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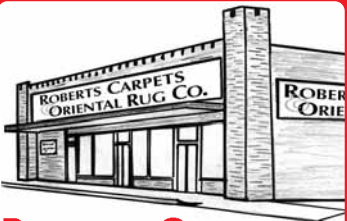
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From left, Herndon Vice Mayor Connie Hutchinson, Councilmember Shelia Olem and Barb Nagy preparing for this year's Holiday Homes Tour, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 7.

## Holiday Homes Tour Set for Dec. 7

Annual tour features five homes, will be walkable for the first time.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The Town of Herndon will host its annual Holiday Homes Tour Saturday, Dec. 7, giving visitors a chance to explore five residences and the visions of their owners.

"I've been a regular visitor on the tour for the past several years, ever since I saw the historic house at the corner of Elden Street and Grace Street, which I had admired since moving into town," said Marie Carpenter of Herndon. "And I was amazed that the tour included not just historic homes, which get most of the attention in Herndon, but the various modern and other kinds of renovations people have done. It's inspiring from a home decoration standpoint."

The home of Eric and Jean Gibson is one of those historic homes. It was built in 1900 in the classic American Foursquare style.

It was formerly the office of Dr. Ernest Shull, and features a warehouse in the rear of the property, stained glass windows in the foyer, dining room and family room and a large patio in the backyard, added by the Gibsons.

Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel and her husband Dave will have their home on display as well. The Merckels have spent the last 11 years renovating their home,

expanding and turning the back porch into a family room, adding a powder room, mudroom, covered porch, children's playroom, office loft and guest bedroom.

Other renovations include the kitchen, which was renovated this year, doubling it in size, adding a tin ceiling and an 11-foot island.

By comparison, the home of Ken Marter and Ray Nuzzal is one of the town's most recent addition. Built in 2012, it features interior columns, an indoor-outdoor fireplace and a custom buildout of the lower level into a guest suite, storage room, exercise room and patio. Diane D'Amico of the town's Cultivating Communities initiative said that this year's tour is the first that is completely walkable.

The entirety of the tour takes place within several blocks of downtown. Out-of-towners coming to Herndon via bicycle can store their cycles at downtown's Green Lizard Cycling.

In addition to the five home stops, Herndon ArtSpace will be open, offering light refreshments courtesy of the Herndon Chamber of Commerce.

The homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Tickets to the tour are \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the tour. They can be purchased at the Herndon Florist, 716 Lynn Street, ArtSpace, 750 Center Street and the Herndon Community Center 814 Ferndale Avenue, and online at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

More information is available at [facebook.com/holidayhometour](http://facebook.com/holidayhometour), or by calling 703-485-6800, ext. 2222.



Diane D'Amico, one of the coordinators of this year's Herndon Holiday Homes Tour, which will be Saturday, Dec. 7.



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

The home of Ray Nuzzal and Ken Marter, one of the more modern stops on the Herndon Holiday Homes Tour, which will be Saturday, Dec. 7.

## Performing at All American Bowl

Herndon High senior Blake Morgan will perform in premier football game.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

Herndon High School senior Blake Morgan was honored at the school auditorium with the presentation of an All-American Bowl jacket from local soldiers, in the company of friends, family, fellow band mates and students. "We are thrilled Blake is representing us," said Herndon High Band Director Kathleen G. Jacoby. "I think this is a small indication of the type of person Blake is. He is caring and compassionate and always pushing the band to the next level."

Morgan joins the ranks of an elite group of only 125 musicians and color guard members from across the country who will showcase their talent during a halftime performance at the nationally broadcast U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas on Jan. 4, 2014. Band members are selected not just because they excel in music and performance, but because they embody the values of the Army Strong Soldiers like loyalty and integrity. Christine Norton from the All American Games welcomed everyone to the event and introduced guest speakers.

George Mason University Army ROTC Recruiting Operations Officer Matthew Hoover congratulated Morgan and presented him with a ROTC drinking glass. "This is a great partnership we are involved with the US Army and the All American Games to recognize American musical excellence," said Assistant Executive Director with the National Association for Music Education Jane Mell Balek. "It is very competitive and we get applications from students in all 50 states."

Sergeant First Class Michael Nelson officially invited Morgan to the All-American Bowl. "Celebrating more than 13 years of excellence, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl em-



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Herndon High School senior Blake Morgan holds an official jacket with Staff Sergeant Jeffery Wallace at the school auditorium.

phasizes the unique skills and values responsible for success in marching band, in the Army and in life... It takes a special person to be a soldier, just as it takes a special band member to be selected as a US Army All-American."

Morgan is looking forward to the January performance. "It is a real blast, it will be a highlight of my senior year," said Morgan. "I feel hard work pays off in the long run." After receiving the official American Bowl jacket, Morgan thanked his parents and teachers. "I am glad I could be here," said Morgan. "This is just a reflection of who you guys are," said Jacoby to the audience of students and band members. "I am so proud of you all, good job, Blake!"

The ceremony concluded with a melody by the Herndon High Drumline. Under direction of Kathleen Jacoby, the Herndon High Band has received numerous accolades this year for its musicianship. One of many noteworthy accomplishments is their December trip to Hawaii to march in the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade.

To learn more about the Pride of Herndon band, visit <http://herndonband.net>.

# Every Tweet Counts

How Republican Brian Schoeneman earned wrath of his party by making sure every vote counted in county.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n the morning of Nov. 6, the day after the general election, it appeared that Republican Mark Obenshain had eked out a razor-thin victory over Democrat Mark Herring to become Virginia's next Attorney General.

Like most hotly-contested political battles, the close race generated even closer scrutiny.

National political analyst David Wasserman, with the Cook Political Report, thought there were anomalies in the absentee ballot totals for Fairfax County, which had been expected to vote strongly Democratic.

Wasserman took to Twitter with his evidence, pointing out there must be absentee ballots missing in Fairfax County, because the percentage of requested absentee ballots that had been returned and reported on election night was much lower than the percentage of other counties. Wasserman and others noticed that there were abnormally low totals in the 8th Congressional District, which includes Bailey's Crossroads.

"Are we supposed to buy that just 7 percent of voters in Bailey's Crossroads who requested an absentee ballot actually voted? Preposterous," Wasserman concluded in one tweet.

