

**Herndon-Reston FISH President Marcia Di Trapani thanks the crowd at the annual FISH Fling, which marked the charitable organization's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was the group's most successful fund-raiser to date.**

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Two hundred and eight people bought tickets for the gala, exceeding FISH leadership's expectations.

PHOTOS BY MIKE DICICCO/  
THE CONNECTION



## FISH Fling Exceeds Expectations

Fortieth anniversary fund raiser is organization's most successful event yet.

**C**elebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a bigger-than-ever annual FISH Fling, Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help) got bigger-than-ever results.

The group's leadership expected as many as 175 people to attend the annual fund raiser, and 208 people bought tickets, although not all showed up. The event, held last Saturday, May 9 at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel, raised more than \$50,000, making it the most successful fund raiser in the charitable group's history.

Del. Ken Plum (D-36), State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis read resolutions by the state, county and town governments recognizing FISH's work and commending the organization on its anniversary. For the fourth time, Plum acted as the auctioneer in the event's live auction.

There was also a silent auction, raffles, performances by the Alan Baylock Jazz Orchestra and a seated dinner.

The event's biggest sponsor was first-year sponsor Volkswagen, which recently moved to Herndon.

Herndon-Reston FISH provides emergency assistance to local residents in need of help with rent and utility payments, transportation and medication, and the organization also runs the Bargain Loft thrift store.

Supervisor Kathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) reads a resolution from the Board of Supervisors commending Herndon-Reston FISH on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as FISH President Marcia Di Trapani looks on.

Accompanied by FISH President Marcia Di Trapani, Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis presents a resolution from the Herndon Town Council recognizing 40 years of community service by Herndon-Reston FISH.



Del. Ken Plum (D-36) chats with Reston resident Mary Downing next to one of the silent auction tables.

— MIKE DICICCO

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## WEEK IN HERNDON

### Arrests Made in Graffiti Cases

The Herndon Police Department has arrested an 18-year old male and two juvenile males, all of Reston, and charged them with felony and misdemeanor counts related to recent incidences of graffiti appearing in various locations throughout the town. Further, the department expects to make additional arrests within the next few days.

An 18-year-old was identified from a video surveillance system of one of his victims. His photo was produced and distributed to law enforcement officers in the region and he was subsequently identified by a member of the Fairfax County Police Department, Reston Station.

“Although some may look at graffiti as a minor crime, these three young men caused thousands of dollars worth of damage throughout the town,” said Herndon Police Chief Toussaint E. Summers. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Herndon Police Department by phone at 703-435-6846 e-mail at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

### Herndon Centennial Golf Course Recognized

Herndon Centennial Golf Course has achieved designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, the 23rd golf course in Virginia and one of fewer than 700 courses worldwide to receive the honor.

According to Gene Fleming, director of Golf for the Town of Herndon, which operates Herndon Centennial Golf Course, the certification process has resulted in increased vegetative buffer plantings throughout the course and along pond and stream bank shorelines; an increase in designated naturalized areas, resulting in less overall use of pesticides, fertilizers and water; increased presence of wildlife; and capital improvement projects that incorporate environmentally-friendly features, among other enhancements.

