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Current Town Mayor Lisa Merkel with former Mayor Mike O’Reilly. O’Reilly is one of four recipients of this year’s Distinguished Service Awards given at the Herndon Community Center April 12.
Principal of the Year

Herndon High principal William Bates honored.

William Bates, who has served as principal at Herndon High School since 2009 and has worked for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for 15 years, has been named the FCPS 2015 Principal of the Year and is the recipient of the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.

Bates is known for his philosophy, “We are educators because we are Hopeologists. Our world needs more Hopeologists, because children without hope become children without a future.” Putting that philosophy into practice, Bates has developed a mission for Herndon High that states, “All Hornets are capable of success... No Exceptions!” This statement drives everything at Herndon, from the development of a professional learning community focused on student achievement via professional development for teachers, to the establishment of a curriculum support specialist who works with the instructional and assessment coaches to manage the school-wide data monitoring system used for academic intervention purposes. With his backing, Herndon High and the Herndon Pyramid have adopted the Kids at Hope program, a national program that inspires organizations serving youth to create an environment where all children experience success.

By improving school ownership and spirit, Bates has changed the culture at Herndon by way of a PRIDE (participation, respect, integrity, diligence, and empathy) matrix followed by students and staff. The word See Principal, Page 5
Mayor Lisa Merkel greeted each Herndon volunteer individually as they entered Herndon’s 31st Annual Mayor’s Volunteer Appreciation Awards. “Everyone of us has a role to play in making our community and our town stronger,” said Merkel. The receiving line, which included Supervisor John Foust and most of the Herndon Town Council, took nearly 30 minutes to traverse for the last to enter. About 371 people were nominated by 30 different groups as outstanding volunteers of the year.

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Mayor Lisa Merkel at the 31st annual Mayor’s Volunteer Appreciation Awards.

Eleanor Benedict, who volunteers at the Herndon Senior Center and at Harbor House, wears a T-shirt that described how everyone felt Sunday night. “For 4.2 miles, that’s not too shabby,” said Merkel, of Herndon’s density of volunteers per square mile. “The more volunteers you have, the more success you have as a community,” said Tooran Shadmand, who volunteers with numerous organizations and in numerous ways in Herndon, including at the Herndon Community Television and with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps.

Amy Peterson’s volunteer responsibilities: leads scout troops, swim team clerk, PTA president at the elementary school, volunteer coordinator at the middle school, drama and choir booster, volunteer board member at the high school, 14.5 year volunteer with Herndon Youth Soccer who coaches, schedules referees, plans games schedules, serves as liaison between parents, coaches and players. And, of course, more.

Television news reporter Jeff Goldberg was a keynote speaker on Sunday’s awards ceremony. He described his one-year commitment to volunteering as a Big Brother. Six years later, that relationship continues. “We’re family,” he said.

Kay Walter and Diane Mandel, of Reston-Herndon FISH, offer Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help.

Polycom, Inc. and employee Kathy Patullo earned this year’s Distinguished Corporate Service Award. Employees donated $6,000 last year for toys, coats and winter clothing to help LINK provide for families in Herndon, Ashburn and Sterling, among other efforts.

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Volunteers Honored

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Community Television, helps volunteers get involved with television programming. Her station, celebrating its 25th anniversary, has 19 volunteers, several new shows, and has experienced healthy growth from its beginnings in 1985.

"It shows how much the community gives to each other and how connected they all are through volunteering," said Rose.

"It is about taking action," said Merkel.

CAROLINA CALDERON walks two miles each way, every day, to get to her volunteer jobs at the Neighborhood Resource Center and the Cornerstones food pantry; she also helps facilitate English classes and helps individuals new to the country.

"There was a time when I needed help when I got here, so I give back to others who need help today," she said through a translator, after the ceremony.

Jeff Goldberg grew up in Potomac, Md., and is in charge of the Northern Virginia Bureau for ABC7/WJLA news and News Channel 8. He was Sunday night's guest speaker.

"It was so clear to me how strong and positive this community is coming here today. You could really feel that," he said.

Goldberg recounted how one of his friends who was involved in the Big Brother/Big Sister program recruited him when he worked in Minneapolis six years ago. "He didn't take no for an answer."

