male and female finishers in the following age groups: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-over. This year's proceeds will be donated in full to the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department. More registration information can be found at www.ashburnsportspavilion.org.

Broad Run High sophomore baseball pitcher Taylor Clarke had a solid starting outing to lead the Spartans past Freedom, 11-0, in a recent Dulles District game. Clarke, a sophomore, allowed two hits over six innings of work to earn the win. Broad Run's offense was led by senior Patrick Murphy and sophomore Ryan Johnston, who had three hits apiece. Broad Run, with the win, improved to 3-2 overall and 3-0 in district play.

In other recent Broad Run baseball action, Broad Run won games over district opponents Briar Woods, 9-4, and Park View, 10-3. Sophomore Brandon Craft struck out nine batters over five innings to pick up his first win of the season in the Spartans' victory over Briar Woods. And in the win over Park View, Spartan junior Chase Warren (5-plus innings) notched his first victory of the

spring and struck out six.

Broad Run lost to George Mason High, 2-0, in earlier season action. For Broad Run, junior Chase Warren pitched five strong innings, allowing two runs (1 earned) and taking the loss. Sophomore Brandon Craft threw two innings of relief for the Spartans, striking out five of the six hitters he faced. Broad Run will host Dulles District opponent Briar Woods this Friday night at 6.

The Dominion High boys' soccer team received goals from William Morsch (first half) and Flavio Lucaci (second half) in a 2-0 Dulles District home win over Loudoun County on March 27. Titan assists came from Kevin Tiblin on the first goal and Hoon Patterson on the second.

In earlier season Dominion soccer action, Freedom High came back from a two-goal, halftime deficit to beat the Titans, 3-2, in overtime. Dominion's goals were scored by Josh Jimenez and Kevin Tiblin during the first half. Midway through the second half Freedom got on the board with a penalty kick and scored the tying goal with eight minutes left in the game to set up overtime. Freedom scored off a header with one minute left in the second overtime to win the game.

In a non-district contest, Dominion overcame an early one-goal deficit and defeated C.D. Hylton of Woodbridge, 3-1, in an early season non-district match. The Titans' goals came from Hoon Paterson (assist by Sean Skeffington), Josh Jimenez (assist by Fez Lucaci) and Skeffington (assist by Adrian Toscano).

Dominion, in its season opener game on March 16, lost to visiting Stuart High (Falls Church), 4-2. Stuart carried a 2-0 lead into halftime before the Titans rallied to tie the contest on goals by Lucaci (unassisted,) and Kevin Tiblin (assisted by Gregg Mitchell). Stuart, however, answered by scoring the game's final two goals to gain the non-regional win.

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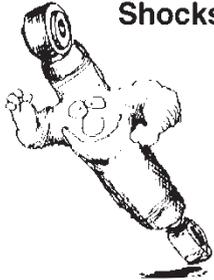
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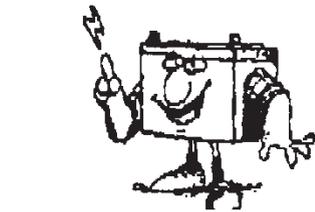
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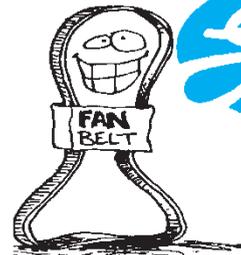
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