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"Pride of Herndon" Band march-  
ing in the homecoming parade.

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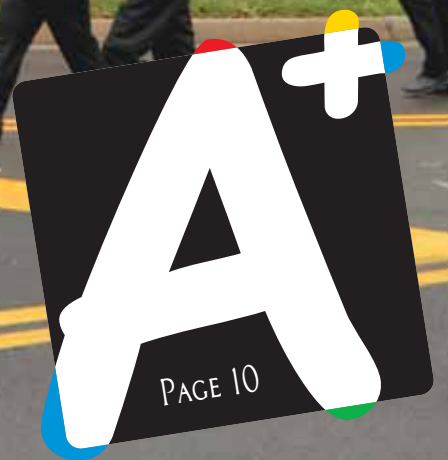
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The senior class float was based off "Pirates of the Caribbean." The theme for this year's parade was "Sea Swept."

# Herndon Homecoming Parade Beats Drizzle

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

Despite overcast weather and a continued drizzle, Herndon High School held the annual homecoming parade in downtown Herndon on Saturday, Oct. 12. Parade participants began staging on Sterling Road, where the parade kicked off at 9:30 a.m. The parade then turned left onto Elden Street and headed into downtown.

Herndon resident Tim Phillips, owner of Rock Creek Productions Inc., whose son plays percussion, captured some video footage of the Herndon High band performing during the event. "The band has been an amazing experience for my kids," said Phillips.

The Herndon High School marching band "The Pride of Herndon" has been selected by members of Congress and the United States Marine Band to represent Virginia in the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade. A resolution was passed by the Herndon Town Council in October to offset each student's cost to Pearl Harbor by \$50.

Herndon High's Theatre Department marched in the parade, performing numbers from their upcoming musical, "Seussical." The musical begins production at Herndon High School on Nov. 15, 16 and 17. The Herndon High School Step Team was also in the parade and demonstrated several step routines.

At least 50 entries marched in the parade, including community clubs and teams, schools, local organizations, businesses, and both town and state officials.

The parade traveled down Elden until it turns onto Lynn Street and

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Richard Downer holds the Richard Downer Award, which was awarded to Girls Scouts Service Units 51-9 and 51-11.

went down to Center Street, where Herndon Town Councilmembers and Mayor Lisa Merkel had a grandstand from which they judged this year's floats. Judges for the event included councilmembers Sheila Olem, David Kirby, Melissa Jonas, Vice Mayor Connie Hutchinson, and

Town of Herndon Chief of Police Colonel Maggie A. DeBoard.

"I am happy with the number of people that came out despite the weather and that so many people were able to participate," said John Mossesso. Mossesso has been running the Herndon homecoming operation for more than 20 years. Mossesso is also the volunteer coordinator for the summer Herndon Festival.

"We thank everyone for coming out ... the participants were top quality and we enjoyed the show," said councilmember Olem. "I am so glad everyone came out despite the drizzling rain," said councilmember Jonas. "I was glad to see all the spirit everyone has for the town."

The theme of the 2013 parade was "Sea Swept." Herndon High's senior class of 2014 took home first place in the Class Float category with their Pirates of the Caribbean theme. The freshman class of 2017 had a float with a "Finding Nemo" theme. To combat the rain, some participants in the parade brought umbrellas and rain jackets.



The Herndon High School Theatre team participated in this year's event.



The Herndon High ROTC Color Guard helped lead the 2013 Herndon Homecoming parade.



Herndon High School Step Team members with coach Gary Bushrod (center) hold the first place trophy awarded to the step team for the performing arts division in downtown Herndon.



Alumni and friends of Herndon Elementary School marched in this year's parade.



## NEWS

# Council Approves Preliminary Boundary Agreement

Agreement would help settle western town border issue with Loudoun County.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon Town Council voted unanimously for a resolution that would begin the process of settling a dispute over the town's western border Tuesday, Oct. 8. The approval sets in motion a process by which the town and Loudoun County could come to an agreement over the precise location of the town's border.

