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Emily Wheeler and her dog Amato came all the way from Lake Ridge, Va., to attend Barktoberfest at the Melodee Music Center in Sterling last Sunday. Amato won the dog costume contest.

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## BULLETIN BOARD

### THURSDAY/OCT. 2

**BOOK CLUB.** 7 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Ashburn Kids book club, includes book discussions, games and refreshments. Books will be available at the children's desk. Ages 8-11, grades third-fifth. Book selection October, "Counting on Grace" by Elizabeth Winthrop. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-737-8100.

**BOOK CLUB.** 2:30 p.m., Rust @ Catoclin Library, 34D Catoclin Circle, Leesburg Newbery or Not? children's book club, includes a discussion about Newbery Medal Honor books. Call the library for the title of the month. Ages 9-11. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-777-0323.

### HEALTH NOTES

Send announcements or events, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to *The Loudoun Connection*, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail [loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call 703-917-6454.

**Celebrate Recovery**, the Christian-based recovery program sponsored by Rick Warren's Saddleback Church, will meet Wednesdays, from 7-8 p.m., beginning **Oct. 1**, at Ashburn Presbyterian Church, 20962 Ashburn Road in Ashburn. This program includes support for "hurts, hang-ups and habits" such as chemical addiction, co-dependency, domestic violence, sexual addiction, gambling addiction, food addiction, divorce, and grief. Newcomers as well as

### FRIDAY/OCT. 3

**FLU CLINIC.** 4-8 p.m., Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway in Leesburg. Flu shot clinic for adults and children ages 4 and up. Each child has to be accompanied by a legal guardian or parent. Cost: \$25 per person for flu shots, \$45 for pneumonia shot. Seniors with a valid Medicare card can receive a flu shot for free. Pneumonia shot will be offered to seniors and those with chronic diseases. Call the Inova Mobile Health Services hotline at 703-771-2907.

**CLUB MEETING.** 10:15 a.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. La Leche League of Ashburn will hold its next meeting, topic is "The Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby." Pregnant and

nursing women and their children welcome. Free. Call La Leche leader at 703-753-3214.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 4

**30 DAYS OF CHANGE RALLY.** 1-3 p.m., patio at O'Faolains Irish Pub and Restaurant in Sterling. Loudoun County Young Democrats and Virginia Veterans for Obama and Warner will welcome Brig. Gen. John Johns, as well as Congressional candidate Judy Feder, state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) and Del. David Poisson (D-32). Republicans, independents, undecided voters and of course Democrats are welcome. Contact Thom Beres, Col., USAF, Retired, Virginia State co-director, Virginia Veterans for Obama, 703-430-6599.

those in traditional 12-step programs are welcomed. Anonymity and confidentiality will be respected. Call the church office at 703-729-2012.

**Flu shots** will be available at the Senior Center at Cascade Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling, Tuesday, **Oct. 14**, 9 a.m.-noon and Tuesday, **Oct. 28**, 9 a.m.-noon. Free with Medicare Part B card or \$ 25 without card. Call 703-430-2397.

**Ashburn Bipolar Support Group**, a free, peer-led support group for those with bipolar disorder, meets **every Monday**, at 8 p.m., at Ashburn Psychological Services, second floor, 44110 Ashburn Shopping Plaza, Ashburn. Contact [ashburn@dbsanova.org](mailto:ashburn@dbsanova.org) or 703-349-0944.

A support group for people with **hearing loss**, tinnitus or Meniere's disease meets at the Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling, 2 p.m., the **first Friday** of each month. Call 703-430-2397.

**Inova HealthSource** will conduct glucose testing and cholesterol checks the **second Tuesday** of each month, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Call 703-430-2397.

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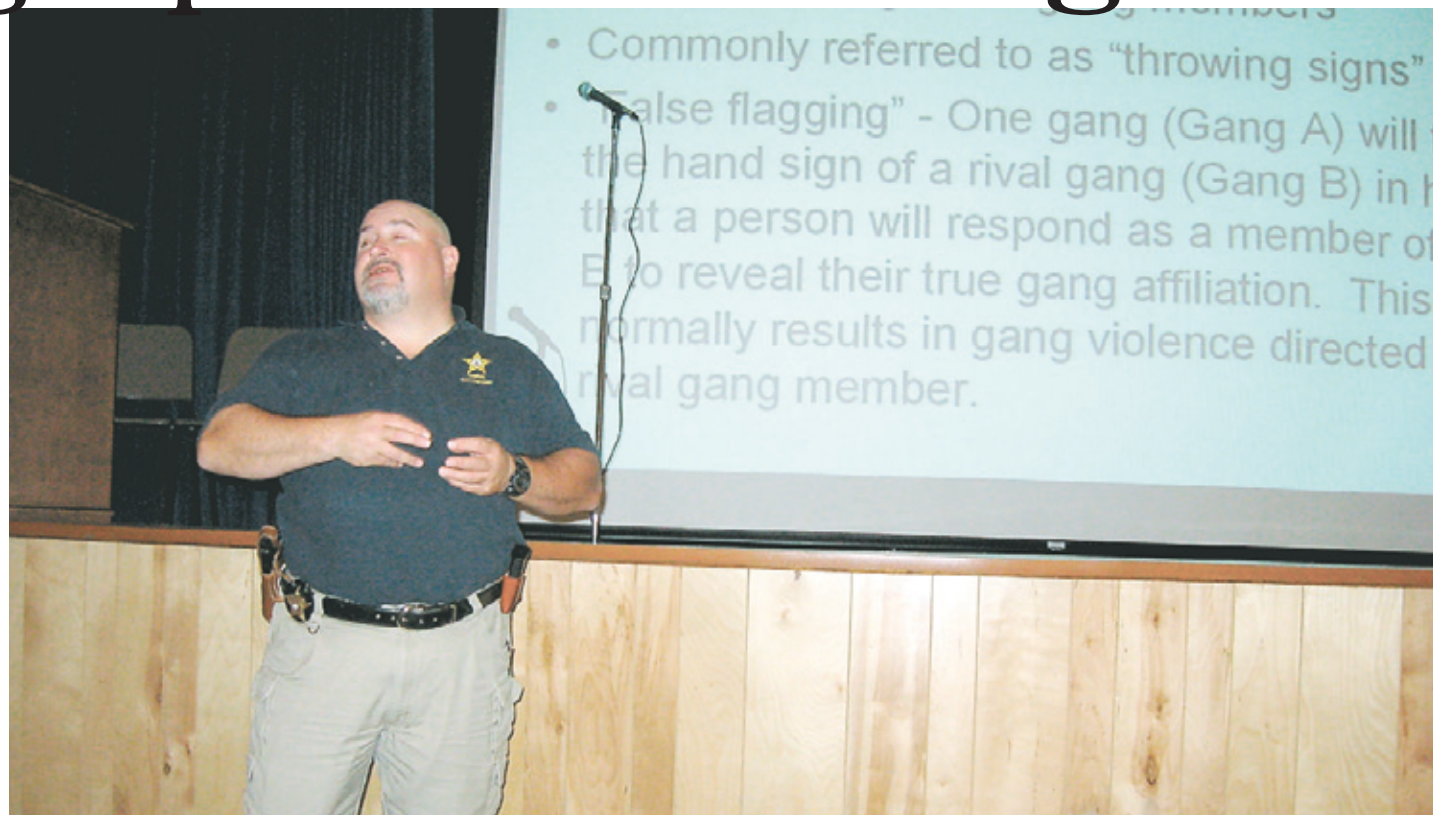
**Sheriff's Office recommends vigilance, cooperation at gang awareness talk.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**B**eing a member of a gang is not illegal," Sgt. Dave Zuleger told the crowd in Seneca Ridge Middle School auditorium last Thursday evening, noting that the U.S. Constitution grants the freedom of association. However, he said, when people commit crimes that are determined to be for the glory or betterment of a gang, in Virginia,

### Phone It In

Sheriff's Office non-emergency number: 703-777-1021.  
Northern Virginia Gang Task Force: 866-NO GANGS (664-2647).  
GRIT: 703-777-0241.



Sgt. Dave Zuleger discusses gang hand signals at last Thursday's gang awareness talk.

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

they will be hit with the Class-5 felony charge of gang participation, in addition to the charge for the crime.

Zuleger supervises the Sheriff's Office's Gang Intelligence Unit, a force that started with one investigator in 1999 and now has eight members. About 80 people gathered to hear him speak at a gang awareness talk initiated by Supervisor Susan Buckley (D-

Sugarland Run).

**IF SOMEONE** commits a robbery and runs away shouting a gang name, he or she will be charged with gang participation, Zuleger explained. Likewise if someone is caught spray painting gang graffiti. He said this is a tougher penalty than Maryland, Washington, D.C., or West Virginia has in place.

Zuleger went on to give a broad overview of how to spot gang activity and what the public can do to help prevent it.

Gang graffiti, he said, is one of the first indicators of a gang presence and serves as a warning and a challenge to other gangs. While the graffiti may identify a gang explicitly, its color may also be an indicator. For example, Zuleger said, MS-13 often uses

blue paint, while other gangs use red or black. One color of graffiti painted over another color can indicate a rivalry and the likelihood of trouble in that area, he said.