### 2009 Yard of the Month Award

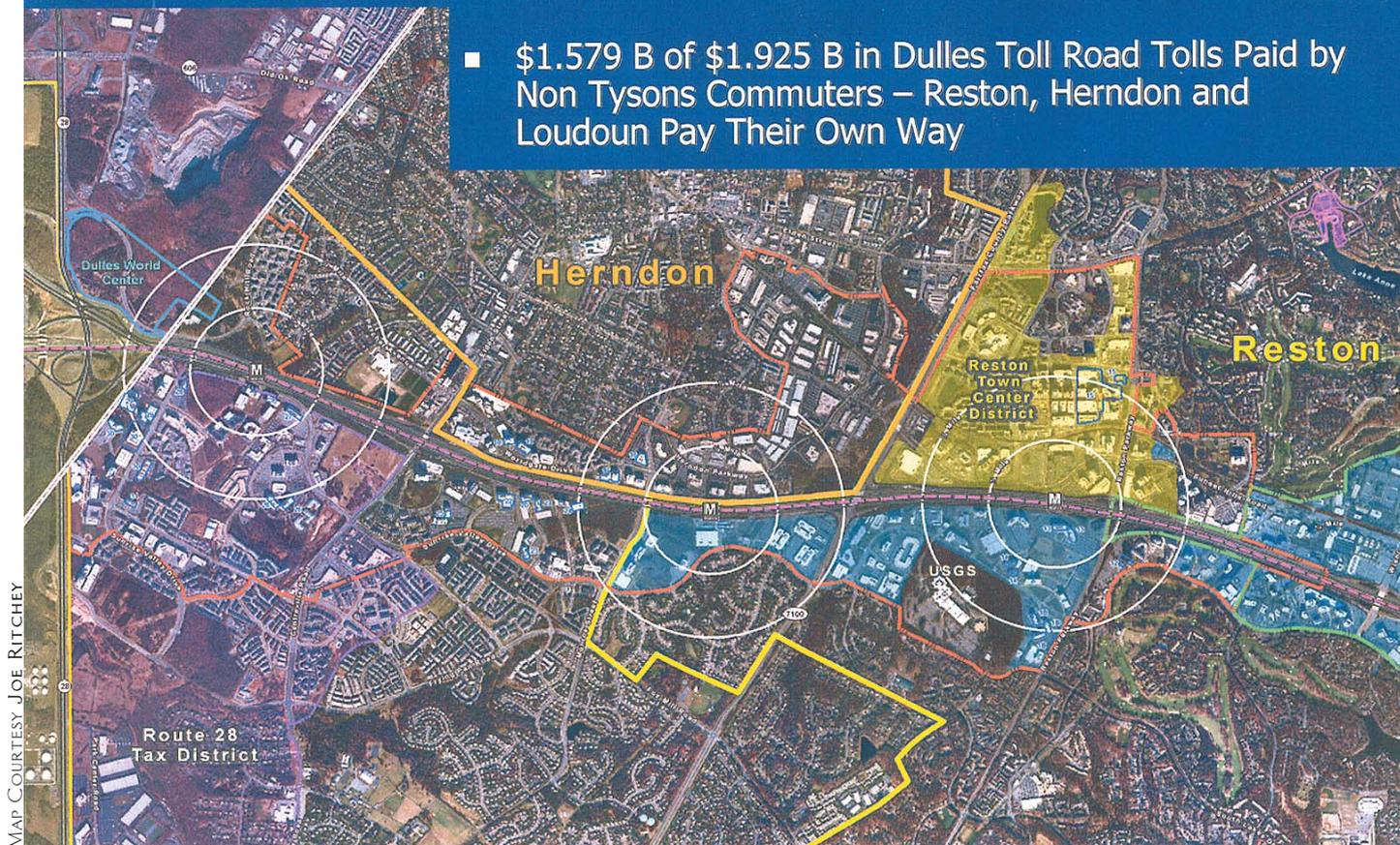
The Town of Herndon’s annual Yard of the Month Awards program is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of town residents whose yards contribute to the beautification of the town and its neighborhoods. The Yard of the Month is awarded in two categories: single family homes and townhouses. Photos of winning yards are posted on the town’s Web site and winners are recognized by the mayor and Town Council at public meetings.

Nominations for the June Yard of the Month Award are due May 20. Nominations are due June 20 for the July award and Sept. 20 for the October award. Nomi-

## Phase II Funding Challenges:

### Approximately 80% of \$2.5 Billion Cost Paid from Sources Within Primary Benefit Area

- \$1.579 B of \$1.925 B in Dulles Toll Road Tolls Paid by Non Tysons Commuters – Reston, Herndon and Loudoun Pay Their Own Way



Three stops are planned for Phase II of Rail to Dulles in Fairfax County, with three more stops in Loudoun. The area outlined in red is Fairfax County’s portion of the Phase II tax district.