"This boundary has been under consideration for some time because there are complexities involved in the history of the boundary," said Richard Kaufman, town attorney for Herndon. "The purpose of this proposed resolution to consider contract with Loudoun County [is] to settle complexities, put [the] matter to rest."

The proposed agreement would see the boundary of the town extended west about 100 feet, starting at the northern edge of Sterling Road and going down the east side of Rock Hill Road.

In 1954, commissioners from Loudoun and Fairfax County met in Herndon at the old fire station and decided to relocate the Fairfax-Loudoun boundary. Previously, the boundary was in the center of Rock Hill Road and went past Sterling Road to a point just north of the W&OD Trail.

**THE CURRENT LINE** goes right in the center of the town's building at 1481 Sterling Road, which was the site of the former day laborer center.

"That agreement left out [an] important detail, the town's boundary, which traditionally followed the Fairfax Loudoun Boundary. Many people thought the town's boundary remained on center line of Rock Hill Road," Kaufman said. "The plats and plans up until [the] middle 60s showed the town boundary still there in center of Rock Hill Road. But in late 60s, early 70s, that theory was abandoned, town's boundary was placed on the existing Loudoun Fairfax boundary, where it has been perceived to be since then."

In 2005, when town opened the



The Town Council has approved a preliminary agreement that would resolve a long-running issue about the town's western border with Loudoun County, near the intersection of Sterling Road and Rock Hill Road.

now-closed day worker site at the 1481 Sterling Road building, Loudoun County did not support that use, and preliminary litigation was developed because Loudoun zoning would not permit the town to use the entranceway to the site.

The town lost their case to the Loudoun County Board of Zoning Appeals, and moved the case to Loudoun circuit court.

It remained on that docket for several years, and during that time the town council sought legislative solution.

The town sought a special exception from Loudoun County to use the office building and recycling center. Both properties are owned by the Town of Herndon.

Since then, Herndon town staff has been working on a solution to settle the issue with Loudoun County.

"This agreement would move the town line west, about 100 feet at its longest point, to east side of Rock Hill Road, encompasses 100 square foot part Sterling Road, Recycling Center, office building, grassy area that serves as drainage. That would mean Town of Herndon Land Use, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning controls the property, which is already town owned land," Kaufman said. "It would also mean part of Town of Herndon for [the] first time would be in Loudoun County, I think that would be basis for heightened cooperation and joint projects."

"It also addresses fear from Loudoun Board that somehow the day worker site would open again at the site. I don't think that's a likely proposition, but Loudoun

County board members might be concerned," Kaufman said. "This is addressed in agreement, that states for 40 years after date of agreement, town would not establish temporary day worker assembly site on town's land."

The first step toward preliminary agreement has already happened, with the Town of Herndon approving it Oct. 8, and the Loudoun County Board voting unanimously to approve it at their Sept. 18 meeting.

The agreement would then move to the Commission on Local Government, a Richmond-based board run by the state that assists with boundary and annexation issues.

The commission has a six-month period to study the agreement and write a report.

At least one public hearing must be hosted by both Loudoun and the Town of Herndon, and then both boards must approve the final agreement.

**AFTER THAT PROCESS**, both parties must ask the circuit court of Loudoun County to appoint special three-judge court to approve or disapprove of the agreement—the court cannot amend it.

If the agreement is approved by the special court, it would become active the following June 30 of whatever year it is approved.

"It would increase [the] size of town by approximately 2.5 acres, make [it] part of the town in Loudoun County, which could be the basis of heightened cooperation between two dynamic local governments," Kaufman said.

Councilmember Dave Kirby said he approved the resolution because he wanted to see the process play out for the Commission on Local Government, and because it would bring the issue to the town residents.

"There will probably be more than one local hearing where we can hopefully get some more history on this," he said.

Vice Mayor Connie Hutchinson said it was also a good solution.

"We have been looking at this for a very long time, as far back as when first on council 20 years ago, there's always been that question as to whether or not the town line got moved when county line got moved," she said. "I think involving the Commission on Local Governments to take a look, which would cost the town a significant amount if we took it to court on our own, is a good solution to once and for all have that question answered by the courts."