It was a one year commitment; at the end of a year, some people end their volunteering. "That thought didn't cross my mind," he said, of his "little" brother. "We're family."

"Volunteering not only makes the community stronger, it makes people better. No matter what you put in, you're going to get it back and then some," Goldberg said.

DISTINGUISHED AWARD winners included Amy Peterson and former Mayor Mike O'Reilly. Kathy Patullo and her business Polycom won the Distinguished Corporate Service Award.

Merkel began the evening describing the origins of Volunteer Week, and the origins of the Mayor's Volunteer Awards celebration. "National Volunteer week embodies the energy and power volunteers evoke on a daily basis as they lead by example," said Merkel, “not only encouraging the people they help but motivating others to serve as well.”

Kay Walter and Diane Mandel sat together, volunteer together, and enjoyed the celebratory night together.

They both volunteer with Reston-Herndon FISH (Friendly InstantSympathetic Help), which helps people meet immediate and short-term needs, such as preventing an eviction, keeping utilities from being turned off, or helping people pay one time for prescriptions.

If Herndon residents reach a crisis in life, FISH could help.

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Herndon High Principal Honored

pride can be found throughout the school—on student planners, T-shirts, posters, and bulletin boards. It has helped build a spirited atmosphere at the school, one of FCPS’s first high schools, that is evident at faculty cook-offs, athletic events, and performing arts events, as well as throughout the halls every day. He hosts an informal Chat and Chew quarterly for staff members to discuss ongoing issues, and encouraged the establishment of a staff walking club and after-school exercise classes.

BATES describes himself as a “servant leader who is committed to supporting student learning and developing others.” Nominee Claire Silva says, “He believes in shared leadership and values the benefit of collaboration from multiple stakeholders.” She adds that his administrative style offers many leadership opportunities for staff members while challenging them to seek strategies supporting the school’s mission. Professional development at Herndon involves a day divided into four sessions: Portrait of a Graduate, Kids at Hope-PRIDE, progress monitoring program, and a book talk.

Bates engages Herndon students at a monthly pizza lunch where discussions range from bullying and suicide awareness, the physical conditions of the school, student perceptions of staff members, and expectations for academic achievement along with music selection at dances. He can frequently be seen chatting with students in the hall and attending extracurricular activities.

“It is with each child in mind that he has artfully created an environment conducive to learning, fostering creativity, and personal development,” says teacher and nominator Stephanie Stewart. “With each initiative, Herndon High School has experienced much success in creating the desired portrait of a graduate paralleling the FCPS initiative of developing the whole child. Our students are well-rounded, creative, and compassionate individuals who are challenged and excelling while making a difference.”

Bates “has proven to be an effective administrator with sound judgment and wisdom,” says nominator Jonathan Frohm.
Counting Homeless: Solution Is Housing

Results of the annual census of homeless show progress, persistence of the problem, and some worrying trends.

OPINION

Counting Homeless: Solution Is Housing

It’s critical to note that those who are literally homeless are a small part of the problem. In terms of preventing homelessness, literally thousands of families at risk of becoming homeless in our region. Very high housing costs combined with the growth of low-wage service jobs mean that many families are one unexpected bill away from homelessness. Nonprofits in the county play a huge role in preventing homelessness by responding to crises.

As the development of the Silver Line brings a wave of new residential construction in the county, we must insist that affordable housing be a part of that growth.

Mother’s Day Photos

Mother’s Day is May 10 and, every year at this time, The Connection calls for submissions to our Mother’s Day photo gallery. Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, or children with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. (We will not print your full address or contact information.) You can upload photos and information directly to www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/ or email to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inappropriate ‘Choices’

To the Editor:

My name is Donna McHugh and I am writing in response to your article (“Moving: From Institution to Community”) printed on April 2 regarding the Northern Virginia Training Center.

I am the sister and co-guardian of my 58-year-old brother Joseph F. McHugh (Joe) discussed in the article. He lives at the Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC). Joe is minimally verbal, non-amnestic, has chronic mental illness; 203, or 42 percent were identified as chronically homeless.