Meanwhile, Brian Schoeneman, the senior GOP appointee to Fairfax County's three-member Electoral Board, was in the midst of a post-election canvass, his first since being appointed to the board last spring. Essentially, a canvass is checking and double-checking Election Day votes, the purpose of which is to catch inevitable human errors.

Schoeneman, a well-known Fairfax attorney, Republican blogger and former Bush staffer, had been posting tweets and Facebook messages on Election Day to make the process as transparent as possible for voters.

He had also been reading the tweets from Wasserman and others. Finding no evidence of a discrepancy after an initial review, he tweeted a reply.

"To respond to rumors going around, there are zero - o - ZERO uncounted absentee ballots in Fairfax County. We completed our



**Brian Schoeneman, Secretary of the Fairfax County Election Board, at his "day job" as an attorney in Fairfax County.**



**Brian W. Schoeneman**  
@BrianSchoeneman



To respond to rumors going around, there are zero - o - ZERO uncounted absentee ballots in Fairfax County. We completed our count last night

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**Brian Schoeneman, Secretary of the Fairfax County Election Board, took to Twitter throughout Election Day and in the days following the election, to communicate with political observers who questioned the discrepancy between requested absentee ballots and actual vote counts in the statewide elections. Schoeneman's now infamous "zero" tweet, posted on Wednesday, Nov. 6, went viral and sparked a fast and furious twitter sphere debate.**

count last night," Schoeneman posted on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 2:33 p.m.

The "zero" tweet instantly went viral.

Over the next 36 hours, the twitter sphere exploded as hundreds of followers jumped into the fray, providing numbers, offering theories, and, at times, hurling partisan insults.

Wasserman and Ben Tribbett, a Fairfax County Democratic operative who writes the political blog "Not Larry Sabato," kept peppering Schoeneman with numbers showing abnormally low totals for

absentee ballots.

Schoeneman, in an effort to be "hyper-transparent," encouraged the crowd sourcing by engaging followers with real-time status reports.

At 7:40 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, Schoeneman tweeted:

"I'm working on figuring this out as we speak ... Nobody's being rude. Dave is keeping me honest, which is fine."

A half hour later, at 8:14 p.m., Schoeneman sent out a "Houston, we have a problem" tweet:

"I've talked to the GR (general registrar) and we are working on



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**Brian Schoeneman in his Fairfax townhome with his cat, Howie. His favorite portrait of Revolutionary hero George Washington hangs above the fireplace.**

## Brian Schoeneman — At a Glance

**Hometown:** Born in Baltimore and raised in Pennsylvania, Schoeneman came to the D.C. metropolitan area to attend The George Washington University, where he earned two degrees. He moved to Fairfax County in 2007.

**Education:** B.A. in political science, George Washington University, 2001. Master's degree in political management, George Washington University, 2004; Law degree, Catholic University School of Law, 2011

**Family:** Married to KayAnn, the communications director for the Fairfax Chamber. The couple live in Fairfax with their 3 1/2 year-old son Nick and cat, Howie.

**Public Office:** Schoeneman served in President George W. Bush's administration as special assistant and senior speechwriter to Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao from 2008 to 2009. In that capacity, he served as the Secretary's lead liaison to organized labor and as a member of her senior staff. In the 2011 election, he ran against state Del. David Bulova, a Democrat, but failed to capture the 37th house district seat.

**Profession:** Schoeneman earned his law degree at Catholic University.

He is the legislative director for the Seafarers International Union of North America, a maritime labor union. Schoeneman is co-owner and an active blogger for the right-leaning political blog Bearing Drift.

**Membership & Affiliations:** Member of the historic St. John's Episcopal Church on Lafayette Square; Catholic University Law Review, published The Scarlet "L" - Have Recent Developments in Lobbying Regulation Gone Too Far?; vice president of the Wescott Ridge Homeowners Association; an active freemason, he has served as an officer in John Blair Lodge #187; member of the International Propeller Club of the United States, where he serves on the Board of Governors of the D.C. Chapter; founding member of the GW Graduate School of Political Management Alumni Association, and served as its first president; communications director for the Fairfax County Republican Committee in 2010 and former general counsel for FCRC from 2012 to March 2013. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Fairfax Bar Association and the Federalist Society.

this as we speak — I am convinced now too that there is an issue."

"It was my worst nightmare as an election official, the perfect storm of events," Schoeneman said last week. "During the canvass, we spent most of the day catching little errors, and we didn't realize we had a glaring error."

Votes were temporarily underreported when a voting machine in Bailey's Crossroads malfunctioned early on Election Day. Although the machine was later repaired, an election official grabbed the totals generated when the machine broke down, rather than the final tally — a much larger number for Herring.

Schoeneman's transparency and his willingness to explore what went wrong on election night thrust him into the epicenter of partisan politics.

While his actions earned him the respect of many Democrats, both locally and nationally, Schoeneman also earned the wrath of some in his own party,

who weren't happy that Fairfax County's revised count turned the tide in favor of Democrat Mark Herring.

"Anyone who knows Brian knows that he is honest to a fault, and will do everything in his power to make the (election) process as fair and transparent as possible," said Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's general registrar.

Chris Sanders, a local Twitter follower, said he was impressed by Schoeneman's candid responses during the election. "He is a stand-up guy, even though we don't have the same politics," Sanders said.

On Nov. 25, the Virginia State Board of Elections certified election results with Herring defeating Obenshain by a mere 165 votes out of more than 2 million cast statewide. Obenshain has requested a recount, which is expected to be held in mid-December.

The "found" absentee ballots

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# Chanukah Celebrated At Herndon Town Square

**Menorah lit as community celebrates Festival of Lights.**

By RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

**T**here was a festive atmosphere on Sunday night as members of the community came to the Herndon Town Square to celebrate Chanukah. "The message of Chanukah is a story of religious tolerance and a victory of good over evil," said Rabbi Leibel Fajnland of Chabad Reston-Herndon. The event was open to the public and more than 50 persons came to attend.

"I was very pleased and happy to see a lot of children at the event, and happy with the turnout," said Arthur Nachman. "In all the years we have been doing it, this is the largest turnout for this event. I think this is due in part to the Herndon Chamber of Commerce and also in part of the work of Chabad Reston-Herndon." Howard Nachman, brother to Arthur Nachman, handed out toy dreidels to children in the group.

