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Hutchison Elementary School art teacher Gian Lomaglio and sixth-grader Deysi Aguirre-Medina present Assistant Principal Ann Gwynn with a painting Lomaglio made of an eagle, the school's mascot, during an assembly celebrating Gwynn's recognition as the state's elementary school vice principal of the year.

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Carlton Glenn Smith of Nokesville, Va. and Denise O. Smith of Centreville announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Smith, to Martin Barna, son of Allen and Adrienne Barna, of Fairfax.

Melanie Smith is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and employed as creative director of RCN Corporation in Herndon. Martin Barna is a graduate of the University of Virginia and employed as traffic engineer at Wells + Associates in Tysons Corner.

A garden wedding will take place on June 26, 2010 in Alexandria. The newlywed couple will reside in Arlington.



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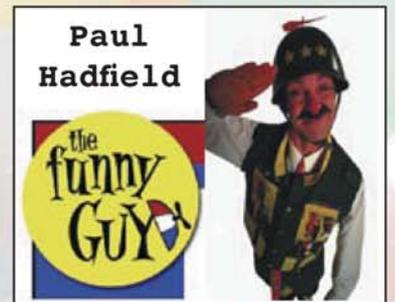
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Rachel and her mom Rebecca



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From left are Cluster I Director Anita Wallace, School Board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville), Mayor Steve DeBenedittis, Assistant Principal of the Year Ann Gwynn, Principal Judy Baldwin, Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals President James Baldwin, Superintendent Jack Dale and Deputy Superintendent Richard Moniuszko.

Gwynn Named State's Elementary A.P. of Year

Hutchison Elementary celebrates assistant principal's honor with schoolwide assembly.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

At the conclusion of a schoolwide assembly Friday morning, Oct. 30, Assistant Principal Ann Gwynn told the students and staff of Hutchison Elementary that the award for which she was recently selected really belonged to them. She was named Virginia's elementary school vice principal of the year by the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals.

"I do love coming to work every day because you kids are so fabulous and it's wonderful to see how you learn and you grow through the years," she said. And she commended the teachers' and administrators' attitude, saying they were all working together to do whatever they could for the chil-



The fourth grade presents a banner recognizing Assistant Principal Ann Gwynn.

dren, as well as their ability to surprise her with such a large event. "I'm so impressed with Mrs. Baldwin for pulling this off as a surprise because I'm a hard person to surprise," she said, referring to Principal Judy Baldwin.

This is Gwynn's fourth year at Hutchison, the first school where she had the job of assistant principal.

The entire school was at the event, as were Mayor Steve DeBenedittis, Superintendent Jack Dale, School Board representative Janie Strauss (Dranesville), Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals President James

Baldwin and other officials.

During the assembly, each grade level showed its appreciation for Gwynn. Second-graders told her what they would give her if they could grant her a wish. Among the potential gifts were flowers and a hug, a place to put her shoes, a new car, a trip to Las Vegas and \$100,000.

Representatives from the fourth grade read expressions of appreciation for her ever-present smile, her respectful attitude, her greetings at the beginning of the school day and her help with assemblies and in the cafeteria. "You are my

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Herndon Residents Take To The Polls

Two competitive delegate races in Herndon this year.

The Herndon Connection went to print before the polls closed on Election Day Nov. 3. For current information on local races, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Entering Hutchison Elementary, Herndon resident Kara Barone said it wasn't any particular race or candidate that had brought her to the polls Nov. 3.

"It's the day to vote and I come out and vote for who I think should win and the party I think should win," said Barone, who counted abortion among those issues important to her.

Typically, it is only the most dedicated voters who show up to the polls during an "off year election" like the one on Tuesday. During the most recent governor's race in 2005, approximately 45 percent of people eligible across Virginia and in Fairfax County showed up at the polls to cast a ballot.

The rate at which eligible Herndon resident showed up to vote in the governor's election in 2005 was generally lower than that of the rest of the county and state. For example, only 23.3 percent of the people registered to vote at McNair Elementary School cast a ballot in the election four years ago.

But two competitive delegate races took place in the Herndon area this year, which could potentially drive up voter participation.

In the 86th District, Del. Tom Rust (R) faces a challenge from Loudoun County Supervisor Stevens Miller (D-Dulles). The 86th District delegate seat includes the Town of Herndon and parts of Oak Hill.

The 86th District, which includes parts of Loudoun County, has favored Democrats in recent elections, having given Gov. Tim Kaine (D) 58 percent of the vote



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Planning Commissioner Jay Donahue works as an election volunteer at Hutchison Elementary.

in 2005 and President Barack Obama 62 percent of the vote in 2008.

But Rust, who is the former mayor of the Town of Herndon, faced a well-funded Democratic challenger Jay Donahue in 2007 and still beat his opponent 52.8 percent to 47.1 percent. However, Rust generally performed better in Loudoun portion of his district two years ago, gaining 55 percent of the vote in those precincts.

In Herndon, Rust won most precincts but lost a few, including Hutchinson, McNair and Fryling Pan.

In the 67th District, which encompasses parts of Oak Hill, Del. Chuck Caputo (D) faces a challenge from Republican Jim LeMunyon.

In the 34th District, Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) faces Republican opponent Barbara Comstock. The 34th District delegate seat is primarily located in McLean and Great Falls but does include two Herndon precincts, which are located at Clearview Elementary School and Herndon High School.

During her 2007 race against Republican Dave Hunt, Vanderhye won both Herndon precincts, which are located just to the north of the town, according to election results provided by Fairfax County.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE AND
MIKE DICICCO

Kaine To Speak at Committee for Dulles Gala

Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D) will be a keynote speaker and Tower of Dulles Honoree at the Committee for Dulles 43rd Anniversary Gala on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Lansdowne Resort. Reception begins at 7 p.m. Dinner and program begins at 8 p.m. For more information, go to <http://www.committeefordulles.org/09galaspon.html>. For sponsorship, contact Mary Waters, Gala chair, 703-581-1700 or Susan Davis, 703-430-8749.

