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Emergency workers respond to a full-scale exercise Sept. 26. Loudoun County staff react to a simulated bombing at a park-and-ride near the Dulles Greenway.

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NEWS

'Neighborhood Watch' Programs Safer Than Before

BY MARTIN CASEY
THE CONNECTION

In the original Neighborhood Watch programs, volunteer residents took turns cruising the neighborhood in their cars, or even on foot, carrying a two-way radio connected to the Sheriff's Office so they could report any suspicious activities. Volunteers literally stood watch to help keep their neighbors safe.

But today, Dep. James Spurlock, who organizes neighborhood watches in communities east of Route 28, says, "I don't want any of you out on the street, possibly putting yourselves in harm's way. I want you in your homes, but keenly alert to any suspicious activities."

At a neighborhood watch organizational meeting at Lowes Island Elementary School recently, Spurlock told his audience, "You know your neighborhood better than any

of us [in uniform]. If you see something unusual or different or out of place and it worries you, call us right away. Let us come check things out."

The focus of modern neighborhood watch programs is on information among residents, and calls to the Sheriff's Office to check out suspicious activities.



Spurlock told Lowes Island residents that they could start a watch program if just two or three residents stepped forward and volunteered to be a communications conduit between his office and residents in the community.

SPURLOCK OFFERS volunteers a selection of 22 educational program topics
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NEWS

33 Farms, 14 Wineries One Tour

Fall Farm Color Tour celebrates variety.

Loudoun County celebrates its thriving variety of farms and agribusiness operations with its annual Fall Farm Color Tour Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17-18.

Once the largest milk-producing county in Virginia, the county's traditional farms in eastern Loudoun have given away to homes and businesses following the opening of Dulles Airport in November 1962.

Yet, numerous specialty farms abound, especially in western Loudoun, and many of them offer fun, entertainment and a bit of education, as well as an opportunity to sample produce, during the annual Fall Farm Color Tour.

Some 33 specialty farms, including 14 wineries, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days for visits and public tours. Many of these sites offer opportunities to see horses, chickens, sheep and alpacas; take a hayride, or pick your own pumpkin or apples. Several venues offer music or other entertainment as well as having homemade preserves on sale. Most farm sites are nestled in the not-far-away valleys of the Blue Ridge, Short Hill and Sugarloaf mountains, and offer scenic views of western Loudoun County.

Also on the tour is the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum in Claude Moore Park not far from the Recreation Center in eastern Loudoun. Three new stops in this fall's tour are the Ballentine Farm in Waterford where visitors can dig potatoes, take a hayride and visit the pumpkin patch; Edgegrove Farm in Purcellville offering pony

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The annual Fall Farm Color Tour is Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17-18.

Chapple, from Loudoun County High School, and Girolami, from Briar Woods High School, work to bring more volunteers to GSA and inform their peers of the growing homelessness problem in the area.

BY EMILY CANAL
THE CONNECTION

The two new board members for the Good Shepherd Alliance serve a daunting and untapped jurisdiction in Loudoun County, at the age of 17. Abby Chapple and Mandy Girolami are the first student board members for the GSA and are responsible for educating the approximate 1,500 high school students in Loudoun County on homelessness and encouraging volunteer work.

"These ladies are fearless in what they want to achieve," said Mark Schmitt, a member of the board and the treasurer for GSA. "They are good about bringing groups together and leading all efforts to solve the problem."

They are also organizing fundraisers and encouraging classmates to get involved.

"I was surprised that they embraced every idea I had and they treat me like an adult," Chapple

said. "It's nice to have someone look at a teenager and say, 'wow, they are doing something with their life'."

Girolami said she is excited to help bring awareness and attack a growing problem in the area.

"I think with the economy now, people are realizing more and more that other people are trouble," Girolami said. "That is

Greason Challenges Poisson

Economy and transportation are top issues in 32nd district.

BY MARTIN CASEY
THE CONNECTION

In the up-coming Nov. 3 election, Loudoun County Republicans have targeted Democrat David Poisson, who was first elected in 2005 and re-elected in 2007 to the Virginia House of Delegates from the 32nd District, as among those in Northern Virginia who may be vulnerable.

Poisson's district includes Cascades, Lowes Island, CountrySide, Sugarland Run, Broad Run Farms,

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Good Shepherd Recruits Teens to Board

First student board members help address homelessness here.