Elysa Birman, resident of Herndon and member of the Council for the Arts of



**Rabbi Leibel Fajnland of Chabad Reston-Herndon helped led the Chanukah celebration at the Herndon Town Square on Sunday, December 1.**

Herndon had proposed to the Herndon Chamber of Commerce that a separate event be held to celebrate Chanukah. Birman's husband Igor and their daughters Ashley and Zoey were also attending the evening celebration. "We are very excited to celebrate Chanukah at this spot," said Elysa Birman.

"This is amazing, it is nice to see this for Chanukah," said Herndon resident Linda Downer. Members of the Nachman family of Herndon were invited to help light the first five candles of the menorah, one for

each night of Chanukah, which began last Wednesday night. A menorah provided by the Nachman family has been present at the Herndon Town Square during Chanukah season for more than 30 years.

Herndon resident Blake Rose and his son Brian were videotaping the evening event for Herndon HCTV, a nonprofit community television station which can be seen on COX channel 23 in Fairfax County and FiOS channel 28. "We have a video segment called "Around Our Town" and we intend to include tonight's event there," said Blake

Rose.

"A night of Chanukah is incomplete without a little music," said Rabbi Fajnland, and the assembled group sang several Chanukah songs including "Maoz Tzur" and "I Have A Little Dreidel." Rabbi Fajnland handed out chocolate coins to kids in the crowd. After the menorah was lit, everyone was invited to enjoy latkes and donuts, as well as Chanukah-themed crafts for the kids.


To learn more about the Chabad of Reston-Herndon, visit their webpage at [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org).



**More than 50 persons attended the evening celebration of Chanukah at the Herndon Town Square on Sunday. Afterwards everyone was invited to enjoy latkes and donuts.**

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# OPINION

# Who Will Be Hurt?

Innovations, changes and cuts designed to help the budget should be subject to analysis of how they will affect those on the short end of the economic and digital divide.

As Fairfax County faces a tight budget year and Fairfax County Public Schools consider significant cuts, clearly some changes are going to affect services on the ground.

As various proposals emerge, there should be some specific analysis of how changes, innovations and cuts would affect the poorest one-third or so of the county's residents specifically.

The schools, along with certain county agencies, must take special note of their mission, including providing services to families who are on the short side of the economic and digital divide. Elimination of print notices and newsletters, conversion to digital textbooks, use of internet-based surveys are just examples of small innovations that can leave many resi-

dents behind.

In another example, it is disturbing that ongoing concerns about Fairfax County libraries do not include a clear statement of mission to serve families and individuals who lack access to broadband internet at home.

EDITORIAL

In Fairfax County, where nearly 20 percent of the households have annual income of under \$50,000, about 8 percent live below the poverty line and more than 47,000 public school students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals, the public libraries are indispensable. Access to library resources goes beyond books, and includes the very digital access that many people cite as a threat to libraries. Public access to information via computers and Internet for those who do not have other access is a

critical service, and should be clearly defined as a critical mission of the libraries.

According to a 2010 report, Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: 44 percent of people in households living below the federal poverty line (\$22,000 a year for a family of four) used public library computers and Internet access; among young adults 14-24 in households below the poverty line, 61 percent used public library computers and Internet for educational purposes; among seniors 65 and older living in poverty, 54 percent used public library computers for health or wellness needs.

The report also notes: "This access has also proven to be critical in times of disaster, where libraries may be the only access point still operating that can provide a delivery point for government and social services to those displaced."

Budgeting and restructuring must take into consideration the disproportionate effect of cutting services on lower income households especially.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Biscuit was adopted in August by Faisal and Mary Ann Rashid of Oakton, and their two school-age children, Julia and Sam.

## The Latest on Biscuit

The little Shih Tzu finds a loving home in Oakton.

Biscuit, the little Shih Tzu who survived on his own for more than two years in the Franconia Community and was rescued by Fairfax County Animal Control Officer Enna Lugo, staff and volunteers of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, has been

adopted and is adjusting well to life in his new home.

After being rescued last April, he spent several months in foster care with Officer Lugo and was adopted in August by Faisal and Rashid of Oakton, and their two school-age children, Julia and Sam.

According to Mary Ann Rashid, Biscuit has become comfortable and even protective of his family over the past several months. "He and I walk the kids to the bus every morning and he waits for them



Biscuit with his rescuer, Fairfax County Animal Control Officer Enna Lugo.

to come home."

She reports that his favorite activity is cuddling with the family during TV time and that he sleeps under the parent's bed, much like he slept underneath a porch dur-

ing his two years roaming free.

Officer Lugo is thrilled with the match. "I can't believe how much he's bonded with his new family! He's found the loving home we always wanted for him."

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## NEWS

### CYA Collecting Gifts for Hospitalized Children

Members of the Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) are hoping to brighten the holidays for local children fighting cancer. It's collecting presents for the DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation's Christmas party for the pediatric oncology patients at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

But it needs help from the community to provide the gifts, including gift cards for boys and girls. Price range should be \$20-\$25; presents are needed for babies through teens.

Gifts are being accepted now through Dec. 14 at the CYA office, next to Cassel's Sports and Awards at 13996 Park Center Road in Herndon. If no one's at the CYA Office, gifts may be dropped off at Cassel's.

Volunteers are also needed for the gift-wrapping party on Saturday, Dec. 14, and for the delivery of presents to Inova Fairfax Hospital for the children's Christmas party on Dec. 16. More than 65 families will be at the party, and DC Candlelighters wants to provide gifts to all the patients and even to their siblings.

Anyone who'd like to volunteer to help with wrapping and/or delivering these gifts should contact Mark Abbott at [ExecDirector@ChantillyYouth.org](mailto:ExecDirector@ChantillyYouth.org). DC Candlelighters is a nonprofit organization; for more information about it, go to [www.dccandlelighters.org](http://www.dccandlelighters.org).

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#### SUNDAY/DEC. 8

**Worm Composting.** 2-3:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Learn about Worm composting, which is a type of vermiculture that is a natural method of recycling food waste. Reservations required by Dec. 5. Fee: \$35/Bin RA members; \$40/Bin Non-members. [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org)



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Parents and children in the ages 4 to 5 group begin their run in the Gingerbread Man Mile for Kids at Reston Town Center on Friday, Nov. 29.



The Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band was one of the more than 50 groups participating in the 23rd annual Reston Holiday Parade.



The Pride of Herndon, Herndon High School's marching band, was in the 23rd annual Reston Holiday Parade at Reston Town Center.

# Holiday Parade Returns To Reston

Holiday season celebrated in Reston Town Center.

By RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

Activities at Reston Town Center continued throughout Black Friday, with thousands of people participating or observing holiday themed events. Among the events were the Gingerbread Man Mile for Kids, the annual holiday parade, and the evening Christmas tree lighting and sing along. The Reston Holiday Parade has been an annual tradition since 1991, and was supported by sponsors including the Reston Community Association and the Reston Town Center Association.

Beginning at 8 a.m., tots to high school students ran in the Gingerbread Man Mile at the Kids Mile Fun Run presented by Potomac River Running. The course covered a 1-mile loop around Reston Town Center. Race winners were able to take part in the parade following the races. Approximately 1,200 persons registered for the race. "It is kid focused and a great opportunity for any child any age," said Potomac River Running head coach Kelly Kavanaugh who was emceeing the race. The Gingerbread Man Mile benefits Children's National Medical Center.

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Robinson High in Fairfax, donned the costume of the Gingerbread Man and cheered on participating runners. "It was fun," said Musso. Braden and his brother Jack Sturman both ran in the 8 to 9 age group of the race. "We are thrilled they were able to participate in this race," said their mother, Jennifer Sturman.

**THE 23RD ANNUAL RESTON PARADE** began at 11 a.m. with the Masters of Ceremonies being Sonya Gavankar McKay, TV Personality, and Devon Lucie of Channel 8. Reston real estate broker Joe Ritchey was this year's Grand Marshal.

Junior Grand Marshal was Lauren Spar, 8th grade student at Langston Hughes Middle School. In her two years at the school she has run her own service club, SPAR (Service Projects Around Reston). "I love the Holiday Parade," said McKay. "It is the perfect way of kicking off the holiday and finishing the year with family, community and charity."

Prior to the 11 a.m. start, thousands of commemorative Reston Town Center jingle bells were handed out to children along the route on Market Street as they waited for the parade to begin. The theme of this year's parade was

"Destination: Reston," and many floats and groups used the transportation theme, paying tribute to the soon-to-come Silver Line.

The Herndon High and South Lakes High School marching bands performed, in addition to members of local schools' Junior ROTC programs. The Herndon High Step Team also preformed a dance routine. "We have had many practices and prepared a lot for this event," said Herndon High senior and step team member Ryan Withers.

Members of the Reston Community Players cast in the upcoming production of "Les Miserables" sang songs from the musical, and staff and associates of ArtInsights Animation & Film Art Gallery paraded as Disney princesses. "We love representing Disney, and the kids love it," said ArtInsights owner Leslie Combemale.

**APPROXIMATELY 2,000 VOLUNTEERS** helped make day's events a success. Spectators came to see at least 60 groups participate in the holiday parade, amounting to more than 500 participants in the procession. Reston resident Lyn Cordts along with family members from North Carolina came to view the parade. Cordts' son Robby was volunteering with other members of Boy

Scout Troop 1313 as a parade marshal. "It was a great parade," said Cordts.

The parade concluded with arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in a horse-drawn carriage. Merriment at Reston Town Center continued into the evening. At 5 p.m., at Fountain Square there was a performance of "Santa's Frosty Follies," by the Metropolitan School of the Arts, and a tree lighting and sing along with Reston Chorale at 6 p.m. Visitors also had the opportunity to go on a horse drawn carriage ride. "It is very exciting," said Ross Kirby who was filming the event for Story Catcher Production.

To learn more about the Reston Town Center and upcoming events, visit <http://www.restontowncenter.com>.

**The balloon of Jay Jay the Jet Plane was sponsored by the Reston Community Center for the 23rd annual Reston Holiday Parade.**

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# HOLIDAY CALENDAR

## TUESDAY/DEC. 3- SUNDAY/DEC. 29

**Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol.** NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. In this behind-the-scenes retelling of one of the most famous stories of all time, join Marley and an annoying little sprite named Bogle, as they set out on an impossible adventure to save old Scrooge's soul. Tickets: \$25. <http://www.nextstoptheatre.org>

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 4

**"The Twelve Dates of Christmas."** NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Tickets: \$25. <http://www.nextstoptheatre.org>.

## THURSDAY/DEC. 5

**Dulles Chamber Small Business Holiday Expo & Mixer.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Washington Dulles Marriott Suites, 13101 Worldgate Drive, Herndon. Tickets: [www.dulleschamber.org](http://www.dulleschamber.org)

## FRIDAY/DEC. 6- SATURDAY/DEC. 7

**Living Nativity.** 6:30-9 p.m. Southview Community Church, 2620 Reston Pkwy, Herndon. The Christmas story is recounted in a meaningful and tangible way with live animals and visual interpretations.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 7

**Alternative Gift Market.** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Avenue, Reston. This annual market and craft festival allows you to donate on behalf of someone to a cause that will benefit others.

**Gifts from the HeART: Reception**



**Southview Community Church, 2620 Reston Pkwy, Herndon, presents "Living Nativity," in which the Christmas story is recounted in a meaningful and tangible way with live animals and visual interpretations, starting Dec. 6.**

**and Holiday Sale Event.** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Original works of art in a variety of media, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, collage, stained glass, ceramic, sculpture, and mixed media, in a wide range of sizes and prices. <http://restoncommunitycenter.com/gifts-from-heart.shtml>

**Herndon Towne Square Singers Winter Concert.** 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. The Towne Square Singers perform music of the holidays from TV and movies. Tickets: \$12. <http://www.herndon-va.gov/>

**Herndon Tree Lighting and Sing-Along.** 5-6 p.m. Herndon Town Hall

Square, 730 Elden Street, Herndon. Join in celebrating at Herndon's historic downtown for carols, tree lighting and a visit from Santa.

### Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Tour Herndon homes decorated for the holidays. Admission: \$15 in advance; \$20 day of tour. 703-435-6800 ext. 2222.

**Jingle with Santa at Lake Anne.** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Festive activities ranging from the visit from Santa (arriving on a lake barge), strolling carolers, a petting zoo, music, wine tastings, merchant specials, children's crafts, cookie decorating, holiday arts & crafts market, holiday entertainment and

more.