First Public Art Project Completed

The final element of the Herndon Community Center renovation, a bronze sculpture called "The Community Circle," was installed on Oct. 26. The sculpture stands at the entrance and welcomes the public to the community center and represents leisure, community, fun, activity and the parks and recreation department's mission. This sculpture is Herndon's first public art project.

New Arts Foundry in Baltimore, Md. performed the bronze work under the guidance of the artist, Marcia Billig. Billig has created dozens of sculptures found around the Metro region and the United States. Five of her pieces are recognized in the book, "Washington Sculpture: A Cultural History of Outdoor Sculpture in the Nation's Capital."

The Herndon Town Council and Department of Parks and Recreation staff will have a reception to commemorate the sculpture and to recognize the artist on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m., just prior to the Town Council work session. RSVP no later than Monday, Nov. 9. www.herndon-va.gov.

Hearing on Dulles Rail Phase II Tax District

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Herndon Town Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed creation by Fairfax County of a special Phase II tax district to fund construction of a mass transit rail system in the western part of the Dulles Corridor. All members of the public are invited to address the council at the public hearing.

A work session on the proposed tax district will be Tuesday, Nov. 3. Both meetings begin at 7 p.m., at the Mary Ingram Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St., Herndon.

The council is considering a resolution that, if approved, would designate commercial, industrial and multi-unit residential rental properties within the town boundaries to be included in the Phase II tax district. The maximum potential initial rate in the proposed district is estimated at 20 cents per 100 dollars of real estate value, once the transportation improvements are operational.

For information and relevant links on the Dulles Rail project, visit www.herndon-va.gov, Planning/Zoning.

Town Vehicle Decals Deadline

Town of Herndon residents are reminded that 2010 vehicle decals must be purchased and displayed by Nov. 15, 2009. Herndon police will begin checking vehicles for decals and will issue tickets to owners of vehicles not in compliance with the requirement.

Decal applications have been mailed to all households. Citizens may also send copies of current vehicle registration along with payment to the Herndon Municipal Center (HMC), 777 Lynn Street, Herndon, 20170. Finally, citizens may bring current vehicle registration to the HMC for verification and payment.

Decals may be purchased at the HMC during regular business hours, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, decals may be purchased during extended hours on Thursday, November 12, until 7 p.m.; and on Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The vehicle decal rate is \$20 for vehicles weighing 4,000 pounds or less, \$25 for vehicles over 4,000 pounds, \$10 for motorcycles and \$6.50 for small trailers and boat trailers weighing no more than 5,000 pounds.

NEWS

FISH Kicks Off 2009 Food Drive

Former FISH beneficiary helps collect food.

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help) jumpstarted its 2009 Holiday Food Drive on Oct. 24 and 25, at Safeway, South Lakes Shopping Center in Reston.

The patrons of Safeway donated 38 boxes of food, food gift cards and cash during the two days. These donations will provide food baskets for at least 20 families for Thanksgiving.

Among the FISH volunteers on Sunday, Oct. 25, was Sandra Muskelly. FISH helped Muskelly and her children about 17 years ago when they were temporarily homeless. Fairfax County provided housing to the family and FISH donated furniture, clothing and toys. Her youngest was an infant then and is now a college student. Muskelly is an administrative assistant at Northrop Grumman and was eager to give back to FISH by helping at this event, which she learned about from Volunteer



PHOTO BY SUE MAYNARD

FISH volunteers, Barbara Beecy and Sandra Muskelly collect food at Safeway in Reston.

Fairfax's "Volunteer Day" notice.

Businesses, schools and individuals may donate non-perishable food to FISH for the Thanksgiving boxes by Nov. 13 and for the December Holiday boxes by Dec. 15. The goal is to provide food for 650 residents, about 200 families, for each of the two occasions. Grocery store gift certificates of \$10 are also requested to supplement the food boxes. Gifts for infants to pre-teens are needed for the December boxes, such as,

books, toys, infant supplies and educational toys. Gift cards are optimal for teens.

Point of contact is Holiday Coordinator Robyn Kampf at 571-926-8019 or rkhampf@gmail.com. Tax-deductible check donations may be sent to: Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc., 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170. Indicate the check is for the holiday boxes. For information about FISH visit www.herndonrestonfish.org.

Kebob House Opens at Lake Anne

Signs of more restaurants to come.

As of last weekend, customers at Lake Anne have one more dining option to choose from, and it appears that more are on the way.

Roti Grill, a kebob house, opened its doors on Saturday, offering freshly prepared food in the Pakistani Punjab tradition, as well as some more Americanized meals, such as the charga chicken, a rotisserie chicken with tandoori spices. "It's not fast food, but it's food fast," said owner Naveed Ahmad, noting that it was a casual dining spot where a meal could be had for \$10.

In Punjabi, the word roti means bread but is also a slang term for a meal, and in English, it suggests the word rotisserie, Ahmad said.

A Leesburg resident, Ahmad had



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Roti Grill is now open for business on Washington Plaza.

been looking for a location to open a restaurant for half a year when he brought his family to Washington Plaza at Lake Anne. His daughter, 4, suggested that this ought to be the place. He looked into the location and agreed. "It looks nice and pretty, and the people around

this area, they are very nice and cooperative," Ahmad said. As he spent the last two months preparing the space, he said, neighbors and passersby often expressed their excitement over the coming eatery, adding, "People in this area are familiar with kebobs."

Ahmad has a background in restaurants in both the United States and Pakistan, but he said, "It's my wife's passion that we should open a restaurant because she's a very good cook."

Meanwhile, work is being done in a unit next to the Reston Museum, where a sign reading, "sushi" now hangs in the window. And "for sale" signs are still displayed in the windows of the space formerly occupied by the

Tavern on the Lake, but on Oct. 9, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control posted notice that a group called American Restaurant and Lounge Concepts Inc. had applied for a liquor license for the location.

