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Firm Comes to Purcellville

WSI, a Toronto-based Internet consulting and education company, opened an office in Purcellville to be run by consultant Mel Harkrader Pine. WSI has offices in 87 countries. For more information, call Pine at 540-338-3303.

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Specialized Inc. Acquired

CBC Cos., a mortgage services company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, recently acquired Leesburg-based Specialized Inc. of Virginia, a full-service foreclosure provider. The acquisition enables Specialized customers to have bundled service that includes CBC's mortgage services, such as property reports, title insurance, mortgage credit reports and flood zone determinations.

New 'Leesburg Talk' Site

Leesburg resident Chuck Shotton has launched "Leesburg Talk," an online community site at www.leesburgtalk.com, to provide a forum for residents to discuss problems, issues and news.

Shotton said in a statement that he hoped the forum would excite residents about Leesburg and enable them to find answers to questions not raised at town meetings.

Chamber Membership Drive

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce members will visit businesses in Sterling and Countryside on Oct. 1 and 2 as part of their fall membership campaign.

Businesses that join during the campaign will receive special benefits, including free attendance to the October Business Showcase breakfast and after-hours mixers and 15 months of membership for the price of 12. For more information, call 703-777-2176 or visit www.loudounchamber.org.

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