# Will Metro Pass By?

Chamber discusses difficulties of establishing tax district to fund western stops.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**B**ill Lauer, vice president of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, warned attendees at a meeting last week that there was no assurance that Herndon would get a Metro station when rail is built along the town’s southern border.

If a special tax district is not established to help fund Phase II of the rail, from Wiehle Avenue into Loudoun County, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has said it will build the rail without stops at Reston Town Center, Herndon and the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT). And the authority wants the tax district formed quickly.

This means commercial property owners along that corridor and into Loudoun will need to vote to tax themselves. “This is not a good time to be asking people for money,” Lauer said at the meeting held last Tuesday, May 5 in the Herndon Council Chambers. However, he said an estimated 55 million people are expected to ride the rail to the airport each year. “We’ve got to make

sure we’re not just watching them go by.”

**THE CHAMBER** hosted the meeting and invited a couple of guests to talk about the subject.

Losing the stations “is going to put this part of the county at a disadvantage in perpetuity,” said Peter Johnston, president of the Western Alliance for Rail to Dulles (WARD), noting that stations would be built to the east in the already-established Phase I tax district, where construction is underway, and in Loudoun, where the airport is located.

He said at least 51 percent of the ownership of either the land area or the assessed value of the commercial properties in the proposed tax district would have to vote in favor of the tax, which would not apply to residential properties.

“The hope is that the real estate we’re imposing the tax on would then increase in value enough to offset the tax,” said Johnston, who led the effort to form the first tax district and is a regional manager for Ballston Properties, which owns property near the proposed Reston Town Center Metro stop. He said this was a tough

“Don’t opt in or out of this based upon the short term. This is a forever thing.”

— Joe Ritchey, rail proponent

sell, since the tax would be levied promptly, while the benefits would not be felt until rail reaches the airport until about 2016.

Johnston said WARD had rallied enough local businesses that the tax district was likely to be achieved. “I’m optimistic that we’re going to get this accomplished, but it’s not a done deal,” he said.

Once the business owners’ petition is completed, WARD will present it to the county. If the Board of Supervisors accepts it, the town of Herndon will also have to sign off on it, since some of the proposed district is inside the town’s southern border, Johnston said.

Joe Ritchey, a longtime rail proponent who runs a real estate brokerage firm that represents developments in Reston Town Center and elsewhere, gave a presentation explaining why forming a tax district for Phase II of the rail was proving so much more difficult than creating the first tax district.

He said businesses in the second district would pay a disproportionately high percentage of the construction costs and had

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# OPINION

## Money, Money, Money

**There are no limits on donations in Virginia; time for change.**

**W**ould-be big donors to presidential candidates over the last election cycle know that on the federal level, there are strict limits to how much one donor can give to a candidate: \$2,400 per election to a Federal candidate or the candidate's campaign committee. The limit applies separately to each election, so including the primary and general election, one person could give \$4,800 to one candidate.

Not so in Virginia. You can give as much as you want to any candidate for office in Virginia. So can businesses, political action committees and advocacy groups.

Just five states, Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Virginia, place no limits on contributions at all, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. The only requirement in Virginia is that all contributions of \$100 or more must be disclosed.

Individuals and businesses have contributed in remarkable fashion to the four candidates

vying to be Virginia's next governor, the presumed Republican nominee, former Attorney General Robert McDonnell (R), and three Democrats who will face off in a June 9 primary, former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran (D), Central Virginia state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D) and former head of the Democratic National Committee Terry McAuliffe of McLean.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, McAuliffe had raised a total of \$5.16 million for his campaign as of March 31. Moran had collected \$2.95 million and Deeds had garnered \$2.15 million for their respective campaigns by the same deadline.