However, not all graffiti is painted by gang members. While more harmless "taggers" tend to leave elaborate markings, "the gang graffiti is down and dirty. It's real quick,"

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## Conserving Energy at Home

**Cascades learns about home energy audits and how to increase efficiency.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he most important way to prevent temperature leaks in a home is by tending to the attic, Lee O'Neal said. "It's like putting a lid on a pan," he said.

O'Neal, of CGE Solutions, gave a presentation on home energy audits, which his company provides, last Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Potomac Lakes Stone House Community Center in Cascades. An energy audit determines a house's energy efficiency and how it can be improved.

This is accomplished with a "blower door" test, an infrared scan and a duct leakage test. The blower door device sucks air out of the house at about twice the pressure

exerted by furnace vents. This pulls air in through any leaks in the house, and O'Neal said leaks are usually easy to feel, although a "smoke pencil" or an infrared scan can make them visible.

Duct testing is performed by connecting a calibrated fan to the air handler cabinet or a return grille and sealing all other vents. The fan then blows air into the ducts and calculates how much pressure is being lost. A fog machine can be used with the fan to make leaks visible.

The audit costs \$359 and takes two and a half to three hours, regardless of the size of the house. Based on the audit, O'Neal said, his company recommends fixes that result in a reduction in energy consumption that average 15 to 25 percent and will pay for themselves in about five years. On average, he said, the cost of sealing up a home is about \$3,000, depending largely on the size of the attic. CGE Solutions can be hired to do the work, "but a lot this stuff your can do yourself," he said.

**"A lot this stuff your can do yourself."**  
— Lee O'Neal, CGE Solutions

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## Residents React to Crimes

**Community gets emotional.**

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n a charged atmosphere inside of the Park View High School auditorium, which was almost filled to capacity, Sheriff Steve Simpson and several members of the Board of Supervisors were confronted by an audience angered and confused by the acts of violence occurring in their community.

Simpson opened the emergency meeting, which was held Tuesday, Sept. 23, with updates on the prowler case, the homicide at Big Lots in May and the two shootings and stabbing last week and the response times to each of those incidents. Moments later, though,

Simpson was drowned out by enraged shouts from across the auditorium, demanding action instead of words from law enforcement. Several Sterling residents in attendance insisted that Simpson answer why there was a gang problem now, when there was not one a year ago, and that notion seemed to be shared by many in the audience.

"That is not true," Simpson countered.

"We have had gang activity for years. We talked about in 1995, about growing gang trends. Only in 2003 we got the resources we needed to deal with it. I shudder to think where we'd be today if the gangs had free rein the whole time, if we did not set up at task force in

**"You can have a cop on every corner and not stop everything."**  
— Sheriff Steve Simpson, Loudoun County Sheriff

2003."

**THERE WAS A CLEAR** schism in the audience between those who felt that the

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## WEEK IN LOUDOUN

### Free Job Fair Shuttle

A free shuttle service is being offered by Virginia Regional Transit to job seekers to attend a job fair Oct. 1, at the Dulles Marriot. Service will be provided from the Loudoun County Workforce Resource Center at the Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way, Leesburg. VRTA will pick up at the Shenandoah Building at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and return trips will be provided at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information contact Janis Chamblin at 703-771-5871.

### Open House

A draft of the recommendations stemming from the Potomac/Sterling Outreach project has been posted on-line, [www.loudoun.gov/potomac-sterling](http://www.loudoun.gov/potomac-sterling). Feedback is appreciated through written comments or by stopping at a drop-in/open house, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6-8 p.m., Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. The drop-in/open house is an informal way to meet and chat with staff to provide feedback on the draft recommendations.

### Water Rate Increase

On Oct. 1, the third rate increase of a planned three-year increase takes effect for Loudoun Water's central system customers. Water rates will increase by 6 cents per thousand gallons while sewer rates will increase by 9 cents. The peak use charge will increase by 9 cents as well. Basic charges will remain unchanged. The main driver for the rate increase is the cost of operating Loudoun Water's new Broad Run Water Reclamation Facility, a state-of-the-art treatment plant that reclaims wastewater to the limit of technology, for the protection of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. This facility began reclaiming water in June of this year.

The rate increase was originally voted on by Loudoun Water's board of directors in July of 2006, when the first increase took place. That was the first time in 15 years that Loudoun Water raised water and sewer rates.

Only Loudoun Water's central system customers are affected by the new rates. This includes those customers who live in the suburban eastern portion of the county, generally east of Belmont Ridge Road (Route 659), with minor exceptions. It excludes Loudoun Water's Community Systems customers who live in hamlets or villages served by community wells.

### Energy Efficiency Month

Loudoun County is participating in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Month in October, part of a national effort to help promote greater understanding and awareness of energy sources, how they can be used wisely, and ways to conserve. Programs and activities will focus both on what county employees can do in their homes and offices and what residents and businesses can do to save energy and reduce their carbon footprint.

Activities throughout October will include displays related to energy conservation in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center; a poster contest for students in the Youth After School program; weekly news releases focusing on related topics, including transportation, recycling and water; and soliciting suggestions from the public and county government employees on how to save energy.

More information about energy efficiency and conservation is available on the Loudoun County government Web site at [www.loudoun.gov/energy](http://www.loudoun.gov/energy).

### D.A.R.E. Solicitors

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office received numerous complaints from county residents regarding a group of individuals who are collecting money for the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. After looking into the organization the Sheriff's Office discovered that these solicitors are contracted by D.A.R.E. and are part of the D.A.R.E. America Play and Save Program.

## SCHOOLS



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**Victor Lassiter and Tyrell Hemingway give Imani McCleary a kiss on the cheek while modeling clothing during a fashion show held by Potomac Falls High School DECA students and Macy's at Tysons Corner Shopping Center on Saturday afternoon. All proceeds raised will benefit the ALS Association.**



**Stephen Lasik walks the runway while modeling some clothes from Macy's during a fashion held to help raise money for the ALS Association. DECA students from the school held the fashion and show and other activities and have so far raised approximately \$2,500 dollars for the cause.**

### Strutting for a Cause

DECA students at Potomac Falls High School took part in a ALS Association fund-raiser Sept. 20 at Macy's in Tyson Corner. The students modeled clothing during a fashion show and sold Macy's coupons, the store in turn donated a portion of the proceeds. The event raised approximately \$2,500 dollars for the cause.



**Showing off clothing from Macy's, Potomac Falls students Ethan Perks and Chelsea Lasik strut their stuff in front of the store at Tysons Corner Shopping Center Saturday while raising money for the ALS Association.**



**Hannah Eder, a student at Potomac Falls High School, walks the runway while modeling some clothes from Macy's during a fashion held to help raise money for the ALS Association. DECA students from the school held the fashion and show and other activities and have so far raised approximately \$2,500 dollars for the cause.**

COMMUNITY

# Dog Day of Fall

Hundreds of area dogs turn out for sixth annual Barktoberfest.

Although the festival was postponed from last Saturday to Sunday due to weather concerns, hundreds of dogs and their owners made their way to the sixth annual Barktoberfest at the Melodee Music Center in Sterling. The festival, which raises money for Friends of Homeless Animals, featured nine bands performing on three stages,

booths by 26 pet-oriented vendors, games for children and dogs alike, and a silent auction.

Friends of Homeless Animals is a non-profit, no-kill animal rescue organization serving the Washington, D.C.-metropolitan area. Several of their cats and dogs were at the festival and up for adoption.

— MIKE DICICCO



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Allen Fitzgerald of Leesburg looks on as his dog Brutus and hound-mix Scout check each other out.



German shepherd Cookie takes an interest in Mitsu, one of several cats up for adoption. Mitsu, however, is wary.



Melodee Music owner Rob Mock and his wife, Tracey, have been staging Barktoberfest for the last six years.

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# Being Energy Conscious at Home

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**O'NEAL SAID THE** attic is especially important, as summer attic temperatures average about 155 degrees Fahrenheit and heat can rise out of the house through the attic in the winter. Often, he said, attics are poorly or improperly sealed and insulated. He recommended insulation with an "R value" of 49, which would be 14 to 16 inches thick, for the attic floor. The insulation should not be compressed at all, and compressing it just an inch reduces its effectiveness by 20 percent. If attic insulation is less than the R-25 thickness of 7 to 9 inches, O'Neal said, it's worth replacing.

Insulation on any ductwork in the attic should be "as much as you can get," he said, adding that there often is not enough space between ducts and walls for heavy insulation. Ideally, he said, the ducts should be insulated as heavily as the attic floor, although builders often use much thinner insulation.

However, he said, "Insulation does not stop air. It's only to stop heat transfer." Air leaks are most common at the tops of walls, in open walls over dropped ceilings such as soffits, and around the furnace flue, chimney and any wire, pipe and duct penetrations into the attic. Also, any leaks in ducts in the attic are problems. "Or if you really want to know, go outside after a snowfall and see where the snow [on the roof] melts first," O'Neal said.

