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Members of the Herndon High School Step Team, Alana Henderson and Syama Sulaiman, perform along with the rest of the team during the No Half Steppin' in '08 Step competition at South Lakes High School on March 14.



PHOTO BY MIRZA KURSPAHC/THE CONNECTION

Herndon High School's cheerleading squad raises spectators' spirits at the 2008 Herndon Homecoming Parade.



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Virginia Turner of Herndon looks at some produce, while her daughter Natalie plays with the peacock feather her mother bought her from the market.

VIEWPOINTS

What are your favorite hot spots in the area?

— JANELLE L. PLUMMER



Sheila Gravely, teacher at Ad Fontes Academy, Herndon

"The Starbucks at Worldgate Centre. We stop here every day after

we workout. It's just a customary thing to do. That's what we do to support each other."



Mandy McKinley, homemaker, mother of four, Herndon

"The Worldgate Sport and Health Club. They offer great

classes and it's a great place to meet people."



Benjamin Cheriyan, health-care worker, 18, Great Falls

"The movie theaters in Herndon. They have a good selection of movies.

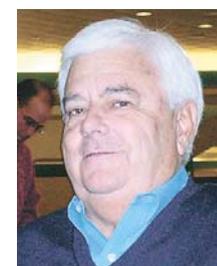
It brings youth together and it's having fun in a healthy way. You meet up and relax. The area is relaxing."



Sharu Ahmed, Langley High School student, 18, Great Falls

"The movie theater and Worldgate Sport and Health Club.

It's good, safe and healthy. [You're] not sitting at home doing nothing."



Ken Ellis, sales representative, Herndon

"Clyde's of Reston. It has good food and it's an excellent meeting place. It's first class.

Also, the A Deli Italian Food & Wine. They have excellent Italian subs and sandwiches and good service. They serve you quick. We want everything in a hurry."

Year Round Festivities

101 ways of having fun in Herndon, Reston area.

It's Only Natural

Town of Herndon Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration

Town Green
777 Lynn St., Herndon

Join hundreds of area residents at Herndon's annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration in April. Learn about the community's natural resources and issues affecting them from local experts and nature enthusiasts. The celebration also features live music and dance performances from students in area schools.

Party at the Herndon Festival

The Herndon Festival
777 Lynn St., Herndon

The Herndon Festival is the town's highly anticipated annual event. Held in the first weekend in June, the four-day event takes over the core downtown area and offers live entertainment, local food, arts and crafts and carnival rides. It also features local civic and nonprofit organizations while showcasing the area's business community. The Town of Herndon and Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the free annual festival. For more information visit the Town of Herndon web site at www.town.herndon.va.us.

Celebrate America's Independence

Town of Herndon 4th of July Celebration
Bready Park by the Herndon Community Center,
814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon

Join your neighbors in celebrating America's independence each July 4 at Bready Park next to the Herndon Community Center. Thousands gather for live evening performances before a spectacular fireworks show over Herndon's Centennial Golf Course, just across Ferndale Avenue from the park.

A Day on a Farm

4H Farm Fest
Frying Pan Farm

Come see animals galore at the annual 4H Farm Fest held in August at the Frying Pan Farm. Animal judging contests, dog shows, hay rides, amusement park rides and farm demonstrations are just some of the activities offered during the weekend-long festival.

From the Orient

Asian Festival
Brown's Chapel Park, Reston
Thousands of people from all over North-

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ern Virginia attend this celebration each year for the last five years. Cultural offerings from Asian nations include live music and dance, martial arts demonstrations and tens of traditional menus from area's Asian restaurants. The weekend-long celebration is sponsored by the Thai Tennis Organization in America.

Herndon Labor Day Jazz and Wine Festival

Herndon Town Green
777 Lynn St., Herndon

Combine fine wine and terrific jazz performances for a great day of fun and entertainment. The annual Herndon Labor Day Jazz and Wine Festival features Virginia wineries as well as concessions, art, and of course jazz music by nationally renowned artists, including homegrown talent, on the

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The 900 block of Alabama Drive has been purchased and talks of redevelopment are expected to start this year



A proposal for a future transit-oriented development on the property of the distinctive Center for Innovative Technology will be the subject of scrutiny this year.

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Town Green. The festival takes place on Labor Day. Admission prices include a \$15 charge per person for wine tasting. Children under 12 enter the festival free.

Surrounded by Nature

NatureFest
Runnymede Park, Herndon
Hundreds of area residents attend the weekend-long NatureFest each year, taking time to learn about the wildlife and natural surroundings in Herndon. Snakes, bugs, trees and plants dominate the demonstrations and discussions at one of Herndon's favorite annual festivals, held in late September.

Celebrate Culture

The Annual Cox Hispanic Heritage Festival
777 Lynn St., Herndon
Located on the Herndon Municipal Center's Town Green, the annual Hispanic Heritage Festival features food, music, games and performances celebrating Hispanic culture. Sponsored by Cox Communications, the proceeds from this colorful October event benefit the Hispanic Committee, a Fairfax County organization that supports the local Hispanic Community. For more information on participating in this event, or to sign up as an arts and crafts or food vendor, contact the Council for the Arts of Herndon.

Freezing Cold Swim

Polar Plunge
Lake Anne
Come to the Washington Plaza in early February and see a new Reston tradition. In 2008, the first Polar Plunge raised more than \$7,000 for Camp Sunshine, sending four families to camp. The second annual event will take place on Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. Visit www.freezinforsareason.com for registration and other information about the event.

Reston Zoo Eggstravaganza

Reston Zoo
1228 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna
Hundreds of children hunt for Easter Eggs around the animal enclosures. During the breaks from the egg hunt, the Easter Bunny is available for pictures and animals are available for visits. Visit www.restonzoo.com for more information.

Enjoy the Arts

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival
Reston Town Center
The annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival is held in May every year at the Reston Town Center. Sponsored by the

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A Look at 2009 The year ahead in Herndon.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Budget Woes

Like any other locality, the Town of Herndon will face serious budget issues in the coming year. Already, shortfalls in the estimated revenue for the current fiscal year have necessitated spending reductions, such as eliminating vacant positions, scrutinizing equipment and vehicle spending, and limiting overtime, travel and training.

