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The fifth Senior Senior Prom, staged by the Rotary Clubs of Herndon and Reston last Saturday afternoon, boasted the event’s biggest turnout to date, with about 230 attendees.

Herndon chiropractor and Rotarian Chris Oliver, who plans the event every year, noted that the space at St. Joseph Catholic School in Herndon was “pretty much maxed out” and said he hoped to make the dance floor bigger at next year’s event.

Each time the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble finished a song, the dance floor cleared, but within a minute into the next tune, swing dancing senior citizens had to watch out for each other as they worked their spinouts and throwouts.

“I think it’s a great event. I think it’s something the community really needed,” Oliver said. “People really appreciate it.”

It was Pat Williams of the Herndon Rotary Club who initially came up with the idea for the event. She said she had wanted to gear an event toward the senior community, and she had decided on a theme that had suited high school students for decades. She said members of the Reston Rotary were invited to help out since the first year because they were neighbors “and they were very enthusiastic.”

Originally, only seniors from the Reston and Herndon communities were invited, but now the clubs are inviting the elderly from across the Dulles area.

It was the Reston Rotary that brought in the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble to provide music and the Eight Week Wonders swing dancing group to give a demonstration and dance with crowd members, Oliver said.

Sue Caley of the Eight Week Wonders dance group said her father, a Rotarian, had asked if the dance group would work the event. About 20 performers turned out. “Basically, their job is to go out, grab people and dance,” she said.

“It’s a big effort,” said Reston Rotarian Linda Nevite, who arranges for the dancers and the band. “It takes two clubs and the strengths of two clubs to put it together.” She added, “I think I speak for everyone when I say we look forward to it.”

Also helping with the event were members of Herndon High School’s Students against Global Abuse (SAGA) and South Lakes High School’s Interact Club.

Oliver said he was thinking of incorporating square dancing into next year’s prom.

Herndon and Reston Rotary Clubs’ Senior Senior Prom gives senior citizens chance to kick up their heels.

Long after Graduation, Seniors Dance the Afternoon Away

Swing music by the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble had the floor packed for every song.

Sue Caley of the Eight Week Wonders dance group and Gary Mitchell cut loose on the dance floor.

Ying Wu, front, and Yin Qing Bai strike a pose at the Senior Senior Prom.

John Zebelean guides Joanne Aaronson across the dance floor.

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Mary Ingram Remembered

Herndon Town Council Chambers renamed in honor of a former Town Clerk.

By Anna McCormally
The Connection

T he Herndon Town Council Chambers were renamed in a ceremony on June 8 for Mary Ellen Higdon Ingram, who served as Herndon’s Town Clerk for 18 years. Ingram was first appointed to the position on June 1, 1975 and retired on June 1, 1993. She died on April 26, 2009.

She was a timeless advocate for the citizens of Herndon,” said Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis, who gave the ceremony’s opening remarks.

Ingram, who was diagnosed with lupus from a young age, never allowed her illness to get in the way of her work. She handled the duties of Town Clerk in addition to being named the town’s first Public Information Officer in 1981. Among her most notable accomplishments was her dedication to Herndon’s involvement with Sister Cities International. Ingram served as the president of the program in Herndon and is responsible for Herndon’s relationship with its sister city, Runnymede, England.

“If she hadn’t told us [about her illness] I would never have known,” said former Herndon Town Manager Robert S. Noe Jr., who served at the time that Ingram was Town Clerk. “There was never anything but just a smile on her face and a sparkle in her voice … she was truly a remarkable woman. I think she cheated death more times than anyone in the history of the universe.”

THE CEREMONY was characterized by anecdotes about Ingram’s dedication and service to the Town of Herndon, but none who spoke of her did so without mentioning the goodness of her heart and warmth of her disposition.

“All who knew and worked with Mrs. Ingram recall a person who was consistently pleasant, helpful and kind. No matter how busy she was she had time for a smile and a friendly word,” said DeBenedittis.