**Lights, Camera, Christmas.** 2 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. The Towne Square Singers will give two performances of their winter concert Lights, Camera, Christmas featuring music of the holidays from TV and Movies. Tickets: \$12. Register at [www.herndon-va.gov/webtrac](http://www.herndon-va.gov/webtrac)

**Winter Open House & Santa's Workshop.** 11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Live entertainment including handbell music performed by Joyful Ringers, stories, visits with Santa, and crafts.

**Zombie Bash.** 5-8 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Prepare to be scared to death then to rise and scare others. This game is designed for players age 18 and up due to the context and intense combat. Admission: \$20.00 or play a zombie for free.

**Winter Wreaths.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 1-2:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Make festive wreaths for your home. When making reservations, include the number of people in your party and how many wreaths you would like to make. Reservations required by Dec. 4. Fee: \$20/wreath RA members; \$25/wreath Non-members. [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org)

**Children's Holiday Shopping.** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Staff helps children shop for presents for family and friends in the Country Store.

**Old-Fashioned Holiday Celebration.** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy farm animal fun, photos with Santa, and much more.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 8

**Cocoa Wagon Rides.** 5-9 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Journey through the farm

on a wagon followed by a campfire with cocoa and s'mores. Tickets: \$8. **Herndon Towne Square Singers Winter Concert.** 2 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. The Towne Square Singers perform music of the holidays from TV and movies. Tickets: \$12. <http://www.herndon-va.gov/>

**35th Annual Herndon Holiday Arts & Crafts Show.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. More than 70 arts and craft vendors offer unique gifts, decorations and handmade items.

**Children's Holiday Shopping.** 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Staff helps children shop for presents for family and friends in the Country Store.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 8-31, 2013

**America the Beautiful** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday - Sunday at the Hunters Woods Exhibit, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston. A mood, glowing light, subtle color and, above all, the *chi* or spirit of the subject are all captured in Lassie Corbett's paintings. 703-435-1888 or [www.lassiecorbettart.com](http://www.lassiecorbettart.com)

## MONDAY/DEC. 9

**NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Holiday Party.** 1-4 p.m. Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon. \$25 per person. RSVP by Dec. 5. Call 703-435-3532.

## MONDAY/DEC. 9-JAN. 6, 2014

**15th Annual Gifts from the HeART Exhibit.** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday - Sunday at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. In the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, original works of art in watercolor, oil, acrylic, mixed media, collage, photography, fiber and charcoal are displayed. 703-476-4500 or [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com)

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featured. 703-956-6590 or [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

### TUESDAY/DEC. 5- SUNDAY/DEC. 29

**Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol.** 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. This one-man show retells the classic story but focuses on Scrooge's departed, doomed and chained business partner, Jacob Marley.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 6

**First Fridays.** 7 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Join ArtSpace Herndon for Art House Cinema and Brew. The first Friday of the month, watch an important piece of art film history by the finest producers and directors in the world. 21+, \$10 for the movie

and two microbrews. Reservations required [artspaceherndon.org](http://artspaceherndon.org).

### TUESDAY/DEC. 10

**Discover Graphics.** At ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Exhibiting the work of printmakers for the past 30 years. **Grace Pettis.** 7:15 p.m. The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon. In her short career, Grace Pettis has built a reputation as a respected songwriter among artists, industry, and fans.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 14

**Opening Reception for Discover Graphics.** 4-7 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Exhibiting the work of printmakers for the past 30 years.

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# Election Aftermath: 'Getting it Right in Fairfax'

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and the approved provisional ballots resulted in a 975-vote new swing in favor of Democratic nominee Mark Herring. In fact, the additional votes from Fairfax County were the single biggest factor in Herring edging out Obenshain in the final certified tally.

The headline-making story spawned conspiracy theories by political activists on both sides of the aisle. While Schoeneman said he was just doing his job by making certain that every vote counted, others in his party saw it differently.

Jeanine Martin, on The Bull Elephant blog, asked "Why is Brian Schoeneman, who purports to be a Republican, helping Democrats by extending this deadline?"

Martin was referring to the Election Board's unanimous decision to extend the provisional ballot deadline through Tuesday, Nov. 12, a full week after the Nov. 5 election, while other Virginia counties were adhering to a deadline at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8.

That decision earned Schoeneman the scorn of Republican party officials throughout the state.

"What happened in Fairfax over the last week, culminating in tonight's announcement of a reversal in fortunes of the Virginia Attorney General candidates, was a travesty," wrote Steve Albertson, vice chairman of the Stafford County Electoral Board, in his blog. "... In doing so they raised a giant middle finger to the rest of us."

Schoeneman said it stung to have members of his own party question his integrity.

"These folks knew better. They've worked with me for years, and they know I'm honest and willing to address any complaints.

"One of the downsides to politics is that there are some folks — and they exist on both sides of the aisle — who want to turn everything into a 'good vs. evil' battle where everybody with one letter after their name is good and the other side is evil," Schoeneman said.

Schoeneman also said there were some Republicans who questioned his attempts at transparency and responsiveness through

social media such as Twitter and Facebook.

"When I made that 'zero' tweet, I was trying to tamp down the rumors that we had missing ballots or missing votes — and by missing I mean physically not present, like a box of ballots lying around somewhere that hadn't been counted. I had confirmed with the staff that this wasn't the case," Schoeneman said.

"And I was right," Schoeneman added, "we didn't have missing ballots. We did have a major tabulation error that inadvertently left 3,000 or so votes off the results sheet, which we caught and corrected. So both sides were right — there were votes that hadn't been reported, but my tweet was also accurate, because we didn't have any missing ballots that hadn't been counted in the 8th."

Looking back on election night, Schoeneman said he doesn't re-

8th District Central Absentee Precinct had that information, they could have figured out right away that their numbers were off," he said.

Ironically, it wasn't supposed to be Schoeneman sitting in that hot seat this highly partisan election.

Last February, Schoeneman was representing the Fairfax County Republican Committee in a lawsuit stemming from the 2012 election when the term of election board member Hans von Spakovsky, a Republican former member of the George W. Bush administration, was up.