— MIKE DICICCO

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SCHOOLS

Promoting Energy Conservation At Rachel Carson Middle School

Dominion Virginia Power presented a check in the amount of \$9,875 to Rachel Carson Middle School to support its "Carson FREE" (Future Renewable Energy Effort) program.

The school plans to install an array of photovoltaic solar panels on the roof of the school. The panels will generate pollution-free electricity from sunlight and

will be used to motivate and educate students, staff and community to conserve electricity.

Tim Sargeant, manager for state and local affairs for Dominion Virginia Power, presented the check to students on the air during the Rachel Carson News program which was broadcast live to the entire student body.

Accepting the check were, from left: August Frattali, principal; Kirk

Treacle, librarian and Carson FREE sponsor; Lucas Wratchko and Casey Trahan, former Rachel Carson Middle School students who helped found Carson FREE with 11 other former students; Sargeant; Penny Harte and Kai Shapard, current students and members of the Going Green Club. Wratchko and Trahan were eighth graders last year, but are in high school now.



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The river and the bay are an important part of our local identity, part of our local heritage and a remarkable environmental and recreational resource.

While over the past decade, federal and local governments plus environmental groups and activists have devoted much energy and attention to the health of the Chesapeake Bay, we have been losing ground. This is despite a clear understanding of the pollution problems

and the exact limits that would be required to make the bay healthy. There are three major sources of pollution in the bay, sewage treatment plants, agriculture and stormwater runoff from roads, driveways and parking lots. The resulting growing influx of "nutrients" from these sources causes an unnatural growth of aquatic plants in the bay, absorbing oxygen and then dying off, creating massive, floating dead zones where no life can survive.

Now, new legislation, the Chesapeake Clean Water and Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009, proposed in both the House and the Senate, has a chance to make all the difference for the bay — and also much of the Potomac River from Arlington and Alexandria on down.

While the bills would ensure that the six states in the bay watershed and the District of Columbia develop and implement detailed plans to reduce pollution sufficiently to achieve the Bay-wide reduction targets for nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment by 2025, it also has national implications as a blueprint for improving the health of other wetlands and waterways around the county.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, an original cospon-

sor of legislation to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay program, successfully urged the inclusion of language that will limit runoff into the bay from impervious surfaces, the one source of pollution that has continued to grow dramatically along with population growth around the bay watershed. Connolly's capacity to relate complex problems to solutions that would work in local government land use and stormwater regulation is invaluable in this. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen are also cosponsors of the bill in the House. U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md) is author of the bill in the Senate; Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner (D) and Jim Webb (D) should get on board as well.

The legislation proposed would connect the scientific understanding of the pollution levels with incentives, penalties (withholding of federal money if standards aren't met) and flexibility (interstate nutrient trading provisions) to achieve the necessary levels.

While this legislation is aimed at the Chesapeake Bay, local streams and rivers will also benefit in the process.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attack Goes Too Far

To the Editor:

Recently, many voters in Herndon, Sterling and Oak Hill received a flyer in the mail that questioned my integrity. In particular, my opponent in this election literally called me a liar and questioned my support for mandated insurance coverage of autism. After 30 years of public service, I've learned to have thick skin. Not everyone will agree with me 100 percent of the time. People won't always see eye to eye and can have legitimate disagreements over political issues without resorting to personal attacks.

But this latest attack piece goes too far in attacking my character. What's worse is that he chose to use such a personal issue, affecting many children and families in our area. We've seen this type of politics dominate our recent national elections, move across the Potomac into Virginia politics, and now start infecting our local public discourse. I would encourage the people of Sterling and Western Fairfax to reject the politics of personal destruction.

Anyone looking for more information can go to my Web site at www.TomRust.org for more details about my record and position on the issues. They can also read some information from the Virginia Autism Project about my support for mandated insurance cov-

erage.

Thomas Davis Rust
Delegate, 86th District

Safeguarding Natural Resources

To the Editor:

Climate change poses an unprecedented threat to wildlife. Fortunately, there is something that can be done. The legislation now in the Senate must be passed. That is not enough. Any comprehensive climate and energy legislation must dedicate 5 percent of the funding generated to safeguarding fish and wildlife and the natural resources on which we all rely.

Elizabeth Gasque
Herndon

Rise in Child Deaths

To the Editor:

Last week, a new report by the advocacy group Every Child Matters focused on the disturbing rise of child deaths in the United States due to maltreatment. Local reports earlier in the year also pointed to an increase in family violence across Northern Virginia as well.

What readers need to know is that the majority of children who die from maltreatment had no

prior contact with child protective services. We need to understand that each one of us is responsible for the children in our community — not just child protective services — and that we each have the power to prevent these tragedies.

Another grim statistic? Over 75 percent of the children who die from maltreatment are under the age of 4. We must provide new parents in our community with support, including parenting classes and support groups, early childhood home visitation and universal access to affordable health and mental health services.

The report (released on Capitol Hill) calls for more federal funding — which is certainly critical as governments on every level face tough budget cuts. But this report should also be a wake-up call to the individual community member. When we see a sign of abuse and neglect right here in our own

neighborhood, are we pausing for that child long enough to report it to Child Protective Services? When we know a new parent struggling with the stress of young children, are we pausing long enough to offer support or suggest they contact one of the many organizations in Northern Virginia offering parenting resources?

Perhaps while the federal government figures out the funding for this issue affecting millions of children and parents across the country, we each could be having an impact on just one right here in our own community.

Diane Charles
Executive Director, SCAN of Northern Virginia

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Remodeling Rebounds

Costs down, customer interest up according to industry analysts.

After a slump in spending, homeowners are starting to remodel again, according to a recent remodeling report and one local contractor.

"Customer interest has increased dramatically over the last 60 days," says Tom Vitale, owner of Oak Hill Building & Remodeling/VCI Inc. "A lot more homeowners are starting projects or are considering renovations, everything from master baths to second-story additions."