Of those, 715 were people in 213 homeless families, with 431 homeless children; 347 of those children were under 12. Sixty-two percent of the adults in these homeless families are employed, but don’t earn enough to avoid becoming homeless. Domestic violence was identified as the cause of homelessness for 41 percent of the people counted in homeless families. Women made up 78 percent of the adults in homeless families.

Men accounted for 77 percent of the single homeless people. Of the single homeless people, 55 percent, 268 people, are identified as having serious mental illness; 203, or 42 percent were identified as chronically homeless.

Twenty-five percent of the single homeless individuals were employed. Eight percent were veterans. Four percent, or 21, were former foster children. Some troubling trends:

This year, 125 or 25 percent of the single homeless people were over 55.

This year, 52 or 11 percent of the single homeless people were transitional adults, aged 18-24.

This year, 58 percent of homeless individuals in families and 43 percent of single homeless people counted were African American. This is disproportionate to the overall African American population of 9.7 percent.

This year marks a reduction of 21 homeless people, or approximately 2 percent reduction over the previous count in 2014. It is a decrease of 34 percent since 2008 when there were 1,835 literally homeless people counted, including 1,091 in families. The Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness credits its adoption of housing first and rapid rehousing models, heightened prevention efforts and prioritizing housing for longest and most vulnerable homeless for continuing decreases.

What’s needed is more affordable housing, more housing affordable to those with very low income, more affordable housing designated for formerly homeless people with the supports they need. Without a commitment to more affordable housing, it will be impossible to continue to reduce the number of homeless people in the region.

Donna McHugh
Centreville

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WE CHANGE LIVES

Maybe it really is you.
Maybe you really don’t belong in a “gym.”

Many people just don’t do well in a typical big box gym. Those gyms are too big, there is nobody to help you, and it’s easy to get lost in the sea of people already in shape.

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But fitness might be the most important thing to living a healthy life. Being healthy makes you a happier person, a better parent, employee, partner or spouse. Fitness is the key to getting involved in life. You can choose to fully embrace your own fitness life, or you can watch other people living theirs. ONLY YOU can decide to change your life and body when you are ready.

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~ Leesa Donner, Great Falls

I previously belonged to three other gyms in Reston, and I had never made it a full year before my attendance dropped off. With Koko, however, I recently passed my two year anniversary and am still going strong. I love that I can get a full body workout every time in less than an hour. The cardio and strength workouts continue to push me to work harder than I ever did on my own at previous gyms. As a result, I’m in the best shape of my adult life. And the desire to keep feeling this healthy and strong keeps me coming back. Thanks Koko!

~ Watt H., Reston, VA

There is absolutely no way I would achieve what I do at this club ANYWHERE else. I’ve lost over 15 lbs, my blood pressure is lower, and I am looking and feeling better than I have in 10 years!

~ Scott Kreitz

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Moving for Academic Excellence

Researchers say frequent physical activity can lead to success in school.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Inside an elementary school classroom in Bethesda, Md., a class of third grade students is divided into small groups and given a task: to cross a desert using a limited supply of tools that often include a jump rope, a foam noodle or a scooter. Their mission is to devise a plan to cross the desert without touching the sand.

This classroom exercise at Norwood School requires cohesive collaboration, quick analytical skills and, most of all, creative physical movement.

“This type of activity is so much more than who has the most points on the scoreboard or how to kick a football,” said Jane Mar tens, physical education coordinator at Norwood School. “It shows the direct relationship between movement and academic success, particularly when it comes to focus. Twenty minutes is long enough for little ones to sit and focus on academics. After that they need movement to refocus their attention.”

Martens and other educators and researchers cite substantial evidence that physical activity can boost academic performance, including grades and test scores. In fact, many say the recent trend of sacrificing physical activity for a lack of time or space for activity is melding it with academic subjects.

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Students at Norwood School engage in a movement exercise during the school day. Researchers say physical activity can boost academic performance.

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Photo courtesy of Norwood School

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The effect is physiological as exercise increases one’s energy level, increasing one’s capacity for cognitive activity. “Exercise increases blood flow to the brain and has been shown to increase one’s ability to focus,” said Beringer.

