

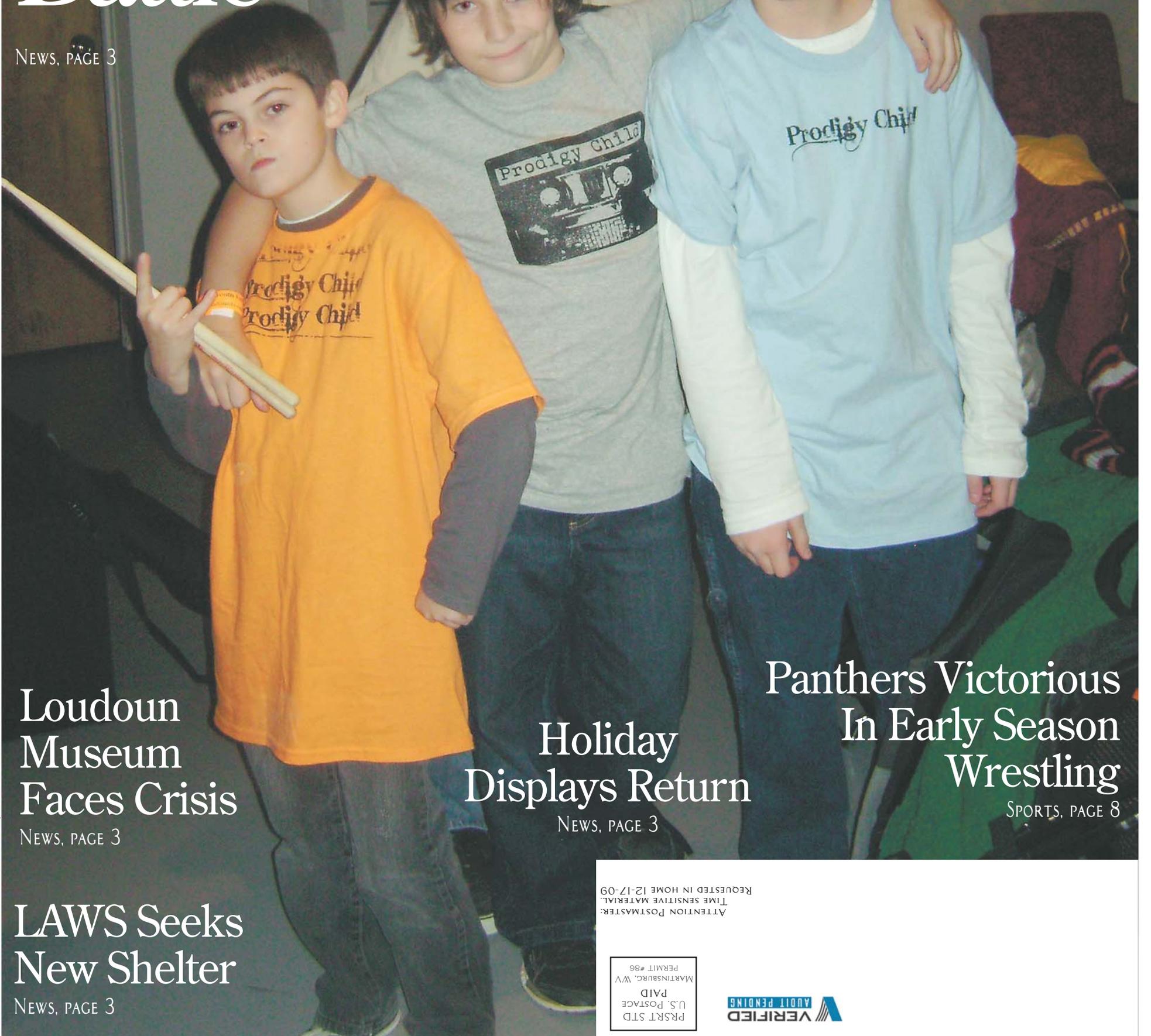
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## In the Battle

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“Prodigy Child” with Alex Hall, 10, Noah Dail, 10, Lance Cornell, 12 and John Paul Healey, 11, performed at last week’s Battle of the Bands.



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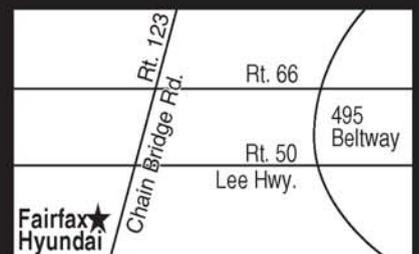
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## New Shelter Sought

BY MARTIN CASEY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS), which provides emergency shelter in Loudoun County for battered wives and their children, is in need of a new shelter and the organization hopes that Santa, or someone else, will soon offer them a large house, or land on which to build one.

The tax-exempt, non-profit organization is also creating a building fund to which donors may contribute.

LAWS, founded in 1985, provides temporary emergency shelter, food and emotional support for women and their children who are facing domestic violence and abuse.

The organization's current shelter, located in a rural part of the county, is too small for the organization's current needs, says Bill Berry, a member of the LAWS board of directors. "It is also far from public transit and community services," making it difficult for survivors working to rebuild their lives after escaping domestic abuse.

"We are hoping for one generous individual who has a piece of property that he or she would like to donate to a worthy and respected community nonprofit to be used for a good purpose," said Berry. "LAWS helps people who have survived truly terrible and abusive situations who need help getting back on their feet and restarting their lives," he added.

**THE ORGANIZATION'S** directors expect that a fund-raising campaign \$500,000 to \$700,000 may be needed to build a new shelter if the land is donated.

Anyone interested in making a donation of land or funds may call LAWS Executive Director Sue Curtis at 703-771-3398, or email [susan.curtis@lcsj.org](mailto:susan.curtis@lcsj.org).

LAWS offers a range of services to more than 1,500 Loudoun County citizens annually. Prevention and education programs are presented throughout the county in efforts to reduce the incidence of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

For more information visit [www.lcsj.org](http://www.lcsj.org).

