

Oak Hill ❖ Herndon CONNECTION

At the 80th anniversary of the Herndon Volunteer Fire Department Sunday afternoon, fire medic Sean Berg shows Sima Mangr and her sons Jay, Dev, Deep and Jeet, as well as Max Propst, around one of the company's fire engines.

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Mayor Steve DeBenedittis reads a Town Council resolution recognizing the efforts and accomplishments of the Herndon Volunteer Fire Department over the last 80 years.

Herndon Volunteer Fire Department President Howard Nachman recalls the days when the fire station was a central part of community life.

Recognizing History of Heroism

Herndon celebrates 80 years of service.

BY MIKE DICICCO
 THE CONNECTION

If a fire broke out now, most of us would run away," said Herndon Vice Mayor Connie Hutchison, to the crowd gathered in the Herndon Fire Station Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4. But, she said, many in the room would instead hurry toward the blaze. "Whether they recognize it or not, that makes them special," she said.

Hutchison, also the executive director of the Herndon Dulles Visitors' Center, had organized Sunday's event, celebrating 80 years since the chartering of the Herndon Volunteer Fire Department. A devastating fire in downtown Herndon in 1917 provided the impetus to create the fire department, and the station was officially recognized in 1929, after a dozen years of fund raising.

Hutchison pointed out that most of the money to build the station was raised by the women who became the station's Ladies' Auxiliary. Although the auxiliary was defunct, she noted that a number of former members were still in the audience.

Before reading a resolution passed by the Herndon Town Council at its September public hearing, Mayor Steve DeBenedittis, one of a number of officials present at the celebration, told the audience how safe he and his family had felt living near the fire station after they moved to town in 1968.

THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION recalled much of the fire department's history, from the 1917 fire at Harrison's Livery Stable, which almost destroyed the town's entire business district, to the 1976 decision to turn the station over to Fairfax County.

In 1920, the first fire chief was appointed and the Town Council and the citizens association donated the first fire truck, a Model T, to the fire department, DeBenedittis said. Where the Town Hall now stands, a Fireman's Carnival took place to raise money to pay for the station's construction. "The Herndon Volunteer Fire Department was officially chartered on Oct. 7, 1929, and a new fire station was built next to the Murphy and Ames Lumber Yard behind the



Reed Larson, 6, examines an antique fire truck that once served the Great Falls Fire Department, while his cousin, Nikki Mitchell, looks on.

[train] depot," DeBenedittis read. The Model T had been rebuilt to hold a hose.

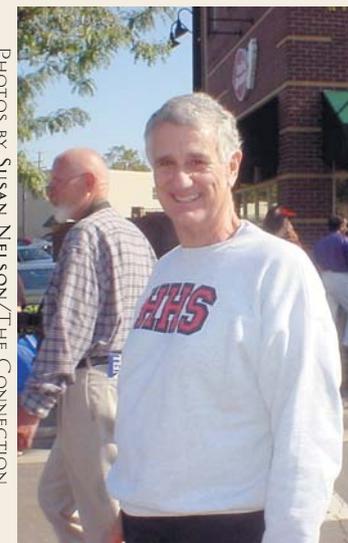
The Women's Auxiliary presented the fire department with its first ambulance in 1940, and by 1946, the fire department had grown to an organization of 100 members, DeBenedittis said. Three years later, the department was incorporated into the county system, and a new station was built the following year. In 1976, the fire department handed control over to the county. "Although the station was incorporated into Fairfax County, the volunteers remained active in the community, conducting fund raisers for Station 4 and participating in many other community events," DeBenedittis said.

As he and State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) presented a certificate of recognition from the Virginia General Assembly, Del. Tom Rust (R-86) remembered his uncle, Claude Rust, jumping away from the table during meals to answer the call of the fire siren. And he recalled that the town's community spirit had revolved around the station where his uncle volunteered. "This was the social life, the social center of this community," Rust said.

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PHOTOS BY SUSAN NELSON/THE CONNECTION
Clara Hameson, 8, Natalie Urban, 8, and Jane Hameson, all of Herndon, relax on the lawn of the Town Hall before the homecoming parade last Saturday.



Del. Tom Rust (R-86) walking in the parade collecting non-perishable food items for the LINK food drive.

Herndon Homecoming Celebrated

The community celebrated Herndon High School's Annual Homecoming Parade last Saturday with spirit floats, marching bands, football players, cheerleaders and more than 1,500 other participants as hundreds of supporters gathered together through the streets of downtown to enjoy the day's festivities.

"We are out here having fun," said Patrice Humpherys, a freshman and sophomore teacher at Herndon High School. "The kids are patiently awaiting for the parade to begin."

Many relaxed on the lawn of the Town Hall while waiting for the parade to begin.

"It is a great day to be out and enjoying such a great event," said Jane Hameson of Herndon.

Among those walking in the parade was Del. Tom Rust (R-86) who teamed up with Herndon High School and Herndon Middle School to conduct a food drive for LINK. Rust and a team of volunteers col-

lected non-perishable food along the parade route.

"LINK is a great organization," said Rust. "We are out here on foot collecting food and it's sure to be a success." Rust said he was honored to be a part of the success of the food drive. "People have been so generous and we thank them."

LINK, Inc. is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that collects and distributes non-perishable food items to those in need and in Herndon, Sterling and Ashburn communities.

The parade consisted of 50 units including ROTC Color Guard, Cub and Boy Scouts, Herndon Town Council and historic fire trucks.

As the parade came to the end of the route many celebrated in the street to heighten the spirit of the day and to show support to the football team.