They are also organizing fundraisers and encouraging classmates to get involved.

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something I definitely want to make an impact on."

The girls are working together to build a student sub-committee for the GSA. They said they hope this will continue the volunteer work with the youth after they depart for college in the fall.

"Our goal is have a GSA club in

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From left to right: Board member Steve D' Argento, vice chair Mark Gunderman, Mandy Girolami, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ed Hatrik, Abigail Chapple, Treasurer Mark Schmitt, LCPS director of student service Anne Lewis, chair Joy Trickett and GSA Executive Director Vickie Koth.

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Cedar Lane Elementary School's Healthy Initiatives Committee hosted a Step into Wellness Fair on Sept. 26. Helping out during the day's activities were Dani Burnett, 16; Rachel Slupe, 16, and Carlisle Wilkinson, 16. With them is Andrew Arnstein, 5.

Wellness Fair



Kristian Wesheim, 9, jumps rope.

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Greason Challenges Poisson

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Ashburn, Lansdowne, Belmont and Broadlands.

His Republican opponent is Tag Greason, a West Point graduate and Army veteran with 15 years of business experience. He is executive vice president of Current Analysis, Inc., which provides a variety of IT and other businesses with competitive information and market analysis.

Greasen, his wife Mary Beth and their three children have lived in Ashburn the past six years. He graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School in Fairfax County and currently serves on the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission.

In Richmond, Poisson serves on House committees on local government and public safety, the Substance Abuse Services Council and the Manufacturing Development Commission.

He's an experienced trade association manager familiar with federal governmental affairs issues who is currently of counsel to the law firm of Howe, Anderson & Steyer in Washington, D.C.

Poisson and his wife Laura have a daughter who attends Potomac Falls High School.

Greasen says his top priorities are the economy and taxes. "Pro-business policies in Richmond will allow us to create more high-paying jobs in Loudoun, and double the number of small busi-

nesses in the county," he said. "It's imperative in these hard economic times that government does not place burdensome regulations and job-killing taxes on businesses."

Poisson lists transportation, the economy and education as his continuing goals in the state legislature.

"Working to ease congestion," he lists as his top priority. This includes "fighting to expand Route 7 and build a new Potomac River crossing [as well as] investing in mass transit to extend Metrorail to Dulles and Loudoun," he said.

Poisson promises to sponsor a tax credit "for commuters who pay tolls electronically, helping to reduce emissions and conserve fuel." He also promises to help bring new jobs to the county, to seek a tax credit rewarding businesses that hire veterans to fill new jobs, and to support "legislation to help small businesses pool their resources and negotiate lower health care costs for their employees."

Poisson also favors sale of Virginia's state-operated liquor stores to private sector buyers as a way to cut costs for the Commonwealth and provide funds for transportation.

In the Nov. 3 election, voters statewide will choose among candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general as well as local candidates for the House of Delegates. Members of the Virginia Senate do not run for re-election this year.



COURTESY AMY HALL

National Day of Service

Stone Bridge Varsity Cheerleaders took part in a community service activity to commemorate 9/11 as part of the United We Serve initiative outlined on www.serve.gov. Team members decorated flower pots and delivered them to residences of Sunrise Senior Living Center in Leesburg. While at Sunrise, cheerleaders helped the seniors plant fall flowers in their pots. Residents were also treated to a display of Bulldog spirit as the squad performed several cheers and chants.

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Organizing 'Watch' Programs

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on which he can schedule training sessions designed to help residents know what to look for and what to do in their community to keep themselves and their neighborhoods safe.

Classes include "Introduction to Policing," a one-hour class on "how police do their jobs and how citizens can be the best witnesses they can be," Spurlock said. Other classes cover such topics as burglary prevention, Internet safety, identity theft prevention and others.

Sugarland Run District Supervisor Susan Klimek Buckley, who called the community meeting in Lowes Island, said last Wednesday, Sept. 30, that three volunteers had stepped forward since the organizational meeting who were willing to be contacts between Spurlock's office and the community.

Countywide, the Sheriff's Office is working with 91 communities with active Neighborhood Watch programs, with another nine, including Lowes Island, "in process," Spurlock reported last week.

Lowes Island volunteers are now building e-mail lists so that they can pass information easily between Spurlock's office and interested residents about which educational topics would be most interesting and useful to schedule.