Councilmember Charlie Waddell said the process, which involves multiple layers of entities that are equipped to deal with such an agreement, should provide the town and Loudoun County with a clearer picture.

"We're asking the Commission on Local Government to take a special look, as well as a special court, in case there might be some irregularities," he said. "Property line ambiguities and the problems they lead to can be expensive. You want a resolution, a definition of where property lines are, and this gives us an opportunity to lay this issue to rest. Protections, oversight and expertise are there."



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Some of the walkers stopped to take a picture in front of Fox Mill Elementary School. Student Kaylyn Siegfried designed the 2013 Help the Homeless t-shirt.



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Participants enjoyed a two-mile walk through the Fox Mill Estates neighborhood.

## Southview Community Church Holds Neighborhood Walk to Support Homeless

Enjoying the wonderful pre-fall weather, walkers wearing sponsor Fannie Mae's "Help the Homeless" t-shirts gathered at Southview Community Church in Herndon on Saturday, Sept. 21. A total of \$1,820 was raised for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) through 64 registered adults and children, who learned about WFCM's homelessness prevention efforts.

This walk was a looping course starting and ending at Southview Community Church, located at 2620 Reston Parkway, Herndon. Participants enjoyed a two-mile walk through the Fox Mill Estates neighborhood. Children rode in strollers or on scooters, biked or skipped along the route, while parents and other supporters enjoyed a brisk walk along the tree-lined sidewalks.

During the walk, some of the walkers stopped to

take a picture in front of Fox Mill Elementary School where the student, Kaylyn Siegfried, who designed the 2013 Help the Homeless t-shirt, which the walk participants wore, attends fourth grade. All along the route, walkers were able to read current statistics on homelessness and hunger in their community, urging them to assist WFCM in providing compassionate, life-essential services to the working poor and those in chronic financial crises.

WFCM Community Outreach Manager Jennie Bush expressed thanks to Southview Community Church volunteers Kelly Friedlander, Mark Hall, Michael Hollinger and others whose efforts pulled together this event. The church offered fresh cooked eggs, ham, bacon, fruits, sweet breads and drinks as walkers mingled, awaited door prize drawings, and listened to uplifting music.




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### Local Centers Host Free Trick-or-treating

The merchants of Franklin Farm Village Center in Herndon, Colonnade at Union Mill in Clifton and Centreville Plaza in Centreville are hosting free trick-or-treating on Saturday, Oct. 26, rain or shine.

All children dressed in their Halloween costumes will receive candy and other goodies from participating businesses from noon to 2 p.m. at Franklin Farm Village Center, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colonnade at Union Mill and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Centreville Plaza.

Entertainment will include a balloon artist and magician at each center.

Featuring Giant Food and Sears Appliance and Hardware, Franklin Farm Village Center is located at the intersection of Franklin Farm Road and the Fairfax County Parkway. Colonnade at Union Mill is at Union Mill and Braddock roads and includes Giant Food, Outback Steakhouse and Panera Bread. Just west of the Route 28/29 intersection, Centreville Plaza is at 14125 St. Germaine Drive and includes Giant Food, Starbucks Coffee and Hallmark.

### Staying Safe on Halloween

The MOMS Club of Herndon will host a How to Stay Safe on Halloween talk on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m.-noon at Trinity Presbyterian Church (615 Dranesville Road, Herndon). Children attending this event will also have the opportunity to make a fun Halloween craft. All Herndon, VA (zip codes 20170 and 20171) stay at-home mothers are encouraged to join this free event.

Guest speaker Officer Denise Randles of the Herndon Police Department will provide tips on how to safely trick or treat with children (including potential visibility issues) and how to check candy. After the talk, children will make a Halloween craft to take home.

For more information or to RSVP contact: Tomoko Azuma, Membership VP at Herndon\_moms\_info@yahoo.com.

### AAUW to Discuss Barriers to Affordable Community Colleges

Dr. Catherine Hill, director of research for the American Association of University Women, will be the featured speaker at the AAUW program at Oakton Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 26 beginning at 12:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. The Oakton Library is located at 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.