Von Spakovsky, a political lightning rod for his controversial research on voter fraud, was the local Republican Party's first choice to remain on the board. Although it's almost unheard of for the panel of circuit court judges to refuse a party's first choice, the panel bypassed von Spakovsky.

**"I hope I was able to do that for a few people on the left — prove to them that there are Republicans out there who care about the rules, getting it right and being fair..."**

**— Brian Schoeneman,  
a Republican and Secretary of the Fairfax County Electoral Board**

gret his infamous tweet, or any other tweets that gave the public a chance to "see into the factory where the sausage is being made."

"When folks are that cynical, it's hard to crack through to convince them that their preconceived notions about politics are wrong. I hope I was able to do that for a few people on the left — prove to them that there are Republicans out there who care about the rules, getting it right and being fair ... I want the average voter to know that their vote counts."

Asked if he would do anything differently on election night, Schoeneman replied that he thought the process could be improved with enhanced communication to election chiefs.

"The one thing I know we need to do differently and would have done differently is to get our chiefs and coordinators the spreadsheet we had that included all of the mail-in absentees and absentee-in-person ballots cast by Congressional District. Had our folks in the

Instead, they picked the party's second choice: Brian Schoeneman.

"Did I ever think I'd be sitting here as an election officer? No, absolutely not. But I'm here, and I'm committed to transparency. Call it 'Getting it right in Fairfax.' That's kind of my new slogan," Schoeneman said, smiling.

An avid Orioles fan, Schoeneman compared the events of election night, and the subsequent fallout from the Attorney General's saga to the World Series.

"We had a good night on Tuesday night, and a couple of nights where I thought we were in real trouble, but we patched things together and got it done," Schoeneman said. "Given that we didn't completely wrap up the process until 10 minutes before the deadline on Tuesday the 12th, the whole process felt like coming down to the last pitch of the last inning of Game 7 of the series, and having your guy hit a walk off single to win the game. And it was that stressful the whole time, too."

## OBITUARY

# Grace Jarman Dawson, 93, Dies

**During the 1960s, Grace Dawson played a key role in the acquisition and early development of Frying Pan Park.**

On Wednesday Nov. 27, Grace Jarman Dawson, 93, died peacefully at home in Purcellville, Va. She was born on June 3, 1920 in Crozet, Va. to Mattie and George Jarman, one of seven children. Her life was marked by love for family and friends and by the remarkable value system, spirit, and ethic of accomplishment she passed on to all. She and her husband Laurence Dawson, who died in 1987, were married for 46 years and shared a deep commitment to marriage and family.

She was always present and supportive in the lives of her five children and taught by example. She was the Cub Scout leader, little league organizer, 4-H Club leader, Pony Club leader, Herndon High School class mom, and US Eventing Association organizer. To her grandchildren she was friend, teacher, and role model during summer vacations on the farm. She collected friends throughout her life and deeply valued these remarkable shared relationships. Her motto of "no such word as can't" carries on in the lives of so many.

She is survived by her sister June L. Cleveland; children: Laurence A. Dawson, Jr (Santee), George W. Dawson (Rosemary), Lewis D. Dawson, Patricia D. Foos (Rob) and Phyllis M. Dawson; by grandchildren Cami Boyd (Randy), Stacy Stearns (Jonnie), Gwendolyn Dawson (Ba Nguyen), Jacob Foos, Nicholas Dawson, Heather (Rick) Burman. Mitchell (Amy) Foos, Linden Foos, and David Dawson; and by great grandchildren Grace Burman, Phyllis Stearns, Mikaela Foos, Chipper Burman, Sarah Nguyen, Matthew Foos: by Jineen Reed (Mike) who was like a daughter to her and by so many close friends.

She was predeceased by her siblings Anna May Keifer, Walter Massey Jarman, John Ballard Jarman, Margaret M



**Grace Jarman Dawson**

Lewis, and Charles Russell Jarman.

She and her husband resided in Great Falls, Va. from 1951 until 1987. He was employed by the U.S. State Department. Together they were also instrumental in real estate development and life in the community. During the 1960s as a volunteer 4-H club leader she played a key role in the acquisition and early development of Frying Pan Park and served in key state wide 4-H Club leadership roles.

During the 1970s she served as District Commissioner and Regional Supervisor in the US Pony Club, in the 1980s she helped organize and produce equestrian competitions sanctioned by the U.S. Eventing Association, notably Difficult Run Pony Club Horse Trials and the Morven Park Horse Trails. Her legacy includes building many of the cross-country jumps still in use.

In 1987 after her husband's death, she and her daughter, Phyllis Dawson, moved to Hillsboro, Va., where they developed Windchase, an equestrian center with an international reputation.

A public service celebrating her life was held on Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Great Falls United Methodist Church. Adams Green Funeral Home of Herndon provided services and is receiving floral arrangements or alternatively donations may be made in Grace's name to the Amboseli Trust for Elephants at [www.elephanttrust.org](http://www.elephanttrust.org) or call 508-783-8308.

# Holiday Blues: Cope and Prevent

**Mental health experts say being realistic and seeking support can help you avoid holiday stress and depression.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hile the holiday season is filled with parties, shopping, decorating and other festive activities, mental health experts say it often brings unwelcome guests as well: stress and depression.

While they can be difficult to manage when one is in the midst of a bout, with a few strategies one may be able to prevent both before they ruin the holiday season.

Frederic Bemak, Ed.D., a professor in counseling and development at George Mason University in Fairfax, said causes of stress and depression during the holidays can include difficult family dynamics or issues such as illness, death of family members or changes due to marriage or divorce.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Bethesda-based psychotherapist Karen Soltes enjoys a conversation with her friend Linda Feldman. Mental health experts say spending quality time with friends can help relieve holiday-induced stress and depression.**

"People need to have open and clear dialogues about those issues," said Bemak. "Anticipatory conversations about those issues in advance is better than arriving and then saying 'Now what do I do?'"

Bemak advises managing one's own issues first. Sometimes that means seeking pro-

fessional help. "Gain an understanding of your issues and behaviors," he said. "If you have had a difficult relationship with a family member, you have to work on that for yourself and ask yourself 'How do I handle those things when these issues come up?' so you don't get pulled back into behavior patterns that are unhealthy."

Bethesda-based psychotherapist Karen Soltes, a licensed clinical social worker who treats military veterans, said while spending time with family can be challenging, a lack of familial connection can also pose obstacles.