"The parade was fantastic, the schools showed a lot of spirit and the weather was perfect," said Herndon's Mayor Steve DeBenedittis.

—SUSAN NELSON

Homecoming Parade Winners

Homecoming Queen – Naz Kochhar

Homecoming King – Dan Maddox

Best in Parade Award – Class of 2010 (Seniors)

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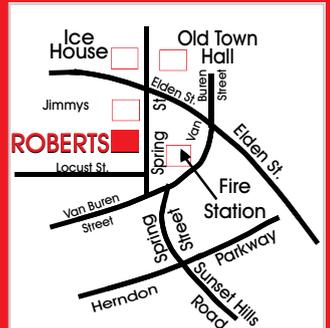
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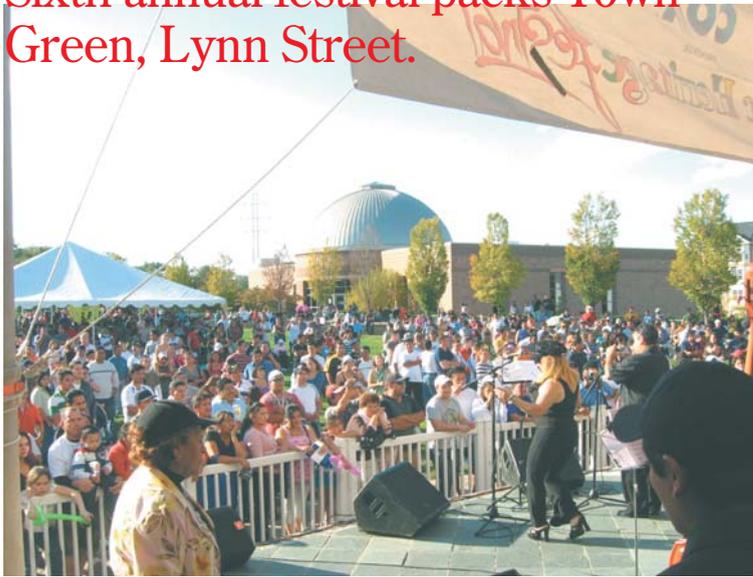
Food vendors like Susana's Pupuseria worked to keep up with a steady stream of customers throughout the afternoon.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

A sea of families dined on traditional Latin dishes, shopped from a variety of Hispanic vendors and packed the Town Green for performances by salsa, merengue, mambo, regaton and children's bands at the sixth annual Hispanic Heritage Festival in downtown Herndon Sunday afternoon and evening. Vendors selling traditional food and other items lined about two blocks of Lynn Street, and a steady stream of live entertainment took the stage to entertain crowds on the Town Green.

The Northern Virginia chapter of the Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce organized the event, which was sponsored by Cox Communications.

Sixth annual festival packs Town Green, Lynn Street.



Crowds pack the Town Green as the Latin band Zeniza All Star performs.

— MIKE DICICCO

WEEK IN HERNDON

Sex Assault Reported in Herndon Area

A 19-year-old female was sexually assaulted near 12530 Sunrise Valley Drive on Monday, Oct. 5. Around 4 p.m., the victim was with a man she met through an acquaintance. Near the commuter lot, the man convinced her to enter some nearby woods. Once inside the woods, the man sexually assaulted the victim. The suspect fled and the victim summoned police. The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with minor injuries. Neither victim nor suspect was a commuter.

The suspect was described as black, in his 20s, wearing a tan shirt, blue jeans and a camouflage hat. He was riding a silver bicycle.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Fall Clean Up, Leaf Collection Schedules

Town-wide fall cleanup will take place during the weeks of Oct. 13-16 and Oct. 19-23. Residents should place large household items such as appliances, furniture, vehicle parts and plumbing fixtures curbside on their trash days only. Pickup is on trash days only. Fall cleanup will not take place on Monday, Oct. 12. Items normally collected on Monday will be collected on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

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raisers for Lees Corner Elementary PTA on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 5-8 p.m. and another for Oak Hill Elementary PTA on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 5-8 p.m. A \$5 donation each evening will be rewarded with a big, gourmet burrito, bowl, order of tacos or a salad and a fountain drink. All proceeds will go to support the schools' student activities.

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Pick up a free program with map and driving directions at any venue marked by directional signs and blue balloons. Or download a copy of the map and directory of artists from www.GreatFallsStudios.com.



Great Falls
STUDIOS

This event is a benefit for Great Falls School of Art, administered by the non-profit Great Falls Foundation for the Arts. The 6th Annual Great Falls Art Studios Tour is supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Great Falls Foundation for the Arts and the Great Falls Business & Professional Association.

"Portrait 'Gem,' by 'Tru.'" © 2009 by Richard Suib



October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection is key to success.

Last week, the American Cancer Society reported that women diagnosed with breast cancer are seeing increasingly positive results from treatment, with mortality rates continuing to drop, a trend that began in 1990.

In 2009, I was one of more than 190,000 U.S. women diagnosed with breast cancer.

In June, still in the midst of a regimen of chemotherapy, I walked in the Komen Global Race for the Cure on the National Mall. It wasn't the first time I had participated in the event, but it was my first time as a breast cancer survivor.

Now finished with my treatment, this is my first October — Breast Cancer Awareness Month — as a member of the club of more

than 2.5 million women in the country with a history of breast cancer. And like the majority of women whose breast cancer is detected early, my prognosis is excellent.

Many, many readers and community members reached out to me warmly over the course of the year, and the support from coworkers, community members, breast cancer survivors, family and friends has been amazing and contributed mightily to my health and energy throughout my treatment.

