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Gary Rinker by the Herndon Caboose which was open to the public on Dec. 14. The caboose began on its journey to Herndon in 1989 when Herndon Historical Society member George Moore found it and arranged its installation.





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The "Thoroughly Modern Millie" cast rehearses the song, "Long As I'm Here With You."

# Lopez Studios Inc. Sends Students To 2014 Junior Theater Festival

BY LAUREN BORDEAUX  
THE CONNECTION

The famed "Thoroughly Modern Millie" once traveled to the Big Apple to explore the world outside her little town of Salinas and make her dreams come true. From Jan. 17-19 a group of 11 talented young performers from Lopez Studios, Inc. Performing Arts Preparatory School will travel to Atlanta, Ga., to make their own dreams come true at the 2014 Junior Theater Festival and to portray the classic Broadway hit featuring Millie.

For its second year in a row, Lopez Studios, Inc. will be sending theater students to take part in the Festival that brings together students, teachers and Broadway professionals to celebrate young performers of musical theater. Along with 98 other groups from across the country, the festival team from Lopez Studios will be presenting a 15-minute segment from a Broadway Junior production. This year the studio chose "Thoroughly Modern Millie" to perform. Last year the team performed "The Little Mermaid Junior."

Auditions were held in order to determine roles for the production. The rehearsals are intensive and the students learn about performing as well as learning their parts in the show. Margarita Gamarnik, an 11-year-old from Reston, will play Millie. "There's a lot of things that I've learned. Not just about technique and vocal technique but also acting and dance technique. I've also learned a lot of good lessons from the directors Miss Kessler and Miss



Margarita Gamarnik, playing Millie, stands on a set box rehearsing the performance with fellow cast members.

Konovalov," said Gamarnik. "I've gotten better at harmonizing. I've gotten better at getting my blocking down the right way and remembering," said 14-year-old Blake O'Brien from Round Hill, playing Trevor Graydon Jr.

While attending the competition, the team's performance will be adjudicated by leaders in theater and education. "They give the kids immediate feedback. Something I loved about our adjudicators last year is they really paid attention to the kid's names and they would point them out by name. And point out things they thought were really good and they were very specific," said the show's director Jennifer Kessler. Laila Galant, 14, from Broadlands attended the Festival with the cast of "The Little Mermaid Junior" last year. "To be critiqued by Broadway people is amazing," said Galant, who will be playing Miss Dorothy Brown.

Big names in theater have at-

tended the Festival in past years and have lead workshops for the directors, theater leaders and students. "Last year they had Jeff Calhoun who directed Newsies on Broadway...It was just amazing to hear him talk about the creative process," said Kessler.

The Festival is geared more toward celebrating theater than creating a competitive environment, but awards are given more so in the form of superlatives in categories such as best student director, choreographer and music director. A select few teams will be chosen to perform in the closing ceremonies. From April 3-6, 2014 the performance division at Lopez Studios Inc. will be performing "Thoroughly Modern Millie Junior" in its entirety at Industrial Strength Theater in Herndon for \$12 a ticket. If you are interested in getting tickets to the show or participating in a Lopez Studios production in the future, visit <http://www.lopezstudiosinc.com>.

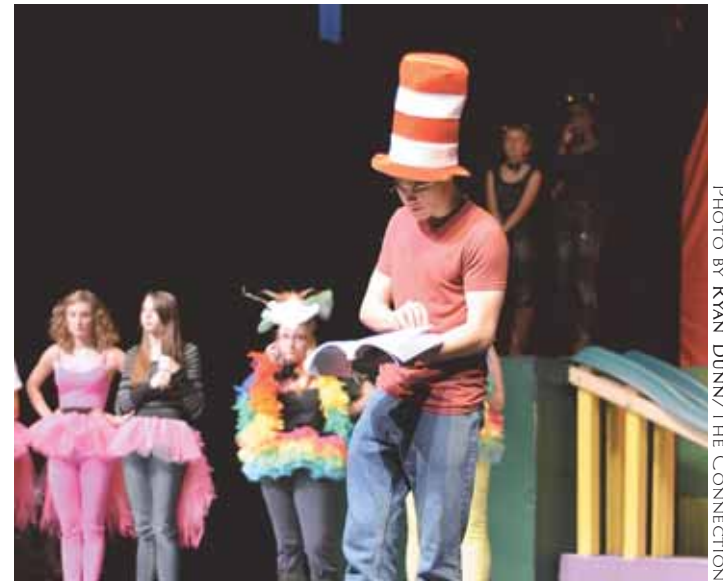


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Herndon High School junior Drew Lytle played the Cat in the Hat in the production of "Seussical" at Herndon High.

## Herndon Drama Proves 'Anything's Possible'

BY SIERRA CARLSON  
STONE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Imagine a tiny world, smaller than the eye can see. Imagine it hurtling through space with no direction. Imagine this little planet, and know that it is possible. By just thinking, anything is possible. Herndon High School masterfully illustrated this power of imagination in their rendering of "Seussical the Musical."

"Seussical the Musical," written by the award winning Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, first made its debut on Broadway in 2000. Although unsuccessful on the Great White Way, this musical became a quick favorite among local and high school theaters. The main focus of the show is the story of Horton the Elephant, but that does not keep many of Dr. Seuss' revolutionary characters make an appearance.

Drew Lytle was excellent in his ability to bring the lovable character of the Cat in the Hat to life. Lytle's use of comical expression and appropriate overreaction created a character reminiscent of the childhood classic. He started off both the first and second act with a contagious energy that left the audience excited for things to come. Hunter Robinson achieved a similar task as Horton the Elephant. Even when behind a scrim, Robinson was able to affectively take the stage and capture the undivided attention of the audience.

The cast consistently created

beautiful stage pictures with multiple levels that left every face visible. Nearly every performer had a defined personality that was crucial in representing the world of Dr. Seuss. An example of this was the memorable cleverness that Zach Klein and Sonya Keefer brought to their roles as Mr. and Mrs. Mayor of Whoville. Both the physical and choral elements of their performance were consistent and, above all else, entertaining.

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The same is true with Laura Millon and her performance as Gertrude, which was full of creative physicality and vocal flair.

