

The Herndon High School  
choir held their spring  
Pops Concert on June 4 at  
the school auditorium.

# Herndon High Holds Pops Concert

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Seventh grade Nysmith Odyssey of the Mind team won the third place trophy in the World Finals in Ames, Iowa.

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## Nysmith Odyssey of the Mind Team Places Third in World Finals

Last week the seventh grade Nysmith Odyssey of the Mind team traveled to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa, and took home the trophy for third place in the world.

Odyssey of the Mind competitions require teams to present creative and dramatic solutions to a variety of STEM-related problems. Teams advancing through regional and then state competitions proceed to the World Finals. The World Finals this year included

more than 800 teams from countries around the world, such as China, South Korea, Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, and Poland.

The seventh grade Nysmith team, the "Know Brainers," were making their third consecutive trip to the World Finals. The team includes seventh graders Ilina Gobburu, Maxwell Jones, Bryce Nabulsi, Chris Nguyen, Landon Poon, and Anika Schipma. Presenting their solution to the technical problem titled "The Not So Haunted House," the team solved the mystery of who stole the Pink Panther diamond from the Louvre gem exhibit. Their creatively-engineered special effects and surprise ending "stole" the show.

The team also took first place in the world with their creative solution to the "spontaneous" engineering problem, besting the efforts of 67 other teams in their division from around the world.

The team coach is Marwan Nabulsi.

Nysmith is located in Herndon. The team members are from Oakton, Great Falls, Oak Hill, Herndon, Chantilly and Rockville.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES AND TO REVISE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO GAS SERVICE CASE NO. PUE-2014-00020

On April 30, 2014, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia" or "Company"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application pursuant to Chapter 10 of Title 56 (§§ 56-232 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia ("Code") requesting authority to increase its rates and charges, effective for the first billing unit of October 2014, and to revise other terms and conditions applicable to its gas service ("Application"). Columbia's Application advises that the proposed rates and charges are designed to increase the Company's annual non-gas base revenues by approximately \$31.8 million, which includes \$6.9 million currently being collected by the Company outside of base rates in a surcharge associated with its Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy ("SAVE") Plan pursuant to §§ 56-603 *et seq.* (the "SAVE Act"). Columbia states that its requested increase in annual non-gas base revenues reflects Columbia's costs and revenues for the test year ending December 31, 2013, the increase in the Company's rate base since its last base rate increase in 2011, an updated capital structure and requested return on equity of 10.9%, and certain rate year adjustments that are "reasonably predicted to occur" during the twelve months ending September 30, 2015 ("Rate Year"), as permitted by § 56-235.2 of the Code.

According to the Application, in the time since Columbia was last authorized to increase its rates and charges, in Case No. PUE-2010-00017 (the "2010 Rate Case"), Columbia has increased its gas plant in service by 23%, while its customer base has increased by approximately 5%. Columbia further states that it will have incurred \$232 million in capital costs to improve the safety and reliability of its system from 2011 through the end of 2014, and the Company anticipates that it will invest \$66.8 million in capital improvements during the Rate Year. Columbia states that a significant portion of the Company's capital investment subsequent to the 2010 Rate Case has occurred under its SAVE Plan, which was implemented in 2012 and focuses on proactive replacement of at-risk gas utility infrastructure to enhance system safety and reliability. In accordance with the SAVE Act, these costs that were previously approved pursuant to Columbia's SAVE Plan, which are being collected in a surcharge outside of base rates, will be combined with non-gas base rates upon the effective date of those new rates, and the Company's SAVE surcharge will be reset to zero.

Columbia also states in its Application that, in the time since the 2010 Rate Case, the Company has "developed and implemented a formal integrity management program for its distribution system ("DIMP Program") to enhance pipeline safety by identifying and reducing gas distribution pipeline integrity risks." The Application states that, since January 1, 2013, Columbia has incurred operations and maintenance costs associated with implementation of the DIMP Program initiatives, as well as costs associated with compliance activities with federal pipeline safety advisories, collectively defined as "eligible safety activity costs" under § 56-235.10 of the Code. Columbia asserts that the incremental level of these eligible safety activity costs not reflected in existing base rates totaled approximately \$3.0 million in 2013, and are projected to total approximately \$4.5 million for the period January 1, 2014, through September 30, 2014. It is Columbia's position that, pursuant to § 56-235.10 of the Code, the Company was permitted to defer these costs for recovery in new base rates. Columbia proposes to recover the \$7.5 million projected deferred balance through base rates over a five-year amortization period. In addition, Columbia projects to incur \$6.5 million in eligible safety activity costs during the Rate Year, which the Company proposes to recover in base rates.