Fairfax County is now estimating that residential assessments will fall by an average of 12 percent in the 2010 fiscal year, which starts in July. At the current town real estate tax rate of 24 cents per \$100 of assessed value, this would mean a decline of approximately \$663,000 in revenue. With commercial real estate assessments projected to fall by about 10 percent, the total loss of real estate revenue for fiscal year 2010 is more than \$1.2 million. Expected declines in other tax revenues, such as the meals, sales and telecommunications taxes represent another \$800,000 to \$1 million lost.

One likely way of mitigating the loss of revenue will be an increase in tax rates. Another possible step would be an increase in fees for parks and recreation, special trash collections and other services.

Big Year for the Chamber

A difficult economy will not stop the Herndon Chamber of Commerce from celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Founded on Jan. 20, 1959, the chamber, also known as the Dulles Regional Chamber, will begin celebrating its birthday with a Birthday Party Mixer on Jan. 15. This will be the first of a series of 50th anniversary mixers, to be held throughout the year at a variety of locations, including the new

ArtsSpace, the new HRI Associates location, Worldgate Sport and Health Club, Friday Night Live, the Hispanic Reception at Cox, the Herndon Seniors Center and others.

The Feb. 21 gala, "Hour Story: Eat, Drink and Dance Your Way through Five Decades," will be among the largest events ever staged by the chamber. It will include silent and live auctions and a visual history of the chamber. Hundreds are expected to attend.

Starting out with three members and with the town attorney as president, the Herndon Chamber of Commerce's membership has grown to more than 300 businesses, making it the largest chamber in the county.

Future Transit-Oriented Development?

With Metrorail expected to pass through the Herndon area, Comprehensive Plan amendments have been proposed that would set the stage for almost 50 acres around the Center for Innovative Technology to become a dense, mixed-use, transit-oriented development.

In February, the Dranesville District Area Plan Review (APR) Task Force will examine a set of proposals that would add language to the Comprehensive Plan endorsing the construction of 1,800 dwelling units in multifamily buildings, 210,400 square feet of retail space and 2,302,769 square feet of office space on the site. The development is to be built at densities up to about 2.0 floor area ratio (FAR), meaning two square feet of floor space for each square foot of land. The land is currently zoned at densities between .25 and 1.0 FAR.

The task force discussion in February will be the beginning of a long process, unless the proposals are shot down. If the Comprehensive Plan amendments are approved by the task force, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, a similar process will be initiated to rezone

the area.

Phase II of Rail to Dulles, which would bring Metrorail to the site, remains unfunded.

Shaping Downtown Herndon

For many years, there has been talk about reshaping the downtown area. This year, the Department of Community Development plans to begin work on a master plan that will guide future development there. The town will work with residents and an outside designer to develop the plan, although the bidding process to hire a consultant has not yet begun.

Meanwhile, in the next couple of months, the town Planning Commission plans to bring in an expert to hold a one-day or weekend-long seminar on the planning process to educate staff and, especially, the public.

Talk about a master plan began when it became apparent last year, during discussions regarding an eight-acre development by JPI Development and an application to build a Diamond Hotel in downtown Herndon, that there was not a lot of consensus as to what people wanted downtown.

Talks with JPI fell through with the market downturn, but land has been rezoned for the Diamond Hotel, and a site plan is in the works.

The master plan will determine building heights and general placement of uses, but not specific building footprints or architecture. It is to be used as a guide for developers in the future.

In the meantime, the 900 block of Alabama Drive has been sold, and the new owner is proposing a zoning map amendment to allow redevelopment of the block, although an application has not yet been submitted.

Volunteering to 'Change World'

Herndon High School student receives the 2008 Teen Volunteer of the Year Award.

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER
THE CONNECTION

"Do you have an appointment?" Shannon Storey asked a Hispanic woman at the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic. The woman, with a small child by her side, said she does not have an appointment. Shannon searches for her name on a clipboard. "This is a walk-in," Storey said. "Have a seat please."

Seventeen-year-old Storey's schedule is different from many teens her age.

When she is not taking honors or advanced placement classes at Herndon High School or working part time at the Sun Splash Mega Tan, you can find her volunteering at the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic in Herndon.

THE CLINIC provides health services free of charge to individuals with no insurance, who have a household income of 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level. The individuals live in Herndon, Reston, Chantilly or Centreville, according to the clinic.

The services include temporary non-emergency care for children and full medical care for adults who are hypertensive or diabetic.

Storey started as an intern during the summer of 2007. Then, she became a volunteer in the fall last year.

"The best part is the people and the staff," Storey said. "It's a family environment. I wouldn't do it, if I didn't love it."

Storey is the first teen to receive the 2008 Eddie Hurley Teen Volunteer of the Year Award from the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic. She received the award Friday, Nov. 14, at a Volunteer Appreciation Reception.

"Compared to other people who volunteer here, I don't deserve the award," Storey said. "They spend more time here. It was very special for me. It's a night I will always remember."

Meagan Ulrich, the executive director of the clinic, said Storey deserves the award. She said Storey is mature and takes initiative.

"She's an outstanding volunteer," Ulrich said. "When the volunteers got together, everybody in the group said Shannon [should get the award]. She will get on the floor and play with a crying kid. She goes with the flow."

While Storey enjoys volunteering at the clinic, she said there is one thing she dislikes.

"The worst part is that you see situations that are heartbreaking," Storey said. "I go home in the car and I feel helpless. I can't help them. I can only do so much ... wanting to do more and make their lives the best. ... It's really tough for me."

Randy Gazda, a Herndon High School



Rachel Short, 16, Sydney Kudeviz, 17, and Shannon Storey, 17, wait for patients to arrive at the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Thursday, Dec. 18. These teen volunteers attend Herndon High School.



Shannon Storey and Veronica Vogt during the Volunteer Appreciation Reception Nov. 14 when Storey received the 2008 Eddie Hurley Teen Volunteer of the Year Award from the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic.

counselor, has known Storey for four years. Gazda said she understands why the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic recognized Storey as teen volunteer of the year.

"Our Shannon is a perfectionist," Gazda said. "The kid does it all. She's one of those amazing people, who holds society together, who steps up when there is a need. She's going to change it [and] improve it. She takes things personally and seriously."

Gazda said Storey has a people connection and has won other awards.

During Storey's freshman year, she attended a Darfur rally in Washington, D.C. Storey said she was so moved by the rally that she created a video about genocide in Darfur. She raised \$3,000 to send to Darfur.

The film won honorary mention in a film festival for Frederick County Public Schools.

Gazda said the more you give Storey, the harder she works.