### EDITORIAL

McDonnell had raised \$5.14 million by the end of March, though he has spent less than the other campaigns because the Republican does not face a primary opponent.

Three of the four candidates for governor in Virginia could have, in their time in the General Assembly, worked for sensible campaign finance reform. Is it meaningful now for these candidates to complain about the fourth candidate's ability to raise huge amounts of money from many sources?

Virginia ranks among the best states in disclosure, but disclosure itself is not enough. The next governor should propose sensible limits on political contributions.

### More Than \$15 Million

By the end of March, candidates for governor in Virginia had raised more than \$15 million between them. The three Democrats face off in a June 9 primary; the winner of the Democratic primary will face Republic Robert McDonnell on Nov. 3.

- ❖ Terry McAuliffe (D) \$5.16 million
- ❖ Robert McDonnell (R) \$5.14 million
- ❖ Brian Moran (D) \$2.95 million
- ❖ Creigh Deeds (D) \$2.15 million

### Make Use of Disclosure

Virginia ranks among the best states for disclosure, but is one of only five states with no limits on the amount of political donations one donor can make. See for yourself:

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Good reading on requirements for Federal contributions at the Federal Election Commission Web site: <http://www.fec.gov/pages/brochures/citizens.shtml>.

Meanwhile, voters should recognize the importance of the June 9 primary, and the November general election.

— MARY KIMM.

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## Clearview Students Collect 'Pennies for Peace'

Clearview Elementary School students participated in a Pennies for Peace campaign, April 13-April 30, raising over \$500. Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists—one penny at a time.

Pennies for Peace is a program of Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg Mortenson—author of the New York Times best seller "Three Cups of Tea". Pennies for Peace teaches children the rewards of sharing and working together to bring hope and educational opportunities to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. A penny in the United States is virtually worthless, but in Pakistan and Afghanistan a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children, that pencil could empower a child to read, write and learn.

The information about Pennies For Peace was obtained from: [http://www.penniesforpeace.org/about\\_power.html](http://www.penniesforpeace.org/about_power.html)



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**Emily Lazun (second grade), Jordan Golomb (sixth grade), and Karly Ginieczki (sixth grade) contribute to the Pennies for Peace campaign.**

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- Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee.** 7 p.m., Hoover Conference Room, 765 Lynn St., Herndon. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee will meet.
- Herndon Guitar Boosters.** 5-9 p.m., Fresh City Restaurant, 2403 Centreville Road, Herndon. Fresh City will donate 15 percent of all sales during will be donated to the Herndon Guitar Boosters. Herndon High School guitar students will also be entertaining during this event. Call 703-870-7191.

#### MONDAY/MAY 18

- NARFE Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. The National Association of Retired Federal Employees Dulles Chapter will welcome Del. Ken Plum (D-36) and Del. David Poisson (D-32) to speak on the actions taken by the 2009 General Assembly. \$16/person. Call 703-435-3523 to make your choice of lunch entrée.

#### THURSDAY/MAY 21

- Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club.** 6:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. The Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club will host guest speaker Gina Cocmella, Director at the Alternative House, which provides support to at-risk children, youth and families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach. Visit <http://www.wfrwc.org/>.

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## NEWS

# Deadline Set for Tax District Decision

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less incentive to pay at all. Also, most of these businesses already pay a special tax, either for the Reston Community Center, the town of Herndon or the Route 28 tax district. Phase I businesses weren't subject to any such local taxes.

However, he urged, "Don't opt in or out of this based upon the short term. This is a forever thing."

While property owners in the eastern tax district are picking up less than 25 percent of the cost of their end of the rail, including paying the Dulles Toll Road tolls that are covering much of the cost of the rail, properties in the Phase II district would end up paying an estimated 80 percent of the cost of the western rail segment, Ritchey said. There is no federal funding for this portion of the project. The tax district would be obligated to pay about 16 percent of the total cost of Rail to Dulles, and western businesses generate considerably more toll road traffic.