The lessons that students learn from physical education are life-long and extend beyond an elementary school spelling test or a middle school science project.

“In addition to promoting concentration in the classroom, it gives children an opportunity to develop competence in using their growing bodies,” said Christine Pegorraro Schull, Ph.D., professor, early childhood education, Northern Virginia Community College.

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As part of a new business partnership, Aldrin Elementary has announced the grand opening of a student-run branch of Middleburg Bank. Aldrin faculty sponsors and Middleburg Bank representatives will train and supervise student “employees.” Positions include a manager, assistant manager, three tellers, and two marketing specialists. All students will have the opportunity to open a Cool Fox Account with the bank. The goal of the bank is to promote school wide financial literacy, offer leadership opportunities to students and to integrate math curriculum into the experience of banking.

Student-run Bank Opens at Aldrin Elementary

From left — Jeff Culver, chief operations officer, Middleburg Bank; sixth grade bank employees; Leiah Hartsuff, assistant VP/regional banking manager, Middleburg Bank; Barbara Gist, assistant principal, Aldrin Elementary.
Herndon. This free event will begin with the April 23 Creative Series, the second of three concert series with award-winning bands in Fairfax County. The Celtibillies, an award-winning quartet from Abington, Va., played at ArtSpace Herndon at the end of March. ArtSpace Herndon is a community art gallery created and supported by art lovers providing opportunities for local artists.

Herndon’s Winter Guard performs their Scarecrow show at Mount Vernon High School on Feb. 14.

By Sally Toner

The Herndon High School Winter Guard took home honors on Feb. 28, placing third overall in the Scholastic Regional A2 class at South County Secondary. They moved up four spots from their first competition of the season, where they placed seventh at Mount Vernon HS.

This year’s show is called “Scarecrow” and is based on the song of the same name by the group Alex and Sierra. Coach Laura Flyte expressed enthusiasm about this year’s routine.

“Our Scarecrow show depicts a band of scarecrows coming to life and performing through the night to become scarecrows again at the finale,” Flyte said.

“It is an upbeat, happy program, full of energy, and is getting a great response,” said parent representative Deb Eastham.

Eleven schools competed in the competition, and 10 students from Herndon were able to participate. Three of the seniors on the team added their experience to the event, having worked in collaboration with Oakton’s guard members last year.

Color guard combines dance, music, theatre, and equipment (flags, rifles, and sabers) into a show. Winter Guard is the Color Guard performing on its own in a gymnasium. The sport has grown to include groups from Canada and the United Kingdom.

“Achieving third place out of 11 at our second competition is something these kids should be incredibly proud of...The team should be recognized for their outstanding dedication to a sport that is so unknown to the general public.”

She also praised team members for their fundraising efforts for upcoming competitions.

The Winter Guard also competed on March 14 at Freedom HS, on March 21 at Broad Run HS, and the AIA Circuit Championships on March 28 at South County HS where they placed second, fifth and seventh respectively.

The Winter Guard and its leadership, students, coaches, and parents, are optimistic about future competitions, given their improvement in recent meets.

“Moving up so much in the rankings is even more impressive in those conditions. It is a real tribute to the focus and dedication of this group of young people and that of their instructor,” said Eastham.

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Herndon area features many April art activities.

By Ryan Dunn

At the end of March, Herndon community art gallery ArtSpace Herndon hosted a musical event with the Celtibillies, an award-winning quartet from Abington, Va. The event was part of the Dominion Notes Concert Series, the second of three concert series at ArtSpace Herndon to celebrate contribution of Virginia’s string bands to the foundation of American music, connecting Herndon to Virginia’s roots music.

With the end of winter, local art activity has been springing into action. The Council for the Arts of Herndon announced Lisa Gold, executive director of the Washington Project for the Arts (the WPA), will attend the April 23 Creative Connections event, hosted at ArtSpace Herndon. This free event will begin with a presentation on the WPA and how to better network and promote one’s art and career, followed by time for discussion. Also, the Council for the Arts of Herndon (CAH) and Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts (HFCA) announced a joining together of the two organizations to form a new entity. It is expected the merger of the art groups will offer various benefits, including a simplification of applying for grants.