"She's one of those outstanding students, she wants to be a nurse," Gazda said. "What a perfect spot to find herself," referring to her volunteer work at the clinic.

Storey said she did want to be a nurse practitioner, but now she is looking into becoming a doctor. She said if she becomes a doctor, she can use her skills to help others.

Storey feels she is playing an integral role in the Herndon community.

"I never thought I would be able to change the world before volunteering here," she said. "I feel like I am. It makes me think I have more potential than I thought. I've been so blessed with everything that I have. I've never had to struggle like these people."

IN THE END, Storey still hopes to come back and work at the clinic, after her first year of college in the summer.

Storey was accepted into the honors program at George Mason University. She is still waiting to hear from the University of Virginia.

She said teens should get involved, despite their busy schedules. She said she has become aware of the community.

"You gain respect for so many people, and their ideas," she said. "There is so much prejudice ... No matter what religion you are or what language you speak, we are all human. It has changed me. It has made me look at the world a little different."

Ulrich, the director of the clinic, said there is an increased need for volunteers at the clinic. She said she appreciates volunteers like Storey.

"[Shannon] has worked with all kinds of people," Ulrich said.

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Greater Reston Arts Center, the festival features many local and national artists who showcase and sell original and unique art. The festival has been held for more than 15 years and also features entertainment by local artists. It is one of the largest juried arts festivals on the East Coast. For more information, and if interested in participating next year, visit the Greater Reston Arts Center web site at www.restonarts.org.

Celebration of Cultures

The Annual Multi-Cultural Festival
Lake Anne Village Center

This annual event occurs in early September and showcases the area's diverse cultural wealth. Dance performances are couple with musical performances and traditional dresses from all corners of the globe. Each continent is represented and games for children are available. Food vendors and craftsmen ensure the visitors can leave with something from the memorable celebrations. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com for more.

German Celebration

Oktoberfest
Reston Town Center

Oktoberfest, the beloved tradition of many years had taken a hiatus for a few Octobers. However, in 2008 the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce sponsored the return of the food, beer, wine and community celebration to Reston Town Center. More than 20,000 people attended the free weekend celebration in mid-October. Reston restaurants showcased their best Oktoberfest fare and area entertainers took to the stage to provide musical and dance numbers for the large audience. For more information visit the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce web site at www.restonchamber.org.

THEATER

Watch Elden Street Players

Elden Street Players
The Industrial Strength Theatre
269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon

Visit the Elden Street Players, Herndon's volunteer theater group for top notch stage entertainment. Seasonal plays are staged each year. Actors and volunteers are sought for each play. Auditions with the Elden Street Players are held well in advance of the scheduled shows. Between 30 to 100 volunteers are needed for every show. For more information go to www.eldenstreetplayers.com. For ticket reservations call 703-481-5930.

MORE NEXT WEEK

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NEWS

Plans Review Meetings Scheduled

Schedule of nominations being considered.

In March 2008, the 2008-09 North County Area Plans Review (APR) process officially started. This includes the Hunter Mill, Dranesville, Providence and Sully supervisor districts. The purpose of the APR process is to review proposed changes to the land-use recommendations found in the Area Plans and on the Comprehensive Plan Map. Nominations were submitted from May 1 through June 27. The Hunter Mill District received 28 nominations accepted, of which 21 have been deferred. The following is the schedule for

the remaining nominations that are being considered during this cycle:

❖ Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m., North County Government Center 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

AGENDA: Review Upper Potomac Environment Section nomination 08-III-20UP and Reston Hospital nomination 08-III-25UP.

❖ Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m., Floris Elementary School, 2708 Centreville Road, Herndon.

AGENDA: Review Middleton

Farms nomination 08-III-6DS.

❖ Monday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m., South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston.

AGENDA: Review Thoburn nomination 08-III-10UP

❖ Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. (Location TBD)

AGENDA: Carryover meeting
For questions about the meeting schedule, meeting location and times, call Goldie Harrison in Supervisor Hudgins' office at 703-478-0283. For information on a particular nomination visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/2008northcounty/nominations/>.

CRIME

The Herndon Police Department reported the following activities through Dec. 28.

ASSAULT

600 Block Pemberton Court. The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Dec. 22.

500 Block Florida Ave. The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Dec. 25.

700 Block Grant St. The victim reported being assaulted by an

unknown subject, Dec. 25.

LARCENY

12000 Block Alton Square. A vehicle was broken into and a GPS was stolen, Dec. 23-24.

500 Block Florida Ave. An emblem was removed from a vehicle, Dec. 26.

12000 Block Alton Square. The victim reported jewelry being stolen from their residence, Dec. 28.

1100 Block Lisa Court. The victim

reported money being stolen from their residence, Dec. 23-24.

200 Block Reneau Way. A vehicle was stolen, Dec. 25-26.

100 Block Spring St. The victim reported bags of bread being stolen from their business, Dec. 23.

DRUNK IN PUBLIC ARREST

500 Block Florida Ave. A 26 year old male of Reston, was arrested for Drunk in Public, Dec. 25.



St. Veronica Catholic School
3460-B Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA 20151

2009 Open House

Tuesday, January 13th, 2009 • 9 to 10:30 am / Tuesday, January 27th, 2009 • 9 to 10:30 am
Thursday, February 5th, 2009 • 7 to 8:30 pm / Thursday, February 19th, 2009 • 1 to 2:00 pm

- Meet the Principal, faculty members, and school parents
- Tour our facilities and campus
- Observe classes in session (Jan. and Feb. 19th open house dates)
- Academically challenging curriculum
- Learn about our curriculum, encore classes and after school activities

Applications and additional information is available through the school office or on our website at www.stveronicaschool.org
Contact us at: info@stveronicaschool.org or by phone 703-773-2022

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Hours: Monday-Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-3.
4057 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030 • 703-385-7387

PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Healthy weight management and obesity prevention

F.U.N. & S.N.A.P.
Fitness, Understanding and Nutrition ages 7-11
Simple Nutrition and Physical Activity ages 12-15

The 2009 sessions will be held on **Saturdays** in the Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Medical Plaza Conference Center, 3700 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, VA.