In the case of a large gap around a pipe or duct penetration into the attic, he recommended covering the opening with a metal plate and sealing it with expanding foam. He said expanding foam would be the best treatment for most attic leaks, except around a furnace flue. Leaks in ducts should be fixed with mastic seal. Also, any access to the attic should be as airtight and well-insulated as possible.

After the attic, the basement is next in terms of temperature loss, O'Neal said. There, cool air escapes in the summer, through gaps around the dryer vent, which is typically not sealed, and around window frames and cable and water lines that run out of the house.

**THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE,** O'Neal said, inadequate molding around fireplaces or caulking around windows and poorly fitted doors and chimney dampers are common cul-



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

**John Hunter of Cascades, left, gets some advice from Lee O'Neal of CGE Solutions after O'Neal's presentation on home energy audits at the Potomac Lakes Stone House Community Center last Wednesday.**

prips, as are whole-house fans and recessed lighting. "Recessed lighting is bad," he said, explaining that the holes it creates let air circulating through the ceiling into the room. He said such lighting is especially problematic under the attic, although it can be fixed there. For recessed lighting on the middle level, he said, "We just tell them to live with it."

He recommended caulking around windows, door frames and molding and weather-stripping with foam tape or V-Seal. Drywall and expanding foam can be used to seal recessed lights on the upper level.

Also, he said insulation over crawlspaces and garages should be in close contact with the floor above to keep outside air from circulating over the insulation. If this is not the case, his company blows cellulose into the gap between insulation and floor. "It's a new product. Been around since 1935," he cracked, noting that the material is made from recycled newsprint and repels spiders.

He recommended R-25 insulation for crawl spaces and R-13 insulation for frame walls and in the basement. If crawlspace insulation is less than R-11 or is somewhat heavier, but not in contact with the floor above, he said it would be worth replacing. Indoor ducts should be wrapped in R-4 insulation.

During the summer, he suggested closing the curtains by day and opening them at night and installing heat film on south- and west-facing windows. Cellular shades are

advised for the winter.

Overall, O'Neal said the most cost-effective way to reduce energy consumption was to control the thermostat, so that climate control is not working as hard while no one is in the house and he added that a programmable thermostat makes this easy. The least cost-effective methods are to replace windows and seal electrical outlets and light switches, he said. New windows typically

every home in the United States used Energy Star home sealing, the country could close down 90 power plants.

"I saw him at the Loudoun County Energy Efficiency Committee and I was so impressed," Martha Kaczmarczyk, general manager of the Cascades Community Association and a member of the community's "Green Team," said. It was Kaczmarczyk who had invited O'Neal to speak to the Cascades community. "I'm disappointed so few people came," she said.

About a dozen people had shown up for the presentation.

"This is going to be a huge thing, going forward," Supervisor Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac), who chairs the Energy Efficiency Committee, said of home energy auditing, noting that energy prices and concerns about the environment are both on the rise.

She said her committee was looking into ways the county could update existing buildings and encourage energy efficiency in new buildings in the public, private and commercial sectors. McGimsey said a preliminary energy audit had already been conducted on the Government Center. "It's actually a very efficient building," she said, although she noted that some improvements could be made. For example, she said, the front door had been found to be wasteful.

She said the county was considering a competition that would give away free energy audits, although the matter was still under debate by the Board of Supervisors.

## Learn More

To find out more about home energy efficiency, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or [www.eere.energy.gov/consumer](http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer). Contact CGE Solutions at [www.cgesolutions.com](http://www.cgesolutions.com) or 703-574-4365. The company will answer questions free of charge. Other companies offering energy audits in the area include, but are not limited to, EDGE Home, [www.edgegogreen.com](http://www.edgegogreen.com); Energy Efficiency Experts, [www.energyefficiencyexperts.com](http://www.energyefficiencyexperts.com); Pro-Tech Inspection Services, <http://protechinspections.rtrk.com>; The Home Energy Detective Inc., [www.homeenergydetective.com](http://www.homeenergydetective.com); and Dominion Infrared LLC, [www.dominioninfrared.com](http://www.dominioninfrared.com).

take 15 to 30 years to pay for themselves and properly sealing the plates around switches and outlets is costly and largely ineffective.

He said it was possible to seal a house up too tightly, resulting in carbon monoxide buildup that is evidenced by dark lines left under doors and a dingy, green coating on windows and furniture and also by flu-like symptoms in people. This, he said, could be easily remedied with mechanical ventilation that costs about \$100.

**O'NEAL CITED AN** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) video, saying that if



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Supervisors Susan Klimek Buckley (D-Sugarland Run), Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac), Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) and Stevens Miller (D-Dulles) and Sheriff Steve Simpson listen to audience questions.

## Emergency Meeting Stirs Emotions

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problem was illegal aliens and those who felt that there were many contributing factors to the violence. Those who felt that illegals were to blame were primarily the group who demanded action by the sheriff and his deputies, while others called for community participation to cease crime. Simpson erred on the side of community participation, saying that the county only has so much money and only so many resources to combat the problem.

"You can have a cop on every corner and not stop everything," Simpson said. "We can't do this alone. We need community involvement. We have to be proactive to make a difference. When you become reactive, you lose the battle."

There even appeared to be a dichotomy within the board, as the supervisors who attended, Stevens Miller (D-Dulles), Andrea McGimsey, (D-Potomac), Vice Chairman Susan Klimek Buckley (D-Sugarland Run) and Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling), each appeared to fall into differing factions when it came to the cause and solution.

Miller and McGimsey called for the community to unite to find the real roots of the problem, not to divide along racial or ethnic lines. McGimsey told the crowd that they need to "pull together as a community to get through these tough times," while Miller said that "we have to find the real problem, not the things that are side effects of the real one," in reference to the rush to blame illegal aliens.

Buckley stated that the community is "living in fear" and that its citizens are "frustrated and concerned." She agreed with Simpson that the gang problem "did not arise overnight" and called for all citizens to become involved in the fight against crime, saying "we are past the point of telling people what to do. We are at the participation point."

**ON THE OTHER SIDE** of the aisle, Delgaudio, voicing the belief of most of the people in attendance, called for a crackdown on illegal aliens, saying that they play a prominent role in the current crime wave. Delgaudio reiterated his contention that he has been

calling for action for some time, but blamed other members of the board for inaction, saying that illegals "are a threat to our quality of life" and claiming that it is not "rednecks from the Deep South" that people in the area fear.

After the supervisors completed their speeches, the proceedings were opened up to the audience for a question-and-answer session. Most of the audience members who spoke recounted personal anecdotes about why they or their family and friends do not feel safe in Sterling anymore, while others simply yelled at the board and sheriff, telling them to start making the problems disappear.

When audience members got on the microphone to share a divergent opinion, it was not received well by most in attendance. An elderly woman and a Muslim man originally from Baltimore both stated that racial profiling was not the answer and that the solution lies in community participation, but they were roundly heckled and shouts of "shut up and sit down" rang out from several spots in the crowd.

Although the point of the meeting was to provide citizens with an update on the cases and to call on the citizens for help in this battle, the message seemed to ring hollow. Simpson said that all of the five incidents mentioned were under intense investigation with persons of interest or suspects in each, and that his deputies were going to drastically increase the number of checkpoints, as they remain productive. However, his calls for community vigilance in reporting crime and simple measures that can be taken to reduce it seemed secondary to other issues that are dividing the community.

Nonetheless, despite the disagreements over the source of the crime problem, Simpson, the supervisors and audience members seemed to agree on one matter, and that was that Sterling is at a precipice, and that action must be taken.

"In this area, we are in a very delicate situation," Simpson said. "We are at a turning point and it could go either way. We know gang members live in our community. What they are looking for is an opportunity to take over and we can not have that."

**"We are at the participation point."**  
— Susan Klimek Buckley, D-Sugarland Run, Board of Supervisors

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# Community Needs To Be Vigilant

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Zuleger said. But he asked that the public report any graffiti and let the police sort it out. "You guys are the eyes and ears out there in the community," he said.

It is up to property owners to have graffiti removed, which Zuleger said can be problematic for individual homeowners. Sometimes, he said, the county's Gang Response Intervention Team (GRIT) is able to have it removed. He said it was important to have gang graffiti removed quickly, lest the gang feel that the public has been cowed. "The quicker you get it off, they'll move on and we see that happen," he said.

**ONE INDICATOR** of gang membership is tattoo art, Zuleger said. This could be as simple as the gang name tattooed in a visible place, but is often less obvious. Showing a slide with a tattoo of the happy and sad drama masks, he said, "This is very common across gang culture," noting that the

design means, "Smile today because you might be crying tomorrow." Three dots under the eye mean "mi vida loca," or "my crazy life," but do not necessarily indicate gang membership. Tattoos of praying hands are common among gang members. In the case of one person who had tattoos of Mickey Mouse and an eight ball, Zuleger said the markings denoted membership in the Mexican Mafia.

Zuleger warned against assuming gang membership by anyone dressed with the "gangsta look," noting that the style is common among young people. However, he said, the look is a possible indicator for parents. Some gang members do display their allegiance in their dress, possibly with gang names on jewelry or belt buckles or written under the bills of their hats. Also, Zuleger said, MS-13 members often dress in blue, while other gangs, again, wear red or black. MS-13 or 18th Street Gang members might wear sports jerseys with numbers adding up to their gang's number.