**ALSO**, most of the properties in the first tax district are becoming economically obsolete and are ripe for redevelopment, Ritchey said, pointing out vacant buildings, single-story shopping centers, car dealerships and seas of parking. This provided an incentive to redevelop the properties at the higher densities that county zoning allows around Metro stops.

Meanwhile, there is less development incentive for property owners around the three planned western stations in the county, where most of the existing build-

ings are already economically viable. The area around the proposed Reston Town Center station would not be worth redeveloping unless the county were to allow much higher densities, Ritchey said. At the Herndon and CIT sites, portions of the surrounding properties are under government control and can't be taxed or are subject to conservation easements and can't be developed.

"But I can't stress enough the importance of the town of Herndon's participation in this," he said. "You do not want to be the only station left out of this."

Further complicating matters for those trying to galvanize property owners are plummeting building values and rental rates, as well as a 30 percent turnover in ownership since 2005, he said. And most of the rail through Reston would run through the Reston Center for Industry and Government, which currently disallows residential development, preempting any traditional mixed-use development. But Ritchey said that prohibition appeared likely to be thrown out. "Combine the difficulty of organizing the owners with the schedule pressure," he said.

The airports authority has said the district must be established no later than early 2011, Johnston said. He said he hoped it would be done by the end of this year and could be imposed next year.

The tax rate remains uncertain, although Johnston said a reasonable figure that was being discussed was 20 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Whether or not the tax falls on the tenant or property owner could depend on the terms of the lease, he said.

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nation forms are available on the "Cultivating Community" page of the town's Web site, [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) (see the link off of the homepage at "featured this month"). Forms are also available at the Neighborhood Resource Center and at the Herndon Municipal Center. For more, call 703/435-6800 X2084 or e-mail [information@herndon-va.gov](mailto:information@herndon-va.gov).

## Town of Herndon Publishes Updated Restaurant Directory

The Town of Herndon has produced an updated restaurant directory and map, listing more than 120 dining establishments located throughout the town's business and historic areas.

From casual to fine dining, from fast food to ethnic specialty restaurants, all are featured in the four-color, display-sized directory.

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# Herndon Boys Hoping For Meeting with Robinson

**Lanigan's soccer team likely to meet the Rams if it gets past Oakton.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

This has been a season of learning and progress for the Herndon High boys' soccer team. Just one year removed from its breakthrough 2008 season in which Herndon captured the Concorde District title and finished 15-2, this year's Hornets entered the spring as a younger, less accomplished outfit. But, under veteran coach Sean Lanigan, the team improved over the course of the regular season and concluded the schedule with a winning record at 6-5-1. The Hornets also finished a respectable third place in the district standings.

As a result, Herndon, as this week's No. 3-seed at the Concorde District tournament, was scheduled to face No. 6 Oakton in a first round playoff contest on Monday. The postseason meeting was huge for both teams with the winner advancing to Wednesday's semifinals and automatically qualifying for next week's 16-team Northern Region tournament, and the loser seeing its season end.

Lanigan recently said his team was playing at a good level going into the playoffs.

"We transitioned slowly but surely [over the season] and we're playing well right now," he said, of the natural growing pangs this season's younger squad had to go through.

During its final week of the regular season last week, Herndon won a district contest at Oakton, 4-0, on May 5 before wrapping up the regular season schedule with a 2-0 loss at non-district opponent Wakefield in Arlington on May 7.

In that setback to the Warriors, one of the region's better teams this spring, Lanigan elected to give many of his starters a rest in preparation for the playoffs. He brought

up around 10 JV players, five of whom started in the varsity game, and he also started varsity players who have received limited playing time this season.

Lanigan was curious to see how well his talented JVers would compete against a good varsity team. He was not disappointed. Outside of two breakaway Wakefield goals, one coming in the first half and the latter coming within the final 30 seconds of the match, Lanigan was impressed with his makeshift squad's play against the Warriors, a senior-laden team that was celebrating their Senior Night.