THE PROGRAM PROVIDES:

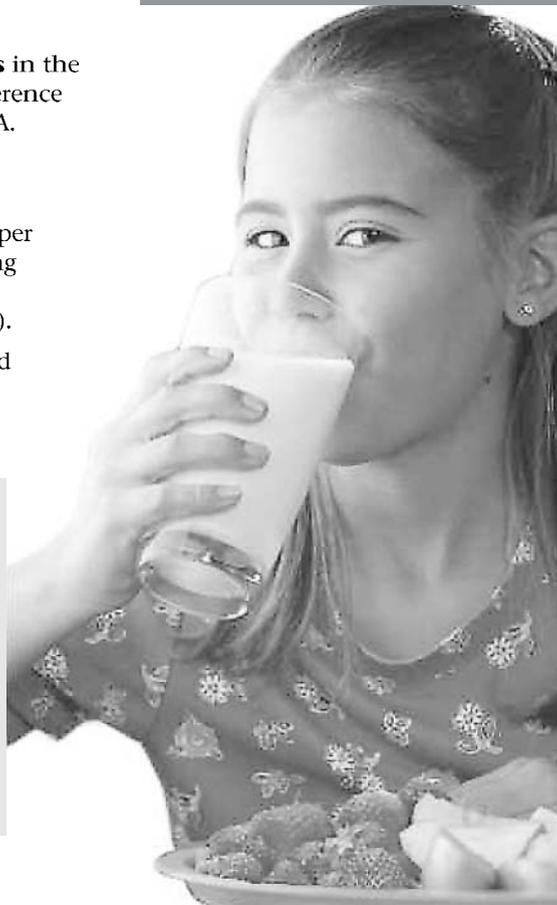
- An Exercise Physiologist who will teach proper physical fitness, sporting activities, stretching and balancing, as well as lifestyle choices (ie. sedentary behaviors vs. active behaviors).
- Our Registered Dietitians will teach balanced nutrition, including best food choices and OK food choices vs. food choices that should be limited.

9:00 am - F.U.N (ages 7-11)
10:00 am - S.N.A.P (age 12-15)

Jan 17 - Feb 21, 2009 April 25 - June 6
July 25 - August 29 October 17- November 21

FEE: \$60 for 6-week program

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OPINION

Happy New Year

Let's have some fun.

The news as we begin 2009 can be daunting, even with the excitement brewing over the inauguration of President Barack Obama later this month.

While there are a lot of serious things to be concerned about, at the Connection, we'll start the year with a look at fun things to do.

From visiting Great Falls (if you haven't, you really should) to playing Frisbee golf in McLean's central park or Burke Lake park, favorite bars, fun local festivals to mark on your calendar, spots for laser tag, skeet shooting practice, dog parks, equestrian opportunities, sailing lessons, and many fun things to do for free, over the month of January, The Connection will compile hundreds of ways to have fun.

Be sure to share your tips for fun things to do in your orbit.

As local, weekly newspapers, the

Connection's mission is to bring the news you need about your community that you are not likely to get anywhere else — to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones in community and people's lives.

We begin 2009 by looking for more input from our readers. Let us know how we're doing, and let us know what is going on in your part of the community.

EDITORIALS

We invite you to send letters to the editor, or just to send us an e-mail letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or just something you wonder about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

We want to know if you have an idea for fixing traffic in your part of the world. We want

to know if you've had a good or bad experience with local government. If you know of a person or an organization that is interesting, doing important work, and might make a good feature story, let us know.

If someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show, these are all things that we want to know. E-mail or mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events in local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you in 2009.

— MARY KIMM,

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More Serious Stuff Ahead

❖ In Fairfax County, a critically important election is coming up in less than a month.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 all polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to choose a replacement for Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly, who begins representing much of Fairfax County in the U.S. House of Representatives this week.

Two current members of the Board of Supervisors are vying to replace Connolly, Sharon

Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). Both candidates are dedicated individuals with excellent experience and ample intellects. Their approaches to handling the county as it heads through a period of economic crisis would be quite different. You'll read more about them in the pages of the Connection. See their Web sites for more in the meantime: <http://sharonbulova.com>, and <http://herrity.balancegroup.us>

❖ The Virginia General Assembly begins its annual session with a budget train wreck next week. Go to the Virginia General Assembly Web site for more at <http://legis.state.va.us>.

The House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia operate a toll-free message center to accept calls from citizens who want to express an opinion on legislation. The messages are relayed to the members' offices as requested. Call the Constituent Viewpoint line at 800-889-0229.

Community Performs 'Little Miracles'

LINK feeds more than 5,500 local residents at holiday events, 1,575 children receive new toys, 1,150 winter coats and sweaters distributed.

BY LISA LOMBARDOZZI
LINK HOLIDAY PROJECT MAN-
AGER

What do you do when your children grow up and leave home for college? You look for a way to fill large gaps of time and help your community. LINK, an all-volunteer Christian organization serving the Herndon, Sterling and Ashburn communities since 1972, was the choice for me. I had volunteered for years answering the food pantry phone lines several times a year and deciding to organize the annual Holiday Basket program seemed like a good use of my newly found time.

With the economic downturn, LINK chose to increase the number of families that it would assist this year for the holiday program

by almost 20 percent. The biggest concern on everyone's minds was whether we would receive enough donations of food, used coats and toys to provide this increased level of support. As days passed, calls and e-mails poured in offering help. Boy Scouts donated more than 35,000 pounds of food from their Scouting for Food program, Girl Scouts donated thousands of pounds from their Caroling for Food program through Good Shepherd Alliance in Ashburn and area businesses such as Walmart, Salon Nordine and many others held food drives for LINK. GAM Printers generously donated hundreds of boxes to store the food, Harris Teeter donated more than 7,000 paper grocery bags, private and public schools in Fairfax County and Loudoun County held food and coat drives and the Dulles Re-



Lisa Lombardozzi

gional Chamber of Commerce Hispanic Business Council sent members to act as Spanish interpreters. Lockheed Martin provided more than 100 volunteers to serve as escorts, translators and drivers and

to load guest vehicles. Shoppers Food Warehouse, Bottom Dollar, Giants and Safeway loaned shopping carts for our makeshift food markets. Blue Ridge Meats from Front Royal donated more than 1,200 pounds of frozen deer roast, chops, burgers, ribs and round steak.

AFTER THE THANKSGIVING program, we basically ran out of food. Many schools and businesses offered to hold a second drive to refill the shelves. Church groups asked members to donate again so that we could serve another 600-plus families at Christmas. Elected officials advertised LINK's needs throughout their boundaries. One day, we had a need for a large trailer to move more than 85 boxes from one donor to Christ the Re
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Outpouring of Generosity

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deemer and I came home to find an e-mail from Aaron Gilman of SCS Field Services offering his vehicle and he just happened to own a 24-foot trailer. Over and over, little miracles occurred to fill the many needs we had to support.