Buckley had called the original meeting in response to a fatal shooting July 22 that Sheriff Steven O. Simpson called "an incident between two individu-

als" at a residential party to which a number of uninvited guests appeared.

"These days, with cell phones and text messaging, you can invite five people and a hundred could show up," said Simpson. "They just come uninvited." He added that the July 22 fatal shooting "was not gang related," but nonetheless urged residents to "always be vigilant."

If you see something unusual or different or out of place and it worries you, call us right

Spurlock's Neighborhood Watch programs, including Lowes Island, will reach 14 neighborhoods in Buckley's Sugarland Run District, 18 in the Sterling District, eight in the Potomac District.

There is no such program in CountrySide.

Spurlock said he had been asked some time ago to make a presentation there that could have led to a Neighborhood Watch program, "but no one followed up to volunteer to be my contact."

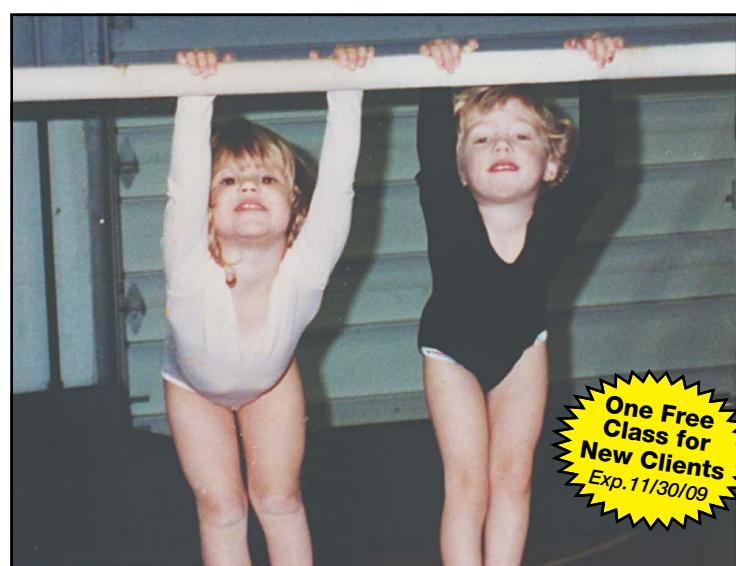
While Spurlock handles watch programs east of Route 28, Dep. Nathan Payne assists residents interested in forming watch programs in communities west of Route 28.

Residents interested in forming Neighborhood Watch programs may e-mail James.Spurlock@Loudoun.gov or Nathaniel.Payne@Loudoun.gov. Supervisor Buckley may be reached at susan.buckley@loudoun.gov.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

Song Circle. 7 p.m. Bring a song you'd like to sing and teach it to the group. For all ages. At Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

OCT. 9-18

"Six Degrees of Separation."

Presented by CCT with 2nd Flight Theater Company. Oct. 9, 10, 16, 17 at 8 p.m., Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$15/adults, \$10/students. At the Waddell Theatre on NOVA's Loudoun Campus, 1000 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling. Go to www.cct2ft.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 9

Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show.

11:30 a.m. Featuring Ann Taylor Loft, Brooks Brothers and Liz Claiborne from the Leesburg Premium Outlet. Sponsored by the Countryside Women's Club. A gourmet lunch will also be served with each paid ticket. At River Bend Golf and Country Club. Contact Susan at 703-726-2784.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Sterlingfest Celebration. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Begins with a Knights of Columbus Parade along Sterling Boulevard from Park View High School to Holly Street. At 11 a.m., there will be kids' carnival rides at the Sterling Community Center and the traditional booths along Commerce Street promoting local businesses.

Community-Wide Yard Sale. 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. See signs for directions. Sponsored by the Potomac Station community, which is located off Route 7 and River Creek Parkway, Leesburg. Contact 703-669-0999.

Canine Country Jamboree. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Features pet products, vendors, a live auction, seminars, an animal communicator, adoptable fuzzy furrries, and more. To benefit the Northern Virginia Spay/Neuter Alliance and Clinic. At the Leesburg Canine Country Club, 22025 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. Go to www.CanineCountryJamboree.com

An Irish Evening. 7:30 p.m. The

FRIDAY/OCT. 16

Candidate's Debate. 7 p.m. Between Candidates Tom Rust and Stevens Miller for the 86th District House of Delegates seat. At Park View High School, Sterling.