But despite the advances in early detection, treatment and mortality rates, more than 40,000 women will die of breast cancer this year in this country.

As you think about breast cancer survivors and feel empathy for those in the midst of treatment, I urge the women reading this to be sure that they are taking care of themselves, for everyone reading this to be sure the women in their lives are as well.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HVFD 80th Anniversary Thanks Sponsors

To the Editor:

Thank you for your article announcing the 80th anniversary of the Herndon Volunteer Fire Department. About 80 people attended the event last Sunday that took place thanks to the generous support of the event sponsors, Investin Real Estate, Haines Paving, American Carpet, Griffin-Owens & Associates, Barbara Harding, MainStreet Bank, The Closet and The Herndon Fortnightly Club.

Company 4 was in tip-top shape, thanks to the men and women stationed there. They had even polished up the old fireman's pole and had it on display along with numerous trophies, photos and old uniforms and equipment. An antique engine was also on display thanks to Richard Slepetz

and David Gantt. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary and past volunteer firemen enjoyed being together again and sharing old memories.

Great Falls Gourmet, Great Harvest Bread Company, Jimmy's Tavern and the Tortilla Factory helped supply the refreshments, along with Debbie Haines Butler, a daughter of a past volunteer, who baked a delicious cake for the occasion. Del. Tom Rust (R-86) praised the Volunteer Fire Department for helping to create Herndon's special "sense of community," and HVFD President Howard Nachman thanked the volunteer firefighters and the Ladies Auxiliary for their service to our town.

It was a wonderful event and I thank you for your assistance in promoting it.

Connie Haines Hutchinson
Executive Director
Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center
Inc.

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Get Involved

Here are a few of many area events in October to support breast cancer awareness.

Breast Education Day, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, no registration required.

It's too late to join the **2009 Komen DC 3-Day for the Cure**, which takes place this weekend, but you can still donate, or sign up for the 2010 event at www.the3day.org. Thousands will walk 60 miles over three days to raise awareness and money.

Women's Health Lunch, Inova Fair Oaks Hospital, Saturday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax, Registration is required. Call 703-391-3776.

Early detection is the key. Breast cancer is detected early by self-exams, by doctor exams and by mammograms. Be sure you show up for all of the above on your own behalf.

— MARY KIMM,

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THURSDAY/OCT. 8

The Lupus Foundation of America Greater Washington Chapter (LEAGW) Support Group. 12 p.m. Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing Conference Room A, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. Free. Cyndee Hochstrasser, 703-689-9240. www.lupusgw.org.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) October Meeting: A Look at Issues Critical to Democracy. 9:30 a.m. The League will be discussing its partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau. Materials will be on hand to suggest ways to reach out to Hard to Count Populations. 11908 Paradise Lane, Herndon. Charleen, 703-620-3593.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Reston Accessibility Committee (RAC) Meeting. 10 a.m. at United Bank, 1801 Reston Parkway, Reston. To improve accessibility for mobility-impaired persons in Reston. Contact Ken Fredgren, 703-391-9019 or fredgren.k@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14

Twists & Turns: Transportation Infrastructure - The Status of Public Private Partnerships in Virginia. Trailblazers in Virginia: Looking Back & to the Future, 7:30 a.m. Auditorium Oracle, 1900 Oracle Way, Reston. Hon. Pierce Homer, Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia, Shirley Ybarra, Senior Transportation Policy Analyst, The Reason Foundation, and John G. Milliken, Partner, Venable LLP. \$35 DATA members, \$45 non-members. datatrans@datatrans.org or 703-817-1307.

Reston Environmental Action (REACT) Annual Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne. Featured speaker, Darrell Beschen, Chief Economist at the U.S. Department of Energy, will discuss energy efficiency and a new approach to energy utilization. REACT members will explain how to carry out this message

in our neighborhoods, as well as other ways residents can help the environment. 703-561-3657 or thea9@erols.com.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) October Meeting: A Look at Issues Critical to Democracy. 7:30 p.m. at Reston Art Gallery at Heron House, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. Contact Lucy, 703-757-5893

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

Panel discussion on Perspectives of U.S.-Israel Relations in the Age of Obama and Netanyahu. 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. 8 p.m. With David Makovsky, Distinguished Senior Fellow and Director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and Jonathan Schanzer, Deputy Executive Director of the Jewish Policy Center. Free and open to the public. WWW.nvhcreston.org or 703-437-7733.

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Dulles Area Transportation Association Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Washington Dulles Hilton, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. 703-478-2900.

The American Association of University Women of Reston and Herndon presents special Guest Speaker Deron W. Lovaas of the National Resources Defense Council at the Reston Regional Library. Lovaas is NRDC's Federal Transportation Policy Director and will address the AAUW meeting on "Moving Cooler Strategies for Reducing Emissions." The meeting begins at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join in and learn more about AAUW. For info, call 703-476-0029 or 703-716-7360.

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Girl Scouts from troop 1404 at Dranesville Elementary School in Herndon attend the Reston Zoo's first Scout Day on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Reston Zoo Hosts Scout Day

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER
THE CONNECTION

Reston Zoo offered local Boy and Girl Scouts an opportunity to explore wildlife and nature at its first Scout Day. On Sept. 26-27, more than 150 scouts attended the event to earn merit badges.

Ian Shelley, a zookeeper at the zoo who came up with the idea, said he's been involved in scouting for a very long time.

"It places emphasis on being outdoors and nature," Shelley said, "and brings people together in a fun educational set-

ting." Shelley said the Reston Zoo is always trying to think of new programs and opportunities. He said he's glad Scout Day came to fruition and is glad to work with the Boy Scouts in a small intimate setting. "[You can see] The joy in their faces," he said.