"We missed a couple of opportunities," said Lanigan, of scoring chances that came up empty. "We could not connect with a lot of passes. Some of our guys were a little loss at the pace of the game.

**"He ran our midfield and was our engine in the middle, and he set up EK a lot."**

**— Herndon Boys' Soccer Coach Sean Lanigan, on what Uwem Etuk Brought to the Team Before an Injury Ended His Season**

We had eight or nine freshmen [on the field] at certain times and it was a little intimidating for some of the kids. Wakefield caught us on two breakaways. It was a fast-paced game.

"[But overall] the young kids proved themselves well against Wakefield," said Lanigan. "Wakefield only has one or two losses."

The win over Oakton earlier in the week was a different story, as Herndon played its regular line-up against the Cougars. Freshman striker EK Korvah, Herndon's top scorer this spring, punched in two goals to lead the way to the 4-0 triumph. "He had a great game up front," said Lanigan, of Korvah's play.

Herndon recently took a late season jolt when one of its best, experienced players, senior striker Uwem Etuk, was lost for the remainder of the season with a serious knee injury. The quiet Herndon leader and playmaker had put together an outstanding season and was a key mentor and assist man to his younger teammate, Korvah.

"He ran our midfield and was our engine in the middle, and he set up EK a lot," said Lanigan, of Etuk's play. Making the injury worse for Etuk is that it comes at the end of his senior year.

"He's very disappointed," said

Lanigan.

Etuk recently earned a scholarship to play soccer next school year at the University of West Virginia.

**LANIGAN WAS NOT** expecting his team to take things for granted when it went up against Oakton in the district tournament playoff affair earlier this week. The winner of that contest was scheduled to meet the Robinson (No. 2 seed) versus Fairfax High first round winner on Thursday.

"Oakton is still a solid group and we can't look past them even though we won convincingly over them [last week]," said Lanigan, this past Sunday. "I think if we play our game we should be able to do real well."

Should Herndon defeat Oakton in Monday's playoff game, it would likely meet a powerful Robinson team in a semi-finals game. Without Etuk in the line-up, Lanigan said other players would have to step up in a possible meeting against the Rams.

"We're going to need three or four guys off the bench to play well," said the coach. "[Our guys] will rally."

Four Herndon players were recently selected by the coaches to the All-Concorde District's First Team. Those players were: Etuk, goalie Alex Stopa, defender Alex Darwiche and Korvah.

"I was quite pleased we had four representatives," said Lanigan.

One of the team's great story lines this season was the play of Darwiche, a senior team captain and a vocal leader who was called upon to move to a defensive position this season because of key graduation losses from last year. Darwiche ended up playing outstanding at his new position.

"He really elevated his team [with his fine play]," said Lanigan.

It marked the first time Darwiche earned All-District recognition. "He was on cloud nine when I told him [on Saturday]," said Lanigan. "He was very pleased, very humbled."

The district seedings for this week's playoffs are as follows: Westfield (No. 1 seed), Robinson (No. 2), Herndon (No.3), Centreville (No. 4), Chantilly (No. 5), Oakton (No. 6) and Fairfax (No. 7).



PHOTO COURTESY/HRYL

**The HRYL U9 boys were in action against Chantilly last weekend.**

## HRYL Lacrosse Nears Season's End

**Herndon-Reston girls' teams set for final regular season week-end of play.**

The weather cooperated this past weekend, allowing<sup>o</sup> Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse (HRYL) to complete a full schedule of

games. HRYL competes in boys and girls lacrosse in four age groups - U-9, U-11, U-13 and U15, against clubs from all across Northern Virginia. The regular season ends this weekend for the girls' teams, and the boys' teams will be playing their second to last weekend of games. The Reston/Herndon community is invited to come out and support the local girls and boys teams as they compete in games at Herndon Middle School this weekend. Complete scores, schedules, and league information can be found at HRYL.org.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**The under-12 Reston Comets** girls' travel soccer team is making its first-ever appearance in the Virginia State Cup Soccer Tournament. The locals have advanced to the State Cup Final Four, set to take place the weekend of May 30 in Williamsburg.