In taking the pulse of the industry, the U.S. Remodeling Activity Report finds more remodeling permits were issued in the second quarter of this year, compared to the same time last year.

What's notable about the projects is their size. The size of the projects is 20 percent greater than during the second quarters of 2007 and 2008, according to RemodelorMove, which put together the report.

Homeowners in the Northeast and Southwest are seeing the



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Homeowners are starting to remodel again, according to a recent report.

greatest recovery, the report says.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 can be credited with assisting the turnaround. The federal stimulus plan offers tax credits of up to \$1,500 for energy-related home improvements.

Vitale said the stimulus money is not the only thing driving the improvement.

"The markets are recuperating and interest rates remain low," Vitale said.

Overall construction costs also are down. Vitale said those costs include materials for large-scale

jobs, such as additions and kitchens, and the costs of subcontractors.

"We're getting better pricing from our subcontractors, and that's savings we pass along to the customer," Vitale said.

"Anyone who's thinking about remodeling has the opportunity to benefit from the end of the recession. Pricing is at an all-time low."

The savings can add up to 15 to 20 percent, Vitale said, adding that the deals probably won't last forever.

"I feel we're going to have a real rebound in springtime."

Guilty of Neglecting Children

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Originally charged with two counts of child abuse and neglect causing serious injury, an Oak Hill woman has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of neglect of children. The victims were her 3-week-old, twin daughters and, to protect their identities, The Connection is not revealing the name of their mother.

In a July 20 affidavit for a search warrant, Fairfax County Police Det. Nickolas Boffi, of the Child Investigation Unit of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, explained the case against her. He sought the warrant to obtain forensic evidence from her person.

He wrote that, on Sept. 30, 2008, the then-20-year-old mother brought her 22-day-old daughter to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment of a possible injury to her arm. According to the detective, the infant's grandmother had noticed that she wasn't moving her right arm and that it appeared to be swollen.

The hospital confirmed that the baby's forearm had been fractured, and the mother couldn't provide the hospital with an explanation for how it had happened. As a result, the treating physician contacted the county's Child Protective Services and that agency followed up on the case.

Then on Oct. 7, 2008, the mother went to the hospital again — but this time, she not only brought that infant (called Victim 1 by Boffi), but her twin sister, as well, after the grandmother observed bruise marks on various parts of both babies' bodies.

"The treating physician ordered a full, skeletal X-ray of both victims, and it was determined that both had multiple fractures to most of their extremities, multiple rib fractures and a possible skull fracture to Victim 1," wrote Boffi. The doctor then ordered both infants taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

There, on Oct. 8, 2008, the detective was present while Dr. William Hauta, recognized in Circuit

Court as a child-abuse expert, performed a head-to-toe evaluation of the twins. Boffi wrote that Hauta confirmed that both had sustained "non-accidental trauma."

That same day, Boffi obtained arrest warrants for the mother and she was formally charged after turning herself in at police headquarters in Fairfax. She appeared Nov. 18, 2008 in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and the cases against her were certified to the grand jury — which indicted her on both charges.

After several continuances, she was scheduled for an Oct. 26 jury trial in Circuit Court but, instead, entered a plea there on Oct. 22. At that time, one of her charges was dropped and the other was amended to a lesser crime of neglect of children.

It's still a felony but — unlike her initial charge, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison — this one is punishable by no more than five years behind bars. Judge Stanley Klein set sentencing for Jan. 29, 2010.

Courtney Schilling, 24, Dies; Honored as Herndon High's 'Iron Woman'

Courtney Schilling, 24, died on Saturday, Oct. 31, from cancer. Her parents John and Joanne and brother Joe invite friends and community to celebrate her life. Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden St. in Herndon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 750 Peachtree St. in Herndon. Burial will follow immediately after the Mass at Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 331 Dranesville Road, Herndon. The reception will take place afterwards at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Courtney's name to Kids R First, P.O. Box 3242, Reston, VA 20195 [www.kidsrfirst.org] or to St. Joseph Parish.

Shilling was a 2003 Herndon High School graduate. She ran on the school's track team, both indoor and outdoor, all four years of high school, in the 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m. She ran a 58 second quarter mile her senior year,



held several school records until last year and was the recipient of the Iron Woman Award.

"She amazed those who coached her, was adored by those who taught her, and loved by those who knew her, but most of all, she was an inspiration and will forever live on in our hearts," the school said in its Web site.

In her honor, the Courtney Schilling Iron Woman Award will be given out every season to the female athlete who emulates Courtney.



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Attic Insulation Contest Winner

Radhika Kolli, winner of the Owens Corning monthly attic insulation contest, receives a large check from Randy Bretza, local Owens Corning representative. The Kollis live on 13438 Burrough Farm Drive in Herndon.

Yard of the Month Winners Announced

The home of Mike and Barbara Whalen, 408 Woodgrove Court in Herndon, is one of the Town of Herndon's October Yard of the Month winners. The home of Louis Samenfink and Pat Casciato, 1013 Trinity Gate, also won an award.



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Winners receive recognition from the Herndon Town Council as well as gift certificates from Meadows Farms nurseries. The town's Yard of the Month contest resumes in Spring 2010.



Panda, a 1-year-old pug and winner of the 'belly scratcher' contest with owner Christine Botz of Herndon.



Snuggle Bear Brown, 14-year-old Pomeranian and winner of the 'pocket pooch' contest with owner Theresa Brown of Burke.

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Dog Costume Parade

Herndon Fortnightly Library, Bark 'N Bubbles Dog Grooming Salon, Spa and Boutique and the Council for the Arts had its third annual Dog Costume Parade in honor of October being Adapt-a-Dog month.

It was a day full of trick-or-treating with your dog and "silly tricks" contests. The dogs were indulged with cheers and applause from the specta-

tors as they performed such tricks as belly scratcher, tail wagger, look-a-like and pocket pooch.

"We are just out to enjoy the day and to see all the cute dogs in their costumes," said Katie Richards of Herndon.