"During the holidays, it is hard for people who don't have family," said Soltes. "A lot of veterans I work with are disconnected from their families and are lonely because they don't have family to be with."

Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, said high expectations can lead to anxiety and sadness as well. "Some people feel this need to spend a lot of money, which can contribute to stress, especially with parents and children," she said. "They have unrealistic expectations which can lead to profound disappointment."

In addition to dealing with possible causes, recognizing the warning signs of stress and depression can help prevent serious bouts. "One big sign that your mood

is being affected is trouble with sleeping," said Gulyn. "Senses of hopelessness, guilt, regret or other kinds of negative feelings are signs, as well as overeating and alcohol or substance abuse. You're also more likely to be more agitated with other people."

Shorter days and less sunlight are other contributors. "The holidays happen to fall in winter where we're more likely to have our moods affected by lack of light," she said. "That is our brain's response to reduced sunlight, which we need very much."

If one feels the warning signs of stress or depression, there are behavior modifications that can help ward off both. "Watch the alcohol consumption," said Gulyn. "Get as much activity and sunlight as possible and try to modify your expectations."

However, Gulyn says that at the top of her list is social support. "Have interactions with other people who can keep you active or give comfort, advice, fun or joy," she said. "Exercise is great, meditation is great, but nothing beats spending quality time with friends."

Soltes said, "I tell people to put themselves at the top of their Christmas list and give as generously [to] and nurture themselves as they do others in their lives. That could mean having a 'staycation' like staying at home in your pajamas and watching your favorite movie on Netflix."

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## SPORTS

# Herndon's 5K Turkey Trot Brings Out Crowds

Annual race brings together community.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ay to go! You are doing great!" cheered Wolf Gottschalk as participants in the 2013 Herndon Turkey Trot ran by Ferndale Avenue near the Herndon Community Center. Despite cool weather that remained below 40 degrees, spirits were upbeat for volunteers and race participants. "The key thing about the race is how many families and kids participate," said Cindy Roeder, director at Herndon Parks and Recreation. "It [the Turkey Trot] has grown to be a community race with a focus on families participating. This is the largest registration we have yet had for this race."

Outside Herndon Community Center, people warmed up in the late afternoon on Saturday, Nov. 23 for the 5K race. "If you see someone go down in front of you, they are not a speed bump, help them up," said Gottschalk. He gave the final instructions to participants in this year's Turkey Trot. An employee of Fitness Image Results, Gottschalk led warm up exercises for race participants.

"For us this is great to see so many people coming out with their friends and get a bit of exercise. It is wonderful to see so many local people from the area. We have over 1,000 runners in this year's race," said Abby Kimble, Herndon Park and Recreation Marketing Specialist. Kimble noted the community center was participating in Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe Recycling Program, which concludes at the end of November. All athletic shoes collected go toward making basketball courts, track fields, playgrounds, floor tiles, new shoes and apparel.

Maddie Humphrey, a resident of Reston and PE teacher at Floris Elementary was participating in the race for the first time and was cheered on by her friend Kevin Mallon. "This was more a cross country race than I expected," said Humphrey. "I really enjoyed it." "I had a good run," said Susanna Sullivan, a resident of Falls Church. "I ran about 20 seconds faster than last year."



**Wolf Gottschalk led warm up exercises for race participants of the Herndon 5K race. This year had the biggest registration for this race.**



**Matt Kroetch from Chantilly crosses the finish line. Kroetch was the 5K overall winner with a time of 16 minutes and 27 seconds.**

The registration fee to race was \$15 and a can of food which was given to the non-profit charity LINK, Inc. A turkey and all the trimmings were given to the overall male and female winners. "I have done this race every year repeatedly, so I advertised it to my friends," said Sterling resident Amy Carroll who convinced some friends and fellow members of the Reston YMCA to join in this year's Herndon Turkey Trot.

This is the second year students from the 4th through 6th grade at Dranesville Elementary, called the Dragon Runners, participated in the Herndon Turkey Trot. "They practice twice a week at our school," said Dranesville Elementary Principal Kathy Manoatl.



**Runners in the 2013 Herndon 5K Turkey Trot began their race at Herndon Community Center's parking lot.**



**Maddie Humphrey resident of Reston and PE teacher at Floris Elementary participated in the 5K race and was cheered on by her friend Kevin Mallon.**

Herndon Elementary and Hutchison Elementary also had groups of students participating in the 5K race. Hutchison Elementary teachers Matt Lear and Robin Schuh were leading a running club of 4th through 6th grade students.

When participants completed running, they returned to the Herndon Community Center gym where they could obtain snacks. A raffle was conducted, and prizes were awarded to the race participants based on age and gender. Great Harvest Bread Company brought muffins and bread. Jimmy Cirrito, owner of Jimmy's Tavern served bowls of baked potato soup. "We have been coming to the Herndon Turkey Trot since 1997," said Cirrito.



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**The South Lakes girls' basketball team, along with the Seahawks boys' team, will host a tournament Dec. 5, 6 and 7.**

## South Lakes Basketball to Host Tournament

The South Lakes boys' and girls' basketball teams will host the RAL Tip Off tournament Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

The boys' team will face Stonewall Jackson at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5 and Wilson (Washington, D.C.) at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The girls' team will host Western (Baltimore) at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 and Potomac Falls at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## Herndon Boys' Basketball to Face Patriot in Home Opener

The Herndon boys' basketball team will host Patriot for its home opener at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6.

The Hornets will host Washington-Lee on Dec. 10 before participating in the Gonzaga Holiday Tournament Dec. 13-15, starting with a game against Mount Saint Joseph on Dec. 13.

Herndon traveled to face Woodson on Dec. 3, after The Connection's deadline.

## NoVa Harriers Shine at Foot Locker Regionals

Marshall senior Mackenzie Haight was one of five Northern Virginia harriers to finish in the top 10 at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championship South Regionals on Nov. 30 at McAlpine Greenway Park in Charlotte, N.C., and earn a berth to nationals.

Haight (Vienna) placed fifth in the boys' race with a time of 14:51. The Vienna native placed sixth in the Group 5A boys' race at the VHSL state meet on Nov. 15.