Zuleger encouraged parents to investigate their children. "Their only expectation of privacy is what you give them," he said. He gave the example of one gang member in whose bedroom police found a newspaper clipping about a slain gang member, throwing hatchets, a realistic pellet gun and a butterfly knife. More important, he said, was the teen's book bag, which the parents saw every day. "What's written on Knucklehead's bag here is 'Sniper,'" he said, noting that gang members often identify themselves based on acts they have com-

mitted or aspire to.

**SHOWING A** picture of gang members picnicking in a park, Zuleger pointed out how many of the coolers and clothing articles were red. "You see these things, and if it doesn't look right, you pick up the phone, call the police, and we'll check it out," he said. While the picnickers may not have been breaking the law, they could have given police a starting point for investigation.

Also, he advised that residents be involved in their neighborhoods, meet their neighbors and look out for each other. "You can't be afraid of your neighbors, because neighbors watch each other's backs," he said.

GRIT coordinator Ed Ryan emphasized the importance of preventing teens from joining gangs. "They're the ones out there doing the graffiti. They're the ones trying to do a drive-by," he said. "That's what we, as a community, can try to address."

Buckley said the Board of Supervisors was working with the Sheriff's Office to help residents set up neighborhood watches and she encouraged anyone interested in starting a watch to contact the Sheriff's Office. However, she pointed out that the current budget situation was such that the board was looking at program cuts. "We need to hear from you so we know where the priority needs to be," she said.

Board Chairman Scott York (I-at large) pointed out that Sheriff Steve Simpson still had 38 empty positions to fill. "He's just having a difficult time recruiting and getting those positions filled," York said.

**ASKED ABOUT** the gang presence in Loudoun, Zuleger said MS-13, or Mara Salvatrucha, and the 18th Street Gang are the largest presence in the county, while there are also members of the Bloods and the Crips in the area, as well as a home-grown gang called 700 Cliques. He said police had collected 168 names of gang members at last count, although he said many gang members are transient and may turn up in Fairfax County, Winchester or other places.

"This meeting tonight is one of a series of meetings that need to be held to help us reclaim our neighborhood," Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) said as the meeting drew to a close.

The crowd had no shortage of questions, and, although the meeting was scheduled to end at 8:30 p.m., at least 30 cars remained in the parking lot an hour after that, as people lingered and talked with officials.

**"You can't be afraid of your neighbors, because neighbors watch each other's backs."**

— Sgt. Dave Zuleger, Loudoun Gang Intelligence Unit

## Wolf Votes Yes on Wall Street Bailout Bill

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) supported a controversial bill aimed at stabilizing the financial markets with up to \$700 billion of public funding Sept. 27, even though most Republicans in the House of Representatives opposed the measure and voted it down by more than a two-to-one margin.

"I voted yes to protect people, moms and dads, to keep their home values from fall-

ing. [I wanted to protect] the average person who has a pension, an IRA, a retirement plan. ... People have worked hard and set aside money for their retirement. With the stock market dropping 700 points, that affects the average person," Wolf said.

The House failed to pass the bill — which was supported by both the Democrats and Republicans leadership — with a vote of 205

to 228. It will take up the matter again Oct. 2.

Other congressmen from Northern Virginia, Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), joined Wolf in voting in favor of the bill.

"The easy vote would have been a 'no' vote. A lot of members that voted 'no' wanted a bill to pass, but they just didn't want to vote 'yes,'" Wolf said.

Wolf said he would not have voted in favor of the bill President George W. Bush's administration and U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson had proposed a few days earlier. The House bill he supported included more protection for the taxpayer and federal government oversight that Paulson originally proposed.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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# OPINION

## Are You Prepared to Vote on Nov. 4?

BY OLGA HERNANDEZ  
PRESIDENT, LWV OF VIRGINIA

**T**he question is not about whom you'll vote for in the presidential election, but are you ready to do so? This year in Virginia the interest in the general election is great, almost 300,000 new voters are on the rolls and the sheer numbers can overwhelm the process.

In Fairfax County you'll have the choice to vote a paper ballot that can be scanned or vote using the computerized Direct Recording Equipment that have been used for several years. Did you know that a parks bond issue is also on the ballot? We also have a U.S. Senate race to fill an open seat and Congressional races.

Go to the League of Women Voters Web site [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) for more nonpartisan information on what is on your ballot.

**FIRST ORDER** of business is to make sure you are registered to vote. Check your status at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). If you are registered, but have a change of information such as a name, address, you have until Oct. 6 to update your records. You may have submitted your info at DMV or a voter registration drive, but you should check that the paperwork went through the system.

The Office of Election tells us that about 10 percent of registration forms are incomplete and thus rejected. They do send a letter to advise of the rejection, but it's up to the voter to follow-up. You should receive a registration card, but as the date gets closer that card may not arrive in time to correct errors. Don't wait, do it now.

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The Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, is looking for teens who love to read for its **Teen Reading Buddies** program Mondays, **Oct. 6, 20 and 27**, at 4:30 p.m. Call 703-777-0368.

The library **teen council** is seeking teen volunteers age 12-18 to help create the council's first program for children. The meetings will be held Tuesdays, **Oct. 7, 14, 21** and Sunday, **Oct. 26**, 4:30-6 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Sign up at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or call 703-737-8100.

The Board of Supervisors is seeking a **citizen representative** to serve on the Other Post-employment Benefits Investment Committee (OPEB). Letters of interest and resumes should be sent by Monday, **Oct. 13**, to Rosey Raj, Board of Supervisors Office, 1 Harrison St., S.E., fifth floor, Mailstop 01, P.O. Box 7000, Leesburg, VA 20177-7000.

### Voter 101 and Beyond

The League of Women Voters provides non-partisan election information for the public. We are a volunteer membership organization concerned with good government policy.

The League Voters Guide will appear in this newspaper a couple of weeks before the election, it will also be posted on the League Web site.

We are offering Voter 101 classes for new and not so new voters in October at the following dates and times:

Oct. 5, Voter 101 Class: Fairfax Regional Library, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 8, Voter 101 Class: Chantilly Reg. Library, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 12, Voter 101 Class: Sherwood Reg. Library 2 p.m.  
Oct. 15, Voter 101 Class: Reston Reg. Library, 7:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County registrar's phone number is 703-222-0776. Arlington registrar is 703-228-3456. Fairfax City registrar is 703-385-7890. Loudoun registrar is 703-777-0380. Alexandria registrar is 703-838-4050.

**SECOND**, consider voting absentee if you qualify for any of the reasons allowed. All absentee ballots are counted the evening of Election Day. Absentee in person voting opened Sept. 19 at the Fairfax Government center. The lines on Nov. 4 are going to be long. Weather in November can range from freezing to rain to beautiful. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m., no exceptions. (If you are in line before the polls close, you will still be able to vote.)

Third, make sure you know where your polling place is. Sounds simple, but people show up to the wrong precinct all the time. It is heart-breaking for election officers to turn someone away because they showed up in the wrong place at 6:55 p.m. and they have no time to get to the correct precinct.

Fourth, bring a picture ID. Even though you can legally sign an affirmation of identity, in some circumstances that is not possible. Know

your rights and don't be intimidated, but bringing your ID will expedite the process and move the lines.

Fifth, bring your patience. Election officers are there to help you, please don't abuse them. They will work for 15-plus hours on Election Day to make democracy work with less than minimum wage compensation. They get set compensation no matter the hours or workload. Be courteous, be prepared and we can all get this done.

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all look simple but it's a very complex system and voters can help by being prepared and knowing their rights. Provisional ballots are available if problems can't be resolved on Election Day, but some of those don't get counted for various reasons. It's best to do it right the first time. Bring a friend and or family member to vote with you.

An excellent study of the election process and laws in Virginia can be found on the Fairfax League Web site at <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/Sept08VoterFinal%28rev%29.pdf>



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# Sowing the Seeds

Theater group, Sterling Playmakers, gears up for next production, Nov. 7-16

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Sterling Playmakers are deep in rehearsals for the play, "Flowers for Algernon," which will run Nov. 7-16.

The show times are Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15, at 8 p.m.; Nov. 9 and 16, at 2 p.m., at the Sterling Middle School, Holly Avenue in Sterling. Tickets are \$12. Call 703-437-6117 or go to [www.sterlingplaymakers.com](http://www.sterlingplaymakers.com).

**PRODUCED BY** James Wood and directed by Terry Nelson DiMurro, the story follows Charlie Gordon, a mentally challenged man, and the interweaving of his life with Algernon, a mouse. After having experimental surgery, Charlie's intelligence increases, causing him to become a genius. Just as this is happening, Algernon starts to regress. The play becomes a race against time in which Charlie tries to maintain his intelligence and continue his relationship with Alice, his teacher with whom he falls in love.

In the movie version, Cliff Robertson won the Academy Award for best actor in 1969 for playing Charlie.

"I consider it a good play that it's something that is topical because it does deal with modern science, which actually this could happen," DiMurro said. "It's a play to make the audience think as well as enjoy it."