Brittany Spengler, 13, a Cadet, assisted the Girl Scouts at various stations. "I'm here to help the Brownies and the juniors learn about animals," Spengler said, "and just what [animals] do and how they live."

Donna Dziomba, a teen troop advisor, said the girls volunteered



Ian Shelley, a zookeeper at the Reston Zoo, holds Boomer, a red kangaroo, while local Boy Scouts surround him at Scout Day on Sunday, Sept. 27.

at various stations to earn service hours and to earn silver or gold awards. "I hope they find [Scout Day] a positive experience," Dziomba said.

McGlensey Abiles, a zookeeper at the zoo, said the event also taught leadership skills. She said it gives the older girls a chance to run a station. "It's a fun [day] for the girls," Abiles said.

In the end, Abiles said Scout Day is a community event.

"We will do this every year," she said, "[because we are] reaching out to the community and giving something back."

CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnews.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnews.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8
Farmers' Market at Reston Town Center Pavilion. 3:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry, bread and cheese, salsa and sausage. 703-689-4699.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

Wine Tasting Lake Anne Florist. 5-7 p.m. Free samplings of Virginia wines and savings on purchases: 10% off per bottle, 15% per case.

Friends' Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Call for title. Adults. 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10
Melody Night with violinist Ustad Delshad Hussain Khan. 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Reston Hotel, Reston. Instrumental South Asian music fused with international sounds. 703-466-0557 or www.ustadilshadhussainkhan.com.

Family Birdwalk, Brown's Chapel, Reston. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Share the beauty of birds with the entire family. This outing, designed especially for families with children 6-12 years old, will involve an easy walk along park and woodland trails. Learn to identify and appreciate birds commonly seen around here in the fall. Bring binoculars if you have them.

info@audubonva.org.
Two authors coming to Barnes & Noble in Reston for Educator's Appreciation Reception: Nancy Krulik, author of the children's series *Katie Kazoo Switheroo*, will be there to meet and greet and sign books from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Local author Jason Killian Meath has written for the *Images of America* Series, Hollywood

on the Potomac, highlighting the love affair between the worlds of Hollywood glamour and Washington politically elite. He joins a 1 p.m. discussion and signing. Free and open to public.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11
Merrifield Lion's Club All You Can Eat Crab Feast. 1-4 p.m. at the

Dunn Loring Fire Department, 2128 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Live music, crabs, hotdogs, cole slaw, soft drinks and more. Beer available for nominal charge. Adult advance tickets \$37, \$15 under age 12; adults at the door \$39. 703-573-2733 or m.armendaris@gmail.com.
Birdwalk: Buttermilk Creek to Colvin Run. 7:30-10:30 a.m. Walk through

forest, stream valley and a marshy area near Lake Fairfax that we have not explored before. info@audubonva.org.
"Discovery: Thirty Year Retrospective." Dr. Harvey Austin will return to Reston for his one-man, one-day Art Show from 1 to 5 p.m. This exhibition for viewing and sale of Dr. Austin's work will be at The Austin-Weston Center for Cosmetic Surgery, 1825 Samuel Morse Drive, Reston, VA 20190. Dr. Austin founded the practice in 1978, moving from McLean to Reston in 2000. During his 40 years as a plastic surgeon, Dr. Austin continuously sketched and caricatured the profiles of his colleagues, associates and other prominent and interesting people. More than 130 of these framed portraits will be available for purchase at the event. Fifty percent of the net proceeds will go charity. His work may be viewed on www.HarveyAustin.com

TUESDAY/OCT. 13
Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance. 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. www.colvinrun.org.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14
Stories From India. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with stories from India and a traditional craft. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

Oktoberfest Comes to Town

Oktoberfest Reston — Oct. 9, 10, 11.

The sights, sounds and smells of a German Oktoberfest celebration will again fill Reston Town Center from Friday, Oct. 9 through Sunday, Oct. 11. Attendees can enjoy German food, beer and wine along with live entertainment plus carnival rides, all presented by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce (GRCC). Oktoberfest Reston is open Friday, from 3-11 p.m.; Saturday, from 11 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sunday, from 12-7 p.m., with free admission and parking. Food and drink is available in exchange for tickets purchased for \$1 each, or a sheet of 24 for \$20. Most food and drink items range from \$1-\$5 in value, with selections from some of the region's

best eateries. More information is available online at www.oktoberfestreston.com and by calling the GRCC at 703-707-9045.

Music and entertainment will be presented all three days in the Reston Town Center Pavilion, featuring The Continentals, Sam Gunderson and Cactus Grove, Sexton's German Band, and the Kings Park German Band. For the young and young at heart, the Oktoberfest Reston Carnival will offer amusement rides and entertainment in the fun-filled festival zone.

Carnival ride tickets will be available on site, sold separately from food and beverage tickets. On Saturday, Oct. 10, Reston Town Center is providing free horse-drawn hay rides and face painting on Mar-

ket Street from 12-4 p.m., adding even more family fun to Oktoberfest Reston.

Also on Saturday, Oct. 10, the Anthem Great Pumpkin 5K races will take place at Reston Town Center, starting at 9 a.m. At the Finish Line Festival, participating runners, walkers, joggers and their families can take part in the pumpkin decorating contest from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and see Virginia's Greatest Pumpkin on display. The Children's Pumpkin Dash begins at 10 a.m., offering free races for those 4 to 10 years of age. Advance registration and details are online at www.thegreatpumpkin5k.com, or call 1-866-RUN-0262 for more information.