The parade route started out at the Library towards Bark 'N Bubbles where each dog received a "doggie goody bag."

— SUSAN NELSON



Chemar, 5-year-old greyhound with owner Cindy McConnell of Reston, winners of the 'look-a-like' contest.

CALENDAR

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

THURSDAY/NOV. 5

Open Mic for Bands Night. 9 p.m. at Jimmy's Tavern, 697 Spring St., Old Town Herndon (on the Corner of Elden and Spring Streets). Bands will receive 30 minutes to play, and must pre-sign with Andre' Love at soulcraftmusic@yahoo.com or 703-984-9114. Walk-ins will only be accepted if time permits. All types of music welcomed. 703-435-5467.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/NOV. 6

Reston Community Players Present Curtains. 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

Reston V.I.P. 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Support group for adults with vision loss. 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Community of Faith United Methodist Church Arts and Crafts Fair, to raise money for both local and nationwide missions. Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. Clothing, jewelry, fine arts and more. Free. 703-620-1977.

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Weichert Realtors/ Habitat for Humanity Community Yard Sale, at Weichert Realtors, 1760 Reston Parkway, Reston. Pick up a registration packet at Weichert, Realtors. \$25 per vendor space. 703-264-0000.

Herndon United Methodist Church Harvest Bazaar. 9 a.m. Yard sale, car wash, shoppers showcase, crafters, children's activities, moonbounce, bake sale and more. Gospel concert at 5:30 featuring All4hym. Proceeds benefit Youth Led and other missions.

Trout Fishing in America, with Ezra Idlet (guitar and vocals) and Keith Grimwood (bass and vocals). 3 p.m. at Centerstage Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. 703-476-4500 or www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Our Daily Bread Holiday Food Drive.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit SHARE. www.our-daily-bread.org.

Scouting for Food. Boy Scout Troop 1970 will distribute flyers and food collection bags around Reston on Saturday, Nov. 7 for their annual Scouting for Food drive. Food items will be picked up on Saturday Nov. 14 by Cub Scout Pack 1971. Leave food items in bags on your front step. All food donations are taken to local food banks in Reston for distribution to those in need. Boy Scout Troop 1970 meets at the United Christian Parish on 11508 North Shore Drive in Reston, Cub Scout Pack 1971 meets at Hunters Woods Elementary School.

Home 4 the Holidays Super Pet Adoption Event. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, Freedom Drive, Reston. Raffle at Bark 'n Bubbles booth. Sponsored by GoodDogz.org; at least thirty all-breed and purebred dog rescue organizations will on-hand with adoptable dogs awaiting a family. pam@barknbubblesdogwash.com.

Children's Author Mary Rand Hess. 4-6 p.m. at ArtinSights, Reston Town Center, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. "The Day I Met the Nuts" book signing. www.earthdaypublishing.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Reston Community Players Present Curtains. 2:30 p.m. CenterStage Theater at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. This performance will be sign interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired. \$20 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

Monte Carlo Night. 5:30-10 p.m. Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. \$50 per person. Appetizers, casino games, music and dancing, door prizes, silent and live auctions and more. Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Northern Virginia. Proceeds go to local educational and civic programs. 703-319-6930.

MONDAY/NOV. 9

Drop-In Story Hour. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. 703-437-8855.

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.

Kids' Science. 3 p.m. Stories and a science experiment. Age 5-7. 703-689-2700.

Conserve and Save Dollars Workshop. 6:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Conservation tips, do it yourself energy audit and energy share program information. Adults. 703-689-2700.

TUESDAY/NOV. 10

Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance. 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run

Road, Great Falls. \$10. www.colvinrun.org.

Garnet Rogers. 7:15 p.m. in the Back Room at The Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden Street, Herndon. \$14 non-members, \$13 members. Purchase tickets Tuesdays at The Folk Club or e-mail Dave Hurd at DAHurdSr@cs.com

NVHC Speaker Series. 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston, "Who Speaks for American Jews on Israel and the Middle East?" Daniel Levy, Senior Fellow and Co-Director of the New America Foundation's Middle East Task Force and Senior Fellow of the Century Foundation Prospects for Peace Project. Free. 703-437-7733 or www.nvhcreston.org.

Reston Garden Club. 1 p.m. at the Lake Anne Community Center. Jane Bell will present an Ikebana demonstration. The club will also sell deer-resistant bulbs at the meeting. Attendees are requested to bring a non-perishable food which will be donated to F.I.S.H. 703-716-0623 or www.restongardenclub.org.

Special Twos. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

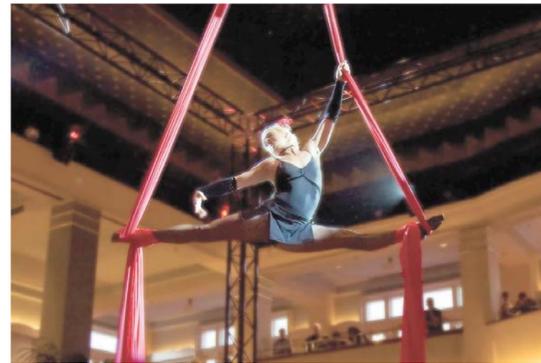
Songs of Mark Twain's America With Judy Cook. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Artist Patricia C. K. Macintyre. 11 a.m. at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. "From Here To There And Back With A Quack!" book signing. 703-435-9772.

DivaFit Expands to Herndon

Herndon studio will offer silks classes, exotic dance classes, spinning pole workshops and pole dance fitness classes.



Robin Berry, owner/principal performer for Artisan Athletics, performing on the silks. DivaFit will be partnering with Artisan Athletics to offer silks classes when their new pole fitness studio opens in Herndon.