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**On stage: John Fengya, 16, guitar; Michael Pereria, 16, drums; Adam Bradley, 17, vocals; Evan LoPresti, 16, bass, and Matt Prodanovion, 17, guitar.**

## It's a Battle

**T**he Loudoun County Youth Advisory Council and Loudoun Youth Inc. hosted the second in a series of Battle of the Band events on Friday, Dec. 11. All bands that want to play at YouthFest 2010 must compete in a Battle of the Bands event. The event was held at AV-COM Visual Arts, 45965 Nokes Blvd. in Sterling.

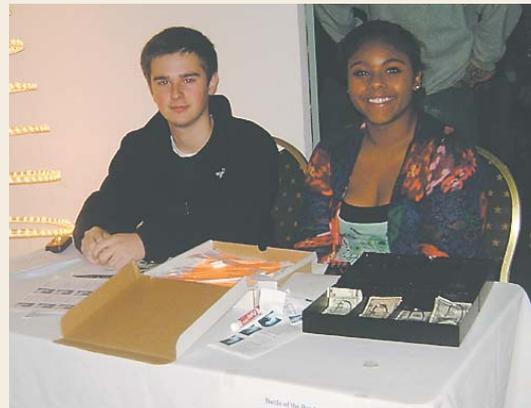
**Stephen Muccianona and Kaitlyn Reineke perform.**



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**Helping at the lemonade stand: Tracey Atkinson, 15, Vanya Aggarwar, 16, and Ebony Slaughter-Johnson, 15.**



**Grant Mendoza, 16, and Kendra Austin, 16, man a table during the night's performances.**

## Loudoun Museum Faces Crisis

BY MARTIN CASEY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Loudoun Museum, keeper of the artifacts of historic Leesburg and Loudoun County, today is a victim of its own success. The museum and its collection of some 7,600 historic artifacts documenting the town and county's past, is in jeopardy, and the museum's administrator and curator say the matter is urgent and they need help from the community.

The museum's historic building at Loudoun and Wirt streets in Leesburg dates to the 1840s and is in need of significant repairs. Madigan Construction is already at work laying new flooring in place of old wrapped wood, but the overall challenge is much greater.

"We need a box," said Curator Pamela Stewart, "of at least 1,200 to 1,400 square feet with flooring that will support at least 125 pounds per square foot." It's also important that this "box" be climate controlled for heat and humidity in order to safeguard the museum's collection.

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## Holiday Displays Return

BY MARTIN CASEY  
THE CONNECTION

**F**ollowing action by the Board of Supervisors at a specially called meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, a nativity scene returned Friday to the Loudoun County courthouse grounds in time for Saturday's Christmas parade in Leesburg.

The nativity scene, along with a menorah, a Christmas tree and other decorations have been traditionally seen on the courthouse grounds for many years, although some have drawn criticism from residents who have contended that the concept of "separation of church and state" is violated by the tradition.

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# New County Administrator Officially Takes Control

BY MARTIN CASEY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**im Hemstreet, Loudoun County's new County Administrator, stepped into his new office, vacated last spring by Kirby Bowers, and began Monday last week to learn the details of the county's operations.

By Friday, he told reporters that his immediate issue would be to "get through the next budget cycle." The county, its Board of Supervisors and staff, faces an estimated \$156.8 million shortfall in fiscal 2011. Hemstreet, who met last week with each of his department heads, already knew that the budget would have to be his top priority.

His job will be to assure that the elected Board of Supervisors continues to have the tools they need to make decisions — whether about the budget, decisions about property taxes or county services.

Hemstreet, 41, who now lives in Leesburg, expects to bring his wife and their boys aged 3 and 8, to join him here in June after school is out in Miami Beach, Fla., where he has served since April 2001 as assistant city manager, and since March 2005 as assistant executive director of that city's Redevelopment Agency.

"I'm excited about coming back to Northern Virginia," he said, noting that he grew up in Herndon and worked as a pizza deliveryman while graduating from Herndon High School. Later he earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a

master's in public administration from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

"I can remember when Route 28 was a dirt road," he commented with a grin.

"This is an exciting place and I'm happy to come back here." He added that a key to the county's future is economic development, suggesting that he expects to pay close attention to that area.

"One thing I like about Loudoun County is its diversity and its development," he said.

Asked about his operational style, he added, "I see myself as someone who looks at challenges as opportunities. If something is not working very well, then that may be an opportunity to make a change."

He said that he has been struck during

his discussions with his department heads that "the staff appears to be quite capable and that many appear enthusiastic about the future."

Hemstreet wears a bright yellow bracelet on his right wrist. Asked about it, he paused, then said, "I've had a lot of family members who have been affected by cancer, so that's what that's for."

Coming back to the budget matters, Hemstreet suggested that he may be able to find additional revenue streams for the county, "possibly additional public/private partnerships," as he said he was able to do in Miami Beach.

Hemstreet will earn \$200,000 annually as the county's top staff manager. That salary is exceeded only by a few top positions at Loudoun County Public Schools.

## 'A' Students Honored At Schools' Banquet

**L**oudoun County Public Schools honored its graduating Class of 2010 members who have maintained 4.0 grade point averages through their first three years of high school. This year's Excellence in Education Banquet was Dec. 6 at the National Conference Center.

Listed below are those honored from Broad Run, Dominion, Park View, Potomac Falls and Stone Bridge high schools, as provided by LCPS.