In addition to DeBenedittis, who never worked personally with Ingram and was merely affected by her glowing reputation, former Herndon mayors Del. Tom Rust (R-86) and Richard Thoesen spoke at the dedication ceremony.

“Mary cared so much about our town, our success, our positive image,” said Thoesen, who praised Ingram for her fierce loyalty to the Town of Herndon rather than to a political goal, a loyalty that resulted in painstakingly detailed minutes of every Town Council meeting.

Thoesen described her as “resilient and durable” in the face of her illness. “She was frail and fragile,” he said, “but never in spirit.”

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THOESEN AND RUST both shared comical stories about Ingram’s involvement in their respective work as mayor, and in each of them Ingram came of as the kind of woman who probably could have run the town of Herndon by herself.

“There was a time someone questioned a letter,” Rust said, “because I had signed it. No one had ever seen my signature before. She had always signed everything.”

Growing solemn, Rust summed up what it seemed everyone who knew Ingram felt about her. “I have fond memories of her and I could go on,” he said, “I truly loved her. She was a great friend.”

At the end of the ceremony, DeBenedittis, Ingram’s daughter Melanie Ingram and Ingram’s son H. DeWitt Ingram III unveiled a plaque dedicating the Council Chambers and renaming them the “Mary Ingram Council Chambers.”

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Lombardozzi Named Lady Fairfax

Dranesville’s Lady Fairfax champions teens though she has none, Hispanics though she’s not one.

By Mike DiCicco
The Connection

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said he chose Lombardozzi as this year’s Lady Fairfax because of her years of volunteer work with an array of community organizations, particularly youth-oriented groups such as PTAs, youth sports leagues and the Greater Herndon Community Coalition. “She’s been a standout in terms of providing opportunities for the youths of the community,” he said.

But perhaps most remarkable is the fact that she is still heavily involved in these organizations, even though her two daughters and her son are all in college and are aged 20, 21 and 22.

Having been PTA president at Armstrong Elementary, Herndon Middle School and Herndon High School, Lombardozzi is said to be in charge of the Herndon High School PTSA’s Hispanic Parent Committee, which she helped to found, and she will coordinate the school Sports Booster Club’s fundraising golf tournament for the sixth year running. She also remains the coordinator for the community coalition, which focuses on activities that prevent teens from engaging in risky behavior. In addition, she serves as secretary for the county’s Baseball Council.

CURRENT: Herndon High School PTSA President Ann Marie Ruskin, who has volunteered with Lombardozzi since their Armstrong Elementary days, called her friend “the epitome of volunteerism,” noting that she was able to see beyond what benefited her own children to work for the good of the community.

Lombardozzi said she wasn’t certain how much longer she would remain so heavily involved in youth organizations, but she said she had stayed on because of the people she was working with. “I think as long as there are good people around you it’s easy to keep doing things,” she said.

Having pioneered the Hispanic Parent Committee in the PTSA, Lombardozzi focused this year on creating Hispanic parenting classes through the community coalition. Although she helped organize the classes and find speakers, she does not speak Spanish. “I can count to 10. That’s my limit,” Lombardozzi said.

But she said she appreciated the community’s diversity and felt that people learn more in such an environment than in one where everyone is like them. “It’s mostly just about trying to improve the community I live in and trying to help everyone in the community,” she said.

Lombardozzi has been involved with the coalition since 2002, and when the last coordinator left five years ago, she took over.

“When something needs to be done, she’s the first one to jump in,” Ruskin said. She recalled one year when no one had stepped up to coordinate the national PTA Reflections contest at the district level, so Lombardozzi took the position at the same time that she was coordinating the contest at the school level.

When Lombardozzi became president of the Herndon High School PTSA and one stepped up to take over the PTA at the middle school, she effectively headed both organizations for a year, Ruskin said.

One youth-oriented activity that still benefits at least one of Lombardozzi’s children is the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate League baseball team that she and her husband sponsor each summer. Their son is on the team. However, they started sponsoring the team six years ago, long before their children were eligible.