DivaFit Pole Dancing Studio opened three years ago in Ashburn and is now expanding classes to Herndon, in a new studio at 317 Sunset Park Drive, opening on Nov. 9. DivaFit is the Northern Virginia's first and only pole dance fitness studio whose clients are suburban women who start in Level 1, often barely able to do a pushup and move up to Level 6 where they hold themselves upside down on the pole. In the three years since owner Lisa Peklo started DivaFit, the company has doubled its Ashburn space, opened a studio in Chantilly, and had an instructor selected as a finalist for the United States Pole Dance Federation's East Coast Competition.

In addition to pole dance fitness classes, DivaFit has a new partnership with Artisan Athletics, an aerial acrobatics and fitness instruction company. Artisan Athletics specializes in aerial fabric (or "silks") instruction. The apparatus — a silky, curtain-like fabric — are used in shows such as Cirque du Soleil and using them provides for an upper body and core workout while students dance, turn and roll through the air.

Robin Berry is the owner/principal performer for Artisan Athletics,

and has been instructing aerial fabric at TSNY (Trapeze School of New York), D.C. branch since June. Berry has been training and performing aerial arts, including silks, trapeze, Spanish web and rope, for several years. She has performed recently at Rocktoberfest, the D.C. Arts on Foot Festival, Club Med and at Walt Disney World in Florida. Prior to moving to D.C. earlier this year, she trained with an Orlando-based company called Anti-Gravity.

In the past year, Berry studied

with Serenity Smith-Forchion of Nimble Arts and debuted her latest performance piece, "Tango Que Mysterio" at the TSNY Staff Spectacular in September. Berry is also a certified personal trainer and creator of a fitness program utilizing silks as the primary strength-building tool.

The Herndon studio will offer silks classes, exotic dance classes, spinning pole workshops, and pole dance fitness classes. More information about DivaFit can be found at www.divafitonline.com.

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

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Information Meeting

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Stop by anytime between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the proposed design modifications. Virginia Department of Transportation representatives will be available to answer your questions.

Give your written or oral comments at the meeting or submit them by **November 24, 2009** to Ronaldo T. Nicholson, P.E., Regional Transportation Program Director, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22310. You may also e-mail your comments to Meeting_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "I-495/DTR Interchange" in the subject line.

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FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, is looking for people to sing in a choir. Floris UMC has a season of music including concerts featuring Schubert's "Mass in G Major", Handel's "Messiah" and more. Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and singing most Sunday mornings at the 11 a.m. service. Scott Glysson at sglysson@florisumc.org or 703-793-

0026.

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

Every Wednesday, at 12:15 p.m., **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, offers a lunch-time Healing and Holy Communion service. This half-hour service is

offered to all and allows people an opportunity to worship during the work week when they may be away from their regular church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament and all who have not been baptized may receive a blessing at the Altar rail. Call the church Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 703-437-3790 or visit www.saint-timothys.org.

Nondenominational **Christian businessmen** meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship **every Friday**, at 7 a.m., at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and **every Thursday** at noon at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

REAL ESTATE NOTES

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P. Wesley Foster, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of The Long & Foster® Companies, announced that Barry S. Redler has been selected to serve as chief marketing officer, a newly created position within the organization. Redler is an experienced marketing leader having worked with both Fortune 10 and privately held corporations.

Prior to joining The Long & Foster Companies, he oversaw marketing and sales as a vice president for the

Stanley Martin Companies, a privately held regional homebuilder. Redler also worked for The Ford Motor Company for over 20 years in various senior level marketing and sales positions. Redler resides in Northern Virginia with his wife and two children.

Nikki Ryan of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

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SCHOOLS

Kathryn Riley, a second-year master's student at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara, has been awarded an Association of Environmental Professionals, Channel Counties Chapter, Summer Internship Fellowship for 2009-2010.

Kathryn is the daughter of Nancy and Peter Riley of Oak Hill. She graduated from Oakton High School in 2003, and from Virginia Tech in 2007 with a BA in history. Prior to coming to the Bren School, she was a policy intern at Oceana, a marine-conservation NGO in Washington, D.C., where she worked on sustainable seafood initiatives.

She was also Supervisory Head Usher at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.

Army Pvt. **Nicholas Turse** has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Turse is the son of Gary Turse of Berwick, Pa., and Patricia Samper of Tamarack Way, Herndon. He is a 2008 graduate of Berwick High School.

John B. Thibault graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation

Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

Thibault is a student at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Michael J. Thibault of Lakeport Way, Reston, and Mary B. Thibault of Arusley Court, Herndon. Thibault is a 2006 graduate of Oakton High School, Vienna.

Alyssa Homyk of Oak Hill has gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To qualify for the marching band students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall. Commonly known as The Spirit of Tech, Virginia Tech's marching band is celebrating their 35 anniversary this year.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

FRIDAY/NOV. 6

Committee for Dulles 43rd Anniversary Gala. Reception 7 p.m., dinner and program 8 p.m. at Lansdowne Resort. Speaker and Tower of Dulles Honoree will be the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of Virginia. Contact Mary Waters, 703-581-1700 or Susan Davis, 703-430-8749.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Herndon Masonic Lodge Blood Drive. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lodge, 820 Elden St., Herndon. INOVA Blood Services reports a shortage of all blood types. Email BloodDrive264@aol.com to schedule an appointment. www.herndonlodge264.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 9

Dominion Power at Reston Regional Library. 6:30 p.m. to talk about ways to lower energy consumption and bills by applying

some no cost and low cost tips. Free and open to the public. Contact the library for more information.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Lupus Foundation of America Greater Washington Chapter Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, West Wing Conference Room A, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. Sessions are led by trained professionals who understand the challenges of lupus, a chronic, autoimmune disease with no known cure. 703-689-9240 or www.lupusgw.org.

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SPORTS

Herndon Boys, Girls Advance to Regionals

Sherry's teams put together solid outings at cross-country districts.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Herndon High runners Alex Anthony and Carly Kulik gave their respective teams the boosts they needed at the Oct. 29 Concorde District cross country championships, on the 2.98-mile course at Burke Lake Park.

Anthony put together a fine race on the boys' side in helping the Hornets earn a third place team finish. Kulik, meanwhile, did the same thing for the Herndon girls, who earned a fourth place finish.