### Broad Run High School:

Jamaad Abdi, Elizabeth Aghili, Anthony Ardura, Robert Barclay, Spencer Beall, Alexander Beller, Zachary Cekala, Apoorv Chebolu, Ariel Cohen, Thomas Dombrosky, Drea Ewen, Nana Ewusi-Emmim, Joseph Fackler, Joshua Fass, Lauren Globus, Jill Godman, Taryn Johnston, Eric Kelley, Kathryn Lea, Kevin McGaughey, Kristen Mercuro, Jacob Mirpanah, Lucy

Moorehead, Punya Narayan, Riley Newland, Isra Nikoolkan, Justin Ohneiser, Amanda Olimpio, Elizabeth Pax, Carolyn Pearce, Clinton Pearce, Alexandra Poesch, Jules Quimpo, David Reigel, Carrie Sartor, Mackenzie Scofield, Elisa Scudder, Xin Shen, Kelly Short, Tyler Small, Jennifer Soroka, Katherine Taggart, Jennifer Taylor, Sinan Ulkuatam, Tyrell Walker and Jennifer Weyman.

### Dominion High School:

Alaa Alhussen, Taylor Barrett, Kristina Brown, Adam Bush, Meagan Carter, Benjamin Coffman, Robert Costanzo, Kara Crosser, Sara Dufour, Josselyn Guillen, Lindsey Gulla, Christina Horner, Samir Javid, Kristi Jones, Samantha Kelleher, Jin-Ju Kim, Christopher Lyddon, Melissa Meulman, Erin Murdock, Hira Palla, Neil Pearson, William

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**On Tour** Members of Cub Scout Pack 1157 from Sterling recently attended a driving tour at the Loudoun County landfill to see where their garbage goes and to learn more about recycling. The Loudoun County landfill is located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Reservations for next year's tour season, beginning in March 2010, are now available.

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# CRIME

## Sting Operation

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has charged 22 people with purchasing alcohol for underage teens in a sting operation in Sterling. Two 19-year-old women working for the Sheriff's Office asked customers to purchase alcohol for them. When they did, they were cited by Sheriff's deputies. During the operation deputies also arrested one person for illegally carrying a firearm, two persons were charged with possession of cocaine, another person was charged with possession of marijuana, another with having drug paraphernalia, while one person was found drunk in public, and another with driving without a license.

tivity in the 1220 block of Chase Heritage Circle in the Newberry area near Sterling Park about 10:45 p.m., Dec. 8, deputies found two persons stabbed and a suspect fleeing upon their arrival. The suspect, a 31-year-old man of Sterling, was charge with two counts of malicious wounding.

## Arrested for Burglary

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 38-year-old man, of no fixed address, on a burglary charge Dec. 2 after a midday burglary in the 21100 block of Midday Lane in the Cabin Branch Forest development of Sterling. Deputies had been called to the residence on a report of suspicious activity.

## Anti-Gang Funding On its Way

The Northern Virginia Anti-Gang Task Force will receive \$3 million, and the Northwest Regional Drug and Gang Task Force will receive another million dollars, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Northern Virginia) announced last week. The funds are contained in the FY 2010 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations measure that the U.S. House of Representatives approved and sent to the Senate.

## Bank Robbed

Sheriff's deputies were investigating a robbery of the SunTrust Bank in Potomac Run Plaza that occurred Dec. 5 shortly after 9 a.m.

A suspect described as a middle-aged male wearing dark clothing and white tennis shoes, gloves and a mask, left the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division at 703-777-0475. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Loudoun Crime Solvers at 703-777-1919. If the information leads to an arrest and indictment, the caller may be eligible for a \$1000 cash award.

## Sterling Stabbing

Responding to a report of suspicious ac-



**Trail Patrol** The Friends of the Washington and Old Dominion Trail presented the Sheriff's Office with a \$500 check recently. From left to right: Deputy Specialist, Matt Bressler, W&OD Park Ranger Kevin Casalenuovo, Loudoun Sheriff Steve Simpson, FOWOD Vice-President Pat Turner, W&OD Park Manager Karl Mohle and Deputy Specialist Nick Campbell. The monies will be used to support the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Bike Patrol OD Team. Sheriff's Deputies volunteer for this duty which is performed in conjunction with their normal patrol duties. Members of the team frequently patrol areas that are not accessible by motor vehicle including the Washington and Old Dominion Trail.

## Juvenile Arrested

Responding to a midday report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of North York Road in Sterling on Dec. 3, deputies arrested

a 16-year-old male and charged him with grand larceny from a parked vehicle. He was taken to the county's Juvenile Detention Center.

— MARTIN CASEY

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# Volunteers Needed

Residents asked to help low-income families prepare and file taxes.

The county Department of Family Services, through its Community Action Advisory Board, and the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, through its Area Agency on Aging, are helping low-income residents file their taxes free of charge and in many cases obtain a tax refund.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, locally known as the Northern Virginia CASH Campaign (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope), relies on volunteers to deliver free tax preparation services at no cost to working families and individuals in the community who earned less than \$48,000 in 2009.

Volunteers contribute a few hours weekly during the tax season to help prepare tax returns, or serve as greeters, screeners, site coordinators and interpreters. Free tax certification training is

provided by the Internal Revenue Service to all volunteers in January. Successful tax preparers are computer savvy, use a 10-key number pad, and spend a minimum of 30 hours to prepare for the IRS examinations.

The Northern Virginia CASH Campaign is leading the regional effort to mobilize a coalition of public agencies, businesses, libraries, faith and community-based groups to operate the tax assistance program at 16 sites throughout Northern Virginia, beginning Jan. 31, 2010.

To register as a volunteer, or for more information about the Northern Virginia CASH Campaign, contact Karen Velez, 703-771-5718 or karen.velez@loudoun.gov, for evening opportunities or Debra Bressler, 703-777-0505 or debra.bressler@loudoun.gov, for weekday opportunities. More information about the tax program is available at [www.nvacash.org](http://www.nvacash.org).



**In Concert** The Eagle Ridge Middle School Advanced String Orchestra conducted by Hector Zavala performed a winter concert for the preschool and elementary students at The Boyd School, a Montessori Children's House in Ashburn on Friday, Dec. 4. For more information The Boyd School or to schedule a tour visit , email [broadlandsadmin@theboyschool.com](mailto:broadlandsadmin@theboyschool.com) or call 703-723-3364.