Her directing philosophy is to put together a good-quality, entertaining show. "But at the same time I want to make sure the cast and crew enjoy themselves," she said. "Nobody's getting paid. So if it's not fun, why bother doing it?"

Playing the role of Charlie is Justin Fox, 27, of Ashburn. An engineer with a Ph.D. from MIT, Fox works for Orbital Science Corp. during the daytime. He's doing live theater because, "It's great to be out in the community where people have varied interests and diverse outlooks on life."

He describes the Charlie character as a mentally challenged man with under-developed emotions who becomes a super genius for a short time. "He's child-like the way he reacts to people," he said. So he's working on trying to understand how that person would feel in the situation.

**FOX'S WIFE** Corinne, 24, is playing two characters in the play — Ellen and Norma, who is Charlie's sister. "I think the challenge will be in keeping it platonic — embracing brother and sister and being platonic and not romantic," Corinne Fox said.



Justin Fox (a.k.a. Charlie) rehearses a scene with Heather Benjamin as Alice in "Flowers for Algernon."

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## The Cast

Dr. Strauss — Kevin Robertson  
Professor Nemur — Scott Ruegg  
Alice — Heather Benjamin  
Burt — Joe Campanella  
Charlie Gordon — Justin Fox  
Dave (1st week) — James Wood  
Dave (2nd week) — Herb Fuller  
Nurse (1st week) — James Wood  
Nurse (2nd week) — Herb Fuller  
Frank — Terry Smith  
Gina — Tina Esfarjani  
Mrs. Donner (1st week) — Melisande Smith  
Mrs. Donner (2nd week) — Meg Roosma  
Joe — Herbert DuVall  
Mother — Sara Bickler  
Child Charlie — S. Paul Long  
Child Charlie — Joao Versos  
Father — David Grimm  
Child Norma — Anika Steenstra  
Mrs. Feldman (1st week) — Jenny Wood  
Mrs. Feldman (2nd week) — Beth Robertson  
Ellen — Corrine Fox  
Teen Charlie — Ty Sheedlo  
Bernice/Connie — Ellen Cranley  
Chairlady (1st week) — Jenny Wood  
Chairlady (2nd week) — Beth Robertson  
Mrs. Mooney (1st week) — Melisande Smith  
Mrs. Mooney (2nd week) — Meg Roosma  
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Mrs. Nemur (2nd week) — Beth Robertson  
Mr. Harvey (1st week) — James Wood  
Mr. Harvey (2nd week) — Herb Fuller  
Jackie Welberg — Tina Esfarjani  
Anne Welberg — Ellen Cranley  
Norma — Corrine Fox  
Nemur Children — Anika Steenstra, S. Paul Long and Joao Versos

A staff administrator at Orbital Science, she said she enjoys community theater for it being low-pressure and fun. "We're not trying to make money off it. We're not here to become stars. We're here to have fun," she said.

Ellen Cranley, 12, of Herndon, plays Jackie Welberg, a woman in her 30s, who paid for Charlie's experiment. "I feel like I get to act older as an adult," Cranley said. "It's a lot of fun trying to act mature without laughing or smiling."

A seventh-grader at St. Joseph's School, she said she's been in three plays thus far and "loves how everybody comes together and puts on a great production .... And the look on everyone's faces after the play."

Joe Campanella of Leesburg plays the role of Professor Nemur, a cold scientist who developed a medical procedure that can increase intelligence. He cares more about Charlie's experiment than the subject.

He said, "I find the challenge is creating the cold-hearted character. I have to play somebody. I have to keep thinking in my mind, Nemur will be thinking about the experiment. How is the experiment going? Is it working?"

Campanella, who's been with the Sterling Playmakers for 10 years, has acted in 40 plays. "I'm here with friends hanging out and having fun. We're doing something for the community that people like and making our mark as a source of family entertainment .... But it never feels like work."

**TY SHEEDLO**, 15, of Sterling, plays the role of teenage Charlie. "I get to do a lot of pantomime because Charlie doesn't talk much," he said. "I have to make my actions a lot bigger than I'm used to."

Having acted in 15 plays, what he enjoys most about community theater is, "You get to meet a lot of new people, and it's not just confined to people your own age," he said.

Heather Benjamin, 31, of Alexandria, plays the role of Alice, Charlie's teacher whose relationship changes once Charlie's I.Q. improves.

"Their relationship becomes more of equals," she said, which is a challenge for her. "A lot of that is the passage of time, so you have to fill in the blanks of how things have changed between the scenes."

Having already acted in 30 plays, she enjoys community theater because, "Everybody wants to be there and nobody's getting paid .... It's the feeling of 'Let's do a show,'" she said.

Beth Robertson, 46, of Gainesville, is one of the original founders of the Sterling Playmakers, having produced or acted in 60 shows in 13 years.

She plays Mrs. Feldman, the Chairlady of the fund-raising committee and Mrs. Nemur.

What she enjoys is the opportunity to work with people who have never been on stage before as well as with seasoned actors. With its "niche" being family entertainment, she said what community theater does best is use public schools and brings the community into it. "It uses community resources to the best of our ability."

She adds: "I absolutely love [acting]. What better pastime can you be the heroine, villain or a member of the chorus. You can be as involved as you want to be."

"Flowers for Algernon" is based on the short story and novel by Daniel Keyes. It won the Hugo and Nebula Awards for science fiction writing.

## THE ARTS

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Twelve artists at King Street Studios in Leesburg will host "Seven," a special exhibit in honor of its seventh anniversary. The exhibit runs through October.

Studio visitors will notice a theme of "seven" as they view paintings and drawings by artists Trisha Adams, Martha Cammack, Roberta Comrie, Becky Fleming, Lynn Kanen, Ann Noel, Libby Stevens, Rick Steinberger, Earl Tester, Dana Thompson, Virginia Treviranus and Dan Williams. The exhibit will be on display in both upstairs and downstairs studios at the gallery at 222 South King St. in historic Leesburg. Contact King Street Studios/Gallery 222 at 703-777-5498.

**Loudoun Landscapes**, an exhibit of original paintings and drawings by Loudoun's leading artists opens Friday, Oct. 3, at Gallery 222 during Leesburg's First Friday Gallery Walk, from 6-9 p.m. Refreshments will be available during the opening reception. The exhibit continues through Nov. 1.

Gallery 222, located at 222 South King St. in Leesburg, is open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. Visit [www.gallery222.com](http://www.gallery222.com) or call 703-777-5498.

Jim Hanna's photography exhibit, **North by Northwest**, opens Oct. 3 in Gallery 222, at 222 South King St. in Leesburg. This special exhibit, on display through Nov. 1, showcases a series of rural Loudoun scenes. Gallery 222 is open Mondays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment. Visit [www.gallery222.com](http://www.gallery222.com) or call 703-777-5498.

The Loudoun Campus of Northern Virginia Community College will host an exhibit of mixed media prints and drawings by **Elzbieta Sikorska** of Silver Spring, Md., through Oct. 17, in Waddell Art Gallery. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The campus is located at 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway in Sterling and the gallery is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

**Jim Hanna's** photography exhibit, "Rural Culture on the Edge," on display at the Loudoun County Government Center in Leesburg through Oct. 31, offers a sampling of images depicting Loudoun's precious rural ecology and heritage. The exhibit also offers a glimpse into such efforts as ecological stewardship, historic preservation and restoration, and sustaining a rural economy.

The exhibit is on the first floor in Gallery One and is open to the public during business hours of the government center.

**"What better pastime can you be the heroine, villain, or a member of the chorus."**

— Beth Robertson of Gainesville

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 2

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**CHEROKEE POW WOW.** Noon-6 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. All ages. The Appalachian Cherokee Nation Pow-Wow will be held at the Claude Moore Park at the Vestal's Gap entrance, featuring Native American music, more than 100 dancers and drummers, traditional foods and handmade items for sale. No registration required. An adult must accompany children. Cost: \$5 per person for ages 16 and older; children under 16 bring cans/dry goods for A.C.N. Food Bank. Call 571-258-3700.

**GERONIMO STILTON DAY.** 4-5 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Activities and a short presentation from Martin Casey, Loudoun Easterner editor. Ages 8-11. Registration begins two weeks before program. Sign up [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or call 703-444-3228.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 3

**TEEN CENTER.** 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features Hip-Hop Groove. All teens attending the 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. For high schoolers.

**MUSEUMS TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Washington, D.C., to tour the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and Holocaust Museum; lunch on own or bring bag lunch. Cost: \$9 for members, \$11 for nonmembers, includes transportation with free admission/tours. Extensive walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

**CHEROKEE POW WOW.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. See Oct. 2 item for details.

**FROM SWANN'S CASTLE** to Governor's Mansion: Exploring an Old Southern Estate. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Learn Morven Park's history from 19th century plantation to early 20th century hunt country estate and working farm. Guided tours include exhibits, carriage collection, Confederate huts and outdoor walk around property. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitors Center. Call 703-777-6034.

**FIRST FRIDAY.** 6-10 p.m., downtown Leesburg. Includes arts exhibits, live music, give aways, entertainment and refreshments.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 4

**FAMILY BIRD WALK.** 9-11 a.m., Bles Park, end of Riverside Parkway in University Center. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy at for a family bird walk. Bring binoculars. Contact

Andy Rabin at [stylurus@gmail.com](mailto:stylurus@gmail.com) or 703-723-6926.