It was Alisa Clayton's work as light designer that really brought this production together. Each lighting cue, which numbered over 100, was generated with a specific purpose in mind and executed flawlessly. The set was creative in that it drew clear inspiration from the work of Dr. Seuss. The bold simplicity of the set offered much utilization from the performers and a clean switch from one location to another with ease. This was achieved with the use of a scrim to divide the many worlds of this production. The cast and crew of Herndon High School's production of Seussical brought the iconic stories of Dr. Seuss to the stage with inventive imagination and notable dedication. Whether it's floating on a tiny speck of dust or dancing through the Jungle of Nool, Herndon High School proved that "anything's possible" if you just think.





**Bob Kimmel was one of the many residents of Herndon who came by the Herndon Municipal Center to see the annual model train show.**



**Gary Rinker, associate of the Herndon Historical Society, dressed as a conductor for the annual model train show at Herndon Municipal Center.**

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**Train enthusiasts enjoy Train Show at Herndon Municipal Center.**

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

**I** have tons of train equipment, which I have kept since I was 5-years-old," said Larry Aronson, a Herndon resident visiting the train display at Herndon Municipal Center on Saturday with his daughter and his grandson. "It is nice to have layouts like this that can put on a display like this." On both Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of members of the community stopped by to see the model trains. Displaying their model trains were members of the Northern Virginia NTRAK and the Potomac Module Crew. Herndon Chamber of Commerce and the Herndon Historical Society sponsored the train show.

"I would not call these toy trains," said Herndon resident Richard Downer. "They build their individual modules to standards so they will work together," said Downer. Downer has helped develop and coordinate the Herndon holiday train shows from its beginning. The Herndon railroad and the depot closed in August 1968. However, the Herndon Depot Museum, also known as the Herndon Historical Society Museum, opens on Sundays afternoon to display railroad memorabilia, information on United States Navy Commander William Lewis Herndon, for whom the town was named, artifacts from the USS Herndon (DD-198), and from local residents.

Potomac Module Crew has been participating in the annual December Herndon train show since 2007. Northern Virginia NTRAK is located in the National Capital Region and is made up of over 90 members throughout the Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland area. Northern Virginia NTRAK or NVNTRAK started in the spring of 1991 with a meeting of half a dozen members on a back deck in Herndon, Virginia.

Trains and railroads have played an important part in Herndon's history, and the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Herndon caboose and Herndon Depot Museum were open for visitors. Members of



**Larry Aronson and his daughter and grandson both attended the model train show on Saturday. The train show lasted throughout the weekend and was on display at Herndon Municipal Center in downtown Herndon.**

Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club were at the Herndon caboose operating a short-wave radio station. "We normally meet the first Wednesday of every month," said club Vice President Jim Purks. Visitors to the restored caboose interior had the opportunity to learn about the important work done by volunteer short-wave radio operators during disasters. "We had a steady stream of visitors, kids enjoy climbing up into the cupola. We all know a bit about railroad history," said Purks.

The official seal of the Town of Herndon created by Tony DeBenedittis, then an art teacher at Herndon High School, includes a image of the Herndon train depot, representing the Town's connection with the railroad. It is a connection that significantly affected the Herndon's early history and development. As the town's website says "The coming of the railroad in the 1850s spurred Herndon's development."

## New Approach to Mental Health

**Reforms in wake of tragedy involving state senator's son.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**A**dvocates for mental health services have been calling for improved services and increased funding for years, although the issue has been pushed aside year after year. But now that the son of state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) committed suicide after stabbing his father, a new sense of urgency is emerging in advance of the upcoming General Assembly session. This week, Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell proposed adding \$38 million over two years to the existing \$250 million budget for community service boards across the commonwealth.

"It makes you wonder why a crisis was needed to initiate the type of funding that we need," said Pamela Barrett, a member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. "We are so far behind other states in mental health crisis response funding as it is, and it's something that the CSBs have been lobbying for and begging for for years."

McDonnell also issued an executive order 68 to convene a task force on improving mental health services and crisis response. The governor described his task force as a group of leaders in the mental health and law enforcement as well as the judicial system and private hospitals. Within minutes of McDonnell's announcement, Governor-elect Terry McAuliffe issued a statement commending the governor, an indication he intends to follow through when he assumes the reins of power next year. But advocates for mental health remain skeptical.

**FOR NOW**, the issue seems to have newfound momentum — the result of a series of events that unfolded last month, when an emergency custody order was issued for the senator's son but a psychiatric bed could not be located before the order expired. That's why one of the reforms proposed by the governor is allowing magistrates to extend the orders by two hours.

Another proposal would extend temporary detention orders to 72 hours, a proposal that would cost about \$1.6 million a year. Funding is also proposed for the Western State Hospital, where Northern Virginia jurisdictions send patients, which would be about \$680,000 a year.

"These proposals will make a dent, but this is certainly not going to solve the problem," said Judith Deane of the Arlington Community Services Board. "Northern Virginia jurisdictions put a lot of their own money into this, so in that sense we are better off than many other counties in Virginia. But we still have a lot of need."

Alexandria Community Services Board director Michael Gilmore said when he was director of the community services board that serves rural Bath County and Rockbridge County, the local funding for community services was about \$5 per capita when he left a decade ago. In Alexandria, by contrast, the local funding for community services is \$125 per capita. That's why a psychiatric bed might be much more difficult to find in the rural stretches of Virginia, where services are few and far between.

"Much of the state is dependent on billing Medicaid to cover the cost of the services they provide," said Gilmore. "But all five of the community services boards up here have much more local funding."

**THE PROPOSALS INCLUDE** expanding programs for child psychiatry and children's crisis response services as well as crisis intervention team programs, crisis stabilization services and discharge assistance programs. Other proposals include expanding mental health first aid programs, secure assessment centers and suicide prevention efforts. One initiative would spend \$1.8 million to create six secure crisis intervention team assessment centers where people can be held safely for evaluation and finding a bed without tying up law enforcement personnel. "That's only \$300,000 a center," said Gilmore. "I think it's going to cost a lot more than that."





**The Good Guys** – volunteers from companies that are members of the local chapter of the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association of America who spent the day painting a townhouse for a client of Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith) capture the moment of their fellowship and community spirit outside the project property.