We quickly realized that we would need more than 3,200 new unwrapped toys if we were going to be able to give two toys per child registered for the Christmas program. We had never needed such a large number of toys in our LINK history. Once again, those little miracles happened to provide the number we needed. Many companies and schools held toy drives to help us reach the 3,200 goal — World Vision, Federal Children's Center, National Reconnaissance Organization, Costco, the Loudoun Independent, Loudoun Easterner and Herndon Observer newspapers and many more. A company in Sterling, NEW Corporation, held a toy drive in honor of their founder's mother, Elaine Schaufeld, and received hundreds of toys. In addition, they donated \$5,000 toward the new toy program. This money enabled LINK to fill the gaps in toys received and allowed us to provide two toys per child to include every walk-in family.

ONE DAY, I answered my phone to hear the person on the other end of the line identify himself as a Fairfax County police officer. It wasn't bad news, but very good news. Each year, the police department conducts a Santa's Ride to collect toys for children. The toys are distributed to various organizations. The

police department motorcycle unit had never donated gifts to LINK, but after several phone calls they learned of LINK's need for toys. When they opened the trailer door, we were surprised to see 47 brand new bicycles inside in varying sizes. Remaining toys were donated to a group in the area that delivers gifts to homeless families and other area organizations that contacted LINK for support.

When the Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs were over on Saturday, Dec. 20, LINK had helped more than 1,200 families in the area by providing 60,000 pounds of groceries. More than 5,500 individuals received nonperishable food for five to seven days, 1,150 gently-used winter coats and sweaters, new toys, and more than \$25,000 in gift certificates for groceries. I saw the community pull together to respond to an urgent need. Community organizations — Reston Interfaith, F.I.S.H., Holiday Coalition, Our Daily Bread, Good Shepherd Alliance and many others worked together to help the families in our area. Area churches and LINK member churches worked relentlessly to ensure the success of this year's program. The 500 volunteers that worked during the prestaging and two-day events this year gave freely of their time over and over again. The outpouring of generosity from our community spread over several counties and states with volunteers from as far away as Maryland.

When I celebrated Christmas with my family, it was with a happy heart knowing that thousands of individuals in my community were helped by their neighbors who saw a need and promptly responded.

Simple Steps To Energy Efficiency

To the Editor:

Fairfax County officials looking for ways to reduce the county's \$648-million budget deficit should consider energy efficiencies that reduce operating costs and greenhouse gases at the same time.

A recent report by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments outlines a range of steps that local governments should be taking to improve energy efficiency and combat climate change. Virginia's Climate Commission also recommended efficiencies to reduce energy use by 19 percent.

Arlington officials have found that every dollar invested in energy efficiency returns 20 cents a year in reduced operating costs, so that investments are paid back in

five years.

Simple, yet effective, options available to local governments include:

- ❖ Enhanced heating and cooling systems and more efficient windows.
- ❖ Light sensors that turn lights on and off as people enter and leave a room.
- ❖ Energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).
- ❖ More efficient, Energy Star computers.

While certainly not the full answer to our budget woes, energy efficiency should be a component of any plan to lower the deficit. Sensible energy-saving measures will reduce operating costs and greenhouse gas production at the same time.

Bill Brown
Herndon

The writer is treasurer, Audubon Society of Northern Virginia.

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New School Boundaries Recommended

School districts in the Oak Hill and Herndon area will shift once again in 2009 following a trying experience with high-school boundary changes in 2008.

The Fairfax County School Board will make changes to local elementary-school boundaries in anticipation of Coppermine Elementary opening on River Birch Drive next fall. Schools that could be affected include Floris, Herndon, Hutchinson, McNair and Oak Hill elementary schools.

At a School Board meeting Jan. 8, officials will recommend new boundaries that would be the same as or very similar to a redistricting option presented at a town hall meeting Dec. 10. In addition to moving students around, the redistricting plan calls for creating a new gifted and talented center at McNair.

Several families in the northeastern portion of the Floris boundary are likely to be happy with the staff recommendation. They preferred the most recent boundary alterna-

tive, also called "option 3," to previous ones because they would not have to change elementary schools. Several homes in Floris' boundary were already forced to change high schools last year.

But some members of the Floris community were not entirely pleased with the option because a small group of students would have to move from their school to Oak Hill. Several had requested that these students be able to stay at Floris instead of moving.

Other families, who currently live in the McNair boundary, objected to "option 3" because it creates another school community, Coppermine, with a high percentage of at-risk students. If the staff recommendations were adopted, Coppermine would open with enough students who are poor and/or require English language services to automatically qualify for special "at risk" federal funding, called Title I.

The School Board plans to discuss the boundary alternative at work sessions Jan. 12 and Feb. 19.

FCPS Staff Recommendation for Boundary Change

- To Coppermine Elementary School -**
 - From McNair Elementary School
 - ◆ Areas west of Centreville Road and south of the Dulles Toll Road, Dulles Glen Apartments, Worldgate area
 - From Floris Elementary School -
 - ◆ Area west of Centreville Road, near Frying Pan Road**
- To Herndon Elementary School -**
 - From McNair Elementary School
 - ◆ Courts of Chandon subdivision**
- To Hutchinson Elementary School -**
 - From McNair Elementary School
 - ◆ Areas along Alabama Drive**
- To Oak Hill Elementary School -**
 - From Floris Elementary School
 - ◆ Portion of Bradley Farms, Emerald Chase and Smithfield subdivisions**

** Rising sixth-graders will not have to switch schools
— Information provided by Fairfax County Public Schools

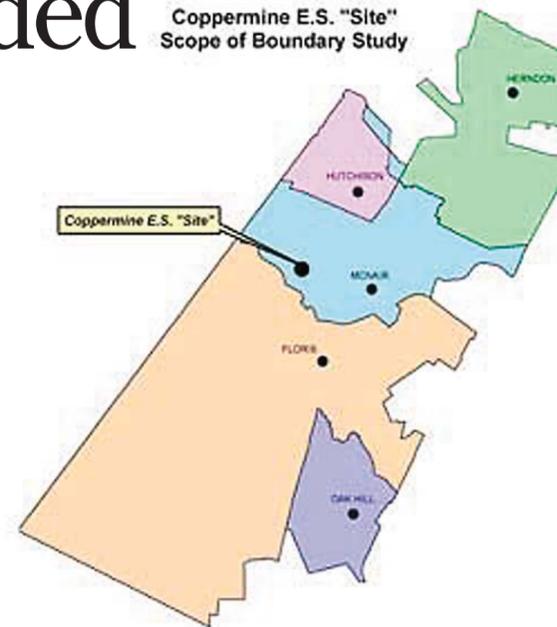
Residents will be able to provide public input on the issue at two public hearings, Jan. 29 and Feb. 4.