# 'A' Students Honored at Excellence in Education Banquet

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**Park View High School:**

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**Potomac Falls High School:**

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**Stone Bridge High School:**

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## ONGOING

**Stone Bridge High School** is selling White House Christmas ornaments. They can be purchased via forms on the Stone Bridge High School Web site by downloading a order form at <http://cmsweb1.loudoun.k12.va.us/sbhs/site> & click on "Project Graduation". Ornaments can also be purchased by calling Jill Weissenberger at 703-723-5755.

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 16

**Holiday Open House.** 6-9 p.m. Occasions Inc. showcases new Dulles Golf Club in a one-stop shopping for event services and vendors. At 45120 Waxpool Road, Sterling. Register at [http://www.occasionsinc.com/2009\\_holiday.html](http://www.occasionsinc.com/2009_holiday.html). Email [info@occasionsinc.com](mailto:info@occasionsinc.com).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 17

**Member's Meet & Greet.** 10 a.m. Sponsored by MOMS Club of Ashburn Village for potential members. The MOMS Club is a group of at-home mothers (including those who work out of their home or part-time) who have fun and support each other through playgroups, field trips, Moms Night Out, and more. Visit <http://avmomsclub.50webs.com/> or email [ashburnmomsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:ashburnmomsclub@yahoo.com)

**Winter Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Tchaikovsky meets the Beatles at Potomac Falls High School Winter Concert. Under the direction of Tim Niebergall, the program will feature performances by the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Flute Choir, and Combined Bands of Potomac Falls. At 46400 Algonkian Parkway, Sterling. Call 571-434-3200 or visit <http://cmsweb1.loudoun.k12.va.us/pfhs>.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 18

**The Loudoun County Surplus Store** will begin its winter schedule on Friday, Dec. 18, with the hours of operation being from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Surplus Store will operate on its normal schedule, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, and Friday, Dec. 11.

The Surplus Store is normally open on the first, second and third Friday of the month, and the last Saturday of the month. The Surplus Store is located at 14 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 106 in Leesburg.

## DEC. 18, 19, 20

**"Rudolph, Behind the Red Nose."** At the Franklin Park Arts Center. Times are Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adults; \$8/students and seniors. Call 540-338-7973 or visit [www.franklinparkartscenter.com](http://www.franklinparkartscenter.com).

## SATURDAY/DEC. 19

**Breakfast With Santa.** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.95 for ages 3-11; \$6.95 for ages 12-up. Sterling Park Seahawks Swim Team is sponsoring a Breakfast With Santa at the

Sterling Golf Swim and tennis Club, 333 S. Sterling Blvd. Sterling. Call 703-430-1400, ext. 1 to RSVP.

**Adopt a Great Dane.** 2-10 p.m. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL). At the Sterling Borders-Holiday Gift Wrapping Fund-raiser, 21031 Tripleseven Road, Sterling. Visit [www.nova-magdrl.org](http://www.nova-magdrl.org).

**Tuba Christmas.** 2 p.m. Bring your tuba and play along or watch and listen. In conjunction with the "Holidays in Leesburg." At Doner Bistro, 202 A Harrison Street, Leesburg. Call 703-779-7880 or [info@doenerbistro.com](mailto:info@doenerbistro.com).

**Fun for the Holidays.** 9:15 to 1:15 p.m. Cost is \$30. Try Gingerbread and Candy Cane Crazy. For ages 3-7. A safe, fun-filled child care while parents finish holiday shopping. At Claude Moore Community Center, 11146 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Call 571-258-3500.

## DEC. 20, 21, 22

**"A Christmas Carol."** 7 p.m. Performed by Oatlands Carriage House Theater. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$5/children. Located six miles south of Leesburg on Route 15. Call 703-777-3174 or visit [www.oatlands.org](http://www.oatlands.org).

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 23

**Adopt a Great Dane.** 6-10 p.m. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL). At the Sterling Borders-Holiday Gift Wrapping Fund-raiser, 21031 Tripleseven Road, Sterling. Visit [www.nova-magdrl.org](http://www.nova-magdrl.org).

## THURSDAY/DEC. 24

**Christmas Eve Service.** 5 p.m. Gateway Community Church will celebrate with a Family Candlelight Service. At Mercer Middle School 42149 Greenstone Drive, Aldie. Call 703-327-2700.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 27

**Christmas Bird Count.** The count-circle has a 15-mile diameter and covers 177 square miles of Loudoun's countryside: north to Waterford, south to Aldie, east to Ashburn and west to Purcellville. To take part, contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or [jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org](mailto:jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org)

## THURSDAY/DEC. 31

**Watch Night Service.** 10 p.m. New Year's Eve Extravaganza. Featuring the Bolton Brothers from McClain, Miss., at First Baptist Church of Sterling, 21449 Potomac View Road, Sterling. Call 703-430-3322 or visit the Web site [www.fbcsterlingva.org](http://www.fbcsterlingva.org).

## FRIDAY/JAN. 8

**Countryside Women's Club Meeting.** 9:30 a.m. With Bonnie Inman, Executive Director of Loudoun Interfaith Relief, and Sharon Brown, Director of Birthday Blessing. At the Parkway Pool meeting room on Algonkian Parkway in Countryside.

## SATURDAY/JAN. 9

**Ashburn Classics Meeting.** 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be a representative from Hospice.

Meets at the Mills Recreation Center in Ashburn Village. The group is for Ashburn residents who are age 50 and over.

**Tractorpalooza.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A day for the tractor lover in your life. See antique and model tractors. Bring a toy tractor for the parade at 1 p.m. Measure up to really big tires and trucks. At the Heritage Farm Museum of Loudoun County, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Call 571-258-3800.