Dr. Hill will talk about the AAUW report Women in Community College: Access to Success, which identifies challenges facing student parents and opportunities in STEM fields, as well as how community colleges can provide more women with a reliable path to opportunity and economic security.

For more information, contact Sandy Lawrence at 703-569-1588.

### Floris United Methodist Church Presents 'Trunk or Treat'

Floris UMC invites the community to come out and enjoy "Trunk or Treat," a safe and free evening of Halloween fun for children and families on Oct. 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (rain or shine).

The parking lot will be chock full of decorated car trunks with lots of candy, inflatables for kids to bounce on, a preschool harvest activity area, family photo booth (bring your own camera/smart phone), hot dogs, snacks, drinks, and contests for best decorated trunk and costumes by age group. For more information, go to [www.florisumc.org/trunkortreat](http://www.florisumc.org/trunkortreat).

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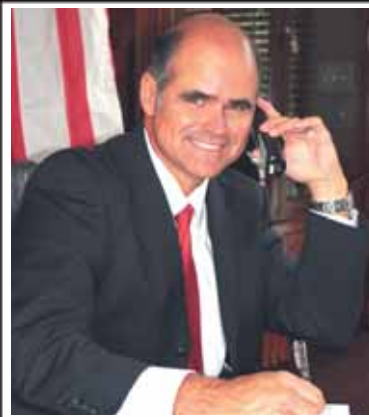
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BY FRANK WOLF  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
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In Luke 12:48 Jesus said, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

The Congress and the president have been entrusted with much, namely the responsibility to govern this country.

The American people rightly expect us, regardless of party affiliation, to come together, espe-



cially during times of crisis, and find ways to get things done.

They are understandably fed up with this current dysfunction, and I am, too.

Each side thinks it is winning, but in reality, the country and the

American people are losing. Senate Chaplain Barry Black says there's a level of insanity involved in the current government shutdown. Asked what it would take to end the current impasse, the former Navy chaplain said, "It's going to take humility." Wise words.

Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

There is too much pride poisoning this debate.

The American people should be the winner, not one party or the other, not the administration or the Congress.

Short-sighted political victories aimed at capturing the latest headline in the 24 hour news cycle will not stand the test of time, nor will they be viewed well through the lens of history, especially if on our watch the trust that must exist between elected officials and the electorate is frayed beyond repair.

For those of us who think

Obamacare is a disaster, its future will not be decided by shutting or opening of the government. The public debate surrounding Obamacare, which will undoubtedly be at the forefront heading into the mid-term elections, will play second fiddle until the government is once again operational.

It also bears mentioning, that while important, Obamacare must be placed in a larger context of the exploding national debt and deficit, and unsustainable spending and entitlement programs set against the backdrop of a public discourse bereft of civility.

Only through enacting reforms  
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## SATURDAY/OCT. 19

**Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at 2355 Bedfordshire Circle, Reston. A sale with furniture, clothing, knick knacks



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**Special Consensus performs bluegrass music Friday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon.**



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and more to benefit the organization. Volunteers are needed to staff the sale, prepare and sort merchandise for the sale, help clean up after the sale, advertise, etc. Sellable merchandise for the yard sale also needed. Baked goods and coffee/juice is for sale. [Cct17@verizon.net](mailto:Cct17@verizon.net) or 703-930-9220.

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**Children's Art & Creating the Reston Mosaic.** 10 a.m.-noon, at Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Children help prepare for Reston's 50th birthday by creating original art for the museum to use for Founder's Day 2014. [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

**Book Talk.** 2 p.m., at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Author, Air Force veteran, and retired American diplomat Robert F. Dorr will discuss his book "Mission to Tokyo: the American Airmen Who Took the War to the Heart of Japan."

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# Madeira School Interns 'Furloughed' Due to Government Shutdown

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**K**atie Barack, an 11th grade student at The Madeira School in McLean was looking forward to spending the fall semester working in a congressional office, walking the halls of U.S. Capitol and getting a first-hand view of the legislative process. Instead, she's strolling along the National Mall engaging in conversations with those whose lives have been affected by the government shutdown.