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News

Officer Fred Chambers poses with his school resource officer of the year award.

Officer Educates while Enforcing

Rachel Carson Middle School policeman named school resource officer of the year.

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Officer Fred Chambers knows his job well enough to know when to call for backup. On career days at Rachel Carson Middle School, the school resource officer has brought in members of the motorcycle squad and even a police helicopter to illustrate the various job opportunities in the police force. And, a couple of years ago, he brought that year’s Miss Virginia to the school.

“It was a wonderful day for the students to learn about her activities and the good causes she’s involved in,” said Principal August Frattali.

The school has been nominating Chambers for the school resource officer of the year award since he was assigned to the school full-time four years ago. This year, he got the award. He was one of 14 officers nominated.

“He’s just been great since he arrived here,” Frattali said. He said Chambers takes pride in forming relationships with the students, enabling him to do his job “in a firm but loving way.” When students win a “pizza with the principal” meal, Chambers is known to drop by and enjoy a slice, Frattali said, noting that the students “get to see him as an integral part of the staff, not just a Fairfax County police officer roaming the school.”

Through a program offered by Georgetown University, Chambers obtains Hoya basketball tickets for students and staff members who deserve recognition. Chambers also goes out of his way to educate students, faculty and parents. Frattali said the officer goes into civics classrooms to talk about law and visits health classes to discuss substance abuse and other health issues. He’s taught self-defense classes for female staff members and comes to PTA meetings to talk about trends in the community and concerns that parents should be aware of. Frattali said Chambers also keeps the staff abreast of crime and police activity in the community.

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School Notes

Stephanie Kate Butler of Oak Hill graduated from Villanova University during their commencement ceremony on May 17. Butler earned a Bachelor’s degree cum laude in Science in Nursing.

Daniel Drew of Herndon, an entering freshman in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in Virginia Tech’s Pamplin College of Business, was awarded the Robert C. Morris, Jr. Freshman Merit Scholarship in Accounting. The $4,000 scholarship is awarded annually to entering freshmen in accounting and information systems.

Mariah Cook of Herndon was named to the Dean’s List at Goshen College for the spring semester. K. Arienne Johnson, daughter of Mike and Barb Johnson of Herndon, made the Dean’s List for the spring semester at Goshen College.

Johnson is a junior studying history and Bible and religion.

Week in Herndon

Francene Harris Robinson of Reston Dies

Francene Harris Robinson of Reston died on June 5, at the hospital center in Arlington. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Henry F. Robinson, two loving sons, Marques Robinson of Reston and Elliott Robinson of Silver Spring, Md.; three brothers, Frank Harris, Jr. of Richmond, Va., Clinton (Jacqueline) Harris of Fayetteville, N.C. and Robert (Antoinette) Harris Sr. of Richmond, Va.; five sisters, Ruby Brown of Newark, N.J., Virginia Harris of Los Angeles, Cal., Alice Wood of Richmond, Va., Jeannette (Algernon) Moultrie of Philadelphia, Penn. and Geraldine Harris of Richmond, Va. and a host of other relatives and friends.

Friends may call (visitation) on Thursday, June 11, from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Heritage Fellowship Church, 13515-C Dulles Technology Dr., Herndon, VA 20171. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, June 12, 11 a.m. at Heritage, 13515-C Dulles Technology Dr. Herndon, Va. Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon, Va.

Congregation Beth Emeth Turns 30

Members of Congregation Beth Emeth in Herndon, an affiliate of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, will be celebrating 30 years of worship, learning and service at its anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This milestone event in the history of the congregation also coincides with the retirement of Paula Slavsky, the synagogue’s pre-school founding director.

The celebratory events include a brunch and program in which many old and new members present their personal recollections in a musical tribute to the congregation. In addition, Slavsky will be recognized for her 19-year tenure as director of the Beth Emeth Early Childhood Center and her many contributions as a long time member of the congregation. The celebration concludes with an acknowledgement of the synagogue’s many dedicated volunteers.