The top four team finishers on both the boys' and girls' sides at districts automatically qualified for this Thursday's Northern Region championships at Burke Lake.

"Alex Anthony stepped up and Carly Kulik stepped up," said Herndon coach Pete Sherry. "Both placed higher than I thought they would. It was probably Alex's best race."

Anthony was Herndon's third runner to cross the finish line in the boys' race and was a strong 13th place overall. The top 15 finishers earned individual medals.

Leading the way for the Herndon boys were senior Jack Jasper (fifth place overall) and sophomore Troy Hunsaker (ninth place). Jimmy Luehrs, a junior, finished 15th place to give the Hornets four runners among the top 15. Herndon also received solid outings from David Kloosterboer (23rd place) and Harrison Murn (25th).

"The boys ran solid, but there's definitely room for improvement," said Sherry.

The coach said he was hoping his girls' team would place a little higher at districts. But fourth was still good enough to advance the team to the 16-team regional field.

"I was hoping for a second or third place," said Sherry, of his hopes for the girls going into districts.

Kulik, a junior, was Herndon's top finisher and fifth place overall. Belle Burgess gave the Hornet girls a good showing with an eighth place finish and Carolyn Hennessey, a junior and the team's top runner throughout the season, finished 17th. Haq Mehnaz was 28th overall. Also for Herndon, Anne Pursifull (30th), Nina Bagley (33rd) and Sarah Skinner (39th) ran solid races.

Robinson Secondary (41 points) captured the team title on the girls' side for the second straight year. Oakton (56) and Centreville (75) were second and third, respectively, ahead of the Hornets (88).

Oakton High's Lanie Smith captured first place in the girls' race. The Cougars' other top 15 medal earners were Alison Gregor (11th place), Jessie Daley (12th) and Kathryn Berlin (14th).

OAKTON, on the boys' side, captured its fifth straight district crown. The Cougars, coached by Phil Tiller, won with 35 points, besting second place Centreville (61) and the third place Hornets (65). Fourth place Chantilly was the other region qualifier with 78 points.

The boys' individual champion was Oakton's Andrew McCullen, who finished ahead of Chantilly's Chris Foley. The Cougars had three other runners finish in the top 15, fourth place Patrick Fulghum, sixth place Matt Woodhouse and seventh place Padriac Flynn.

Sherry thinks his Herndon boys can earn a top four finish at this week's regionals, which would gain the Hornets a berth at upcoming states. But he said it would not be easy. Oakton is expected to win the region title. Herndon will likely be in the running for second through fourth place with such other teams as West Potomac, Lake Braddock, Thomas Jefferson and Centreville.

"On the boys' side, it should be real close, other than Oakton who should run away with it," said Sherry. "Hopefully, we can get through [to states]. We just have to get a little bit better."

On the girls' side at regionals, Sherry would like to see a couple of his runners earn top 15 finishes to advance to states.

"If I can get a girl or two [to states] that would be great," he said. "We're looking good going into regionals."

a 7-6 setback in their first game on Saturday.

The championship game win over Woodbridge was fueled by the dominant pitching of Billy Gerhardt, who allowed one run while striking out 16 in a complete game (seven innings) effort. Gerhardt was awarded the Tournament MVP trophy for his outing. The Generals also benefited from fine pitching performances over the weekend from Grant Newsome, Colin Morse, Cam Hester, Matt Spidi and Felix Propp. Big hits came off the bats of Caleb Beatty, Cam Hester, Grady Paine, Grant Newsome and Kennedy Dunn. Fine defense was provided behind the plate by Caleb Beatty and Grady Paine, and in the field from Colin Morse, Felix Propp, Mike Gannon, Grady Paine, Cam Hester, Grant Newsome, Alex Shapiro and Billy Gerhardt.

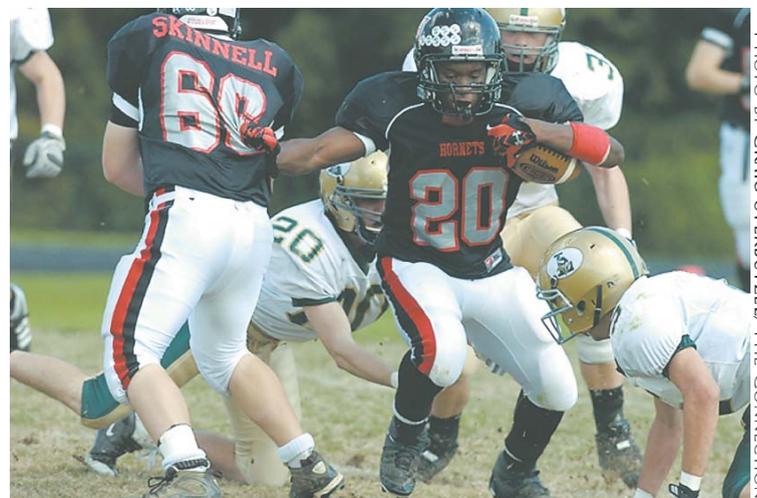


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Herndon running back Devon Thompson carries the ball in a game against Langley. The Hornets play Westfield on Friday.

Regular Season Football Wraps Up Friday

South Lakes needs win to finish over .500, Herndon and Oakton both need victories to reach five-win marks.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The area high school football teams — South Lakes, Herndon and Oakton — are set to wrap up the regular season schedule Friday night, Nov. 6.

South Lakes, which will likely qualify for the upcoming Division 5 Northern Region playoffs, has lost its last three games following a 5-1 start. The Seahawks will have a tough mission this Friday in Ashburn against defending Division 5 region champion and Liberty District opponent Stone Bridge.

South Lakes' last win came on Oct. 10 at Madison, 21-14. Since then, the Seahawks have lost to Fairfax, 27-22, non-region opponent Dominion, 46-20, and visiting Langley, 24-21, last Friday night.