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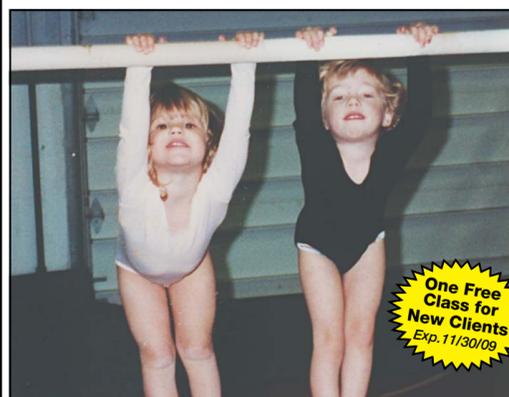
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Herndon Firefighters Praise Supporters

FROM PAGE 3

He also recalled the rivalry between volunteers and the great amount of rib-poking that went on when the Great Falls Fire Department had to call Herndon volunteers in to put out a fire.

"We not only did a job, but we also helped to form and create a community called Herndon," said

volunteer fire department President Howard Nachman. He remembered the department's charter members hanging around the station and playing pinochle long after they had retired, and the Town Council and Fairfax District Court convening in the upstairs rooms. Nachman recalled bingo games, barbecues and parades that took place at the station. But, he said, "The real heroes

of this company were our supporters." For that, he said, the former members of the Ladies' Auxiliary deserved applause.

EVEN AFTER the department decided to hand over control to the county, he said, the firefighters that worked there were pleased to be part of the station. "The volunteer association has continued to

make the commitment that we want them not only to succeed, we want the men and women of Company 4 to be the very best. And they are," Nachman said.

He noted that the department had decided when it gave up control of the building that the structure would be handed back over to the town whenever the county decided to build a new station. With

the present facility at capacity, the search for a new property on which to build the next station has been underway. "We built it with love and honor, and I hope the town will be able to make good use of it when the county decides to create a new facility," Nachman said.

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Haunting Descends on Oak Hill

Proceeds from Bradley Farm Haunted House will benefit Herndon-Reston FISH.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

On Oct. 23 and 24, Bradley Farm residents Lisa Kelly and Sarah Bermingham will visit a haunting upon their neighborhood in Oak Hill. But the horror and simulated bloodshed will all be in the name of charity.

This is the third year that the two women have coordinated a haunted house at the storage facility and pool house known as the Bradley Farm Barn, and the second time that proceeds will be donated to the charitable non-profit Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help). "It was something we thought of to give back to the community and get more people involved," Kelly said of the decision to make the event a FISH fund raiser.

LAST YEAR, they were able to donate \$1,000 to FISH. This year, they expect to raise considerably

more. They began fund raising early and secured more sponsors this time around. "As soon as we tell them it's for FISH, they pony up lots of great things for us," Kelly said.

And, said her husband Tim, they sent out 10,000 flyers, the cost of which they covered by selling ad space on the backs of the flyers and getting the Harrington delivery company to distribute them for free. They also are raising the admission fee from \$2 to \$3. Since about 1,000 people visited the haunted house last year, the organizers expect the \$1 price hike to make a significant difference in proceeds, and they don't expect anyone to find it prohibitive.

The event has a different theme each year, and this year, the pool house will become a haunted library, with different rooms based on stories by the likes of Edgar Allen Poe, Stephen King and Alfred Hitchcock. The Saturday afternoon haunting will be toned down for younger children, who will get to ask treats from the resident

Drop In

The Bradley Farm Haunted House will host scary tours on Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24, from 6-10 p.m., with a toned-down haunting for young children from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday. Entry costs \$3, and group packages are available. The barn is located at 13159 New Parkland Drive. Rain or shine. For more information, e-mail info@bfhauntedhouse.com or visit www.bfhauntedhouse.com.

ghouls, while the Friday and Saturday night tours will be calculated to frighten older audiences. Attendees, especially children, are encouraged to wear costumes.

A live band, Rude Zombie, will play all day Saturday, and the haunted house will also feature a magician, a storyteller, face painting and caramel apples with cider and popcorn. The performers are all working for free.

Kelly and Bermingham said they started planning the haunted house shortly after last year's event was over, and construction began as soon as the pool closed, although some work, such as costume design, began earlier. Most of the props, sets and costumes are handmade. "We get a lot of things off Freecycle, which really helps," Kelly said, adding that donations and thrift stores were also sources of materials.

Kelly and Bermingham have had

PHOTO BY
MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION
**Lisa Kelly, left,
and Sarah
Bermingham
pose outside
the barn that
they and
others will
haunt on Oct.
23 and 24.**



no trouble finding the 30 or so volunteers that it takes to stage the event. "We have work associates and neighborhood volunteers who spend hours scaring people," Bermingham said.

FISH PRESIDENT Marcia Di Trapani said last year's donation from the haunted house was unsolicited and one of only a couple of occasions that she knew of when residents had decided on their own to throw a fund raiser for the organization. "They just called and said that we would be one of the benefactors of the money that they raised through the haunted house," she said. "We were very pleased about that."

She took her 5-year-old grandson to last year's afternoon haunt-

ing. "It was a lot of fun. They really do a super job and a lot of work I'm sure," she said, adding that she planned to check out one of the evening tours on her own this year.

Di Trapani said all the money donated would go to FISH's family assistance program, which helps families in crisis with rent, utilities and other emergency needs. The organization also helps needy families celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas, provides transportation to doctors' appointments, gives financial workshops and runs a thrift store called the Bargain Loft in Herndon. "All our overhead is offset by the operation of the Bargain Loft, so all money donated will go directly to helping people," Di Trapani said.