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**Taking a well deserved break:** The team started at 8 a.m. and by 1 p.m. they were ready for a bite to eat. Gathered in the project kitchen are, back row – from left: Allan Romero, Jaquiminovick Linares, Ray Gebhardt, Andrew McBride and Bill Patterson. Front row: Brian McCracken, Jarold Martin and Edwin Chinchilla.

## Painters Unite to Make Friday the 13th Someone's Lucky Day

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**F**riday, Dec. 13 was anything but unlucky for one Reston family, tenants in one of the 53 townhouses owned by Cornerstones Housing Corporation in Reston, Herndon and Centreville, that are rented at affordable rates to persons earning half or less than the area's median income.

That was the day that the Washington Metro Chapter of the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association (PDCA) put their annual Holiday Community Service spirit to work for Cornerstones (formerly Reston Interfaith) and its client.

Working through Cornerstones Housing Coordinator Bruce Hanneman, the site was selected, and painters from some seven different area companies converged on the property at 8 a.m. and got down to work, cleaning the sur-



**Some of the trucks belonging to contractors participating in the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association's annual charity project are lined up in the parking lot of the townhome community where their owners would offer their services to a client of Cornerstones – Hope for Tomorrow Today.**

faces and re-painting the townhouse from top to bottom, ceilings and walls. "It wasn't difficult to get the volunteers," said Brian McCracken, President of All American Painting Plus, who served as the volunteer coordinator and the on-site project man-

ager. "We have about 13 painters on the job today. The toughest part of the day is drying times and moisture, trying to get it all done in one go...not to mention all of us working in one pretty small space."

Even with those challenges, by



**Inspecting an area requiring their services is Brian McCracken. McCracken, a 40-year resident of Reston, is president of All American Painting Plus.**

the time their lunch break rolled around, the crew had the large majority of the property already been primed and a coat of paint applied to most of the townhouse. "It's really great teamwork, especially since most of these volunteers have never worked together

before," was PDCA Washington Metro Chapter President Andrew McBride's proud declaration. McBride, owner of Image Painting, was there to do his share of the work as well as to cheer on the crew that McCracken had recruited. With the work progressing ahead of schedule, McCracken believed there would be time for a bit of extra work, not originally scheduled.

Much of the paint used for the project was supplied by Vienna Paints, with six area locations, using their Benjamin Moore products.

The company's Bernie Jones stopped by the site to check in and make sure everything needed was on hand. Painters from NOVA Painting, Tech Painting, Image Painting, All American Painting Plus, CertaPro of Arlington, Gebhardt Painting, and Décor Painting formed the charitable team.

## Good Neighbor Awards Presented

**The Town of Herndon's annual Good Neighbor Awards were presented on Tuesday, Nov. 26, by Mayor Lisa Merkel and the Herndon Town Council to recipients Dr. Soo Kang and Jung Kang, and Mike and Carol Fleming. Recipients were nominated by town citizens for their kindness and neighborliness. From left: Jung Kang, Mayor Merkel, Soo Kang, Carol Fleming, Mike Fleming, Tooran Shadman (Cultivating Community member, the volunteer group that judges all nominations and selects winners)**







**Gathering for the Retirement Ceremony, from left: Scout Roger W. Lambert III of Troup 1570, organizer of the event as his Eagle Scout project, American Legion Post 184 Commander David A. Kirby, Troop 1570 Scout Leader Roger Lambert, and Les Barron, Scout Executive of the National Capital Area Council Boy Scouts of America.**



**Fifteen-year-old Bugler Scout Patrick Ancella played the stirring music that echoed throughout the Town of Herndon Maintenance Yard where the Flag Retirement Ceremony took place.**

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## Retiring Flags – Respectfully

### Eagle Scout project retires American flags in Herndon.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**W**e've all seen images of the American Flag being burned in protest both here and abroad, but did you know that burning the Flag is also done when it is "retired" after being deemed unserviceable? And that it is done so in a ceremony marked with respect and honor?

Boy Scout Roger W. Lambert II, Troop 1570, of Herndon did know that fact and chose to turn the ceremony into his Eagle Scout Project. Despite the frigid temperatures and the icy conditions on Monday, Dec. 9, partnering with the Herndon/Reston American Legion Post 184 and the Town of Herndon, Lambert gathered other troop members at the Herndon Maintenance Yard on Sterling Road and lead the service that saw the respectful destruction of some four hundred flags that he had carefully reviewed and deemed ready for retirement. "If we find a flag that is still in good shape, it is put back in use," said Lambert.

The flags being retired had been collected at Post 184. "People often call and ask us what to do with a flag if it gets torn or otherwise damaged," reported Post Commander David Kirby who was on hand for the event. "We are always prepared to accept them and en-



**"Presenting the Colors" are, from left, Troop 1570 Scouts Ian Sauer, Charles Stern, Patrick Nugent, and Robert Wear.**



sure that they are properly disposed of."

A small crowd of scouts and scout leaders, family members and special guests such as Les Baron, Scout Executive with the National Capital Area Council of Boy Scouts of America braved the poor weather to attend the proceedings. Lambert welcomed those gathered, and then opened the ceremony calling for a "Presentation of the Colors," which was followed by an Invocation. Scout Ian Sauer, once freed from his "presentation" duties, gave a short speech on the history of the American Flag before one representative flag was unfurled and brought to a cordoned-off area where several fire barrels were being carefully attended by scout leaders and their charges.

As the flames took the ceremonial flag, Lambert led the assembly in the singing of "God Bless America." A Benediction closed the event, but before the attendees dispersed to enjoy refreshments – and head for warmer environs – the sound of "Taps" echoed throughout the Maintenance Yard. The official program may have come to its end, but Lambert and his comrades then began the real work of the afternoon – the careful, respectful and honorable retirement of all those flags.