On April 14, the Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble made their first performance at Herndon Middle School at 901 Locust Street. The group practices Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Herndon Middle School. The band is sponsored by the Council for the Arts of Herndon and Lawrence Walker is the conductor. Walker has a history of directing ensembles and has worked with award winning bands in Fairfax County for years.

For two days, Friday, April 17-18, the Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble performed their first performance at Herndon Middle School.

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Lorrie Herman’s work, Pretty Barns, is on display at ArtSpace Herndon. On display until May 3 is Behind the Scenes with Lorrie Herman’s work, Pretty Barns, is on display at ArtSpace Herndon.
FRIDAY/APRIL 17
Jewelry Making Workshop. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. You will learn the basics of jewelry making and create your own original piece in this hands-on workshop. We provide the materials; participants bring the imagination! Registration is required for this event. Frying Pan Art Walk at the Library. 2 p.m. Herndon Figmightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Friends of the Library invite age 6-11 to celebrate spring. Visit with a chicken and build a kite to fly outside. Openings.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18
Washington Area Folk Harp Society 2015 Annual Concert, 7:30 p.m. Knox Presbyterian Church, 7416 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. WAFHS presents “The Harp Goes Creative,” featuring Abigail Palmer, Joe Morrison, Heatherwood Harp Ensemble, Southern Maryland Harp Circle, and a Many-Harp-Grand Finale. Tickets at the door. $15 Adults. $10 Students and Seniors. For info and directions visit www.wafhs.org.

Weekend Bluegrass Concert: Ash Breeze, 6:30 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Ash Breeze is a new breath of fresh air on the bluegrass music scene recording on the Mountain Fever Record label. These fine young musicians are the future of bluegrass but they are full of energy, a love for their music and talent beyond belief.

TUESDAY/APRIL 21
31st Mid-Atlantic Song Contest, 7:15 p.m. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Eden Street, Herndon. The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon together with the Songwriters’ Association of Washington, the Folk Club of Reston/Herndon proudly present the contest some of the winners of the 31st Mid-Atlantic Song Contest: Anna Dagnan (Gold Winner in the Open Category) is a New York City-based pianist, vocalist and composer as well as an active member of Folk Alliance. Kenny Martin (Gold winner Folk Category and 3rd Place overall Winner 2014, as well as Gold winner in 2013 and Director’s Choice Award winner that same year) is an emerging Americana singer/songwriter. Opening the show is Washington-Lees High School student Sarah Keyser, (Silver winner Vocal Jazz/Singer Singer category). Tickets: DMHurd@csc.com or at the door. $10 Members, $11 Non-members

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22
Preschool Young Science Explorers - Love our Earth! 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. All aboard for S.T.E.A.M.(science, technology, engineering, art and math)! Storytime! Help to keep the Earth healthy and take part in earth-friendly activities such as planting seeds.

Earth Day Planting. 1 - 4 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Ages 5 and up. Celebrate Earth Day by planting a variety of native plants in the gardens including shrubs, ferns and wildflowers. Wear clothes that can get dirty and bring gloves if you have them. We will have some gloves available and will provide tools for planting. Contact halbrook@reston.org or call 703-476-9689 to sign up. Reservations required by April 19. For more information, email naturecenter@reston.org, or call 703-476-9689 and press 5.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22-26
Reston Friends Big Book Sale, Wednesday, April 22— 5 - 8 p.m. Preview Night Thursday, April 23— 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, April 24— 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25— 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26— 12 noon - 3:30 p.m. (Library itself opens at 1 p.m.) Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive Reston. Come and browse thousands upon thousands of great books in great condition. From the latest popular titles and classic favorites to the rare and unexpected fiction and non-fiction. The Reston Friends have something for everyone! Yes, we do restock, for as long as supplies last.

THURSDAY/SATURDAY/APRIL 23-25

SATURDAY/APRIL 25 - 26
Performance of Act I Cinderella. Classical Ballet Theatre Herndon Studios, 320 Victory Drive, Herndon. Don’t miss Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother as they teach the stepmother and stepchildren, “Haughty” and “Spiteful,” that nice girls do finish first! For more information visit http://www.chtnova.org/cinderella.