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SPORTS

Herndon's Moore Enjoys Breakout Football Season

Senior linebacker has emerged into a steady contributor for the Hornets.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Austin Moore is not the highest skilled football player for the Herndon High Hornets. But over the first half of his senior season, the linebacker/fullback has emerged into the type of hard-nosed, impact player coach Joe Sheaffer knew he could become.

"He can do a little of everything for us," said Sheaffer, who said the 6-foot, 205-pound Moore, along with his offensive and defensive contributions, has been a key special teams player. "He can catch the ball real well for us. On defense he's a good, steady high school player who knows what to do."

Moore, a team captain and a third year member of the varsity, came up huge for Herndon in its high-scoring, 29-25 win over cross-town opponent South Lakes on Sept. 17. He rushed for 93 yards on the night, including a fourth quarter touchdown run. In the game's closing seconds, he clinched the win for his team with a clutch interception from his linebacker position.

The win over the Seahawks improved Herndon's record to 3-0. Since then, however, the Hornets have lost games to Robinson and, most recently, Langley, 28-13, on Friday night, Oct. 2. Moore rushed for 55 yards on nine carries in the loss to the Saxons.

Sheaffer said Moore did not

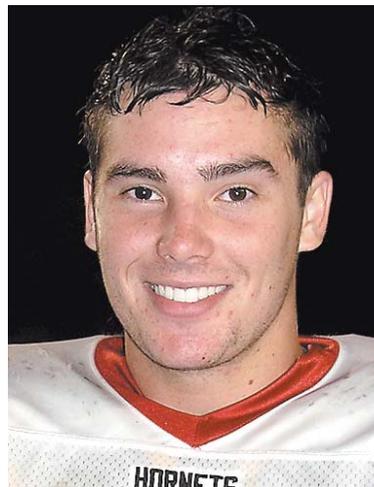


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THE CONNECTION

Herndon versatile football player Austin Moore

have as good a 2008 season as the Herndon coaching staff was expecting or hoping for last year as a two-way starter.

"He was a kid who didn't play as well as we expected last year," said Sheaffer, of Moore's junior season. "But the kid took that to heart and had a great offseason for us. He's matured and I think he's become more focused."

The coach said Moore has stretched himself to become more of a leader.

"He's been more vocal this year, but that's not really part of his make-up," said Sheaffer. "He's really spoken up this year. He was chosen as a captain and knows that means more responsibility."

Moore, on defense, has been a bright spot for a team that has

struggled at times to stop opposing offenses.

"Our defense, quite frankly, has not played real well, but not because of Austin," said Sheaffer.

ONE OF MOORE'S greatest values to the Hornets has been as a special teams' player. He has been Herndon's punt returner all season. While Moore is not necessarily a breakaway threat, he consistently catches punted balls. Often in high school football, punt return specialists elect not to catch punted balls, instead allowing the ball to fall to the turf and bounce forward. That often results in 15 to 20 more yards to a punt's net yardage. But Sheaffer said Moore consistently fields punts and either runs with the football or calls for a fair catch.

"He fields the position and it saves you 20 yards every time he catches the ball," said Sheaffer.

Moore's contributions are often mundane, behind the scenes types of things.

"He blocks very well and does a lot of little things that you won't see in the stats box," said Sheaffer. "He's had a huge impact for us on special teams and everywhere."

Moore is an outstanding student in the classroom with a 4.0 grade point average. Sheaffer said Moore could potentially play football in college at a smaller school if he elects to.

He and his teammates will be looking to snap their two-game losing streak this Friday, Oct. 9, when Herndon travels to Centreville for a Concorde District matchup with the Wildcats. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN

Kevin Grevey tees off on Westwood's 16th hole during his annual charity golf tournament on Sept. 28.

Grevey Hosts Benefit Golf Classic

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE CONNECTION

Former Washington Bullet Kevin Grevey hosted his annual Charity Golf Classic on Sept. 28 at Vienna's Westwood Country Club. More than 120 players joined Grevey to raise money for Fairfax County Public Schools and several charities.

"This is our 21st tournament," said Grevey, during a lull on the golf course. "It's a great turnout and we should net between \$30,000 and \$40,000."

Grevey, who was an All-American college basketball player at the University of Kentucky, played for Washington from 1975 through 1983 and was a starting shooting guard on the Bullets' 1978 NBA championship team. He is now a part-time scout for the Los Angeles Lakers and owns Grevey's Restaurant and Sports Bar in Merrifield.

The winning golf team at the recent Classic consisted of friends of Grevey's from Milford, Conn. "We all play tennis with Kevin when he and his wife Sandy visit her family in Milford," said Dean Coassin.

Joining Coassin, who made his first hole in one during the tournament, were Kimm Fisher, Peter Steenbergen and Peter MacLellan.

The money raised through the tournament, as well as other Grevey Foundation events, helps buy tech equipment for county schools and supports New Hope for Cambodian Children, Cows for Kenyan Kids and other educational and health care programs.

"We matched last year's proceeds, and that's great considering the economic situation," said Grevey.

For more information on fund-raising events sponsored by Grevey, visit his restaurant at 8130 Arlington Blvd.

SPORTS NOTES

The Herndon Optimist Youth Basketball travel teams have been conducting tryouts. The girls/boys teams will compete in the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL). Most games will be played at local county middle schools. For more information about league play, view the FCYBL league county Web site. All girls/boys ages 10-to-13 (fourth through eighth grades) who are Herndon community residents are eligible to play in the league. All coaches have multiple years of basketball coaching experience as AAU and travel coaches. For more information, check the web site or call Tommy Benton, Travel Basketball commissioner, at 704-437-8274.