**The First Flag for retirement is presented. Once presented and inspected, scout Patrick Nugent took the flag to the fires.**



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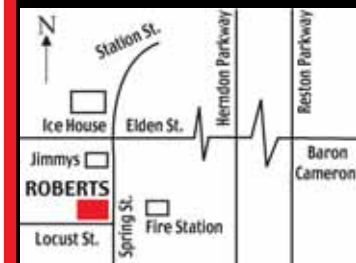
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Persian	9' x 12'	\$1,299	\$899
Bokhara Pakistan	8'3" x 10'3"	\$2,500	\$2,200
India Rug	8' x 10'	\$3,520	\$2,200
Very Old Chinese	8' x 10'2"	\$3,200	\$2,700
Kilem Persian	7'6" x 8'7"	\$2,200	\$1,600
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# OPINION

## Preserve 3-2-1 for Housing

**Housing for all income levels near transit supports vibrant communities and job growth, reduces traffic.**

BY MICHELLE KROCKER  
AND JIM EDMONDSON

In the latest edition of The Herrity Report, Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity proposed “redirecting developers’ \$3 per square foot contribution for buying rent-controlled housing units into a trust fund to pay for public school renovation and construction.”

The report proceeds to make several unsubstantiated claims regarding the number of people living in subsidized housing and the growth in both the number of subsidized units and number of households in Fairfax County. However as in the past, The Herrity Report does not provide the full picture of the housing policy under discussion, and misrepresents the facts.

The Board of Supervisors adopted its housing policy in 2010 as a part of the larger plan

for the redevelopment of Tysons. It is now under consideration, at the request of the board, for application in other designated high density, transit and business centers in the rest of the county. Called the ‘3-2-1’ policy, the proposal by county staff would apply a contribution from commercial development to support the construction of workforce housing in the transit or business area, as it does in the Tysons plan. The contribution would be applied on a sliding scale based on a proposed development’s proximity to a transit station. This proposal will go before the Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors in the first quarter of 2014.

Why is this policy important?

❖ To accommodate projected job growth and remain competitive within the region, it is important to ensure housing opportunities for the workforce of the future at all income levels;

❖ Developing housing at transit stations and adjacent to employment centers encourages use of mass transit, walking and biking which can lead to fewer cars, and less congestion; it also enhances Metro revenue and reduces the pressure on local government to provide subsidies for the system;

❖ Linking commercial development (jobs) and housing via a linkage program is an acknowledged “best practice” in hundreds of communities across the country to ensure an

adequate supply of housing to support job growth.

❖ It recognizes the changing preferences of workers/taxpayers/voters, particularly young people, to live near where they work.

The proposed policy anticipates that the contributions will be made to a housing trust fund used by the county to leverage private sector financing to develop the needed housing.

The housing that is constructed will not be owned or purchased by the county. In fact, very little of the affordable housing in the county is owned by the government.

Securing decent housing that is affordable remains a challenge for Fairfax County households earning less than \$60,000.

Meeting the growing needs of our school system is also an important issue. Both education and safe, decent housing are fundamental to the well-being of our community, and residents want leadership that seeks to find workable solutions. Failing to recognize the importance of both and pitting one issue against the other are not the answers, and the citizens of Fairfax County deserve better from elected officials.

*Michelle Krockner is executive director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance. Jim Edmondson is president of AHOME, which promotes affordable housing opportunities for families at all income levels.*

GUEST  
EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Parents Advocate for Class Size Caps

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Dec. 7, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent’s (Dr. Karen Garza) conducted a “Listening Tour” meeting at Cooper Middle School in McLean.

Many parents who spoke at the meeting were concerned about large class sizes in their children’s schools. This is not a problem in most FCPS schools - the average elementary school class in FCPS has only 21-22 students, and plenty of FCPS elementary schools average 20 or fewer students per class.

However, large class sizes have become the norm in Vienna, Oakton, McLean and Great Falls schools. Teachers unlucky enough to be assigned to the 30+ classes are often pushed to the limit in terms of what they can do to control classroom behavior and alleviate student stress. At Wolftrap Elementary, teachers have even created a “coping couch” for stressed kids to help them escape from the crowded, noisy and chaotic atmosphere that is so often inevitable with such excessively large classes.

The school system is looking at county-wide increases in average class sizes. Without some type of class size cap, this would create a situation where most of the county’s students had reasonable class sizes (e.g., 16 to 26 students), but even more students in the Vienna, Oakton, McLean and Great Falls would have more than 30 students in their rooms - which are no larger than the rooms being used to hold 17 or 22 students elsewhere in FCPS.



**Karen Garza discusses class size at the Dec. 7 listening tour in McLean.**

After seeing their children crammed into oversized classes for years, parents formed Class Size Counts last year. The group is working with State Delegate Barbara Comstock to address the class size issue at the state level, Supervisor Foust, several School Board members and Superintendent Garza at the county level. The Class Size Counts online petition, with over 1,000 signatures, asks that the Fairfax County school system not increase average class sizes without simultaneously implementing class size caps:

[http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-oversize-classes-in-fairfax-countyschool/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=system&utm\\_campaign=Send%2Bto%2Bfriend](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-oversize-classes-in-fairfax-countyschool/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=system&utm_campaign=Send%2Bto%2Bfriend)

At Cooper Middle School, Dr. Garza reassured parents and teachers in the room that she is working to fix this problem, by drafting an FCPS regulation that would impose class size caps.

Class Size Counts applauds Dr. Garza for taking a stand on implementing caps so that all children in FCPS can receive a decent and fair education.

Interestingly, the School Board member whose district includes many schools with the largest class sizes - Jane Strauss - also told parents at a Longfellow PTA meeting that she opposed a class size cap, and preferred to continue using the FCPS “staffing reserve.” Several years ago, parents submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for emails and other documents regarding the staffing reserve. The documents painted a picture of a slush fund with no apparent criteria or controls.

**Kim Farrell**

Mother of two FCPS students  
Vienna

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## NEWS

Delegates Alfonso Lopez, Kay Kory and Tom Rust.



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## Del. Tom Rust Honored As Legislator of the Year

For his efforts to grant in-state tuition to eligible immigrant students, Del. Tom Rust (R-86) was chosen as a Legislator of the Year by the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, along with Delegates Alfonso Lopez and Kay Kory. During the 2013 session of the Virginia General Assembly, Del. Rust introduced legislation which would have allowed immigrant students who qualify for Deferred Action (among other criteria for eligibility including length of residence and education), to receive in-state tuition, giving these students a pathway to an affordable college education.

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award from the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, a non-partisan faith-based advocacy group that promotes public policy that works to strengthen our communities. Making college more accessible and

affordable could mean the difference between graduating and dropping out of high school for some of these students," Rust said.