Congregation Beth Emeth began with just a handful of families coming together to form a Conservative Jewish congregation in western Fairfax County, utilizing space in various locales until settling in its permanent site in Herndon. Over the years, the community has expanded to include more than 450 families with its own building, a robust pre-school and religious school, active youth groups, opportunities for adult education, multiple social groups and a strong commitment to local community service.

For further information about Congregation Beth Emeth and its 30th anniversary celebration, visit www.bethemeth.org or call 703-860-4515.

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Day Prom Celebrated

During the annual Day Prom, Mark Lemmons, a student at Herndon High School, shows off his dance moves with his fellow students.

Ryan Hartmeyer and Kimberly Jimenez, students at Herndon High School, enjoy a dance together while enjoying the Day Prom. The Day Prom is held each year for county special needs high school students.

Princess Asoegwu, a student at Herndon High School, enjoys the moment while dancing at the annual Day Prom held at the Waterford at Fair Oaks on May 19.
OPINION

Teen Safety in the Summer
Washington Regional Alcohol Program’s tips for keeping teen drivers and passengers safe.

Bad Language
To the Editor:
Last weekend I attended the Elder Street Players “The History Boys” on the basis of your review and front page photo [Lessons in ‘History,’ Oak Hill/Herndon Connection, May 20-26]. I agree that it is fresh, often funny and intelligent—and poetic.

But your review gave no indication at all that it was filled with the “f” word and many references to homosexual groping/propositions between students and teachers.

I never would have gone if I had known this. Children were in the theatre last night. Probably the parents didn’t expect this either. As a teacher (and one who has made her living in the arts) I know that the last thing our schools and young people need is encouragement to use bad language and accept/make sexual overtures in a school setting.

I hate the thinning of our world and do not wish to support it.

In the future many of us would appreciate it if you could let us know in your reviews about such content.

Very much appreciate The Connection in general, especially the calendar of events and your support for local charitable groups who very much need publicity especially in these days of great need.

Mary Kay Stine
Reston

A Thank You For Kindness
To the Editor:
I live up in Northern Pennsylvania, 250 miles north of Philadelphia, and was in your Safeway in Great Falls on Friday, May 22. I had a basket full of a couple of bottles of wine, lots of cold meats, rolls, etc. (over $100 worth). The gentleman at the cash register asked me if I had a local phone number, which I could not think of. The lady behind me stepped up and said “I do” and gave him her phone number. He said she saved me over $10. She had no idea what that meant to me, as I was picking stuff up to take to my son’s house for everyone, as he had just passed away that morning. I would like you to put this in your local paper as a thank you for her for me.

George L. Buffum
Brackney, Pa.

No Need To Limit Contributions
To the Editor:
In the May 13-19 issue, your publisher, Mary Kimm, argued in favor of limitations on contributions to candidates for elective office in Virginia, like the limits imposed by the Federal Election Campaign Act and many other states. However, she never explains why such limits are needed, saying only that it would be “sensible” to do so.

Why?
The most frequent rationale for limits on campaign contributions is to prevent corruption. However, corruption thrives only in the dark. Because, according to Ms. Kimm, “Virginia ranks among the best states in disclosure,” corruption has not been, and will not be, a significant problem in Virginia.

Nor have the federal campaign contribution limits, in effect since 1975, prevented the corruption of numerous congressmen and senators during the past 34 years.

The Supreme Court notwithstanding, with full public disclosure, limits on contributions to candidates are unconstitutional restrictions on our First Amendment right to freedom of speech. Let the contributions be made, let the disclosures be published, and let the voters decide whether the candidates are likely to be unduly influenced by those who contribute to their campaigns. Most people contribute to candidates whose positions they already support, not to persuade the candidate to change positions.

Chip Watkins
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To the Editor:
I have read extensively about the recently established Governor’s Poverty Taskforce and Poverty Summit event held in Richmond on May 7.

I find it fascinating that not one person on the task force is poor himself or herself. It’s almost as if we should not know what the poor themselves think or as if they have nothing to contribute.