## MONDAY JAN. 11

**Public Discussion on Advances in the Treatment of Varicose Vein Disease.** 6:30 p.m. Cascades Public Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Varicose veins affect over 80 million Americans. They are often not just a cosmetic concern, but a serious medical condition that can cause symptoms that range from pain, aching and restless leg syndrome to bleeding and ulcers. Mark Garzon, M.D., will lead the discussion and take questions. Free. 571-313-3771

## FRIDAY/JAN. 15

**New Member Brunch.** 11:30 a.m. For the Countryside Women's Club. Some of the special interest groups include: Book Club, Bridge, Day Trippers, Lunch Bunch, Stitchery, Evening Socials, Bunco, Community Service, Reel Critics, and Garden Club Call 703-858-5215 for location.

## THURSDAY/JAN. 21

**Member's Meet and Greet.** 10 a.m. With the MOMS Club of Ashburn Village. The MOMS Club is a group of at-home mothers who have fun and support each other through playgroups, field trips, Moms Night Out, and more. The Club includes members from Belmont Country Club, Ashburn Village, and several other Ashburn neighborhoods. Visit <http://avmomsclub.50webs.com/> or email [ashburnmomsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:ashburnmomsclub@yahoo.com).

## PEOPLE NOTES

**Dr. Anthony C. Tardd** will retire from Northern Virginia Community College at the end of 2009. Tardd has worked at NOVA since 1973, including the last decade as provost at the Loudoun Campus in Sterling.



Tardd

Tardd's first position at NOVA was at the Alexandria Campus as an advisor to foreign students. He quickly moved up to division counselor, then associate coordinator of counseling services and division chair. In 1992, he became dean of student development and assistant for instructional and campus development at the Manassas Campus. He was appointed Loudoun Campus provost in 1999.

As provost at one of the fastest growing community college campuses in Virginia, Tardd was responsible for administering the instructional, student development, learning resources, continuing education and workforce development programs for more than 10,000 students in credit programs and approximately 5,000 students in non-credit programs. During his tenure, he also opened and managed four off-campus centers.

**Veterinary Technology student Sheri Virgulak** participated in a fund-raiser for the Vet Tech Club at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

Members of the Vet Tech Club at the Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College recently learned they won a contest that raised money for the Helping Pets Fund, the benevolent

arm of the American Animal Hospital Association. The Fund provides grants for emergency and non-elective treatment of pets in need.



Virgulak

During October 2009, student chapters of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) were encouraged to host fundraising events to raise awareness of the important role veterinary technicians play in the lives of pets. The contest was a collaboration of NAVTA, NAVTA student chapters and the American Animal Hospital Association.

**Griffin J. Spencer** 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. The cadet is a student at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. He is the son of Marybeth Carrigg-Spencer and Michael Thomas Spencer of Steamside Place, Ashburn. Spencer is a 2005 graduate of Stonebridge High School, Ashburn.

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# SPORTS

## Panthers Victorious in Early Season Wrestling

**Sterling Lions Club hosts wrestling invitational.**

The Potomac Falls High wrestling team opened up its new season with a decisive, 65-12 win over Dulles District rival Briar Woods on Dec. 2. Pins for the Panthers were recorded by state place winner Nick Rae (112-pounds division), Michael Linza (119), Chris Linville (125), Batchka Zulkhou (130), Michael Ozwald (140), Ryan Crawford (152), Aaron Rowane (171) and Zack Duffin (285).

Three days later, Potomac Falls hosted a three-team tournament with the guest teams being Herndon and T.C. Williams. The Panthers defeated the Hornets, 48-18, and the Titans, 54-21. Potomac Falls was scheduled to compete at the annual Northern Virginia Wrestling Classic this past weekend.

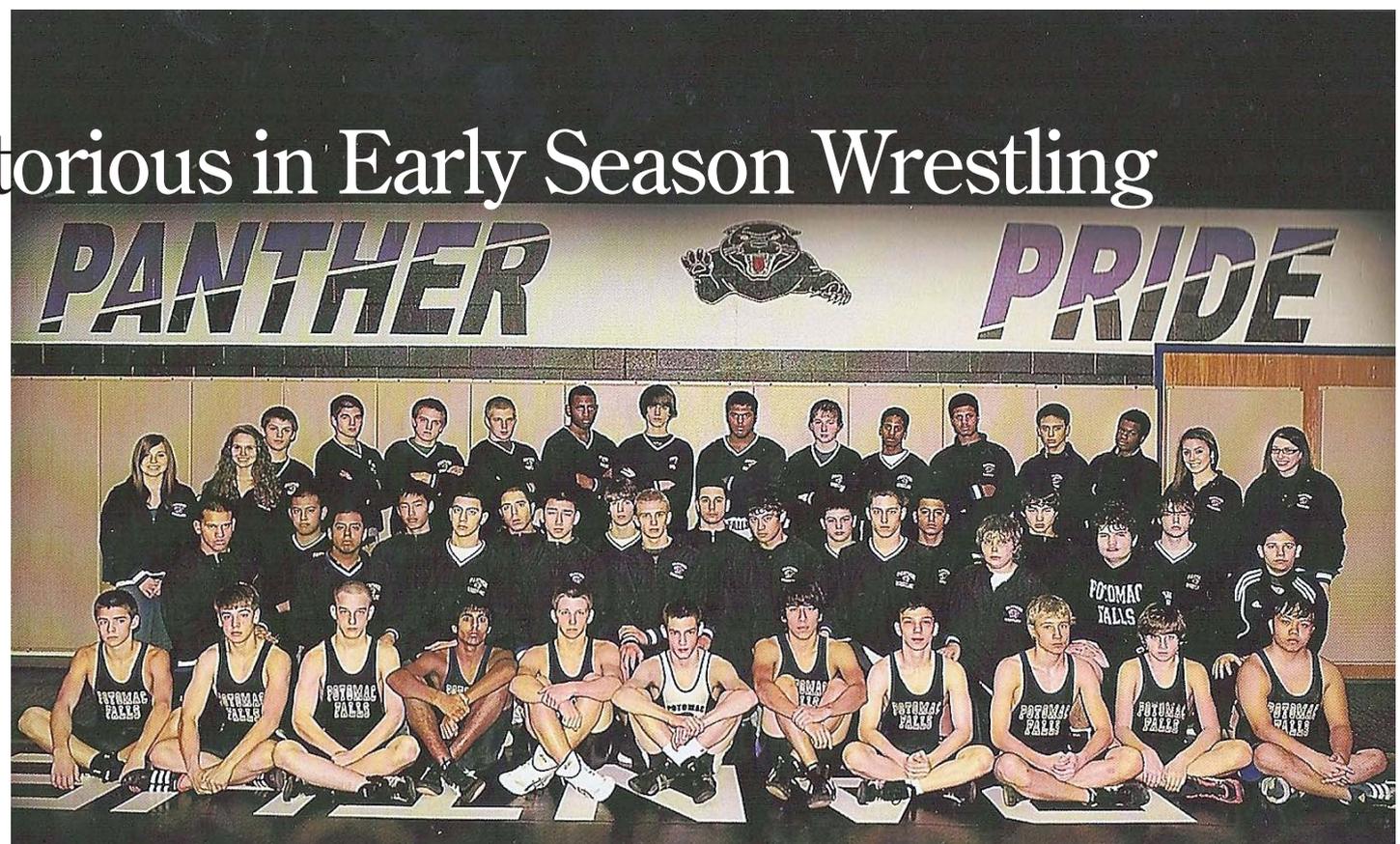
The Sterling Lions Club hosted the 31st Annual Terry McGowan Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 12 at Park View High School. Participating teams were expected to be the host Patriots along with West Potomac (Alexandria), Charlottesville High (Charlottesville), Rappahannock High (Washington, Va.), and local Briar Woods High. Individual medals were to be awarded to first through fourth place finishers. There was to be a Sportsmanship Award given to the wrestler exhibiting the qualities of fair play, enthusiasm and discipline in the tournament.