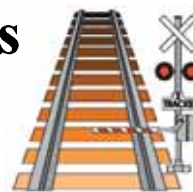
"These are Virginia students who attend Virginia schools, whose parents pay Virginia income taxes, and who are looking for a way to work and continue to live in Virginia. Why shouldn't we give every Virginian the opportunity to work hard for a good education and a good paying job?"

Last year's bill passed the Education Committee, but was referred to and left in Appropriations. "I will introduce the bill again this year, and I encourage our business and faith-based communities throughout the Commonwealth to come out in support of this bill as they did last year. These students who are willing to work hard and want to attend college should be given the opportunity to succeed," added Rust.

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Evan Sanderson and Stephanie Baker, co-owners of the Boutique Bakeshop in Herndon, had a booth where they were selling baked goods on Sunday's Arts and Crafts Show at the Herndon Community Center.

# Herndon Community Center Holds Annual Arts and Crafts Show

Local artists and entrepreneurs arrive for Sunday show despite snow.

By RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

More than 50 local artists came to the Herndon Community Center located at 814 Ferndale Avenue for the 35th Annual Arts and Crafts Show. Kevin L. Mitchell, resident of Fredricksburg arrived with a display of handcrafted wire sculpture figures. "Over the years I discovered my artistic voice, and I started bringing my works to comic conventions this year," said Mitchell. He has a variety of designs in his catalog from sports figures to science fiction themed figures. A variety of products and merchandise were on display for the one day indoor event. Art Des Lauriers, resident of Clifton, was assisting his wife, Maggie Des Lauriers who made a selection of wisteria stained glass decorations.

"I have been doing this show for about 15 years, it is very well organized," said Maggie Des Lauriers. Reston resident Anna Atkinson had a booth for her homemade candles. Atkinson's scented candles are handcrafted in Reston, and made of 100 percent beeswax sourced in the USA. "I was living overseas in Sydney, Australia for four years, and I got together with some candlemakers... I really fell in love with the beeswax because it is so natural. I know this fair has been around for awhile so I thought it would be a good one to attend." Included among the crafts was some confectionary merchandise. "I grew up in the candy making business," said Mary Anne Klank, a resident of Ashburn. Klank and her husband started their business Simply Nut Free Chocolates three years ago in December 2010. "We are a home based business, and we are really lucky to be based in Virginia," said Klank. Evan Sanderson, resident of Herndon and Stephanie Baker, resident of Sterling, the co-owners of the Boutique Bakeshop, had a booth where they were selling some baked goods. "Now that we have more real estate we have

more room to bake," said Baker. Their store, the Boutique Bakeshop is located at 336 Elden Street, Herndon. "We currently have an apple almond tart as our seasonal specialty item," said Baker. Herndon Community Center Recreation Supervisor David Zakrzewski was on location to help with the event. "We did try to get some more unique artists to this fair," said Zakrzewski. "The weather has been the biggest damper." A snowfall of about an inch did keep some people at bay, and the event closed at 2:30 p.m. because of inclement weather. Rosemary Paul was helping her husband Michael Paul with his display of merchandise from the pottery business Potter's Fire. "It is exciting to see the interest in pottery and see all the people come out despite the stormy weather," said Rosemary Paul. "Everyone has been very welcoming of our new business and we look forwards to more shows." "The turnout is definitely better than I expected," said Jansen De Roxas, a resident of Fairfax. De Roxas is the proprietor of Sweet Bee Boutique, which makes fabric bows, skirts, and accessories made with fun and flirty prints for little and big kids alike. "I started my



business in May of this year when my daughter turned one," said De Roxas. Although the weather caused the event to close earlier than planned, De Roxas was not concerned. "I am from Oklahoma, we are used to ice." To learn more about the Herndon Community Center, visit their [www.herndonva.gov/Content/Parks\\_rec/community\\_center](http://www.herndonva.gov/Content/Parks_rec/community_center).

Jansen De Roxas, a resident of Fairfax, came to Herndon Community Center on Sunday with a selection of fabric bows, skirts, and accessories.

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The Herndon Community Center at Ferndale Avenue in Herndon held their annual Arts and Crafts Show on Sunday despite a sudden snowfall.

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### MONDAY/DEC. 16-JAN. 6

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### TUESDAY/DEC. 17

**Third Tuesdays: Design and Wine.** 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Reservations required, \$30 fee. [artspaceherndon.org](http://artspaceherndon.org)

### TUESDAY/DEC. 17-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>

### SATURDAY/DEC. 21

**The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)** 8 p.m., at The Reduced Shakespeare Company. It's festive, funny, physical family fun as the Three Wise Guys send up and celebrate your favorite winter holiday traditions. \$25 Reston/\$50 Non-Reston.

### SUNDAY/DEC. 22-31

**America the Beautiful** 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday - Sunday at the Hunters Woods Exhibit, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston.

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### SUNDAY/DEC. 22

**Holiday Play/Sing Along.** 4 p.m. Sunset Hills Montessori building, 11180 Ridge Heights Rd., Reston. Bring your instrument and sit and play with the orchestra, or bring your voice and sing the holiday favorites.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). The deadline is the Friday prior to the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2013/sep/26/fairfax-county-calendar/>.

### TUESDAY/DEC. 17-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.

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### TUESDAY/DEC. 17

**Design and Wine.** 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center



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**Ray Ficca in rehearsal of "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," playing at the NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon.**

### TUESDAY/DEC. 24

**Christmas Dinner at Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro.** 12-7 p.m. 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.

Admission: \$55 per person. A four-course menu that includes goose roulade with roasted Brussels sprouts, wild mushrooms, wild rice blend, and citrus velouté. Reservations recommended. 703-234-3550.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** 6 p.m. Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza N, Reston. [www.washingtonplazachurch.com](http://www.washingtonplazachurch.com)

**Christmas Eve Services.** 5 p.m. Southview Community Church. 2620 Reston Pkwy, Herndon. At 5 p.m., there will be a family friendly service, followed by a 7 p.m. service that will include candlelight and communion.

### WEDNESDAY/DEC. 25

**Christmas Dinner at Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro.** 5-10 p.m. 11750

Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Admission: \$55 per person. A four-course menu that includes goose roulade with roasted Brussels sprouts, wild mushrooms, wild rice blend, and citrus velouté. Reservations recommended. 703-234-3550.