I’ve long found that including the community in the formation of strategies and the actual decision-making results in far better strategies and easier implementation. Even people who are in poverty can understand the concepts of decision-making about resource allocation.

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We urge consideration of our proposal.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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rom and graduation season is upon us. Most schools have organized events that deter drinking and driving around these joyous times, although there have been tragic exceptions in recent years.

Two years ago, on June 14, 2007, four young women died in on the Beltway in Springfield; two of them had graduated earlier in the day from West Potomac High School, and police reported that alcohol was found in the car.

The summer continues to be the most dangerous time of year for teens and drinking and driving. WRAP’s top tips for parents to deter that alcohol was found in the car.

❖ Provide structure. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found that teen children of “absentee parents” were four-times more likely to abuse substances than children in structured homes.

❖ Host a party. Host a teen party in your own home following guidelines of no drugs or alcohol. Ask another parent to help chaperone; when a guest leaves, do not allow them to return; make your presence known; and if you suspect that a guest has used alcohol or drugs, contact their parents.

❖ Instill self-confidence in your teen by talking with them about peer pressure. At some point, your teen will be offered alcohol. At the National Institutes of Health points out, teens prefer quick “one-liners” that allow them to dodge a drink without making a big scene.

❖ Lay down the law. In Virginia, it’s a crime to possess, transport or purchase alcohol if you’re under 21. A new law went into effect last year ensuring that teens convicted of driving after consuming virtually any amount of alcohol will lose their driver’s licenses for a year.

❖ Even if you know your teen won’t drink, make sure he or she also knows how to avoid getting in a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

❖ Beware of your civil liability. In most cases, it’s unlawful for parents to allow their children’s friends to consume alcohol in their home. If these “same friends” are later involved in a crash, the providing parents may be responsible for injuries, property damages and wrongful death. These same parents may also face criminal charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

❖ Be a role model. Parents, themselves, should be good role models by making sure their behavior is appropriate. Use alcohol moderately, serve as a responsible host and never drink and drive.

❖ If you suspect that your child is drinking, intervene. Talk to your child and obtain qualified professional help if necessary. For more, see www.wrap.org.

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‘Trying to Help Everyone in the Community’

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ordinator for LINK’s Holiday Basket Program, which provides holiday meals for needy families, and she has been the newsletter editor for Herndon United Methodist Church for more than 10 years. She is also a member of the Herndon Woman’s Club and the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce Education Council. “I try to do a little bit of everything,” she said.

“Her strengths are her ability to get people involved and her ability to work with people,” Ruskin said. Upon seeing Lombardozzi’s level of dedication, people tend to follow her lead, she said, noting that she had often succeeded Lombardozzi as PTA president. “I’ve always said she’s a really tough act to follow.”

Ruskin said many people were unaware of how much her friend volunteered because she was quiet about it. “The thing that’s important for me is the community I live in and trying to give back as much as I can,” Lombardozzi said, adding that having a spotlight thrown on her activities was “a little embarrassing.”

The Lords and Ladies Fairfax were all recognized at a ceremony on June 1. Lombardozzi said she grew up with the example of community service. “My parents were always involved in the community,” she said. “And I get bored easily, so having things to do keeps me energized.”

Professionally, she works as the league administrator for Northern Virginia Travel Baseball. “I love baseball, except when it rains,” she said. If Lombardozzi had free time, she said she would spend it reading and making scrapbooks, but she said she only gets around to those activities while on vacation. So, for the time being, she settles for walking the dog as her leisure activity.

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Juniors and seniors dance
the night away with friends at
the Westfield Marriott.

By Anna McConnell
The Connection

Boomers craned at the Westfield Marriott on Saturday,
June 13, when every audience
in the room became reality for
high school senior Veronica
Emerick. She was crowned queen
of Herndon High School’s prom.

“I have no idea how you voted,” said Emerick, as she passed from
dancing with her date, Matt Medvene. When asked about her favorite part
of the prom, other than being queen, she said, “Being with friends,
definitely.”