Sterling Lion member Dwight Brooks has chaired the event for the past 16 years, and has worked on the event for 29 years, since becoming a member of the Sterling Lions Club in 1980. Brooks took over the chairmanship of the event after the original chairman and namesake, Terry McGowan, moved from the area to retire in Victoria, Texas in 1993.

The event allows ranked teams and their wrestlers to compete against other top contenders from schools that they may not compete against during the regular season schedule. Sterling Lions President, Dale Pontiff, said the Sterling Lions depend on the support of the local community. "The event is no longer a fundraiser but a youth outreach service project," Pontiff said. For more information on the Lions Club of Sterling, see their web page at: SterlingLions.googlepages.com, or call Mike Ryan, at 703-723-0077.

### Little League

Lower Loudoun Little League has opened registration for the Spring 2010 season for players ages 5-to-18 (age as of April 30, 2010) living in the Sterling/Cascades/Potomac Falls area. Early Bird registration ends Dec. 31. Visit the league Web site at llbaseball.com for more information or to register on-line.



**The Potomac Falls Panthers (pictured) recently opened up its season with a victory over Dulles District rival Briar Woods.**

### Sports Camp

DMB Sports Camp will run multi-sport Holiday Camp programs for youngsters ages 6 to 13 on the following Loudoun County Public School holidays: Dec. 28-30; Jan. 18; Feb. 1; March 29 through April 2 (spring break); and April 16. Camp sessions will include various sports, special programs, a ski trip, and rock climbing. Daily camp hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with optional after care from 4 to 6. For more information visit [dmbssportscamp.com](http://dmbssportscamp.com) or contact Shane at 703-444-8805, ext. 112.

### At Claude Moore

Claude Moore Recreation Center is hosting a Fit Kids Mommy and Me Balls, Balls, Balls Class for children ages 2-to-3. Children will play with balls of all different sizes to improve hand-eye coordination, balance and cooperative skills. Parent or caregiver must be present. Sign up at [webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://webtrac.loudoun.gov). Classes will take place on Tuesdays from Jan. 5 through Jan. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. The class registration number is 273109-01.

Fit Kids Sports Mania Holiday Camp for children ages 5-to-9 will take place at the Claude Moore Center from Dec. 28 through Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp will introduce youngsters to various sports with an emphasis on teamwork and good sportsmanship. Sports will include T-ball, soccer, hockey and more. Youngsters will receive individual instruction and group/teamwork playing games. Children should wear sneakers and comfortable clothes daily. Register at [webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://webtrac.loudoun.gov) or call 571-258-3500. The class registration No. is 210204-01.

### At Douglass Center

Fit Kids is hosting basketball classes for youngsters ages 3-to-5 at the Douglass Com-

munity Center beginning Jan. 14 for three weeks. Classes will introduce youngsters to the basics of dribbling, shooting, passing and more. Do not wait. Sign up at [webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://webtrac.loudoun.gov) or call 703-771-5913. Class Nos. are 204123-01 for age 3 and 204123-02 for ages 4 and 5.

### Floor Hockey

Get those future NHLers off to a good start. This class for ages 3 to under-7 is aimed at developing physical skills and hand-eye coordination. It will focus on the fundamentals of hockey, teamwork and sportsmanship. Classes held at the Claude Moore Recreation Center on Tuesdays Jan. 5-26 from noon to 12:40 p.m.; and another class at 4:45-5:25 p.m. Class Registration numbers are 273140-01 and 273140-02. Register online at [webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://webtrac.loudoun.gov) or call 571-258-3600.

### Exhibition Volleyball

One hundred people showed up to cheer on a fun, night of exhibition volleyball between the Leesburg Christian School girls' varsity team versus the Lady Lion's volleyball alumni. Also participating in the Dig Pink National Breast Cancer Awareness Rally was the Leesburg Christian soccer team. The event took place the evening of Nov. 6. The proceeds from the evening of volleyball benefited the Side-Out Foundation, located in Washington, D.C.