"It's so sad as a young adult because I feel powerless," said Barack.

A major component of the school year for 11th grade students at Madeira is an internship on Capitol Hill. However, because of the government shutdown, many of Madeira's high school juniors are unable to complete their congressional internships. So school officials restructured the program and students are now studying the government shutdown.

"The juniors affected by the shutdown [are] divided into two groups," said Ashley Smith, associate director of communications at Madeira. "Group one will research af-

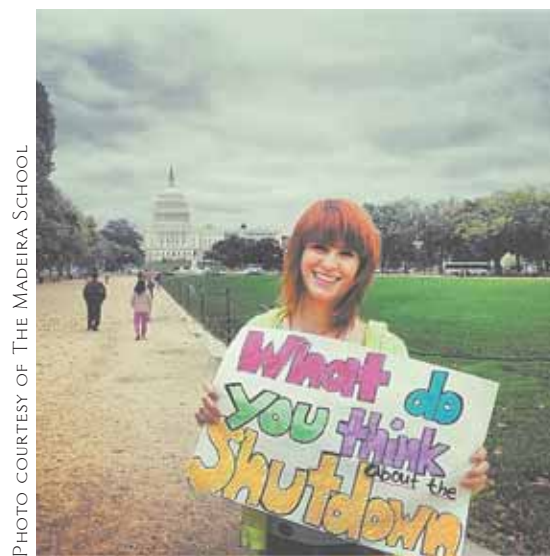


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ected monuments, government buildings and federal lands around D.C., while group two will research the more personal impact on tourists, vendors or 'nonessential' employees. After some prep in the morning, girls will travel down to the Hill to research and collect content in the form of interviews, photos [and] videos."

The revised internship plan was created

**Rose McAvoy, an 11th grade student at The Madeira School, is spending time on the National Mall studying the effect that the government shutdown has on tourists, government employees and others.**

**"The idea behind the project was to make the shutdown come alive for the girls."**

**— Andre Withers,  
The Madeira School**

by the co-curriculum department in conjunction with other faculty and staff members. The goal is to help the students gain many of the skills they would have acquired from internships in congressional offices.

School officials hope the students' research will help them understand the scope of the government shutdown. "The idea behind the project was to make the shut-

**Local students turn lost internship into a learning experience.**

down come alive for the girls," said Andre Withers, the assistant head of the school and director of co-curriculum. "It is certainly an inconvenience for their co-curriculum placement as unpaid interns, but we constructed the project so that the girls could see a range of the total impact: effects on the city, a family's disrupted plans for touring D.C., or the visceral feeling of being deemed 'non-essential' by the very government that you work for." Withers added that the revised program is a skill-based exercise. "We wanted the girls to engage with the public and wade into the public dialogue, to research, to create a narrative and do so in a way that was expressive, artistic and compelling," he said. Madeira officials say they are looking forward to seeing how the students respond to the project and the projects they produce. "I have a hard time wrapping my head around the idea that hardworking corrections officers and other federal employees will go home without pay," said Barack. "But it makes me really grateful and aware of my privileges. It makes me want to work that much harder to be part of the solution. It's not fair for anybody, so everybody needs to accept responsibility and start making changes."



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## SPORTS



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The Langley defense, seen against Chantilly on Sept. 27, held Fairfax to a single touchdown on Oct. 11. The Saxons won 28-7 and improved to 4-2.

### Langley Football Runs Over Fairfax

A soaked Langley homecoming crowd was treated to a 28-7 win over conference rival Fairfax on Oct. 11.

The heavy rains pretty much forced both teams to slug it out on the ground as they battled each other as well as the elements. The Saxons overwhelmed Fairfax with 15 first downs while rushing for 290 yards compared to 173 for Fairfax. Langley's offensive was able to handle the ball more securely than the Rebels en route to the win, which pushed the Saxons' record to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in Conference 6.