Emerick will graduate with the prom at a prom with four friends
who had dinner at Benihana, a Japanese restaurant in Dulles, be-
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Langston Hughes Middle School ninth annual exhibit was hosted by the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston. Three hundred pieces of student artwork was on display.

This year, the school’s art department is concentrating on connecting science to art.

“Our student-centered art production begins first with knowledge and understanding — targeted guiding questions bring students to problem solutions. Next, students perform research and planning.

The application is not the end all of the production, written reflections, and installation complete the project,” said Arline Liu, the department chair.

“Those who are serious about art have the opportunity to experience a higher level of student-centered experience and learning.”

Carlton Johnson’s ‘Wolf’ was among the 300 pieces of students’ artwork on display.

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Herndon-Reston Boys’ U11B team Captures Northern Virginia Lacrosse Title

HRYL boys’ squads impressive during playoff weekend.

Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse this past weekend completed successful season in action in the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League. Four of the boys’ teams were in action in the playoffs, highlighted by U11B’s championship run. In other playoff action, the Boys U15C team lost to eventual champion Fairfax Police by a score of 5-2. The U15B team lost a heart-breaker in a double-overtime thriller to Southwest, 5-4.

Great Falls U11B01 squad impressed during playoffs

The Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse U11 boysí team was victorious in its title game against Algonkian last weekend. Pictured are, back row, from left: Coach Mike Curran, Evan McDavitt, Christian Epperson, Michael Patrick, Peter Shull, Matt Hillebrand, David Kroll, Marshall Gordon, Hugh Curran, Ty Baylor, Matt Hughes, Louie Boyum and Coach Rob Hillebrand. Front row, from left, are: Coach Doug Kroll, John Johnson, J.C. Sipher, Nathan Gadiano, Joe Wilson, John Cardellicchio, H.T. Elston, Nate Campbell and Coach Todd Baylor.

Offensively, not only did seven different players score for HRYL, but in a selfless display of team passing, all eight of HRYL’s goals directly resulted off of assists. Herndon-Reston jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Michael Patrick found Matt Hillebrand alone near the crease, and soon thereafter, Joe Wilson fed Christian Epperson to stretch the advantage to 2-0. HRYL increased the lead to 3-0 early in the second stanza after Epperson assisted on a goal by Hugh Curran. After Loudoun West narrowed the margin to 3-1, Michael Patrick scored off an Epperson assist just before halftime to carry HRYL to a 4-1 lead into the break. HRYL increased its margin to 6-2 during the third quarter on a Ty Baylor goal, assisted by Patrick, and a Matt Hughes goal off another Epperson feed. HRYL eventually widened its lead to 8-2 on fourth quarter goals by Nate Campbell, off Patrick’s third assist, and by Matt Hillebrand’s second goal, off a feed from Nathan Gadiano, to conclude HRYL scoring.

Semifinal Playoff Game: Sunday, June 7

After recording its eighth straight victory in the quarterfinals round of the playoffs to run its overall record to 9-1, the Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse U11B boysí team got the opportunity for a rematch in the U-11B NVYLL semifinals against the Great Falls U11B3 squad that had blemished their otherwise perfect record. This time, the tables turned, as Herndon-Reston vanquished Great Falls by an 11-0 margin to earn a trip to the U11B Northwest Blue Division championship game.

Unlike its early season contest in which Great Falls jumped to a first quarter lead it never relinquished, this time Herndon-Reston took the lead to 3-0 early in the second stanza after Epperson assisted on a goal by Hugh Curran. After Loudoun West narrowed the margin to 3-1, Michael Patrick scored off an Epperson assist just before halftime to carry HRYL to a 4-1 lead into the break. HRYL increased its margin to 6-2 during the third quarter on a Ty Baylor goal, assisted by Patrick, and a Matt Hughes goal off another Epperson feed. HRYL eventually widened its lead to 8-2 on fourth quarter goals by Nate Campbell, off Patrick’s third assist, and by Matt Hillebrand’s second goal, off a feed from Nathan Gadiano, to conclude HRYL scoring.