### TUESDAY/DEC. 31

#### New Year's Eve Golf Tournament.

10 a.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Annual four-person scramble. Entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, range balls, prizes and lunch. Entry deadline: December 21. [herndongolf.com](http://herndongolf.com)

#### New Year's Eve Celebration.

7 p.m. - Family-friendly art activities, music; 9 -10 p.m. - Bonfire with drum circle; 10 p.m.-12:30 a.m. - jazz ensemble and entertainment; champagne toast at midnight. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. All ages. Free and open to the public. [artspaceherndon.org](http://artspaceherndon.org)

Street, Herndon. Artist Eileen Hull will teach you how to create and embellish something entirely on your own. \$30. Reservations required. 703-956-6590.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 20

**Commemorating Civil War Battle of Dranseville.** 7 p.m. Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. The service highlights the Brethren position on war.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 28

**The Many Aspects of Watercolor Painting.** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Watercolor artist Lou Negri will hold a one-day workshop at ArtSpace. To register contact the instructor at [aquarel@comcast.net](mailto:aquarel@comcast.net) or [www.lounegri.com](http://www.lounegri.com).

### ONGOING

**League of Reston Featured Artists Exhibit.** Every Monday-Friday through Dec. 31, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., the Reston Association office, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. The League of Reston Artists invites art

lovers to a series of rotating painting and photography exhibits featuring a new artist each month. [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

### SUNDAY, JAN. 19

**Sweet Honey In The Rock.** 8 p.m., at The Centerstage, Reston Community Center Hunters Woods. Five women provide unique perspective in their traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, hip hop, ancient lullabies and jazz improvisation; with sign language interpretation. \$25 Reston/\$50 Non-Reston. [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or **703-476-4500**.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

**Rennie Harris' RHAW** 8 p.m., at The Centerstage, Reston Community Center Hunters Woods. RHAW will showcase Dr. Rennie Harris' newest and brightest street dancers as they bring hip hop back to basics. \$15 Reston/\$30 Non-Reston. [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or **703-476-4500**.



# Home for the Holidays: Surviving a Long Trip

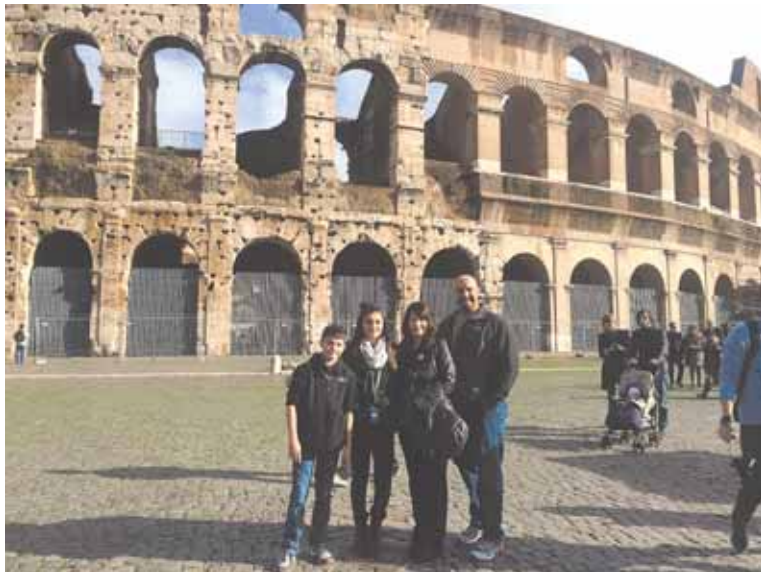
**Keeping children entertained on lengthy airplane rides.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**L**iz Henry is nervous about her upcoming flight to San Francisco. It's not TSA regulations or long lines that are causing her anxiety, however. It is traveling alone with her three children — all of whom are under the age of 6.

"My kids are 5, 3 and 1," said Henry, who lives in Vienna. "I'm taking them to visit my family for Christmas, but they've never flown before. I have a lot of DVDs packed, but I don't know how far those will get me. I don't like pacifying my kids with videos, but I don't think I have a choice."

Going home for the holidays often means boarding an airplane with high-energy children and set-



**Len Annetta, Ph.D., of George Mason University traveled to Italy recently with his wife, Jennifer, and his children Samantha and Joey. Annetta kept his children occupied during the long flight with cloud games and by helping them practice Italian.**

ting in for a long ride. Parents such as Henry scramble to find ways to fill the time in a way that keeps their child entertained without disturbing other passengers. Local education experts say there are options that don't involve the

last resort of videos and electronic games, however.

"Reading is always a good choice, but for many children, it cannot hold their attention for long plane rides," said Len Annetta, Ph.D., a professor in the

College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University. "Games like Scrabble challenge players' literacy skills in a fun way. Crossword puzzles are also fun and engaging."

Annetta, who recently returned from a family trip to Italy, has firsthand experience with surviving lengthy plane rides with children in tow. "I took the whole family, including my 13- and 11-year-old children," he said. "My children are older, but we played a name the cloud game. Of course, we were above the clouds, so it made it a bit more difficult."

When traveling abroad, a long flight is an ideal time to learn more about the culture or language of your final destination. "My children tried a crash course on Italian," said Annetta. "They learned a few words they used during the week we were there. This was a free app on the iPod that we downloaded before we left."

Bethesda-based psychotherapist Katie Cogan, Ph.D., recommends activities that engage a child's imagination, particularly for younger children. "You always

have your imagination with you no matter what," she said. "You can say to a child, 'Tell me a story,' or you can take turns telling stories with your child. When you're on the plane, you can help your child imagine what it will look like when we get there."

For young children, Cogan said, "Using what's inside you to create a world that already exists. It is called active imagination. Use your creativity to do anything. If you're with a young child, you can ask 'How many things can you think of that are red?'"

Cogan also advises helping children make up a story, particularly about their final destination. "If it is a small kid, give them the first part of the story or the first word and let them take it from there," she said. "Have paper with you, and you can have your child tell you the story and either write it down or have your child write the story down and color it."