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South Lakes’ Ballard Runs State-Qualifying Time in 400

Led by junior Skander Ballard’s performance in the 400 meters, more than 20 South Lakes High School track athletes qualified for postseason meets at the Northern Virginia Invitational April 10-11 at James Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax.

Ballard finished third in the 400 meters with a state-meet qualifying time of 49.35. He also qualified for the Conference 6 meet in the pole vault (11-00.00, 7th) and long jump (20-03.00, 6th). Ballard, juniors Alex Rudison, Eric Kirlew and sophomore Timiebi Ogobri finished fourth in the 4x100 meter relay with a 44.40 region-qualifying time.

Rudison, Kirlew and Ogobri also qualified in individual events: Rudison in the pole vault (10-06.00, 10th, conference), Kirlew in triple jump (43-05.00, 2nd, region) and 100 meters (11.66, 11th conference), Ogobri in the 100 meters (11.64, 10th, conference) and 200 meters (23.61, 22nd, conference).

Senior Nathan Stone qualified for the region meet in both the 100 high hurdles (15.76, 3rd) and high jump (5-10.00, 6th). Fellow senior Sam Arpee ran a region-qualifying time of 50.67 in the 400 meters (10th) and qualified for the conference meet with a 23.48 in the 200 meters (17th). Arpee, senior Collin Weirick, junior Nikolai Waithe and sophomore Ashton Reinhold finished sixth in the 4x200 meter relay in 3:31.30, meeting the region standard.

On the girls’ team, senior Claire Nieusma qualified for the region meet in both the 400 meters (59.98, 5th) and 300 meter intermediate hurdles (47.94, 4th). Sophomore Devyn Jones met region standards finishing second in the long jump (16-08.50) and third in the 100 meter hurdles (15.47). She also qualified for the conference meet with her 48.89 (7th) in the 100 meter hurdles.

Freshman Olivia Beckner (2:26.82, 9th) and senior Augusta Durham (2:29.18, 12th) qualified for the conference meet in the 800 meters.

Senior Samantha Webb did the same in the 300 hurdles (5.56, 14th) and 400 meters (1:02.16, 17th). Natalie Schauer, also a senior, conference qualified in both throw events with a 27-10.50 (19th) in the shot and 78-04.00 (11th) in the discus.

The Cougars have plenty of confidence early in the 2015 campaign. On April 9, Oakton defeated Herndon 1-0 in a rematch of last season’s conference championship match. The victory extended the Cougars’ win streak to four games following a season-opening loss to McLean on March 16.

Oakton senior Millan Khadka scored the lone goal against Herndon in the seventh minute with an assist from Jeffris.

Oakton has been one of the most competitive teams in Northern Virginia the last four seasons. The Cougars won the Northern Region championship in 2013, advanced to the state semifinals and finished the season with an 18-1-2 record.

Last season, however, Oakton was upset by West Potomac in the second round of regionals. The Cougars entered the match having won five straight, but lost 2-1 on their home field.

“It was an absolute upset in the match,” Spitalny said. “We out-shot them 22-4. We dominated the game [but] we made two mistakes. To West Potomac’s [credit], they won it. There’s nothing I can say to take it away from them. Were we the better team? Absolutely. But you’ve got to win the match.”

Jeffris said the Cougars use the loss as motivation.

“We are a very young squad, but the older players, the underclassmen, definitely remember stuff like that,” he said. “It does hurt and that is what drives us.”

Jeffris, an all-state selection last season, is one of four returning starters for Oakton, along with junior defenders/ midfielders Trey Lodge, senior defender Sam Bundren and junior defender/midfielder Tyler Morgan.

After losing to McLean, 1-0, Oakton responded with wins against Lee (2-0), Yorktown (2-0), Robinson and Herndon. The Cougars then lost to West Springfield, 2-1, on Monday, dropping their record to 4-2. Oakton will host Chantilly at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 17.
ART STUDIO OPENS IN DOWNTOWN HERNDON

Herndon studio offers programs in arts and cutting edge technologies.