Edison senior Louis Colson, who won the 5A boys' state championship, finished fourth at Foot Locker South with a time of 14:50. In the girls' race, Virginia 6A state champion Caroline Alcorta, a senior at West Springfield, finished first at Foot Locker South with a time of 16:55.

Lake Braddock teammates Hannah Christen (17:15) and Katy Kunc (17:16) placed fifth and sixth, respectively.

The five Northern Virginia runners, along with the other top-10 finishers, will compete at nationals on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Morley Field, Balboa Park in San Diego.

## Football Playoffs

The top-seeded Centreville football team and No. 3 Westfield will meet in the 6A North final on Dec. 7 at Centreville High School. The winner advances to the state championship game to take on the winner of the 6A South final between No. 1 Oscar Smith and No. 3 Colonial Forge.

Centreville beat Westfield 28-0 during the regular season on Oct. 11. Centreville defeated No. 13 Stonewall Jackson 52-27 on Nov. 30 during the 6A North semifinals at Centreville High School. Westfield defeated No. 2 Lake Braddock 19-16 at Lake Braddock Secondary School, overcoming a 16-3 deficit in the game's final six minutes.

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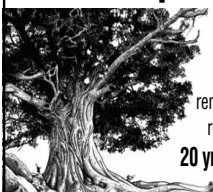
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## "Scanticipation" Not So Much



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as last week's column, "Scanticipation" was about my looking forward – in a non-foreboding way, to my scheduled CT Scan on the 27th and the presumptive positive (not negative) results, having to write a column for this week before having received those results makes this writing effort particularly challenging. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and the indeterminate staffing situation on Friday, not to mention possible vacation days taken by my oncologist, I have not heard back from my him as yet about my scan. Not totally unexpected, but the calm with which I wrote last week's column has been replaced with an uneasiness that I had not anticipated. Perhaps reality has set in, finally.

On the one hand, no news is good news – and I can certainly live with that, as you regular readers know. On the other hand, generally speaking, my oncologist would rather not share bad news electronically (although we have discussed this and he knows my preference for knowing vs not knowing). And on yet another hand, the information has simply not been communicated to me because of the holiday and there's nothing more to be read into it than that. Much easier written than actually accepted.

But accept it I must. Which really is no big deal since the exchange of information is basically out of any of my hands anyway. And as an experienced cancer patient familiar with the emotional demands of waiting for the life-and-death-type results a CT Scan can indicate, I should know better – and I do, however...what bothers me most is my attitude in last week's column. I think I anticipated disrespectfully, as if I was some kind of big shot simply because I had been through it all so many times before and moreover, I felt fairly asymptomatic and as such, somehow I knew better (not best, just better) and the sense that I had was that not much problematic with my lungs would be indicated when the results came back. And I may yet be correct, but last week's column smacked of a certain type of hubris (is there more than one kind?) thinking I knew something. Well, I didn't and I don't know anything. Cancer will do what it does and it probably doesn't consider what I think I feel or what I feel I think. Ultimately, as in many things in life, it's results that matter and I'm a little mad at myself for presuming/anticipating facts not in evidence. I should have expressed a healthier dose of respect and concern (and hope, always) and not taken any sides in the debate over whether feeling nothing was in fact as significant as I wrote it out to be.

Presumably, I will the know scan results soon enough, but not before this week's column needed to be submitted. I don't believe I necessarily crossed a line expressing confidence about an as yet unpublished result. But as a cancer patient, I really don't want to tempt fate, just in case anyone is paying attention, if you know what I mean? So I guess this column is an attempt to right a wrong, in arrears, if that's even possible. When you've outlived your original prognosis by as long as I have, introspecting becomes an occupational-type hazard. Still, life goes on, thankfully.

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## Artists Make 'Creative Connections'

By RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

Saturday, Nov.16, the Council for the Arts of Herndon held a networking event at the Classical Ballet Theater, in the Reston-Herndon Office Park. Wine and light refreshments were served, and the event was open to the public. "We had always planned to hold the event at different venues to highlight the arts venues in Herndon," said Council for the Arts of Herndon (CAH) Director Signe Friedrichs. "The first of these events was held at ArtSpace Herndon."

Herndon resident Tricia Cherrington Ratliff assisted in setting up the Creative Connection Event. A local artist, Ratliff was asked by the CAH to make her successful art networking event public. "It began as a gathering of five artists in my studio who came together to show our latest work and get inspiration: Jordan Xu, Vicki Blum, Trisha Adams, Juanita Dahlin and me," said Ratliff. "We naturally shared business knowledge with each other too."

During the meeting, everyone has the freedom to share or display their latest project, portfolios, handouts or news. Attendees could participate in the "Creative Connections Game," where participants write labels describing what they do and a goal they are trying to achieve. "There's a kind of collective 'pay it forward' attitude that makes the game successful," said Ratliff. "I had come up with the idea of a game for a Women in Technology networking event many years prior and saw that it would be applicable to this group," stated Ratliff.

Amy Skiavo, resident of Chantilly attended the event with her sister. "My sister Anna Bledsoe volunteers with the Herndon Arts Council, so I came out to support them." Skiavo enjoys designing jewelry in her spare time and has written for several different comedians before beginning her own career in comedy.

Also attending was Reston resident Kathleen Leatherwood, author of "That Crazy English: Raps and Songs for Teaching English Literacy." "This is my second time attending this networking event. I heard about this through a friend at



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ArtSpace Herndon," said Leatherwood. She is a former ESOL teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia.

Other artists attending the event included Vicki Blum, who brought several paintings with her. "I find this to be an opportunity to speak with other artists and enhance my career. It is a great exchange," said Blum. Freelance artist Jordan Xu brought several pieces with him. Xu has a painting style that combines classical realism with vibrant colors and broad, casual brushwork. Also attending was professional guitarist Al Robertson, board member of the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts.

"I am very happy with the event," said Friedrichs. "As time went on more and more connections were made. This is one of our most satisfying events because it consists of people learning from each other."

Herndon's Classical Ballet Theatre of Northern Virginia will be performing the holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" this year at Northern Virginia College in Annandale, production dates are Nov. 30-Dec. 1. For more information and to obtain tickets, visit [www.cbntva.org/nutcracker](http://www.cbntva.org/nutcracker). To learn more about Council for the Arts of Herndon, visit [herndonarts.org](http://herndonarts.org).



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