**FALL RACES.** Post time 1:30 p.m., Glenwood Park Race Course, Middleburg. 54th running of the Virginia Fall Races, benefiting Inova Loudoun Hospital and Glenwood Park Trust. Includes races and family fun fair. Cost: \$20 and up based on ticket package. Call 540-687-5662 or visit [www.vafallraces.com](http://www.vafallraces.com).

**ARTSPOWER.** 1 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. ArtsPower presents the musical "Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon," based on the book by Paula Danziger. All ages. Visit [www.library.loudoun.gov](http://www.library.loudoun.gov).

**BOOK SWAP.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Bring books to trade for something new. Books on tape or CD, music CDs, VHS and DVD movies welcome. Call 571-258-3500.

**CHEROKEE POW WOW.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. See Oct. 2 item for details.

**SQUIRRELS AND CHIPMUNKS.** 10 a.m.-noon, Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 5 and up. Discover chipmunk and squirrel tracks, homes and what they eat through a game, activities and a craft. Call 571-258-3700 to register. An adult must accompany children. Cost: \$5.

**RESCUE EVENT.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Falcon Recreation Center, 22025 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL), one of the largest breed specific rescues in the North East, is hosting a meet and greet. MAGDRL helps find homes for abandoned or homeless Great Danes. Leashed dogs welcome. Free admission, parking \$5. Call 703-722-BARK.

**FROM SWANN'S CASTLE** to Governor's Mansion: Exploring an Old Southern Estate. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. See the Oct. 4 item for details.

**IT'S A MYSTERY.** 2 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St, Sterling. Ages 6-12. Includes trivia and games about mystery book characters. How much do you know about Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys adventures? Registration required, online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-430-9500.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON.** 11:30 a.m., Sterling United Methodist Church, 304 E. Church Road, Sterling. All Sterling-area senior citizens are welcome to the free luncheon. No reservations needed. Call 703-430-6455 or visit [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org).

**CANINE COUNTRY JAMBOREE.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Leesburg Canine Country Club, 22025 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. Sponsored by the Leesburg Canine Country Club and Dog Gone Natural and benefits the Northern Virginia Spay/Neuter Alliance and Clinic. Features adoptable pets, country cooking, face painting, games, local pet businesses, arts and crafts, voter registration and demonstrations. Admission free, \$5 parking. Visit [www.LeesburgCanineCountryClub.com](http://www.LeesburgCanineCountryClub.com).

**SOUNDS OF SUMMER.** 5-8:30 p.m., Tarara Vineyard and Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg. Features The Jack Diamond & Jim Steed Band. Bring a picnic and a blanket or chairs; food will be available for purchase by the Tortilla Factory. Cost: \$15 per person, free for child ages 6 and under; advanced discounted tickets available online. Call 703-771-7100, Ext. 233 or visit [www.tarara.com](http://www.tarara.com).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 5

**MONTHLY BREAKFAST.** 8 a.m.-noon, Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue



The 70th Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale takes place Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18, at Morven Park.

Company, 20688 Ashburn Road. Breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, gravy and biscuits, hash browns, coffee and juices. Features monthly themes and Kids Activity Corner; apparatus bay area is open to children of all ages. Cost: adults \$6, ages 3-8 \$4, under 3 free and seniors \$5. Call 703-729-0006.

**FALL RACES.** Noon, Glenwood Park Race Course, Middleburg. 54th running of the Virginia Fall Races, benefiting Inova Loudoun Hospital and Glenwood Park Trust. Includes field hunter championship finals and races. Cost: \$20 and up based on ticket package. Call 540-687-5662 or visit [www.vafallraces.com](http://www.vafallraces.com).

**OPEN HOUSE/FAMILY DAY.** 1-4 p.m., Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, 20688 Ashburn Road, Ashburn. Includes activities, tours, safety lessons, refreshments and chili cook off. Parking with free shuttle from Cedar Lane Elementary School, 43700 Tolomac Road. E-mail [Openhousecommittee@ashburnfirerescue.org](mailto:Openhousecommittee@ashburnfirerescue.org) or visit [www.ashburnfirerescue.org](http://www.ashburnfirerescue.org).

**CHEROKEE POW WOW.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. See Oct. 2 item for details.

**TRAVEL THROUGH TIME** in the Winmill Carriage Collection. 1-4 p.m., Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Take a guided tour through a collection of 19th century horse-drawn vehicles, including coaches, sleighs, carts, buggies and a hearse from the 1800s. Cost: adults \$5, children \$1. Meet at Coach House Visitor Center. Visit [www.morvenpark.org](http://www.morvenpark.org) or call 703-777-6034.

## MONDAY/OCT. 6

**STORY TIME WITH JABBERU.** 11 a.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Foreign language story time, expose children to other languages through interactive stories and songs. Ages 3 and up. Day's selection: Chinese language. Register online at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or phone 703-737-8100.

**WOOLGATHERING.** 6 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Bring own stitching project and gather to chat with friends. Ages 12

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**TREE-RIFFIC FALL.** 9:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Ages 3-6. Explore the beautiful leaves, nuts and seeds and animals getting ready for winter in the forests. Cost: \$10.50. Call 571-258-3700.

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**CREEPY CRAWLIES.** 4 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. See live spiders and other insects, learn facts about them and their habitats. Ages 5 and up. Registration begins two weeks before program. Sign up at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or call 703-444-3228.

**PIZZA MONTH.** 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Hear stories and fun facts about pizza. Ages 6-12. Registration required, online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or call 703-430-9500.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 7

**GREEN EXPO.** 6:30-9:30 p.m., Potomac Lakes Stonehouse Community Center, 20670 Fernbank Court, Potomac Falls. View exhibit booths and obtain information on green issues. Contact Martha Kaczmarczyk at 703-406-0456 or [marthak@cascadesva.com](mailto:marthak@cascadesva.com).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

**TEDDY BEAR PARTY.** 4 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Bring a favorite teddy to a party at the library. Ages 3-6. Registration begins two weeks before the program. Sign up at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or 703-737-8100.

**HALLOWEEN SUPREME.** 4-5 p.m., Claude Moore Community Center, 46111 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling. Ages 4 and up. Includes Halloween fun. Cost: \$9, with all supplies included. Preregistration required, call 571-258-3500.

**RUST RAMBLES.** 10-11:30 a.m., Rust Nature Sanctuary, 802 Childrens

Center Road, Leesburg. Spend a morning meandering through the meadows, forests and wetlands with a naturalist. Adults and older children. Free.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 9

**CASINO TRIP.** The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Charles Town, W.Va. Includes slots and simulcast horse racing; lunch on own. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers, includes transportation and \$5 cash back, subject to change. Minimum walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

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**FIRE SAFETY.** 4 p.m., Rust Library, 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. In recognition of Fire Safety Week, two firefighters will talk about fire safety and show what they wear when fighting fires. Ages 3 and up. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

**BOOK SIGNING.** 6-8 p.m., Oatlands, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg. The Journey Through Hallowed Ground and Oatlands host a talk and signing by National Geographic photographer Kenneth Garrett on the newly published book, "Journey Through Hallowed Ground: Birthplace of the American Ideal." Free and open to the public, but RSVP by Oct. 2 to Jaime McClung at 540-882-4929 or [jaime@jthg.org](mailto:jaime@jthg.org).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 10

**TEEN CENTER.** 7-10 p.m., After-Hours Teen Center, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Features art night. All teens attending the 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. For middle schoolers.





# Dominion Happy with Results

Titan cross country runners have first true test at Oatlands.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**D**ominion High cross country coach, Brian Schmidt, was anxious to see how his boys' and girls' varsity teams would fare at the renowned Oatlands Invitational event, held Sept. 20, in Leesburg.

His teams, like many others, were not able to compete at the annual Great Meadows Invitational earlier this fall because of poor weather. The huge, early season meet was not rescheduled.

**"It's like an old-school cross country course."**

— Brian Schmidt, Dominion cross country coach

But poor weather was not a problem at the Oatland's showcase. Clear skies and good running temperatures helped the day's eight races — four junior varsity, four varsity — go off without any hang-ups. Schmidt was pleased with the way his squad's fared in their first big race of the season.

"Overall, they ran well," he



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Dominion High girls were one of 47 teams that competed in the varsity 'B' race at the Oatlands Invitational.

said.

The Dominion boys were 13th overall among 48 teams in the elite varsity 'A' race. The Titans were led by sophomore J.T. Duke, who was 29th overall. Teammate Nick Phillips, a senior, was the second Dominion runner to cross the finish line and 49th overall.

The number three through five team finishers for the Titans were senior Jimmy Rion, junior Nick Sharp and senior Steven Ochocki.

Phillips, a team captain and Dominion's No. 1 runner on the team's ladder this season, had a problem with a shoe that came untied during the Oatlands race. Ultimately, he took it off at about the two-mile mark before finishing the race wearing just one shoe.

"The shoe came untied and he finally took it off," Schmidt said of Phillips' bad break. "That kind of affected his time."