It marked the second year in which the girls' volleyball team has held the Dig Pink Rally. The team set a goal to raise more than the previous year (\$1,130), and the team did just that by raising a grand total of \$2,000. The stands were filled with people wearing pink clothing from bows to t-shirts.

Side-Out has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Breast Cancer research nationally through volleyball tournaments, clinics, and rallies. It also devotes a portion of the funds to local and national "Life with

Cancer" support organizations.

The Leesburg Christian School girls' volleyball team is coached by Christa Schlichting. The assistant coach is John Judd. Both coaches also coach for the Northern Virginia Volleyball Association. The Lady Lions finished first in their VACA District and second in the VACA Regionals this past fall season.

### Swimming Honors

Matt McLean of Sterling, a junior at the University of Virginia and a member of the Cavaliers' swim team, recently received a pair of swimming honors. He earned ACC Performer of the Week accolades (Nov. 10) and was also named the NCAA Division I Men's Swimmer of the Week by CollegeSwimming.com. McLean, in UVA's 165-125 team victory over Kentucky, won both the 200 and 500 freestyle events. He clocked a mark of 1:38.08 in the 200, which qualified him for the national "B" cut. He also won the 500 in 4:26.48, the fastest time in the ACC this season, for another qualifying "B" cut.

### Mega Scramble

The Sterling Golf, Swim and Tennis Club held its 5th Annual Mega Scramble. The weather, unfortunately, did not cooperate. Top prize was a four-day, three night travel package to each member of the winning team. First place went to Don Christenson, Ken Albanese and Todd Murphy. The second place team, made up of Doug Mallory, Sean Mallory and Thomas Breedan, received a three day, two night travel package. Dave Bryant won the Carnival Cruise in the Putting Contest and Mike Yannello won the opportunity for a 60-foot putt, but was two inches short for the \$5,000 prize.

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# SPORTS



**The Northern Virginia Blaze U-18 girls' travel softball team, made up of players from all around Northern Virginia, captured the championship at the Winchester Fall Shakedown Tournament last month. The team was 6-0 for the weekend. On the back row, left to right: assistant Eric Cohen, assistant JJ Foster, Kayla Lherisse, Debbie Ward, Rachel Leonard, Emmaline Lofaro, Karysa McPherson, Hanna Joseck, Laura Jennings, Karen Johnson, and head coach Eric Snyder. On the front Row, left to right: Nina Rodriguez, Natalie Eichner, Courtney Conklin, Ali Cohen.**

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## Holiday Camp

Fit Kids Sports Mania Holiday Camp for ages 5-to-9 for only \$90 at the Claude Moore Community Center from Dec. 28 through Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon. An Introduction to various sports with an emphasis on teamwork and good sportsmanship. Various sports will include T-ball, soccer, hockey and more. Participants will receive individual instruction and group/teamwork playing games. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes daily. Register today at [webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://webtrac.loudoun.gov) or call 571-258-3500. Class Registration No. is 210204-01.

## Lacrosse

NoVa West Lacrosse is accepting individual and team registrations for the u11, u13 and u15 winter indoor lacrosse league to be held out of the new Purcellville Sports Pavilion. For more information visit [www.purcellvillesportspavilion.com/field/lacrosse\\_league.asp](http://www.purcellvillesportspavilion.com/field/lacrosse_league.asp).

NoVa West Lacrosse is also accepting registrations for tryouts for their summer select Teams, which include age divisions U11, U13, U15 and two levels of high school play. NoVa West Lacrosse has announced its full list of lacrosse offerings for 2010. Visit [novawestlax.com](http://novawestlax.com) for all the latest information.

## Flag Football

The NOVA Youth Flag Football League concluded its 12th season with its Super Bowl Championship games on Nov. 14 in Ashburn. League champions were the Patriots (ages 6 to 8), Vikings (9 to 11) and Patriots (12 to 14).

In the most exciting Super Bowl of the day, the Mites Division Patriots hung on to

defeat the Vikings, 7-6. The Patriots struck first as game MVP Ryan Price broke off a long touchdown run to give the Patriots an early 7-0 lead. The Vikings countered to pull within 7-6. As the game was winding down, the Vikings drove to the Patriots' 5-yard line before time expired.

The Junior Division Title game featured the undefeated Ravens, who boasted the league's best defense all season, versus the once beaten Vikings. The Vikings played a flawless game as they defeated a tough Ravens team, 21-0. Dominic Diprenzio was named game MVP for his play on both sides of the ball.

In the Major Division, the Patriots capped off their unbeaten season by defeating the Chiefs, 37-6. Bubba Lough ended his three-season, unbeaten Major Division career by being named the game MVP. Congratulations to both the Patriots and Chiefs for fine seasons.

For more information on the NOVA Youth Flag Football League NFL programs, visit [novaflag.com](http://novaflag.com).

Cascades Flag Football League in Sterling concluded an exciting fall season. The league consisted of 375 players on 39 teams and four grade divisions. The league held its annual end of season tournaments Nov. 7-8. The tournaments featured 35 games on three fields. Four teams won championships with the Vikings finishing off an undefeated season and winning the kindergarten-first grade division. Other division winners were: the Patriots (grades two and three); the Rams (grades four and five); and Falcons (middle school division). Registration for the Spring 2010 season is now open at [youthflag.com/cascades](http://youthflag.com/cascades).

Cascades Flag Football is a youth league open to boys and girls grades kindergarten to eighth. The Spring 2010 season starts April 5. Early bird rates apply through Feb. 12. For more info on coaching or officiating call 703-444-8805, ext. 112 or email [cascades@youthflag.com](mailto:cascades@youthflag.com).