At the outset, Langley took control of the line of scrimmage behind its huge offensive line, anchored by senior guards Brooks Norris and Bennett Molster, and center Alex Kolencik, enabling senior quarterback Nick Casso to run for 100 yards and two touchdowns, while fellow backfield mate, junior running back Tyler West, went for 190 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns for the game. By the end of the first quarter, the Saxons had built a 14-0 lead. Langley's first touchdown came on an 11-play, 79-yard opening drive; and the second on a three-play, 18-yard scoring march set up by linebacker Cooper Besougloff's interception. Fairfax was able to cut the lead in half early in the second quarter when running back Nick Scott ran it in from 6 yards out to make the score 14-7. For the game, Scott had 135 yards and one touchdown.

That would be as close as it would get, as Langley capitalized on a Fairfax failed fake punt that turned the ball over on the Rebel

39-yard line. When Langley scored with only 1:48 left before halftime to make it 21-7, the gamble had effectively put the game out of reach for Fairfax.

Langley controlled the second half, scoring the only points late in the third quarter after a time consuming eight-play, 70-yard drive was capped off on a 2-yard plunge by West for the touchdown, with only 1:22 left to make it 28-7. Fairfax struggled all game, putting the ball on the ground numerous times before they were able to mount a threat in the fourth quarter, which was turned back by a determined Langley defense on a fourth-and-goal stop by linebacker Austin Denham and safety Garrett Collier.

The Saxons will go on the road to face South Lakes on Friday, Oct. 18.

### Langley Volleyball Bounces Back

After suffering its second loss of

the season, the Langley volleyball team responded with a 3-0 win against Centreville on Oct. 10. The victory came three days after the Saxons lost to fellow power Stone Bridge, 3-1.

The victory against Centreville improved Langley's record to 15-2. The Saxons will host undefeated Madison at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

### McLean Football Falls to 3-3

After back-to-back victories against South Lakes and Herndon gave the McLean football team a winning record, the Highlanders went back down to .500 with a 35-7 loss to Stone Bridge on Oct. 11. McLean's Christopher Merrill carried 11 times for 46 yards and a touchdown, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

McLean (3-3) will travel to face Fairfax at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

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Christin Geisler, pictured against Madison on Sept. 20, and the McLean field hockey team enter their regular-season finale with a 10-3 record.

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# SPORTS

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## Oakton Football Drops Conference Opener

The Oakton football team lost its Conference 5 opener to Chantilly 21-7 on Oct. 11.

The defeat snapped a four-game winning streak for the Cougars. Alek Schultz carried nine times for 41 yards for Oakton and quarterback Michael Ficarra threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to David Allely, according to stats from the Washington Post's

allmetsports.com. Oakton (4-2) will host Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

## Herndon Football Gets First Win

The Herndon football team won its first game of the season, beating Edison 47-19 on Oct. 12, according to the Washington Post's allmetsports.com.

Herndon's Lamik Bumbrey carried 34 times for 268 yards and two touchdowns. Jack Booma caught four passes for 70 yards and a score. Ryan McLaughlin completed

seven of 10 passes for 95 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for a score.

Herndon (1-5) will host Chantilly at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25.

## South Lakes Football Improves to 4-2

The South Lakes football team beat Thomas Jefferson 23-15 on Oct. 11, improving the Seahawks' record to 4-2. South Lakes has won two straight and four of its last five.

The Seahawks will host Langley at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

## South Lakes Volleyball Wins Third Straight

The South Lakes volleyball team defeated Oakton 3-1 (17-25, 25-21, 25-22, 25-21) on Oct. 10, giving the Seahawks three straight wins while improving their record to 11-9.

South Lakes faced McLean on Tuesday, after the Connection's deadline. The Seahawks will travel to take on Fairfax at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

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# OPINION

## Wolf

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based on the bipartisan Simpson-Bowles recommendations will we ever solve the drivers of our deficits. We have put these tough, but important, reforms off for far too long.