**The Reston Youth Basketball League (RYBL)** 10U Boys All-Star basketball team won the annual Turnpike Invitational Tournament on March 29. Coached by James Byrne and Jimmy Byrne, the boys defeated teams from the Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) and South County Youth Association to reach the finals. In the title game, Reston defeated the Chantilly No. 2 team, 38-36. Members of the team are: Max Kidd, Sam Kidd, Marvin Grunshie, Frasier Simms, Ty Baylor, Robert Harris, John Hughes, Kent Morrison, Luca Marza and Jordan Taylor.

**Paul VI High School boys' soccer** player Chris Griffith, a resident of Reston, has verbally committed to play soccer at Washington & Jefferson College in Pennsylvania.

Griffith was a key member of the

Paul VI Panthers' team this season. He played in a variety of roles in the midfield and in the back and was one of 12 seniors who helped lead the team to one of their most successful seasons in program history.

"I wish Chris all the best in his future endeavors," said Paul VI head coach Matt Leiva. "He is a strong student-athlete as well as a very mature young man, and I am sure he will succeed at Washington & Jefferson College both on the field and off."

W&J head coach Ian McDonald is thrilled to have Griffith coming to his program.

"It is much excitement and anticipation that we welcome Christian Griffith to our soccer family here at Washington & Jefferson College," McDonald said. "Through our face-to-face meeting and numerous conversations, plus video analysis, we believe Christian possesses the talent and character to be a great addition to our program and the college community as a whole. Christian is not only a gifted athlete, but is also very gifted academically. I look forward to a very productive four years with this young man."

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## What's the Context?



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As concerns the modern technology of communicating, "texting," I can't decide if I'm pro or con. Certainly I can appreciate - and have been party to - its benefits; the ability to communicate with another person/phone when speaking is not an alternative; while in a meeting, in a class, in a car (as a passenger), in a bind, etc. And there is something to be said for instant gratification, knowing that the message was sent and received in a timely manner. Moreover, as a salesperson, communicating with clients and/or prospects is the main component of my business and the more avenues available to me that enhance - and quite frankly define - these lines of communication, the happier and much-less frustrated I'll be.

That being acknowledged, however, there is no substitute for substance. And substance abuse, meaning miscommunication/misunderstanding increase when questions cannot be answered and answers cannot be questioned because there's no conversation because the parties to the "alleged" conversation are too busy hunting and pecking on their phone's keyboard rather than listening; they're focusing on their typing, not their thinking. And in spite of how texting-friendly cell phones have become to make the process seem almost like actual talking, almost doesn't count, except in horseshoes and hand grenades, as the old expression goes. And so too will communicating go if in-person or person-to-person is replaced by phone to phone.

There's more to communicating than simply words, in whole or in part, much more. There's tone, inflection, timbre. There's look, feel and gesture. And of course, there's context. In and of themselves, words are merely building blocks, essential but still inanimate, sort of. Without context, there's insufficient information to determine if, as an example, the end of the conversation is at all justified by the means used to try and get there. It's difficult enough to keep up your end of the conversation; processing, interpreting, evaluating, reacting, when the person/respondent is two feet in front of you or within earshot on the other end of a hand-held device. But not seeing and not actually hearing, because you're reading and writing (on your phone's touchscreen) seems much to do about something, too much to do and too difficult a way to do it. And it's already difficult enough to discern the true - and accurate - meaning of many of the conversations you do have when all the elements are in place and all the faculties are in use.