In the loss to the Saxons, South Lakes had outstanding success running the football behind big games from running backs Darius Smith (138 yards, two touchdowns) and Ja'Juan Jones (108 yards, one touchdown). But Langley got a big game from quarterback Braden Anderson (14-of-26, 220 yards, one touchdown) and a 90-yard kickoff return by Marcus Harvey, son of former Redskins player Ken Harvey, to take the win.

HERNDON is also in the midst of a three-game losing streak after being 4-2 at one point. The Hornets (4-5) will try to finish their season at the .500 mark when they travel to Westfield for a Concorde

District game on Friday. A year ago, Herndon got its biggest victory of the season with a homecoming win over the Bulldogs before ultimately losing to them in a first round game of the Division 6 region playoffs.

Westfield, coming off a 24-7 win over Centreville, is 5-4.

Herndon struggled in a 35-7 district home loss to Chantilly last week. The Hornets' lone touchdown came in the final quarter on a 79 yard run by Austin Moore.

Herndon's last win was on Oct. 9 at Centreville, 35-30. Since then, coach Joe Sheaffer's team has lost to Oakton, non-region opponent Loudoun Valley and the Chargers last week. The Hornets will be looking to end the season with a victory when they take on Westfield.

OAKTON, also 4-5, started the season 3-1 with the wins coming over Madison, West Springfield and Annandale. But the Cougars, who went unbeaten during the regular season last year before winning the Division 6 region crown, have lost four of their last five games, including a 35-17 setback at Robinson last week.

Oakton quarterback Jimmy Boone accounted for his team's biggest play of the game, an 83-yard touchdown run. Oakton's other touchdown came on a one-yard scoring run by Luke Willis. Eric Goins kicked a 42 yard field goal for the Cougars, who trailed 21-10 at the half.

Robinson improved to 8-1 with the win.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The 13-under Potomac Travel Baseball team, the Generals, were tournament champions at the Columbus Day Classic that took place on the weekend of Oct. 10 at the Sports at the Beach Complex in Rehoboth, Del. The Generals are comprised of players from the McLean and Great Falls area, and are coached by Charlie Ayoub. The team won the tournament championship game, 3-1, over the Woodbridge Diamondbacks of New Jersey. The Generals entered Sunday's tournament round with a low seeding following lackluster pool play on Saturday. But they turned it around and won all four of their tournament games on Sunday, including a 7-4 victory over the top-seeded Long Island Prospects in a quarterfinal game. That victory avenged the only loss the Generals had suffered over the weekend,



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Hutchison Elementary School art teacher Gian Lomaglio and sixth-grader Deysi Aguirre-Medina present Assistant Principal Ann Gwynn with a painting Lomaglio made of an eagle, the school's mascot, during an assembly celebrating Gwynn's recognition as the state's elementary school vice principal of the year.

Hutchison's A.P. Honored

FROM PAGE 3

sun, you are my star, you help me get so far," read one.

The fifth grade had composed a persuasive essay on her behalf, arguing that she knew the students by name and held them to high expectations, and also helped with all school functions, down to the morning announcements. The essay concluded that Gwynn "takes her job seriously and doesn't fool around."

An acrostic poem based on her name and written by the sixth grade began by saying she was "magnificent, rewarded with intelligence" and "special to the school."

The staff, too, showed their appreciation. Art teacher Gian Lomaglio presented Gwynn with a painting he had made of an eagle, the school's mascot. "A little after-school work and I pulled it off," he said. "Trying to hide it from you was the hard part because it's so big."

The staff also gave her a quilt, and the patrol captains presented her with a giant cupcake. The announcement that there would be cupcakes for all after lunch drew an enthusiastic response.

"It's really amazing. I'm absolutely thrilled

to have won it," Gwynn said after the affair had ended with the entire student body taking to their feet and singing Kool and the Gang's "Celebration." But she reiterated, "I really feel that this award is reflective of the culture that's here at Hutchison."

Principal Judy Baldwin, who had nominated Gwynn for the award, said that in her essay she had highlighted the assistant principal's work not only for the school but also for the state. Gwynn is active in the Fairfax Association of Elementary School Principals and takes a leadership role in the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals, Baldwin said. "And she's a constant learner," she said, noting that Gwynn continually enrolled in educators' classes.

"She gets to know the kids, really, on a one-to-one basis," the principals said, adding that Gwynn greeted the students every morning, stepped in to guide them when safety patrols weren't present, helped monitor the cafeteria, headed testing and generally stayed highly visible around the school. Also, she said, Gwynn regularly worked with the community through the school's PTA.

"She's my right hand," Baldwin said.



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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Scott W. Pruitt and Paula E. Pruitt, dated October 11, 2000, and recorded October 16, 2000, in Deed Book 11560 at page 1314 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at , Virginia, on

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 1, Loveless Subdivision, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2035 at page 660, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2830 Fox Mill Road, Herndon, Virginia 20171.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$16,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.50 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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

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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
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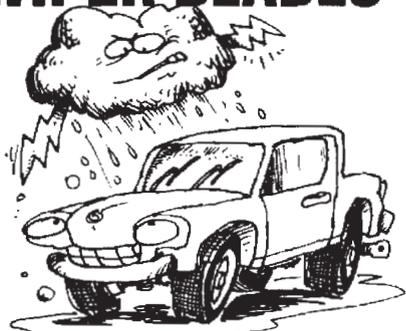
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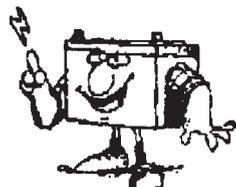


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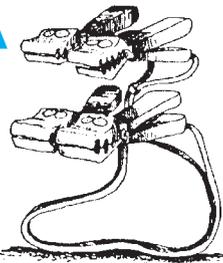


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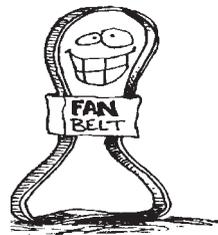
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