The School Board will make a

final decision on the new boundary Feb. 19. The new boundaries will take affect in the 2009-2010 school year but, in most cases, rising sixth-graders will be allowed

to remain at their original school for their final year of elementary school.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE



Fairfax County Public Schools will change elementary-school boundaries this year when a new school, Coppermine, opens next fall.



Michael Feldman and Derek Wahdan, kneeling front row, with their crew Monica Matthews, Chase Strait, Taylor Culman, Daniel Lerner, Sean Capella, Christie Parvin. Not pictured are ushers Rachel Berman, Jeffrey Liu, and Jorge Naboa.

Helping Child Rescue Center in Sierra Leone

A fund-raising event was held at Rachel Carson Middle School for The Child Rescue Centre in Sierra Leone, Africa. The show was written, directed, produced by and starred RCMS students Michael Feldman and Derek Wahdan of "Two of a Kind." The audience was

transfixed as the boys performed a combination of magic, juggling and illusion using humor, innovative techniques, ad lib and audience participation in a captivating and unique show. The boys can be found performing close-up magic tricks and juggling at various venues in and around Reston.

The next Herndon High PTSA meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. in the Herndon High School Cafeteria. The guest speaker is Dr. Jack Dale, Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent.

The Capitol Steps will perform

- Events at **Herndon High School:**
- Jan. 8 Rising Senior Parent Night, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 14 PTSA Meeting, Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 15 Hispanic Parent Committee, Neighborhood Center, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 22 Cabaret Performance, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 24 Cabaret Performance, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jan. 29 Rising Sophomore and Junior Parent Night, 7 p.m.
 - Feb. 4 Rising 9th Grade Parent Night, Feb. 7 ACT Test
 - Feb. 11 PTSA Meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Feb. 12 Chris Skinner Presentation to Students; Parent program 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 16 No School
 - Feb. 19 Hispanic Parent Committee, Neighborhood Center, 7 p.m.
 - Feb. 22 Capitol Steps Performance, 7 p.m.

Beginning Jan. 5, late bus transportation will only be provided Thursdays at 4 p.m. There will be no late buses on Monday after winter break.

Dr. Dale, FPCS Superintendent of Schools, has made a recommendation to the School Board not to change the current grade scale. Fairgrade, the parent group advocating a change to a 10-point grade scale, has issued a press release denouncing Dr. Dale's recommendation and calling attention to their research contradicting his comments. The School Board is expected to vote on the proposed change at the Jan. 22 meeting.

Sunday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. in the Herndon High School Auditorium. Purchase tickets at <http://www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/pdf/0809/CapitolSteps.pdf>.

Judy Baldwin, principal of Hutchinson Elementary School and Elaine Wellner, principal of Clearview Elementary School were named winners of the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals' 2008 School Bell Award for Leadership. The School Bell Award recognizes members who have made significant contributions to their schools.

Thomas Hinds of Carson Middle School was named to the National Middle School Choir. The National Middle School Honors Choir will perform at the 2009 National American Choral Directors Association convention in March in Oklahoma City.

Matthew Johnson, Oakton High School, has received a certificate for superior writing in the 2008 Achievement Awards in Writing by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Each participant submitted a sample of his or her best writing in any form or genre as well as an impromptu essay on a subject determined by NCTE.

Herndon High School students and Symphonic Orchestra members Tova Yampolsky and Patrick Miller auditioned for and were accepted into the prestigious Senior Regional Orchestra.

Josh Hagstrom, Maggie Osburn and alternate Kate Merryman of Herndon High School were selected for the 2008 Virginia Honors Choir. Hagstrom and Osburn and 56 other Fairfax county students performed as part of a 132-member choir at the Virginia Music Educators Association

convention on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Homestead.

Shannon Storey, a senior at Herndon High, is the first recipient of the Teen Volunteer of the Year Award presented by the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic. Shannon has volunteered at the Clinic since 2007.

Stephanie Woo of Herndon, a junior majoring in industrial and systems engineering was selected to be a member of Virginia Tech's a cappella group, Mixed Emotions. Students must audition at the beginning of each semester for all voice parts including vocal percussionist to become a member.

The 2008-2009 PTA Reflections Program Herndon High School Award Recipients: Outstanding Interpretation: Literature: Sarah Goughnour, 12th grade; Visual Arts: Julian Rosarro, 12th grade; Photography: Ryleigh Swiatowy, 11th grade; Music: Christopher George, 11th grade. Award of Excellence: Literature: Sonya Frostad, 12th grade; Visual Arts: Jake Schlosser, 12th grade; Photography: Stephanie Soletto, 11th grade. Award of Merit: Literature: Josh Roberts, 11th grade; Visual Arts: Thu Bui, 12th grade; Photography: Sarah Goughnour, 12th grade. Honorable Mention: Photography: Sonya Frostad, 12th grade, Lindsay Wolf, 11th grade.

Matt Breuer of Herndon High School was named to the All State Jazz Band.

Ben Leventhal of Herndon High School was selected for the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Ben, who plays the Euphonium, will be in San Antonio, Texas in January for a televised performance on NBC with other high school musicians from across the nation.

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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, celebrates the climax of the Christmas season with its annual Epiphany Pageant, **Sunday, Jan. 4**, at 5 p.m. The performance, which depicts the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi, is a production of the church's Youth Group, and will be followed by a potluck supper. All are welcome to attend; admission is free of charge. Bring the whole family for what's sure to be an entertaining and memorable production. Parents with young children who would like to become involved are encouraged to contact the church Youth Group, which still has openings for angel and shepherd extras. E-mail Kerrie Wilson at KerrieBun@verizon.net for more information.

Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, will host a **Yiddish Club** on the **first Tuesday of each month**, starting Jan. 6. Members will engage in a variety of activities that utilize the Yiddish language, including reading stories, listening to music and radio broadcasts, reading Yiddish newspapers and more. Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

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Woman's Club Supports Breast Cancer Network

The Herndon Woman's Club (HWC) presented a \$2,200 check to the Breast Cancer of Strength Network at its December meeting. The check was from the proceeds of the annual November fashion show and luncheon. Left to right, Debbie Haynes, volunteer coordinator, Traci Richards, executive director both with the Breast Cancer Network of Strength, Mid-Atlantic, Bev Davis, HWC president, Joanne Emswiler and Pat Stark, co-chairs of the 2008 HWC fashion show and luncheon. For more information on the club, contact Susan on 703-437-4339.

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1344 GRANT ST	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$205,000	Detached	0.27		BARKER HILL
957 BARTON OAKS PL	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$205,000	Townhouse	0.06		DUMBARTON SQUARE
2107 HIGHCOURT LN #302	2	2	0		HERNDON	\$193,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			WORLDGATE
400 MAGNOLIA CT	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$185,000	Townhouse	0.09		COURTS OF CHANDON TOWN H
954 BRANCH DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$180,000	Townhouse	0.12		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
961 PARK AVE	4	2	2		HERNDON	\$180,000	Townhouse	0.04		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
976 BRANCH DR	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$180,000	Townhouse	0.06		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
12929 CENTRE PARK CIR #115	1	1	0		HERNDON	\$179,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			BRYSON AT WOODLAND PARK
1004 BRANCH DR	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$177,000	Townhouse	0.07		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
13301 SCHWENGER PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$175,000	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
1117 FRESHRAIN CT	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$170,000	Townhouse	0.06		FOUR SEASONS REGIME
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SPORTS

Hornets Hold Their Own in Richmond

Despite going 0-3 over the holidays, Herndon played elite teams tough.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The win-loss results were not what Herndon High boys' basketball coach Chris Whelan wanted for his team when it competed at the highly touted Benedictine Tournament in Richmond over the holidays. But what the second-year Hornets' coach saw out of his squad at the eight-team holiday tourney was plenty good enough.

"Benedictine is one of the best tournaments in the country," said Whelan, whose team went 0-3, with all of the setbacks being close, in Richmond. "They handled themselves well. It was very good competition. I knew what we were getting into."

Herndon lost its games in Richmond to Mills Godwin (Richmond), 53-50, on Dec. 27; New Rochelle (New York City), 70-65, on Dec. 29; and Holy Cross (New York City), 78-74, on Dec. 30.

All three opponents are high caliber, elite teams. Other schools represented in the tournament field included Baltimore schools Calvert Hall and Mount St. Joseph's, ranked No. 10 and 20, respectively, in the nation.

IT WAS NOT the first time the Hornets have played nationally renowned programs. Earlier in the season, they met nationally ranked DeMatha High (Hyattsville, Md.), losing to the Stags 66-47 on Dec. 6 in the game played at

Georgetown Prep.

Herndon stayed close in all three of the games in Richmond despite being without standout point guard Austin Hamilton, who injured a finger on Christmas Eve and could not play. Whelan, earlier this week, had hopes that the playmaker would be back in action for Herndon's Concorde District home game against Oakton on Wednesday night, Jan. 7.

"I think they responded fine. We're just going to continue to work hard. We're going to be a tough team."

— Chris Whelan, Herndon Boys Basketball Coach

The Hornets also had to do without another key player, junior Randoll Anane, for the Holy Cross game as a result of a sprained wrist. Anane played in his team's first two games in Richmond before the injury prevented him from playing in the third. Coach Whelan said Anane, a team captain who is averaging eight points and four steals per game, is one of the better defensive players in the Northern Region.

Whelan said several players stepped up and played particularly well in Richmond, helping the

Hornets ride out the injuries the best they could. Those players included senior guard Marshall Hamilton, a team captain who started in a couple of the holiday contests and junior Chris Hightower. Hamilton scored 19 points in the game against New Rochelle and handled the ball well, according to Whelan.

WHELAN HAS purposefully scheduled difficult early season opponents in order to better prepare his team for the bulk of the Northern Region season ahead. While Herndon carried a mundane .500 record (5-5) following a 71-68 overtime win at Concorde District opponent Centreville earlier this week, Whelan believes his squad can be one of the elite teams in the region. The three holiday tournament losses were bitter, but hardly deflating.

"I think they responded fine," said Whelan, of his team's overall play in Richmond. "We're just going to continue to work hard. We're going to be a tough team."

Herndon, 2-0 in district play, has been led scoring wise this season by senior Isaac Johnson (20 points per game) and Austin Hamilton (16). Johnson had a huge night against Centreville, tallying a game-high 35 points. Three other Hornet players — Zack Ozycz (11 points), senior guard Marshall Hamilton (10) and Darian Olson (10) — contributed double-digit scoring.

Herndon, following its scheduled home game against Oakton on Wednesday of this week, has district road games next week at Chantilly on Tuesday and at Robinson on Friday.

Junior Ville Rutanen led the Hornets' offensive attack with two goals and six assists, which added seven points to his NVSHL league-leading 19 points. The Hornets put 44 shots on the Lake Braddock netminder, while the Herndon defense held Lake Braddock to only 15.

Herndon closed out the old year with the loss to Langley. The Hornets had won their first four games of the season before falling to the Saxons, 5-3.

The Hornets were able to muster only a handful of shots in the first two periods. Herndon finally got on the board early in the third period when Sam Stone scored off of a pass from Ville Rutanen, but the Hornets still trailed 4-1 following the score.



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Hornets Go to Oakton

Herndon High girls basketball player Lauren Amonett, a senior, goes up for a shot during the Hornets' pre-Christmas game at South Lakes. This past Monday night, Herndon lost a 50-49 affair to Concorde District opponent Centreville. The 4-6 Hornets will be at Oakton this Friday night.

The Hornets play this Friday night, Jan. 9, at 9:40 p.m., when they face Westfield. The game will take place at SkateQuest Reston.

The **Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League** (GVBRLL) registration for the spring 2009 baseball season is underway. Returning players can register online on the GVBRLL.org Web site. For players new to the league, walk-up registration will take place Saturday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center. The Vienna Community Center is located at 120 Cherry St. S.E. in Vienna. The phone number there is 703-255-5721. For more information on registering new players, visit GVBRLL.org.

An exciting new development

for the Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League this season is the creation of "Sunday Select" teams. These teams, incorporating the most skilled players from the Prep (13- to 14-year-olds) and National (14- to 15-year-olds) leagues, will offer an experience similar to travel teams. The select teams will play on Sundays against Babe Ruth select teams from other communities. Babe Ruth leagues in Districts 6 and 7 (comprising 10 Northern Virginia communities) have come together in creating what amounts to a local travel league for community baseball.