Annetta said, "Journaling your experience is a fun way to practice writing while telling the story of where you are going or where you've been."

## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday.*

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**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center**, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church**, 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday school and adult education available. Morning prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or [www.stannes-reston.org](http://www.stannes-reston.org).

**Adult Sunday school** will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

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**The Baha'i community of McLean** holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. 703-938-2391 or [www.epiphanypreschool.com](http://www.epiphanypreschool.com).

**Hope Fellowship Church** will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday worship services for the Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or [www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).

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Herndon senior Dorian Johnson goes up for a shot against Washington-Lee on Dec. 11.

## Herndon Boys' Basketball Concludes Tourney with Win

**Hornets improved to 4-2 with victory against John Carroll.**

**T**he Herndon boys' basketball team faced an early-season bout with adversity during the Gonzaga holiday tournament.

On Dec. 13, the Hornets, after a 3-0 start, suffered their first loss of the season. Mount Saint Joseph, a private school in Baltimore, defeated Herndon 80-71. Despite the loss, head coach Gary Hall was pleased with his team's performance, considering it a moral victory that the Hornets were tied with the talented Gaels late in the contest.

The following night, Herndon lost to Coolidge (Washington, D.C.) 65-51. This time, Hall was not pleased with the Hornets' effort.

"We didn't play with much passion," Hall said. "We weren't very inspired."

Herndon concluded its time at the three-day tournament on Sunday with a game against John Carroll, a private high school in Bel Air, Md. Herndon had a chance to win at the end of regulation, but the Hornets missed pair of free throws with less than a second remaining, sending the game to overtime.

After back-to-back losses and a



**Herndon boys' basketball Coach Gary Hall speaks to the Hornets during a game against Washington-Lee on Sept. 11.**

missed opportunity to win, how would the Hornets respond?

A DeAndre Thomas free throw with less than 10 seconds remaining gave Herndon a four-point lead in overtime and helped the Hornets hold on for a 68-67 victory.

"The way that we responded af-

**"This is the deepest team I've ever had at Herndon."**

**— Herndon boys' basketball Coach Gary Hall**

ter a tough loss last night," Hall said, "was really, really encouraging."

Herndon senior guard Dorian Johnson scored 30 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against John Carroll.

"Dorian Johnson today played the best game he's played in his career," Hall said. "He was the best player on the court."

Delontae Wingfield scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against John Carroll. The win improved Herndon's record to 4-2.

Last year, Herndon won the Concorde District championship before losing to eventual Northern Region champion Woodson in the regional quarterfinals. Despite the loss of talented guard Will Ferguson, Hall said this year's team has depth and the chance to make a deep postseason run.

Johnson (6-foot-4) is averaging 15.6 points per contest. Six-foot-5 senior Kent Auslander is averaging 15.2 per game; Wingfield (6-4) is at 11.3 per game and 6-foot-1 senior Thomas is averaging



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**Abby Rendle, left, and the South Lakes girls' basketball team started 5-0 this season.**

## South Lakes Girls' Basketball Starts 5-0

**Seahawks won each game by at least 18 points.**

**S**outh Lakes girls' basketball head coach Christy Winters Scott said the Seahawks are playing with a lot of confidence in the early part of the season. It's hard to blame them; they've won their first five games by an average of 33 points.

South Lakes improved to 5-0 with a 71-30 victory over Woodson on Dec. 14. The Seahawks, who have eight seniors and return nine athletes from last year's region runner-up team, have won each game by at least 18 points. Abby Rendle, Caitlin Jensen, Sasha Sprei, Natalie Toma and Colette Toma are four-year varsity athletes.

"I think focus and execution and playing to a standard rather than to a score is something we've been saying from the beginning," Winters Scott said. "That's the mental challenge. ... The most important thing for us is maintaining focus on the details."

Jensen led the way with 22 points against Woodson. Junior forward Princess Aghayere

scored 16 points on 5-for-6 shooting, grabbed nine rebounds and totaled five steals. Rendle, a 6-foot-4 post player, finished with eight points, five rebounds and two blocks, and Sprei dished seven assists without committing a turnover.

Rendle, who will play at William and Mary, is averaging 12 points, seven rebounds and three blocks per contest.

"Everyone," Winters Scott said, "is excelling in their role."

South Lakes also defeated Stone Bridge (57-18), Western (58-40), Potomac Falls (63-25) and Marshall (65-34) this season.

The Seahawks will travel to Hampton to compete in the Boo Williams Classic on Dec. 26-28. After winning the IAABO holiday tournament in Maryland last season, Winters Scott said she wanted the team to travel away from the area for a bonding experience.

South Lakes will travel to face Herndon at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

— JON ROETMAN

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Hall said seven different Hornets have led the team in scoring during a quarter.

"This is the deepest team I've ever had at Herndon," Hall said. "Anyone can be our leading scorer."

Prior to the Gonzaga holiday tournament, Herndon defeated Washington-Lee 93-61 on Dec. 11. Herndon will host rival South

Lakes at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

"We have the opportunity to have a really special season," Hall said. "... Our goal every year at Herndon is to compete for a region championship and be a factor in the state tournament and that never changes. And I think we have the opportunity to do that."

— JON ROETMAN



## SPORTS

### Herndon Wrestling Places Third at Invite

**T**he Herndon wrestling team placed third at the 35th Annual McGowan Invitational on Dec. 14 at Park View HS. The Hornets had seven individual placers and two champions.

Sean Pike won the 160-pound bracket and earned tournament MVP honors. Sam Milligan took first at 138 pounds.

Marshall Kurtz placed fourth at 132 pounds, Joey Reilly was fourth at 145, Bassam Estwani finished third at 170

pounds, Arbaz Hussein placed third at 195 pounds and Casey Holland placed second in the heavyweight bracket.

Woodgrove won the team competition, followed by Potomac Falls and Herndon. Twelve teams competed in the tournament.

The 6-0 Herndon varsity team will travel to Robinson on Wednesday to compete against conference foes Oakton and the Rams. Robinson will be a big test as they are the defending state champs.



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The Herndon wrestling team placed third at the 35th Annual McGowan Invitational on Dec. 14 at Park View High school.