Duke, meanwhile, was certainly impressive at Oatlands in being his team's best finisher. The coach called Duke, Dominion's No. 2 runner this season, a pure cross country guy.

"He's just a more natural cross country runner," said Schmidt, of the 10th-grader. "Some are more track runners. He has more of a [cross country] stride."

Oatlands is not an easy run, by any stretch, according to Schmidt.

"It's like an old-school cross country course," he said. "There are a couple creek crossings. It's not overly hilly, but it's challeng-

ing. Some of the flat areas [allow you to] get your stride going again."

**FOR THE DOMINION GIRLS**, sophomore Barbara Rion led the Titans with a 38th overall finish in a field of 300-plus runners at Oatlands in the varsity girls' 'B' race. The next finisher for Dominion was junior Buffy Misanin (71st).

"Both ran well in the 'B' race," Schmidt said.

Buffy is the younger sister of Becky Misanin, a 2007 Dominion graduate and one of the Dulles District's better runners last year.

The Dominion girls' team captains this season are seniors Cary Reyes and Lauren Bucher.

Schmidt said his team had competed on the Oatlands course a few weeks earlier in a tri-meet. That small race helped the Dominion boys and girls runners gear up for the invitational a week and a half later.

"The kids wanted to get back there and improve," Schmidt said of one of the motivators to compete at the big invitational.

The Titans have a busy schedule ahead of them with two more big invitationals over the next two weekends. This Saturday, the Titans will compete at the Octoberfest meet at Great Meadows in The Plains. Then, on Oct. 11, Dominion will participate at the Glory Days meet at Bull Run Park in Manassas.

## Potomac Falls Pounds Heritage in District Opener

Dominion, meanwhile, defeats Freedom for first win.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**P**otomac Falls' physical brand of football was too much for visiting Heritage High of Leesburg last Friday night. In both teams' Dulles District opener, the Panthers defeated the Pride in convincing fashion, 48-21.

Potomac Falls (4-0) remained unbeaten

with the win, while Heritage (3-1) earned its first loss of the season.

"I think the kids executed what the game plan was," Potomac Falls Coach Scott Woodlief said.

"Heritage was a team that came out and played hard. Our kids

wanted to come out and hit hard.

"I don't know if Heritage came up against a team in the first three weeks that was as physical as us," Woodlief said. "Our kids are pretty physical."

**"Our kids are pretty physical."**

— Potomac Falls Coach Scott Woodlief

with three straight victories over non-region opponents from West Virginia before having a bye on the schedule for week four. Woodlief was concerned that the week off

prior to the start of the district schedule might hurt his squad. But the

Panthers came out ready to play against Heritage from the start, scoring four first-quarter touchdowns to pounce ahead 28-0.

Panther quarterback Greg Woodlief tossed a 4-yard scoring pass to Chad McMichael and Michael Baker ran for two touchdowns

in the breakout first quarter. The defense also contributed to the scoring as Tarrell Owens returned an interception 17 yards for a score.

"Having a week off, we were a little nervous as a coaching staff to see how we would play early in the game," Coach Woodlief said.

Potomac Falls erased all of those fears with its incredible first 12 minutes of play. Heritage did get two touchdowns in the second quarter, but the Panthers also got a second-quarter score on a Woodlief to Owens hook-up of 38 yards. At the half, the Panthers were well in control of things at

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## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**T**he **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** opened Saturday, Sept. 20 and will continue through Thurs., Oct. 2. In recent action, Elizabeth Roadcap of Vienna won a gold medal in women's division eight-ball pool. The competition was held at Lincolnia Senior Center in Alexandria. Other events were held at Lee District Park in Franconia. Gold medals were awarded in 3-on-3 women's basketball to the Super 60s Plus team. Team members included Sue Flynn and Patricia McWethy, both of Oakton.

Also, Jingchaun Zhang of McLean earned a gold medal in men's table tennis (50-59 age division).

Lincolnia Senior Center and Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria hosted the duplicate bridge, horseshoe and shuffleboard competitions. Earning gold medalists in

duplicate bridge were Willis Hume of Reston and Paul Stygar of McLean. A gold in the horseshoe competition went to Robert Stotz of McLean (men's 75-79 age division).

Several events took place at the following locations: Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington, Lee District Park and Franconia and Bowl America Shirley in Alexandria. Bowling winners were Willis Hume of Reston (men 55-59); Betty Roadcap of Vienna (women's 75-79); and **Patricia Johnson** of Sterling (women 80-84).

In the softball throw competition at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, winners were William Bovie of Reston (men 55-59); and Sheila Gildea of McLean (women's 75-79). Gildea also earned a gold in the softball hitting event.

At Lee District Park, a gold medal was awarded in backgammon to Mohamed Youssef of Herndon. Gold medals in racquetball was given to William Bovie of Reston (men's 55-59).

Senior golfers ranging in age from 54-87 competed at the Penderbrook Golf Club in Fairfax. The competition followed the Calloway system (gross and net scoring). Gold medalists were: Walter Parham (net) of Vienna (men's 70-79); and Ernest Grady (gross) of Reston (men's 80-89).

The Leesburg Parks and Recreation Department held its **Leesburg Cup** tournament Sept. 19-21. The tournament, which was held at Ida Lee Park, was a team event featuring the top senior (50 and over) tennis players from Ida Lee (the host club), Middleburg Tennis Club and Chestnut Forks Athletic Club. The tournament was close the entire weekend, but the Ida Lee team pulled out ahead in the end and came home with a victory. They had 10 wins, with the Chestnut Forks team hot on their trail with nine wins. Middleburg finished with an impressive six wins. The sponsors of this successful event were Fox Restorations, Deck-It,



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**The Park View High football team, playing defense above, lost to Loudoun County this past week. The Patriots will play a Dulles District game at Freedom High this Friday night at 7:30 p.m.**



COURTESY PHOTO

**This is the race car of Sterling's Liam Kenney. The 16-year-old drives the No. 35 ViON/Trax International Jetta TDI entry in the inaugural 2008 VW Jetta TDI Cup Series. He is set to compete at Road Atlanta this weekend. He recorded his fourth straight top-10 finish two weeks ago in Round 5 Series action at Iowa Speedway, but dropped to seventh overall in the points standings.**

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Leesburg Parks and Recreation tennis department will be running upcoming tournaments suited for everyone, including the Leesburg 35, 40, 45 Open Championships Oct. 24-26. The singles and doubles tournaments will be for men and women ages 35-45. Cost is \$40 per person for singles and \$20 per person for couples. Register online at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) with the tournament ID #302936708. The deadline to reg-

istration is Oct. 22.

Ladies can sign up for the USTA/MAS Women's Indoor Hard Court Championship to be held at the new indoor tennis center at Ida Lee Park Oct. 31-Nov. 2. This is a tournament for singles and doubles ages 35-55. Cost for the tournament is \$40 per person for singles and \$20 per person for couples. Register online at [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) with the tournament ID #302941308. Registration deadline is Oct. 26.

For more information, call tennis professional Moses Gittens at 703-737-6043.



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**Caitlin Jones, a senior member of the Potomac Falls' girls' volleyball team, goes for a hit in the Panthers' Sept. 25 home match loss to Heritage. Potomac Falls is home against Loudoun County on Thursday of this week.**

# Dominion Earns First Win of Season

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35-14. In the second half, Woodlief (9 of 14, 114 yards, 3 TDs) found McMichael for a 7-yard scoring pass play and Baker (120 yards rushing) ran for his third score of the game.

Potomac Falls was more than pleased at garnering its first district win of the season. The Panthers will have another tough district test this Friday when they travel to Loudoun County (4-0). The Raiders are coming off a Dulles District win over Park View.

"The first win in the district is a big win for us," Woodlief said of beating Heritage.

"But this week we'll have another team that is 4-0. They beat Park View last week. It should be a good football game there Friday night."

## Dominion Gets into The Win Column

The Dominion High football team earned its first win of the season and its first under Coach Karl Buckwalter in a 35-7 triumph over visiting Dulles District opponent Freedom of South Riding last Friday night.

The Titans, with the win, improved to 1-3 overall. Freedom is also 1-3.

Dominion had a huge game from sophomore running back Deandre Reaves, who rushed for 247 yards on 24 carries and three touchdowns. Reaves' scoring runs came from 52, 22 and 58 yards out. He also returned a kickoff 85 yards for his fourth touchdown of the night. Two-hundred and eight of Reaves' rushing yards came in the first half.

"He got blocks up front, but does a great job on his own as well," Buckwalter said of the sophomore playmaker.

For the unabridged version of the story, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com).

**"The hardest thing to do is get the first win, but then you can build off that."**

— Dominion Coach Karl Buckwalter

**DOMINION TOOK** a 21-0 lead into halftime. "The kids reacted well at halftime and put forth another [strong] 24 minutes,"

the coach said. "The hardest thing to do is get the first win, but then you can build off that."