TUESDAY/OCT. 13

Fairytale Festival. 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Fund-raiser to benefit Ethiopia Reads. A fun evening for families with strolling musicians, fairytale games, a juggler, face painter and caricature artists. At the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn.

Ashburn Classics Meeting. 10:30 a.m. "The Late Bloomers" from the Cascades Senior Center will provide entertainment. Any senior in the Ashburn area age 50 and over is welcome to attend. At the Mills Recreation Center in Ashburn Village. Call 703-723-3056.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 18

Dog Days in Downtown. Noon to 4 p.m. The first block of South King Street in Leesburg's town center will be transformed into a pedestrian and dog walkway featuring a myriad of dog-related products and services. Vendors include dog rescue, adoption organizations, pet sitters, pet photographers, veterinarians, trainers, groomers, doggie boutiques and more. Costume Contest for small medium and large dogs will have prizes awarded for most original costume and best owner/dog themed costume. Hosted by the Leesburg Downtown Business Association.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

All-Star Battle of the Bands. 6:30-10 p.m. This is the first in a series of competitions to find Loudoun's All-Star band. The winning band will open for the headliner at **YouthFest 2010**. Hosted by the Loudoun County Youth Advisory Council and Loudoun Youth Inc. At AV-COM Visual Arts, 45965 Nokes Blvd. in Sterling. Interested bands can sign up at loudounyouth.org, contact YAC@loudoun.gov. Visit loudounyouth.org.

Artist Recognition Reception. 5-8 p.m. Free. Some 20 art instructors from Loudoun County Public Schools exhibit two and three-dimensional, mixed-media works at the George Washington University Virginia Campus from now through Oct. 27. RSVP by Oct. 15 to reservations@va.gwu.edu or call 703-726-3650.



The Talisman by Antonia Walker, oil on canvas, 36 x 36"

"The Gay Marriage Thing." 7 p.m. Movie directed by Stephanie Higgins will be shown at the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling, 22135 Davis Drive, in the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center.

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OCT. 16-17

Ladies Board Rummage Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Offering antiques, furniture, household items, designer clothes and more. To benefit the Inova Loudoun Hospital, Ladies Board projects and nursing scholarships. At Morven Park Equestrian Center, 41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg. Call 703-771-2985 or visit www.LadiesBoard.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Danny Federici Festival Celebrity Jam. At Belmont Country Club in Ashburn. This is a make-up date from the rained-out Sept. 19 festival. Original tickets will be honored, or purchase tickets at \$30 in advance, \$35 at the gate. Gold Circle seating for \$40. Visit www.LiveAtBellmont.com.

OCT. 17-18

Farm Color Tour. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Self-guided driving tour through Loudoun Valleys to 33 sites, including 14 wineries and the Heritage Farm Museum. Visit horses, chickens, sheep and alpacas. Take a hayride. Pick your own apples and pumpkins. Tour information can be downloaded at www.LoudounFarms.org or by calling 703-777-0426.

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PEOPLE

Danh V. Nguyen graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is the brother of Thach V. Nguyen of Astors Beachwood Court, Chantilly. The cadet is a 2006 graduate of Broad Run High School, Ashburn.

Nicole M. Gonder has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. The cadet is a student at Longwood University, Farmville, Va. She is the daughter of Richard C. and Lora G. Gonder of Webley Court, Sterling. The cadet is a 2005 graduate of Potomac Falls High School, Sterling.

SCHOOLS

Volunteer Loudoun (VL) recently honored Nikki Ivey, a junior at Briar Woods High School, as Student Volunteer of the Month. She was nominated and selected for the award for her work with the Claude Moore Community Builders (CMCB) program.

Nikki was recognized by the VL Board of Directors with a Certificate of Appreciation and the opportunity to present a \$100 donation from VL to a charity of her choice. Rosa Sherrod, VL Student Committee member, presented Nikki with her award and said "Nikki Ivey carries with her the spirit of volunteerism. Her service to her community has not only impacted the lives of those she has served, but is also a testament of what just one teen can accomplish with a giving heart."