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# Backwards Thinking

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Considering that I've been cancer-centric now for nearly five years, one would have thought I might have learned and totally embraced an alternative concept: forward living – and less thinking about past causes and their possible current effects. Certainly cancer causes physical manifestations and symptoms that are diagnosable and indicative of trouble. But it's the unseen effects that in some cases cause as many difficulties. What I am referring to is the mental and emotional toll a terminal diagnosis and short term prognosis can have on the patient's perspective on life and living, and what's presumptively thought to be left of it.

And in my experience now as a comparatively long-term survivor – five years come February 27, of stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), backwards thinking, as in why me, as in woe is me, has generally not been characteristic of my daily grind. Sure, I've made changes to my pre-cancer Kenny regimen of poor diet and above-average stress, and have regularly compared and contrasted my past with my present/future. However, much of this has been ongoing. I've never felt as if I've dwelled on any of it. Focused maybe, but not so much as a negative, more as a positive, as in changes which needed to be made – or else. Moreover, to learn the error of my ways and try to parlay any new found knowledge into a future that initially, according to my oncologist's original prognosis: "13 months to two years", was hardly guaranteed.

In spite of it all, I have lived – and learned and accepted that my new reality is somewhat different than it once was: somewhere between tenuous and temporary. Still, thinking about the past can only do so much good when contemplating a future that has been snatched away somewhat (somewhat? quite, actually) unexpectedly at 54 and one half. If I want to have a future, thinking and living as if I have one is more agreeable and more rewarding – and much less stressful than thinking I don't. And constantly reviewing, assessing, and connecting with the horse on which I rode in, as informative as it may be in helping to understand and appreciate the medical predicament in which I find myself so immersed, might actually be causing more harm – emotionally, than I'm willing to admit. I can't change the past, so living with it on a daily basis when I have a present and a future to consider might be shackling me in some emotional way that is preventing me from maintaining the positive and optimistic attitude so crucial in defending myself against the insidious disease inside my lungs.

Not that I'm suggesting that I can talk/think these malignant tumors ("metastatic to the lung") to cease and desist, but spending mental time on what has already occurred, instead of what possibly could be, seems counterproductive, maybe even harmful. Trouble has already found me; I don't need to encourage it. And after all these years, I should know better. I do know better. Nevertheless, as the content of this column clearly indicates, I am still under siege. I am still trying to balance the challenges of living with a future while being mindful of a past and understanding that some emotions I can't control. Cancer is funny like that, but it's no laughing matter. Even so, I did think the subject was fodder for a column – or maybe I'm just indulging myself at your expense. If it's the latter more so than the former, I appreciate your patience. I probably need it.

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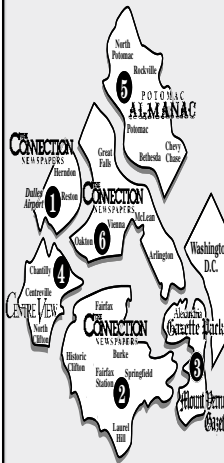
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## New Year's Eve Celebration at ArtSpace Herndon

A New Year's Eve Celebration is an ArtSpace Herndon signature event. The celebration, on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in historic downtown Herndon, features live music and family-friendly activities both inside and outside the gallery.

The celebration begins inside the gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. with art activities for kids and live music. Artists will guide kids in creating a Dale Chihuly inspired glass-like chandelier that will light up the celebration later that evening. Materials will be supplied.

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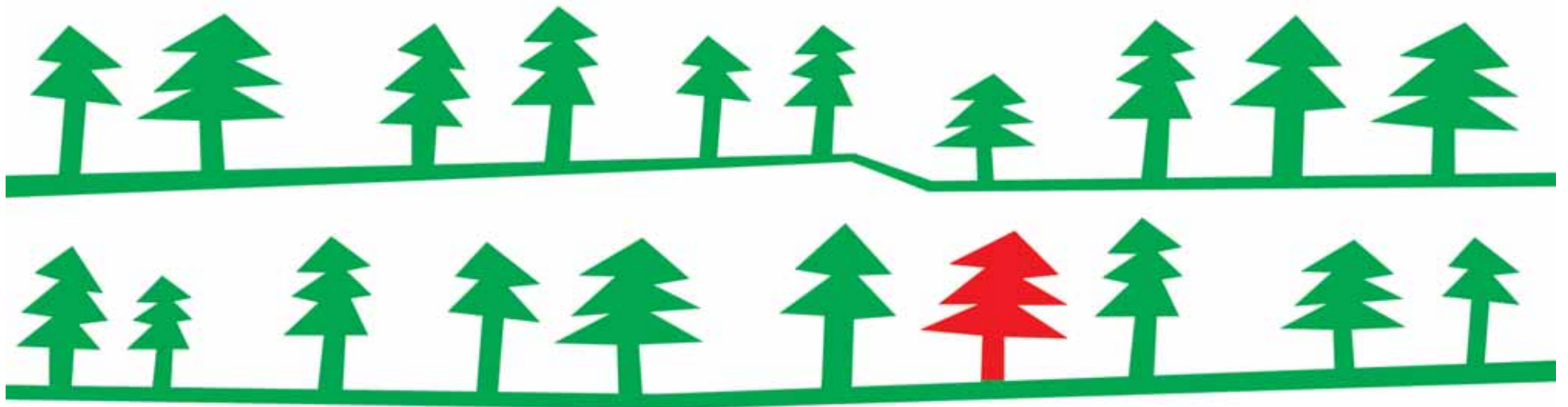
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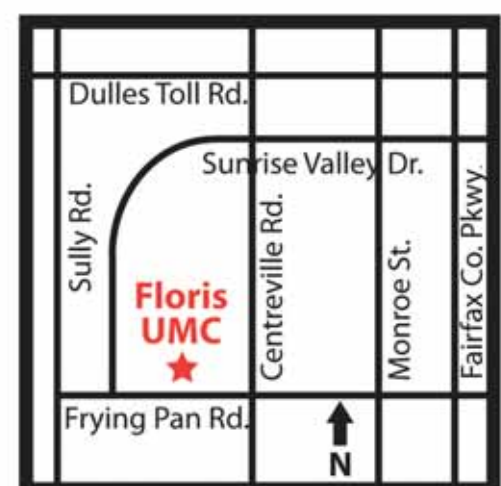
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