Sunday Select play will also allow more area Babe Ruth teams to play at Waters Field, GVBRLL's artificial turf baseball facility in Vienna.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The **Herndon ice hockey** team is back on the winning track. After ending 2008 with a loss to Langley, Herndon improved its Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League record to 5-1 with a convincing 13-3 win over Lake Braddock to get the new year off to a good start.

Although the Hornets ultimately cruised to an easy victory over the Bruins, they struggled to find the back of the net in the first period, despite controlling the flow of the game. Herndon junior Ville Rutanen scored early in the first, but Lake Braddock evened the game a few minutes later. The game remained tied until late in the period when seniors Chris O'Brien and Krister Kasulis com-

bined for the Hornets' second goal, quickly followed by another score from Rutanen off a pass from senior defenseman Andrew Norman.

The Hornets opened the second period with an unassisted blast from the blue-line by Kasulis, which sailed over the shoulder of Lake Braddock's goalie. Junior Max Kortegast and sophomore Matt Ellison also scored, increasing the Herndon lead to 6-2 by the end of the second period.

The Hornets offense began to click in the third period as they widened the lead with seven more goals, including a hat trick by junior Sam Stone. Also scoring goals in the breakout period were Kortegast, Mac Emery and Alex Jones.

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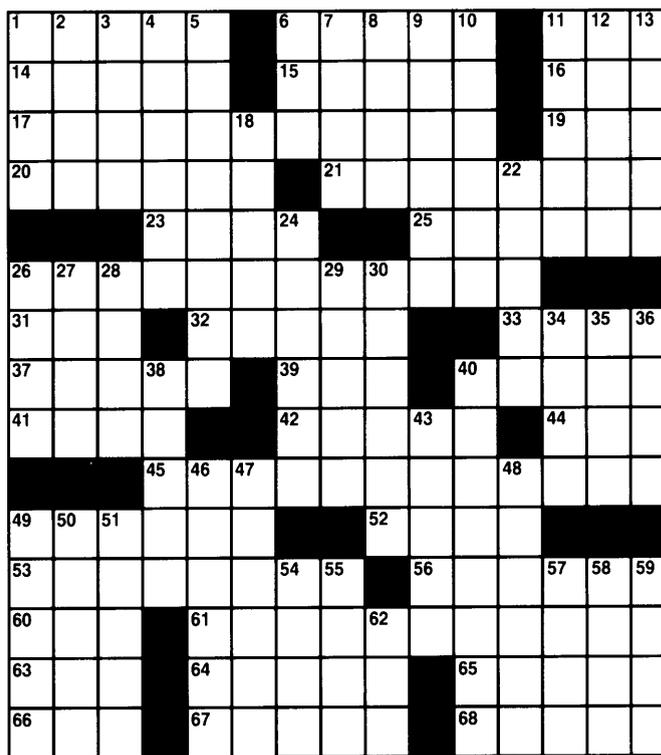
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- 6 Waste
- 11 Rapscaillon
- 14 Outdo
- 15 Station
- 16 Postal creed word
- 17 Embarrassed person's nickname?
- 19 John _____
- 20 Made some lace
- 21 Elusive
- 23 Monogram ltr.
- 25 High points
- 26 Well-fed baby in a multiple birth?
- 31 "Shell and Head" sculptor Hans _____
- 32 "Love _____ Around" (1968 Troggs hit)
- 33 Action after a default
- 37 Reprimand
- 39 Air show formation
- 40 Vetoed
- 41 French door part
- 42 Related on the mother's side
- 44 Skater Midori
- 45 One who dropped a pill on the floor?
- 49 Cigar
- 52 Word with work or Web
- 53 Procrastinator's refrain
- 56 "Peer Gynt" composer et al.
- 60 Actress Hagen
- 61 Shakespearean sunburn victim?
- 63 "Like, I get it"
- 64 Heart chambers
- 65 Cleo or Frankie
- 66 _____ City (Saratoga Springs nickname)
- 67 Adjusts
- 68 Scoffing look

DOWN

- 1 Old-style auxiliary verb
- 2 Ancient terrace farmer
- 3 Pants part
- 4 "Third Rock From the Sun" co-star
- 5 Magnificent

- 27 Cetacean killer
- 28 Atop
- 29 Actress Graff
- 30 Kilt features
- 34 Get away
- 35 Tennis's Sampras
- 36 Radon lacks it
- 38 "Unhand me!"
- 40 Muted tones
- 43 Chicken cut
- 46 Lifesaver, at times
- 47 Dress down
- 48 Marcus's retail partner
- 49 Lath perpendiculars
- 50 Tally
- 51 Brando's birthplace
- 54 Pod vegetable
- 55 Milldam
- 57 Composer Siegmeyer
- 58 Item in a pool
- 59 Song ending
- 62 German article

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In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

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SATURDAY/JAN. 10

Contra Dance. Michael Barraclough calls contra dances to the music of the June Apple Band at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Beginners' workshop 7:15-8 p.m.; dance 8-10:45 p.m. Admission: \$7. Bring snack to share. Call 703-709-9121.

Family Fun Night. Bring the family for a night of games, puzzles and more at First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., Herndon, 6-9 p.m. Free.

MONDAY/JAN. 12

Kids Play. Andy's Parties and Reston host a morning of winter themed activities and crafts for children 3-5 years old at Brown's Chapel, 11300 Baron Cameron Ave., Reston, 10-11 a.m. \$3/child. Registration required; call 703-435-6530.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

MLK Tribute. The Reston Community Orchestra

and the MetroSingers honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 6 p.m. in the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Admission free; donations accepted. Call 703-476-9181 or visit www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 19

Book Club. The Book Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Reston's Used Book Shop, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Call 703-435-9772.

SATURDAY/JAN. 24

Chili Cook-Off. First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., will hold its annual chili cook-off from 6-9 p.m. Being your favorite chili recipe or be a taster. Visit www.fbcherndon.com or call 703-437-3620.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

Senior Movie Day. "PS I Love You" will be shown in the Multiplex Cinema at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., at 10 a.m. Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free for those 55+. Call 703-435-6530.



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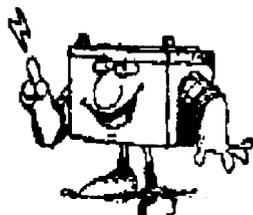
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