## "Serve-Us" Contracts?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Can someone please explain to me the pros and cons of these after market, service contracts, available for purchase after your car dealer's/manufacture's warranty/warranties have expired? Their solicitations on television, radio and print are almost replacing the credit card companies in their vigorous pursuit of American consumers. Just yesterday, I received in the mail, what looked like a very official, certified-type, for your-eyes-only directive, aimed very specifically at yours truly, owner of an expiring automobile warranty. When I tore the four perforated sections and opened the remaining fold, what I found was yet another "If your car is not more than 15 years old and has less than 200,000 miles on it" offer of automobile repair and maintenance relief.

However, since I wasn't born yesterday (or even the day before), I can't help being cautious and concerned about the "relief" offered. Moreover, I can't help thinking that there's likely so much fine print, finely printed, that I won't be able to read or, won't likely understand, that as a car owner with future repair bills ahead, what I'll likely be relieved of is my money, not my worry about those future bills. But what do I know? As has been proven in this space many times before, not much.

My instincts, as a former Life & Health insurance broker, is to be concerned – and to plan for – worst case scenarios and pre-existing conditions (meaning exclusions). With respect to life and health insurance, I am well aware of the issues and conditions under which medical and lifestyle-type, pre-existing conditions/considerations might adversely affect one's coverage. However, I don't have near that same level of experience and instinct when it involves car repairs and maintenance. What little I can say is, with absolute certainty, that the longer a car is driven/owned and the more miles it accumulates, the more likely repairs will be needed. And if I may presume a little bit more, the more expensive and involved those repairs likely will be.

That presumption being logical and agreed to, in theory; why would companies take on that unfunded – and likely undocumented by the car's owner – commitment, to assume liability of future repair bills likely to be "major:" engine, transmission, struts, gaskets, etc., as listed in the company's advertisements? Further presuming that these companies are not in business to lose money and are not advertising (putting their money where their marketing mouths are) because they are stupid, I'm left with no other conclusion than to paraphrase one of my recently deceased father's favorite expressions: the idea must have merit.

Still, I can't get past the "If it sounds too good to be true..." feel of these promotions/assurances. Are these companies regulated in some way like Life and Health, and Property and Casualty insurance companies are? Must these service-contract companies have a certain amount of cash reserves on hand to pay for their future – and as yet undetermined – liabilities? Have they been vetted/investigated/researched and/or evaluated by consumer groups, consumer magazines or even Consumer Agencies? Has the Better Business Bureau done any due diligence?

I understand the coverage is not free. However, if I am to believe – and ultimately buy in to – all that I hear, read and see about these reassuring offers, I'd have to be crazy to not want to learn more and see if I really can eliminate the worry I will admit to having, about these inevitable future car repairs. But I'm hesitating. I must be crazy, right? (Maybe that's a side effect of the oral chemotherapy?)

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## NEWS

# Loudoun Museum Faces Crisis

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Stewart and Museum Administration Beth Friedman are looking for a "hero" who will step forward and house the museum's collection for the next three to five years, preferably in or near Leesburg. Friedman and Stewart want to move the museum's priceless collection by next March so that current building renovations can go forward.

Today, nearly every square foot of the current building, along with the eye-catching log cabin on Loudoun Street next to the Leesburg town garage, is being used to store artifacts, except for where repairs are actually underway.

Leesburg, originally named Georgetown, is even older than the county named for English Lord Loudoun. With a history dating to early colonial times, many citizens who have safeguarded the artifacts of that history over generations have been pleased to be able to secure these documents and momentos by placing them in the Loudoun Museum. Now the museum is challenged to be able to maintain those many artifacts without urgent help.

"THIS CRISIS could not come at a worse time," said Stewart, referring to the economic situation, noting that "Town and County budgets are stretched past their limits."

The museum was founded in 1967 in the small log cabin. It expanded into the Wirt Street building in the 1980s — when the building was already 140 years old.

"For 42 years residents of Loudoun County have donated priceless family heirlooms to the museum for safe keeping," said Stewart. "Artifacts included documents, quilts, clothing, furniture, farm implements, tools, paintings, weapons and



## Sampler, 1815

Sarah Janney was one of two daughters of Eli and Nancy Janney, born about 1804. Nancy (mother) died before 1808 when Eli remarried Nancy White; Nancy's name is in black thread probably because she had died when Sarah made the sampler. Janney ancestors came to Loudoun about 1733-34 and established what came to be the Goose Creek meeting — this village was eventually renamed "Lincoln."

photographs."

"The worse case situation," she added, "is that the collection will have to be dispersed," running a significant risk, she adds, that at least some of these "treasures of Loudoun's past will be lost forever."

The Loudoun Museum is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.

The mission of the Loudoun Museum is to "collect, preserve, and interpret Loudoun County's history; to collect and preserve objects that interpret and document the history of this county, and accurately and completely interpret all aspects of the county's history."

To help, call Stewart at 703-777-7424, or email pstewart@loudounmuseum.org.

# Supervisors Set Display Rules

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This year's public concern came when a committee responsible for maintaining the courthouse grounds decided to deny all applications for displays this year, in part because construction and maintenance work is taking up a substantial portion of the grounds this year, and in part because the committee did not want to choose between applications — an action that might have drawn a constitutional challenge.

But the action by the committee drew a rapid public outcry.

AN ONLINE PETITION wanting the committee's action reversed gained some 1,200 signatures within just a few days — an effort strongly supported by Sterling Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, supervisors quickly

reversed the action of the grounds committee, enabling the traditional decorations to be erected.

But apparently this simple action drew the attention of the county's legal counsel, Jack Roberts. Board chairman Scott York called a special committee of the Board of Supervisors for Thursday, Dec. 10. Immediately upon convening, the board went into closed session with Roberts. After about half an hour, the board reconvened in open session and unanimously enacted a substitute policy that uses the available space on the courthouse grounds for seasonal displays on a first-come, first-served basis without judgment on any proposed display. The policy designates 10 specific spaces on the courthouse grounds and limits displays to those spaces. Two of the spaces were occupied Saturday morning. The menorah was expected to be erected soon.

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