The Extra Mile Club at Park View High School donated 374 sand-

Assistant to the Chief and Public Affairs Officer **Mary Maguire** of the Loudoun County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management has successfully completed a year-long Regional Executive Development program recognizing her as a Certified Public Manager. Along with Maguire, Loudoun County government employees **Scott Berger and Barbara Zimmerman** also completed the leadership development program.

Army Pvt. April F. Jaralba has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat

skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Jaralba is a 2005 graduate of Stone Bridge High School, Ashburn.

Amanda K. Maclean has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. She is the daughter of Donald Maclean of Hidden Cove Court, Potomac Falls. Maclean is a 2009 graduate of Dominion High School, Sterling.

ganization.

Molly Menickelly of Sterling graduated from the 2009 Governor's School of Agriculture held at Virginia Tech on June 28 to July 25. Menickelly, a junior from Dominion High School, was one of 96 rising junior and senior high school students from across the commonwealth selected to participate in the month-long summer residential program for gifted students interested in agriculture and natural resources.

Theresa Koerner of Sterling, a senior at Potomac Falls High School, has won the 2009 Community Levee Association "Indispensability of Virtue" essay contest, earning her a \$1,500 scholarship from the association. Koerner competed among Loudoun County high school students to win First Prize for writing an essay in a contest sponsored by the group since 2007.

congregation and community ministries.

Good Samaritan Council 6175, Knights of Columbus will stage its 28th Annual Columbus Day Parade Saturday, Oct. 10 in Sterling Park.

An invitation has been extended by Grand Knight Len Grus to all those individuals and organizations in the community and area to participate in this annual patriotic event. Participants such as bike riders, marching bands or musical groups, community or civic organizations, antique cars, military units, special floats, athletic leagues, and school groups are all welcome to participate.

The parade will form at Park View High School and the first unit will step off at 10 a.m. Line of march will be down Laurel Avenue to Sterling Boulevard, south on Sterling Boulevard to Holly Avenue and

west on Holly Avenue to the K of C "Barn". At the Barn refreshments will be served to all parade participants.

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The members of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association elected new officers for 2009/2010. Elected as Treasurer, Stephen O. Simpson, Loudoun County; Secretary, Beth Arthur, Arlington County; Second Vice President, Danny Diggs, York County-Poquoson; First Vice President, Sheriff Ryant L. Washington of Fluvanna County; and President, Sheriff Charles E. Jett, Stafford County. Sheriffs elected as officers will serve a one-year term leading the 7,800 member organization.

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The Academy of General Dentistry announced that **William R. Jackomis, DDS**, of Leesburg, received the Fellowship Award during the AGD's Convocation ceremony, a commencement celebration that recognizes AGD member's commitment to excellence in dental education. Held at the AGD's Annual Meeting & Exhibits on July 11 in Baltimore, Md., Jackomis accepted this award along with more than 220 other recipients.

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 18, Gateway Community Church will serve its congregants and all those seeking in the western Fairfax and Loudoun County areas from a new location — Mercer Middle School (42149 Greenstone Dr., Aldie).

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SPORTS

Peeler Picking up Yardage

Spartans' running back is coming off a 254-yard performance in Broad Run's win over Briar Woods.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

One would be hard-pressed to imagine a high school running back playing much better than TJ Peeler did a year ago when he rushed for 14 touchdowns and over 1,100 yards for a Broad Run High team that went unbeaten and won the state AA championship.

But Peeler, the Spartans' daunting 6-foot-1 inch, 200-pound tailback, has already pretty much matched last year's impressive numbers through Broad Run's first five games this fall. Following his 254 rushing yards on 32 carries in Broad Run's 27-12 Dulles District home win over Briar Woods last Friday night, Peeler has already accumulated about 1,100 yards and 12 touchdowns this season. He is averaging 15 carries per game and over 10 yards per run.

"He has tremendous power in his lower body and is able to make small runs into big gains," said Broad Run football coach Mike Burnett, whose team is 5-0 going into this Friday night's game at district opponent Dominion. "He's worked hard in the weight room."

Burnett said Peele has a love for the game and is one of the leaders on a Broad Run team that faces enormous expectations following last year's perfect

14-0 season that ended with a 13-0 state finals win over Amherst County High on a snow-filled evening in Lynchburg. Peeler rushed for 65 yards on 17 carries in that title game win. A week earlier, in Broad Run's 24-12 state semis victory over Chancellor, Peeler had one of his best games of the season in gaining 162 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries.