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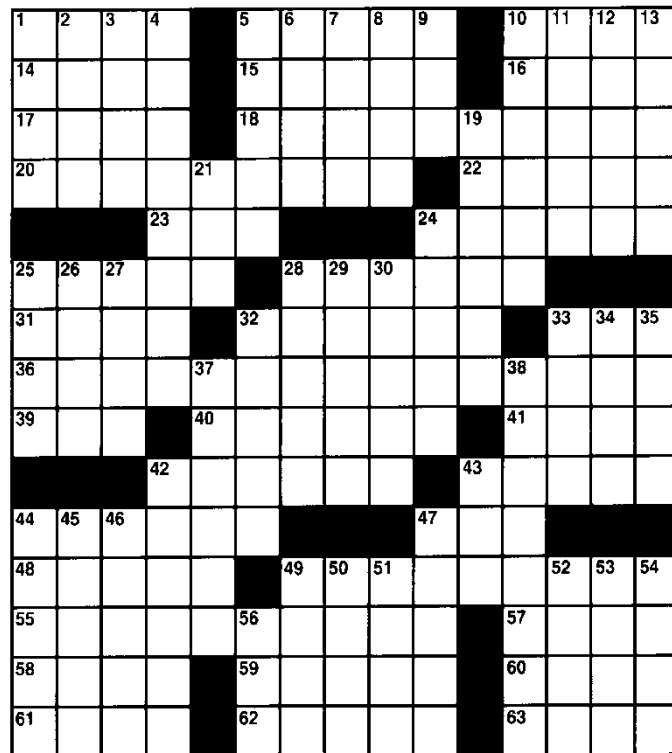
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- 1 Unforeseen difficulty  
5 Dwelling  
10 Gauguin or Cézanne  
14 Soybean dish  
15 Like lymphatic tissue  
16 "Giant" author Ferber  
17 Get  
18 Start of a joke  
20 Response to 18-Across  
22 Big name in computers  
23 Bell and Barker  
24 Less slovenly  
25 Smooth in motion  
28 Move down the computer screen  
31 Right on the map  
32 Deli sausage  
33 Short punch  
36 With 49- and 55-Across, response to 20-Across  
39 Miscalculate  
40 Made invalid  
41 Wife in "Finnegans Wake"

## DOWN

- 42 Serving dish  
43 Gives off  
44 Hot as a pistol, e.g.  
47 "Big Blue"  
48 Makes a cardigan, say  
49 See 36-Across  
55 See 36-Across  
57 Seasick sailor's support  
58 Yorkshire river  
59 Gill of country music  
60 Light brown  
61 Sediment  
62 Protected by levees  
63 Honeybunch

## ACROSS

- 11 Assume  
12 Last word in a wrestling match?  
13 Adbul-Jabbar, 1975-89  
19 Kato of Simpson trial fame  
21 Bit  
24 One for whom all roads lead to roam  
25 Honor with a party  
26 Actor Bert  
27 Conniver  
28 Miss Hawkins of Dogpatch

- 29 Half of a famous outlaw duo  
30 Japanese noodle dish  
32 Insomniac's annoyance  
33 Folk singer Mitchell  
34 12-Down partner  
35 Tops  
37 Tear off with force  
38 Talked, talked, talked  
42 Collection plate amounts  
43 Outward flow  
44 Cheer with beer  
45 Bellybutton type  
46 British bishop's headdress  
47 Angry  
49 Sixth-century date  
50 Sound at Old MacDonald's  
51 At some prior point  
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## "Don't Know From Adam"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There's so much I don't know, that not knowing from whom or from where I don't know it is largely irrelevant to me. Nor is it a matter of blame. I take full responsibility for what it is that I don't know. But knowing what I don't know and being open and admitting it is a good quality, I've been told. But neither do I remember who told me that. I only remember being told.

"A man has to know his limitations," you may recall Clint Eastwood/"Dirty Harry" saying to a "punk, huh?" But in keeping with the theme of this column, I can't remember exactly in which "Dirty Harry" movie it was said. I can only remember that it was said, and quite famously, and repeatedly, so much so that it has become part of popular culture. And it's become part of my culture as well. I don't go around saying it, mimicking Clint in the process, I simply embrace it, intellectually, as an explanation for the many shortcomings I possess.

Ironically though, I believe I take a certain amount — and type — of pride in not knowing, and knowing that I don't know. As such, I rarely reach beyond my grasp. Nor do I bite off more than I can chew (figuratively speaking. Literally speaking, I do all the time, just ask my wife. No, don't ask my wife, she'd rather not be reminded). And more often than not, I will look before I leap. Somehow, somewhere, with the help of so many others, especially my parents, I suppose I have learned my lessons, thankfully.

The kinds of lessons that may not be reflected in the content of these columns, nor might they be apparent if you spend any amount of time with me. And for all I know, this knowledge may be a figment of my imagination and not really obvious to anyone with whom I have conversations or business dealings. However, since this perception is already in my head, it might be difficult to convince me otherwise.

But knowing that — and admitting it — might yet prove noteworthy. If I know that I'm not always right, and I know how much there is that I don't know, and I know my limitations, then I may know a lot more than I think I know. And "Adam" whoever he is or was, is also someone I don't know and even if I did know who Adam was — or is, I certainly wouldn't blame him for any of my shortcomings. On the other hand, "Adam" is just part of an expression whose knowledge may or may not have something to do with the Garden of Eden, but that's something else that I don't know. But I don't mind that I don't know. It's just another log on that what-I-don't-know fire which blazes internally and it looks like, eternally, too.

But so what? What's in a name, what's in a number? It's all about what's in your head, anyway. What I don't know won't hurt me unless I'm too stubborn to admit it. And I may be lots of things, but stubborn is not one of them. That's something else I know. And now you know, for better or worse.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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**OBITUARY**

**Dorothy Alma "Dottie" Woods**, age 65, on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at her home in Herndon, Virginia. Devoted mother of Alyssa Megan Woods; sister of Randolph "Randy" Propst and Billy Yates Propst. Mrs. Woods was a devoted mother and a strong advocate for her daughter, Alyssa. She worked for the McLean Giant for many years. The family will receive friends at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 7426 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, Virginia on Monday, September 29, from 12:00pm until time of services at 2:00pm Interment Hickory, North Carolina. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the International Rett Syndrome Foundation, 4600 Devitt Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246. Please view and sign the guest book at [moneyandking.com](http://moneyandking.com)

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**Hair Port Salon & Day Spa** is holding its 11th annual Cut-a-thon, Sunday, **Oct. 5**, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 46 Pidgeon Hill Drive, Sterling. All proceeds donated directly to the City of Hope, a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. Call 703-430-3400. In addition, the **Countryside Fall Festival** takes place in the shopping center, from noon-4 p.m. and includes food, a moon bounce, games and prizes.

**NetSecurity**, a computer security and forensics firm based in Dulles, was granted its private investigation license from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice. The license allows the company to conduct digital forensics investigations and positions its consultants as expert witnesses in criminal and civil proceedings.

**SkyLink USA**, a Dulles-based company that specializes in transportation, airport management, disaster relief and aviation support services, named **Rima Saleh** as its new vice president of sales and services.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

Send ongoing events, which are open to the public at no or minimal cost, to The Loudoun Connection, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102 or e-mail loudoun@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday, two weeks before the event. Photos/artwork encouraged. For more information, call 703-917-6454.

The September 2008 edition of "**Inside Loudoun County**" features segments on energy efficiency and volunteering.

The guests for the first segment of the television show are Loudoun County energy manager Najib Salehi and Diane O'Grady of the Office of the County Administrator. In the show's second segment features Lisa Rose and Karen Krei of Volunteer Loudoun, formerly Loudoun Volunteer Services.

"Inside Loudoun County" is a 30-minute cable television program airing Mondays-Fridays, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., on Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40. The show is hosted by Nancy McCormick of the Loudoun County Office of Public Information and is produced by Comcast.

**Fall Harvest Festival, Sept. 27-Oct. 31**, Great Country Farms, 18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, includes hayrides, you-pick pumpkins, Oinkintucky Derby pig races, P-Rex the Pumpkin Munchin' Dinosaur, the Pumpkin Princess, the Rooster Wrangler and activities. Admission: \$8 per person, Saturdays, Sundays and Columbus Day Monday; \$6 per person Mondays-Fridays. Additional charge for evening bonfire/hayrides and pumpkin picking. Call 540-554-2073.

**Teen Reading Buddies Story Time**, Tuesdays, **Oct. 7, 21**, 4:30 p.m., Rust Library at 34D Catocin Circle, Leesburg. One-on-one reading time for children as they buddy up with teen volunteers who will read picture books to them. Recommended for ages 3-6.

All Loudoun County public libraries are accepting entries, **through Oct. 10**, for a **film competition**: Book Trailers. Teens can pick up an entry form and borrow a "FLIP" camera in the library to make a mini commercial about a book. Prizes will be awarded and the winning book trailer will be posted to the library's Web site during Teen Read Week, October 12-18. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.

**2009 WrestleMania Reading Challenge, Oct. 12-Jan. 12**, Ashburn, Cascades and Sterling libraries. Teens and tweens read 10 books and create a bookmark for a chance to win prizes from WWE in the 2009 WrestleMania Reading Challenge. Could win a trip to Houston for WrestleMania 25. Visit <http://library.loudoun.gov>.



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