To my colleagues in the Congress and to President Obama who think they are "winning" at this particular moment, we would do well to remember the words of Napoleon Bonaparte in speaking of the changing nature of public opinion: "The crowd which

follows me with adulation would run with the same eagerness were I marching to the Guillotine."

I return again to the sentiments of scripture: We have been given a great trust, and it is demanded of us to come together to solve these problems.

It is time to show some humility. It is time to govern.

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## Pack 913 Wins First for Civic Organization

Cub Scouts from Pack 913 won first prize in the civic organization category at the Saturday, Oct. 12 Herndon Homecoming Parade.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Even though I've been riding this non-small cell lung cancer roller coaster going on 56 months now, post-diagnosis; I still can't separate cancer effects (physically, mentally, psychologically, spiritually, etc.) from normal age-related effects, and by normal I mean reasonably expected at this middle age: gray hair as an example. Certainly I don't want the effects (symptoms if you must) to indicate cancer on the move and/or the stage IV tumors in my lungs doing something to complicate an already precarious set of terminal circumstances. However, as life goes on, I'm likely to experience this sort of fact (cancer) from some kind of fiction (not cancer). No one ever said living with cancer would be easy, quite the opposite in fact. Nevertheless, living is preferred, so complications be damned.

Still, it's the complications, that if ignored or misunderstood or wishfully-thought-of as insignificant – in the scheme of the cancer world in which I reside 24/7, might actually be my undoing. As an example: the shortness of breath I experienced in late July which led to my week-long hospital admission during the first week in August. I had just begun a new round (six-time) of chemotherapy ("new" meaning an I.V. drug with which I had never been infused) and even after just a few infusions, I was already having difficulty breathing/catching my breath; completing a sentence was difficult. This was a side effect with which I was familiar, having previously been infused many times, as you regular readers know, so to my way of assessing, it was just another day at the office, so to speak, (the cancer office, that is). And not ever wanting to make a mountain out of a molehill (or is that a tumor out of a mole?), I toughed it out, thinking it was par for this particular course of treatment. It turned out I was wrong – almost dead wrong.

As my breathing became more labored and my inability to speak/breathe a complete sentence more obvious, I had to admit – even in my generally delusional this-can't-be-cancer orientation, that something was amiss and maybe it was the cancer asserting itself. When I next saw my oncology nurse for my scheduled infusion, it was quite apparent to him that my condition was more than a side effect, it was a straight-on effect. And after he hooked me up to an oxygen sensor and walked me around the unit and saw how low my oxygen levels were, well, it wasn't too much longer before arrangements were being made and I was "ambulance-lanced" to Holy Cross Hospital. Two days later I was operated on by a thoracic surgeon who removed 4.5 liters of fluid from my lung. I don't know if I was drowning, exactly, but neither was I treading water.

But I had read the boiler-plate handouts from my oncologist and thought I knew what to expect – and shortness of breath was what I was expecting, and quite frankly, a side effect I had experienced before. However, when the symptoms went from the sublime (expected) to the ridiculous (beyond expectations and requiring immediate medical attention), I began to realize I likely wasn't in Kansas anymore. I was going to be in a hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland. That's when it became serious.

And though I pulled through with flying colors and a re-inflated lung – with an above-average prognosis from my thoracic surgeon, I've learned my lesson: next time, I'm calling the doctor. Whether any symptoms I'm having are cancer-related or not, I certainly don't know, and as much as I don't want them to be, it would seem awfully foolish and naive of me to think it's not and neglect to inform my oncologist. Everything might not be related, it might just be middle age. The fact that I never know is the scary part.

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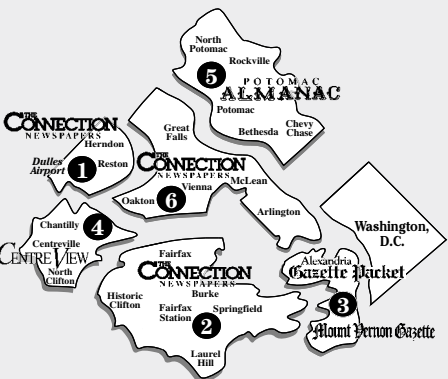
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