Disengaging, so to speak; disconnecting, if you will; some of the main processors used in understanding and relating to your fellow man/woman, has to increase the likelihood that words to the wise will not reach their intended target but rather will reach, unsuccessfully beyond their grasp and float digitally into cyber space, a sort of modern day dead letters office. Communications certainly well intentioned, but communications that, due to misinformation, never arrives at its intended destination/desired recipient.

Communication should not be about ease of transmission, it should be about however long it takes for a proper exchange to occur. Granted, typing/texting is obviously one way (and an increasingly popular way) to express oneself, and in many situations, the only practical way to do so. However, practical is not what matters most, understanding is.

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**Timothy Harwell Bell**

Tim passed away on May 3rd at Cameron Glen Capital Hospice in Reston after a brave fight against pancreatic cancer. He was 59. Tim was a 34 year resident of Reston, Virginia and a 43 year resident of the Washington, D.C. area. He was also a valued member of the Dutch Creek community in Nelson County, Virginia where he donated a conservation easement to the Virginia Natural Heritage Program (DCR) to preserve the flora and fauna on Naked Mountain, a property he and his wife Marcia have owned and loved for twenty years.

Tim graduated from Langley High School in McLean and graduated with honors from Harvard University. After a distinguished career in the health communications field, he founded Timothy Bell and Company which Marcia continues to operate.

Tim leaves behind a deeply bereaved family: his wife Marcia and his daughter Susan who reside in Reston; his brother Donald who resides in Rockaway Beach, Oregon; his father Tartt, a resident of Friends House in Sandy Spring, Maryland; and his sister Bethany who resides in Clemmons, North Carolina.

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**Mary Ann Novak**



Mary Ann Novak, age 74, of Chantilly, VA died on March 14, 2009 at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital. She was born on April 15, 1934 in Dawson, NE to the late Frank and Cora Ellen Bernhardt. Mary Ann graduated as Salutatorian from Dawson High School in 1952. Mary Ann married Charles Novak on June 6, 1952 in Dawson, NE. After living in several places around the country they finally settled in Chantilly, VA in 1970, where Mary Ann lived until her death. Mary Ann worked for Fairfax County's Facilities Management Division for 26 years before she retired in 1998 as Office Service Manager III. Mary Ann kept busy during her retirement years gardening, reading and raising dogs. She also loved old movies, mainly westerns and musicals. Mary Ann and her husband often traveled back "home" to Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado to visit family, friends and attend alumni reunions. They also enjoyed the beaches at Ocean City, MD and Nags Head, NC, often with their daughters and grandchildren.

Mary Ann was the beloved wife of Charles E. Novak, loving and devoted mother of Susan Camille Rieder, Judith Marie Soltow and Leigh Anne Stephens, proud grandmother of Thomas Alexander Clark, Elizabeth Anne Novak and Lauren Marie Soltow, sister of Hazel Hanny, Aunt of Frank Hanny, her beloved Bichon dog Louie, who checks under her bedroom door daily, hoping that she will appear. She is deeply missed.

A Memorial service will be held on Friday, May 15th at 10:30am at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden Street, Herndon, VA ([www.adamsgreen.com](http://www.adamsgreen.com)). Private graveside services will immediately follow at Emmanuel Church Cemetery, Middleburg, VA.



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- 10am-12pm Niman Ranch sausages and hot dogs
- 11am-1pm Sushi and spring rolls
- 11:30am-1:30pm Empanadas
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**May**  
1 2U (U2 tribute band) + Road Soda  
8 Lost in Paris  
15 Laura Lea & Tripp Fabulous  
22 Black Sheep  
29 No Friday Night Live! (Herndon Festival)

**June**  
5 Burnt Sienna  
12 Monster Band  
19 Dr. FU  
26 Love Seed Mama Jump

**July**  
3 Crowded Streets + 8 Track Jones  
10 Flip Like Wilson  
17 Kristin & the Noise  
24 B2B (Jimmy Buffett Beach Band)  
31 JunkFood + Fools & Horses

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7 Hyjinx + Rise & Fall  
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