By Ryan Dunn
The Connection

A new art studio on Monroe Street in downtown Herndon boasts the only purpose built 3-D printing studio in the Northern Virginia area. “My wife is an experienced artist and art teacher who wished to open her own teaching studio,” stated Ran Farmer, founder of Herndon’s newest art establishment. “It was her dream that inspired us to open the Monroe Street Studio.”

Located at 761 Monroe Street, Building A in Herndon, Reston residents Ran Farmer and wife Yana Farmer opened their studio this spring. An official community open house will be held April 25 and 26. Town of Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel and Economic Development Manager Dennis Holste both toured the facility. “This is going to be a great addition to our downtown,” said Merkel. “The intersection of arts and technology are exactly what Herndon is about. This new community of innovators will bring a new sense of vibrancy to downtown, and plays right into the Town Council’s vision statement regarding arts, technology, and building community. I wish them great success!” Mayor Merkel will assist with the April ceremonial ribbon cutting.

YANA FARMER earned her degree at the Vitebsk Arts College, founded by artist Marc Ahmdi in March when he opened the Monroe Street Studio. The arts programs with the latest emerging creative technologies represent a realization of that vision. Morgan Ahmdi runs the MakerBot 3D design and printing studio. Farmer hired Ahmdi in March when he opened the MakerBot 3D studio. MakerBot is the name of the New York City-based manufacturer of the desktop 3-D printers used and sold in the studio.

“Do 3D design and traditional 2D animation you have to be able to combine technical skills with traditional artistic skills. That’s the beauty of it,” says Farmer. “For Yana and me this turned out to be the perfect opportunity to combine traditional fine arts programs with the latest emerging creative technologies. In this case, art and technology complement each other perfectly.”

3-D printing is the process of creating solid objects from computer-generated computer models. 3-D printing technology has been used from the creation of spacecraft parts to human organs using a process called “additive layering.” This creates a computer-conceived object by applying successive layers of material over and over again within a 3-D printer in whatever pattern and material is chosen. At the Herndon studio, Farmer’s 3-D printers use a filament of composite plastic made primarily of cornstarch to create plastic-like objects.

Farmer has worked with Reston nonprofit NOVA Labs on previous 3-D printer projects. “We appeal to the same people who want to have a hands-on experience with some of the same types of creative technologies but we offer a totally different opportunity. Many of the people who participate in NOVA Labs activities also participate in activities at the Monroe Street Studio,” said Ran Farmer. A studio membership is required in order to use the 3-D printing facilities independently at Monroe Street Studio. Members must have suitable prior demonstrated experience with MakerBot printers which may include completion of a workshop at Monroe Street Studio.

THE MONROE STREET STUDIO is home to studios and classrooms designed to support high quality programs in the arts and creative technologies. The facility is equipped for programs in drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking and stained glass. There is a kiln for firing hand built pottery, a press for printmaking, and there are cutters, grinders and hand tools for stained glass work. There is also an advanced video webcasting and animation studio designed as a premiere center for learning to create cutting edge online media productions.

For more information, visit www.monroestreetstudio.com.
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

No. That’s not my stomach talking. Nor is it the recurring effects of the six-plus years of chemotherapy. Fortunately, nausea has rarely been a part of that experience. However, like so many others, I have endured my share of side effects: I’ve lost my hair, lost weight, lost interest from the drab taste of chemotherapy, lost sleep and a few other things I can’t remember I’ve lost (“chemo brain”), but amazingly, I’ve not lost my life. Neither have I lost my will to live. Still, living with cancer is hardly the stuff of which dreams are made; more likely, they’re nightmares. And though living is its own reward, for a cancer patient/survivor, it’s not a given, you sort of have to take it.

To say that “living with cancer” – meaning you’re the one afflicted – is like being on a roller coaster, would be unkind to all roller coasters. I can’t really see that there are any thrills to being on board for this emotional/physical ride. Aside from there not being a safety bar, there are no guarantees that you’ll survive the trip/ordeal; and unlike the ride at the amusement park, it’s unlikely you’ll want to go on again. For cancer patients, being diagnosed once is more than enough. And if your diagnosis is the terminal kind, once really is all there needs to be. Because if there’s one thing that cancer has proved to be beyond a reasonable doubt, is an indiscriminate killer with reach beyond many a grasp.