AC Cugini Soccer of Reston is conducting tryouts through October for goalkeepers and field players for three travel teams: U12 boys (ODSL Division 1); U16 Girls (ODSL Division 1); and U18-19 boys (NCSL Division 2). AC Cugini, a member of VYSA and US Youth Soccer, is an official Italian scuola calcio sanctioned by the Italian National Olympic Committee and the Italian Soccer Federa-

tion. Cugini players participate in an 11-month Italian National Olympic Committee sanctioned training program, the only one of its kind in the USA. Practices and home games take place in Reston with additional training opportunities in Italy. Scholarships are available to players with financial need. Contact Cugini President Fabio Diletti at 703-477-5957, or visit cuginisoccer.com.

The Cardinal Girls Lacrosse league offers a year-round program for girls from the fifth through eighth grades. Northern Virginia girls from areas including Reston, Great Falls and Leesburg, are encouraged to try out. The organization will likely fill two teams per age group. Cardinals Girls Lacrosse, in its fourth year, is a non-profit, travel lacrosse organization. All the league money goes to uniforms, coaches and fields. The senior coach is the women's coach at Georgetown University, while the junior coaches are players or alumni from Catholic University, James Madison University, Virginia Tech or the University of Virginia. Practices are held at Our Lady of Good Counsel School

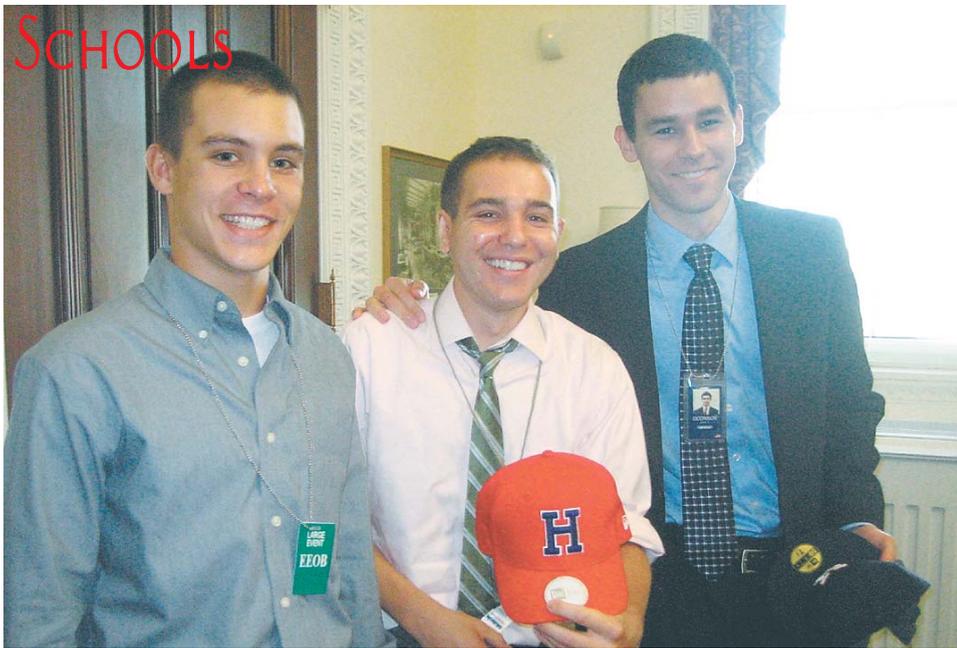
in Vienna. The league Web site is: www.cardinalgirlslacrosseclub.com.

Our Daily Bread, Inc., a Fairfax-based non-profit organization, invites golf enthusiasts of all skill levels to enjoy a great afternoon of golf to help struggling families in Fairfax County. Our Daily Bread's Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 at the South Riding Golf Club. Individual players and teams are welcome to register. The event is sponsored by Ernie Castro of Vienna and the South Riding Golf Club. A \$125 registration fee includes a full round of golf, driving range, golf cart, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. All proceeds from the event will benefit Our Daily Bread's food, financial assistance and financial education programs for working families in the Fairfax county area. Our Daily Bread continues to seek sponsors for the event as well as donations of goods and items to be raffled off at the Tournament dinner. For information on registration, sponsorship and donating goods, visit www.our-daily-bread.org, call 703-273-8829 or e-mail Mike

Kledzik at develop@ODBfairfax.org.

The Ashburn coaches defeated Reston, 7-1, at the inaugural Charity Hockey Classic event, which took place recently at the Ashburn Ice House. The benefit game raised more than \$40,000 for Inova Blood Donor Services. With a capacity crowd of nearly 1,000 fans cheering them on, the Ashburn Xtreme coaches scored twice in the game's first 34 seconds — and added a third goal just three minutes later — on way to a convincing 7-1 win over the Reston Raiders coaches. The game featured the first-ever official meeting between the adult coaches of the two rival youth clubs. It was initiated by Ashburn Ice House general manager and youth coach Rob Lorenzen, who also served as captain of the Xtreme coaches team. Together with an advisory committee of Inova personnel and Reston coaches, the group created an event that also featured a silent auction, contest giveaways, a mini-mite exhibition game and appearances by Capitals mascot Slapshot and Redskins Cheerleaders.

SCHOOLS



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Herndon High political science student Shane O'Flynn, left, with presidential speechwriters Jon Lovett and Herndon High graduate Kyle O'Connor.