"He runs very, very hard and really plays with passion," said Burnett. "He brings energy to his position."

BURNETT said Peeler has grown steadily during his four years as a football player at Broad Run. As a ninth grader on the freshmen team, Peeler was learning how to play in the team's system. The following year saw Peeler take big strides forward as a member of the Spartans' JV team.

"That was a critical year for him," said Burnett. "He learned to run hard and hold onto the football. He learned to take a hit. He really grew in the game."

As a junior in his first varsity season last year, Peeler impressed his coaches with his better than average speed and his ability to hit the hole quickly and pick up yardage in bursts. He also displayed his natural ability to make instinctual cuts while carrying the football, eluding would-be-tacklers with fakes and then breaking free for big gains. He and since-gradu-

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Stone Bridge cross country coach Jen Oblas

Athlete of the Week

Pedroni (9th place), Reed Sullivan (10th) and Will Thompson (12th). Other contributors to the team's second place finish were sophomore David Benjamin, freshman Austin Lushinski and sophomore Scott Doescher.

For the Stone Bridge girls, junior Caroline Snell finished seventh with a time of 21:29. Other medal winners for the girls were sophomore Karissa Love (10th place), junior Joy Ruiz (15th) and freshman Courtney Gibson (20th). The Bulldog girls also received solid outings from junior Kristen Musselman, sophomore Danielle Swasey and senior Shannon Hall.

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ated tailback Breon Earl gave Broad Run perhaps the best one-two running back punch in the state.

This year as a senior, Peeler is a leader by his play. He and his teammates are hungry for more postseason success later this fall.

"He leads with his play on the field," said Burnett. "During a game the kids will pick up on his energy. He's quiet off the field."

In August, Peeler committed to play college football on scholarship at the University of Pittsburgh. The Panthers are coached by former Miami Dolphins head coach Dave Wannstedt.

"They're very excited about him," said

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Loudoun 2000 Girls' U9 Red Team had opponents seeing "red" at the recent Dulles National Soccer Tournament. In their first tournament as a newly established travel team, the locals steam-rolled their way to the Premier Division championship. The tournament took place in Herndon Aug. 29-30. The U9 Red, made up of players from across all parts of Loudoun County, resoundingly won all four of their games and outscored their opposition, 27-0. The talented group of girls, who will compete in the Washington Area Girls Soccer (WAGS) League this year, has worked hard all summer to improve their skills and come together as a team. Loudoun Red is led by head Coach Vicky Hall and assistant Lou Arroyo. Players include Caitlyn Arroyo, Savannah Berry, Halle Boyles, Helen Boyles, Chelsea Dougherty, Jenny Dunlap, Jenna Evans, Kelly Klimek, Teagan Oliver, Jaden Steele and Jaihla Tillman. Check out the team's progress at tcteams.com/red2000.

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Burnett, of the Pittsburgh football program. "He's their No. 1 [recruited] running back. TJ made a couple of visits [to the campus] last spring and really enjoyed it."

Burnett marveled at Peeler's huge game in last week's win over Briar Woods.

"He was phenomenal and really carried us," said the coach. "TJ is probably on his way to shattering all of our school's [rushing] records."

On top of being an outstanding high school football player, Burnett said Peeler is an outstanding young man as well.

"He's a great kid," said the coach. "The best thing about TJ is that he's fun to be around. He lightens the atmosphere around him."

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Devin Cates of Ashburn finished first in the New Jersey Motorsports Park Race, a Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup event. The race, round nine of the 10-round season, took place on a 14-turn, 2,225-mile road course. Cates took control of the race on lap 11 and never looked back before taking the checkered flag in the No. 29 Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup Driver Selection/Cutaway Creations car. The win marks Cates' first series win.

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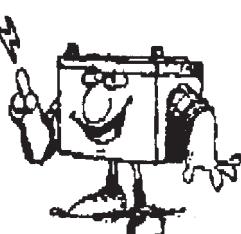
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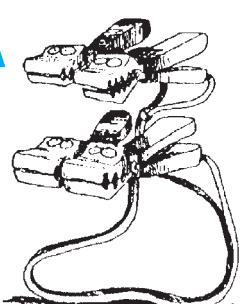
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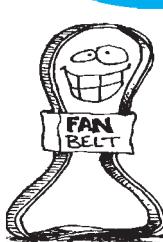
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