Enjoy, eating, shopping, integrating, processing this fact into your daily existence is hardly the pause that refreshes. It’s more of the premature finish that you worry about. Immediately, your outlook on life changes. Whatever plans/expectations may have had for a long life may have to be modified. I had a modest plan, more like a presumption: that I would live into my mid eighties, as both my parents had. Learning at age 54 that cancer has proved to be beyond a reasonable doubt, is an indiscriminate killer with reach beyond many a grasp.

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As difficult as this challenge is, it is particular. It is difficult during the weeks leading up to your CT Scan and the days following, until your appointment with your oncologist when the results are finally discussed. Then you’ll know where you stand or whether you should be sitting; whether your life hangs in the balance or whether the balance is completely out of whack. It’s rare that you’ll be pardoned; realistically speaking, all you can hope for is lighter duty. But that’s the problem, there’s nothing light about it. It’s all heavy and often very unpredictable. And there’s very little that’s amusing about it. And unlike a roller coaster which has a beginning and an end with a middle to die for, cancer’s beginning, middle and end is all to die for.
Time of transition for Fairfax County golf ranges.

This fall will be the final season for Woody's Golf Range located on Route 7 in Herndon. After 35 years in operation, business owner Woody FitzHugh is closing the range. FitzHugh bought 30 acres of pasture in the Dranesville area, off Route 7, in Herndon. In October 1980, FitzHugh opened Woody's Golf Range. The range expanded to include driving ranges, a gift shop, as well as baseball and softball batting cages. FitzHugh sold his 30 acres to residential builders Northern Virginia Homes for an undisclosed price. FitzHugh sees it as a time of transition, and is now scouting property for a new miniature golf course. Some potential sites include locations near Fairfax City and Berryville. Also closed is the Hunter Mill Golf Park, at 1627 Hunter Mill Road on the Reston-Vienna line. The 100 tee golf range closed on Jan. 25. On April 15, The Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will make a decision on the future of Reston National Golf Course. RN Golf, owners of the 166-acre public course in south Reston, say the land can be considered residential. RN Golf, a division of Northwestern Mutual Insurance, has asked Fairfax County of the land status since 2010. While golfers adjust to changes, the Fairfax County Park Authority still operates eight golf courses at locations including Twin Lakes Golf Course at Clifton, Laurel Hill in Lorton, and Burke Lake Golf Center at Fairfax Station.

Herndon Woody's Golf Range to Close This Fall

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Northwest Federal Cuts Ribbon on New Herndon Branch

To celebrate the official opening of its newest Herndon branch at 2545 Centreville Road in Village Center, Northwest Federal Credit Union held a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 26. Several local officials attended the ceremony, including Dave Kirby and the Grace Han Wolf from the Herndon Town Council; Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust; Del. Kenneth Plum (D-36); and Eileen Curtis, president of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. Three members of the Northwest Federal Credit Union Board of Directors were also on hand: Leo Cardillo, Vice Chairman; Dawn Ellenberger, Secretary; and David Eldred, Director. In remarks during the celebration, president/CEO Chris McDonald said, “Northwest Federal has been around for over 67 years, and we’ve pleased to have opened our second Herndon location, equipped with a more interactive feel for our members and services for local business owners. To mark the occasion, Curtis, McDonald and Leo Cardillo, vice chairman, Board of Directors cut a special ribbon made of money created in support of Credit Union Miracle Day. Along with the cash ribbon, McDonald also announced an annual donation to Children’s Miracle Day, saying, “One of the many ways we serve our communities is through our Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation. Its mission is to strengthen our community through our scholarship, mentoring and youth outreach programs.” Linda Rogus, executive director of the Foundation, presented a check representing this donation to former Northwest Federal President/CEO Juri Valdov and Sarah Turner, Director of Credit Union Miracle Day. They are members of the Board of Children’s Miracle Network and accepted both the cash ribbon and check on its behalf. All donations Northwest Federal makes to the charity are directed to Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Northwest Federal has branches in Chantilly, Gainesville, Herndon, Leesburg, Manassas and Vienna, and also offers financial services via online and mobile banking. Learn more at www.nwfcu.org.