Herndon High Students Meet President Obama's Speechwriters

Members of President Obama's speechwriting team including Sarah Hurwitz, Cody Keenan, Jon Lovett and Kyle O'Connor met with Herndon High School's political science students on Sept. 24. Dis-

ussion focused on the craft of presidential speechwriting. Following the discussion students visited the Oval Office, the front lawn of the White House and an anti-Iran demonstration on Pennsylvania Avenue.



Herndon High political science students pose at the front lawn of the White House.

SCHOOL NOTES

Fox Mill Elementary School PTA in Herndon will hold its 4th annual Mini-Walk for the Homeless on Oct. 15, in conjunction with the Fannie Mae Foundation Help the Homeless Walk in Washington, DC. The mini-walk has previously raised over \$23,000 for Reston interfaith, a non-profit organization that runs a shelter and food bank, and whose mission is to end homelessness. 703-262-2706.

Herndon High School's Class of 1979 is hosting the Classes of 1978 & 1980 for a Multi-Year Reunion on Oct. 10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tysons Corner. Cocktail Party including live music Friday night, Oct. 9 at Velocity 5 (off of Algonkian Parkway in Potomac Falls/Sterling). The Main Reunion registration and cocktail hour at 7 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Tysons Corner on Saturday, Oct. 10. On Sunday, Oct. 11 join all of us with your family at the Reston Town Center during Oktoberfest meeting at our tent on Market Street or bring a blanket to Presidents Park along Reston Avenue near Ann Taylor. For more information go

to www.GreatReunions.com or for an email of a full color Reunion Weekend Itinerary call Pat at 703-401-2500.

St. Joseph School in Herndon is inviting all 4-year-old children and their parents to an open house from 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 22. St. Joseph School received the Blue Ribbon of Excellence in 2007 because its students scored in the top 10 percent in the nation. Parents and their children will have the opportunity to meet Principal Joan Cargill, tour the state-of-the-art facility, including new kindergarten classrooms, science lab, art lab, and inner courtyard playground. Every child will receive a special gift at the open house.

Carly S. Cox of Oak Hill, daughter of Robert K. Cox and Terry M. Cox, is among the 750 students who entered Colgate University with the Class of 2013 in late August. The class, selected from an applicant pool of 7,800 students, is one of the most academically gifted and diverse to enroll at Colgate. Cox is a graduate of Flint Hill School.

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Herndon artist Terra Chapman's 'Kresten' portrait taking home Honorable Mention in the 'Expressions' portrait competition.

Winners Announced in Portrait Competition

Terra Chapman, 19, of Herndon wins Honorable Mention.



Loryn Brazier of Richmond won first place for her 'Sea Dreams' portrait.

ArtSpace Herndon Gallery last Saturday announced the winners of its "Expressions" portrait competition. Loryn Brazier of Richmond won first place with her "Sea Dreams" portrait.

"I am so thrilled," Brazier said. "It makes me so happy to know I've won this award with a room full of talent." Twenty-four finalists were selected to exhibit in a month-long show at the gallery by jurors Henry Wingate, portrait artist from Front Royal, Va. and Gail Roberts, owner and director of Ayr Hill Gallery in Vienna. Artist Robert Johnson of Vienna judged the finalists for awards.

Local artist Terra Chapman, 19, of Herndon won Honorable Mention for her "Kresten" portrait.

"We are extremely proud of her," said Deborah Chapman, Terra's mother. "She is currently at school in Italy and we are here to represent her." Chapman said her daughter is beginning her second year of study at the Angel Academy of Art in Florence.

Other artists who won the portrait competition included second place Betsy Gosheff-Scible of Annapolis for her "Dad" portrait and third place Gavin Glakas of Washington, D.C. for his "Julie" portrait.

"I am so happy right now," said Gosheff-Scible. "I am extremely happy."

"It is so gratifying to be a part of this wonderful experience," said Robin Carroll, president of ArtSpace and executive com-

Upcoming Events At ArtSpace

- Oct. 15-17 - Jonathan Linton Portrait Workshop
- Oct. 18 - Jewelry Workshop with Sandi Volpe
- Oct. 26-30 - Steve Early Figure Painting Workshop

mittee board member of Council for the Arts of Herndon. "When artists are happy to be here because of such talented artists like Robert Johnson, it makes it so exciting."

ArtSpace Herndon is a community art gallery created and supported by art lovers in the greater Herndon area. The winning portrait will be on exhibit through Oct. 25 in the gallery located at 750 Center St., downtown Herndon, 703-956-6591.

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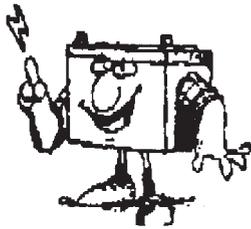
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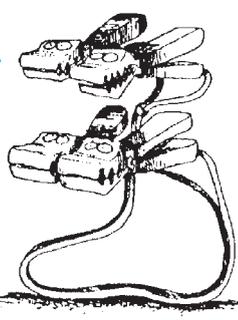
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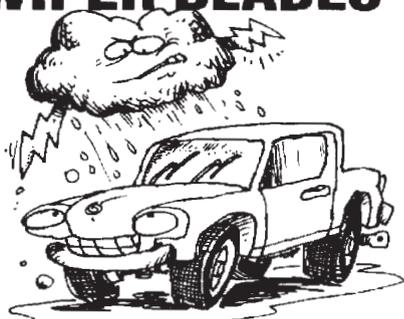
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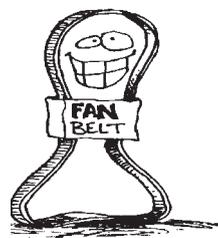
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