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Photos by Cole's Closet, Potomac Hospital on Thursday.

# Tour to show off 'green' energy

## LOCCA, Public Works to discuss geothermal heat

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It's a meeting of old with new that kicks off Saturday morning, as civic group leaders and county staff showcase the latest in environmentally friendly energy technology on two Prince William buildings that have been around for decades.

Rippon Lodge was built about 1747, according to a press release from the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, and "is the oldest house in existence in Prince William County."

The Brentsville Courthouse, meanwhile, was constructed nearly 100 years earlier, "on the King James II of England Brent Town Land Grant," LOCCA reports. The building was the site of the county seat in 1820.

What's new is the heating system.

"The county has installed new geothermal heat pump units at each of these sites," LOCCA said. "This county initiative demonstrates one of several types of cost-effective technologies currently available to residents for retrofitting homes, to developers for new commercial and residential construction, as well as to government at all levels for public buildings."

Geothermal energy is generated by heat that is stored in the ground. According to the International Energy Agency's 2008 report, Key World Energy Statistics, less than 1 percent of the earth's energy comes from geothermal power.

Those interested in seeing the systems, and learning

# Interstate 95

cleared the scene. Wreckers were called in to remove the rigs just after 6:45 a.m.

David Tomlin, 59, of Mollusk, was charged with making the unsafe lane change that led to the accident.

The drivers of the other two tractor-trailers were also from Virginia. They have not been charged.

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man of the Prince William Republican Committee, wasn't buying the poll results.

"I don't doubt that Obama might have a slight lead right now in Virginia, but I have a hard time believing that it would be a nine-point lead," she said.

According to Lawson, Republican offices in Prince William County are "swamped" with people seeking campaign material and information or wanting to volunteer.

"We're not only reaching out to the voters, they're

... would just take the composite of the last seven or eight polls, we're ahead," Frisbie said.

But he was cautious.

"I think the one Mason-Dixon poll is an outlier," Frisbee said of the poll that showed McCain ahead. "I think the one that showed nine points between them is an outlier too."

Frisbee estimates that the Obama campaign is up 3 to 4 points in Virginia.

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how they might be adapted for other buildings, can meet with LOCCA and Public Works Department officials Saturday morning at 10 at the McCoart Administrative Building for the tour.

The civic group is actively exploring alternative energy sources that might be used

locally — and for homeowners, the savings could prove significant.

"[The] tour ... demonstrates a modern, environmentally friendly and cost-effective technology available today that can reduce utility bills to the average homeowner by as much as 70 percent and ... pays for itself many times over the life cycle of the system."

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## Lotteries



These numbers were drawn Thursday, Oct. 2:

### Virginia

Midday Pick 3 .....8-2-9  
 Midday Pick 4 .....0-3-9-0  
 Midday Cash 5 ..14-15-21-28-31

Virginia lottery numbers for Thursday night will appear in tomorrow's paper.

### District of Columbia

Midday Lucky Nos .....1-3-2  
 Midday D.C. Four .....3-8-7-3  
 Lucky Numbers .....8-4-1

D.C. Four .....0-6-4-5  
 Rolling Cash 5 .....9-17-18-21-23  
 Daily 6 ...10-16-30-33-35-38(12)

### Maryland

Midday Pick 3 .....5-7-9  
 Midday Pick 4 .....3-1-7-8  
 Pick 3 .....2-7-0  
 Pick 4 .....3-6-1-2  
 B. Match 5 .....7-19-22-24-33(3)

These numbers were drawn Wednesday, Oct. 1:

### Virginia

Pick 3 .....3-6-1  
 Pick 4 .....3-6-0-7  
 Cash 5 .....3-21-24-29-34  
 Win for Life ...2-12-16-25-34-36(24)

### District of Columbia

Powerball ..8-9-39-43-55(26, 2x)

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