Championship Game: Sunday, June 7

In a matchup befitting a championship game, top-seeded and unbeaten Algonkian (10-0-1) squared off against second-seeded Herndon-Reston (10-1-0) for the championship of the U-11B Northwest Blue Division championship. The gripping play on the field lived up to its billing, as Herndon-Reston stormed back from a two-goal fourth quarter deficit before Christian Epperson’s fourth goal of the game with just under a minute left in sudden-death overtime allowed Herndon-Reston to capture the title with a thrilling 65-65 victory.

Neither team seized an advantage in the first quarter, and just when it looked like the period would end scoreless, Nate Campbell’s feed to Matt Hillebrand gave Herndon-Reston a 1-0 lead. However, the lead was short-lived, as Algonkian answered just before the quarter ended to tie.

Catalyzed by its score, Algonkian scored twice in the opening minutes of the second period to grab a 3-1 lead. Christian Epperson’s unassisted tally narrowed Algonkianís advantage to 3-2, but Algonkian scored again in the last minute of the first half to carry a 4-2 lead into the break.

Herndon-Reston fought back to strike first in the third quarter on another Epperson goal off a Ty Baylor assist to narrow the deficit to one, but Algonkian responded with another tally to carry a 5-3 lead and the momentum heading into the final quarter.

Nate Campbells unassisted goal three minutes into the fourth period closed the gap to 5-4 and simultaneously breathed new life into the Herndon-Reston squad. After four close shots missed their target or were deflected away, Michael Patrick found Christian Epperson with two minutes left in the fourth to even the game at 5-5. Both teams tried to score before the end of regulation, but the respective defenses were up to the challenge, forcing the championship into sudden-death overtime.

Algonkian controlled the overtime face-off and maintained possession in the Herndon-Reston defensive zone for most of the first 2 1/2 minutes of the extra session, and if not for the hustle of defensesmen David Kroll, Matt Hughes and Nathan Gadiano, as well as two clutch saves by goalie Joe Wilson, Algonkian might well have won it. Fortunately for Herndon-Reston, Hugh Curran corralled a ground ball just before Algonkian was whistled for a penalty at the 1:33 mark of overtime that granted Herndon-Reston a free clear at midfield and an extra man opportunity for one minute. Herndon-Reston moved the ball around to probe the defense, and when Christian Epperson found an opening for his fourth goal with just under a minute remaining, it prompted a celebratory team pile-up at midfield littered with randomly scattered sticks, helmets, and gloves that were tossed into the air just after the moment of triumph.

In addition to Eppersonís heroics, Herndon-Restonís victory was keyed by goalies Nathan Gadiano and Joe Wilson, who turned away six Algonkian shots; by Ty Baylor, who created four defensive takeaways to go with his eight ground balls; and by Michael Patrick, who tallied 10 ground balls, including two on face-offs.

In winning the championship, Herndon-Reston finished its season with an 11-1 record and a 10 game winning streak.
Celebrating ‘First 100 Days’ in the Spirit of Volunteering

On Saturday, May 9, Doreen and Steve Larson, Blue Smoke Trail, in Reston, conducted an ‘Obama 100 Days Celebration Party.’ As part of the evening festivities, they asked guests to bring a bag for the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. Pictured, from left, are Mandy Guernsey, Reston Interfaith’s Volunteer Coordinator and Becky Waldrup, a longtime volunteer.

Party guest Elizabeth Vandenburg greeting the Obamas, at least the cutouts of the first couple.

Miss Virginia Comes to Armstrong Elementary

The Armstrong Elementary Sixth Grade Promotion Ceremony will be Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. The current Miss Virginia, Tara Wheeler, will serve as a key note speaker. She will be speaking on the importance of breaking down stereotypes, having strong friendships and avoiding the ‘negative’ temptations out there for pre-teens. She is not only Miss Virginia but also a former goalie for the Lady Icers Hockey team at Penn State.
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