Columbia also proposes to change the billing determinants used for calculating customer bills and rates from a volumetric (Mcf) basis, based on volume of gas delivered, to a thermal (Dth) basis, which is based upon the heat content of the gas burned. The Company asserts that, due to fluctuations in the heat content of the gas supply in its service territory, thermal-based billing is a more accurate basis for calculating customer bills and rates, while allowing the Company a reasonable opportunity to recover its costs. The Company proposes to implement thermal-based billing no later than the first billing unit of January 2016.

In response to the Commission's Final Order in the 2010 Rate Case, Columbia completed a study of Rate Schedule SGS and, based on its findings, proposes to segment each of the current Small General Service ("SGS") and Small General Transportation Service ("SGTS") classes into three separate rate classes. Columbia states that by doing so, it will more closely align the recovery of its cost of service with the allocated cost to serve the customers in the newly-defined segments of the SGS and SGTS rate classes.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, permits the Company to place its proposed rates, charges, and terms and conditions of service, other than its thermal-based billing proposal, into effect and subject to refund, for service rendered on and after September 29, 2014.

The Company's Application is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE-2014-00020. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing for details on how to participate in this proceeding. Interested persons may also review a copy of the Application and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. A copy of the Application may also be obtained at no cost by interested persons by making a written request to the Company's counsel, T. Borden Ellis, Esquire, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the Application, with or without attachments, by electronic means. In addition, the Company's Application, the Commission's Order For Notice and Hearing, Hearing Examiner Rulings, and other orders entered in this docket, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as well as other information concerning the Commission and the statutes it administers, may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

A public hearing shall be convened on December 9, 2014, at 10 a.m., before a Hearing Examiner in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to receive comments from members of the public and to receive evidence in the above-referenced docket. Any person not participating as a respondent as provided for below may give oral testimony concerning this case as a public witness at the hearing.

Public witnesses desiring to make statements at the public hearing need only appear in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom in the Tyler Building at the address set forth above prior to 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any interested person may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before September 3, 2014, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of participation with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel for Columbia at the address set out above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested parties shall refer in all of their filed papers to Case No. PUE-2014-00020.

On or before October 14, 2014, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address above an original and fifteen (15) copies of any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case and shall serve copies of the testimony and exhibits on counsel for the Company at the address above and on all other respondents. The respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, including: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*; 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*; and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*.

On or before December 2, 2014, any interested person may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at the address set forth above, written comments on the Application. On or before December 2, 2014, any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, and referring to Case No. PUE 2014-00020.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.**

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**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.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org).



# Empire Strikes Back

Establishment  
beats Tea Party  
at Republican  
convention in  
Roanoke.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

When conservative preacher E.W. Jackson took the stage at the Roanoke Civic Center to introduce Tea Party favorite Shak Hill at the Republican convention last weekend, thousands of conservatives from across Virginia took to their feet. They waved placards. They applauded. They voiced approval. It was a moment former Alexandria Vice Mayor Bill Cleveland, who served as Jackson's Northern Virginia coordinator, later said was a surprise to him.

"Fantastic," said Cleveland. "I had no idea that was going to happen." In the end, though, it was not enough for Hill, a former Air Force pilot who is currently an insurance agent in Burke. Even before all of the congressional districts announced their results, it became clear that Gillespie was able to secure a decisive victory. So Hill took the stage to concede the election and ask the convention to nominate Gillespie by acclamation. Gillespie, a former chairman of the Republican National Committee, was a founder of a super PAC known as American Crossroads although he is now trying to distance himself from the organization.

"I was never on the board, never an employee, never a consultant," Gillespie told reporters in a brief press conference after securing the nomination. "My view is I've got to run my campaign, and I've got to raise the resources for me to get the message to the voters of Virginia and get the information to the voters of Virginia on my own."

**GILLESPIE ENTERS** the race for U.S. Senate at a competitive disadvantage to incumbent U.S. Sen. Mark Warner of Old Town. Back in March, Quinnipiac University issued a poll that had Warner with 46 percent of the vote and Gillespie at 31 percent. The polls had a sample size of 1,300 voters and a margin of error of plus or minus 2.7 percent. Gillespie supporters say he was the only candidate who could raise the kind of



Former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie addresses delegates at the Roanoke Civic Center.

money that would be needed to defeat an incumbent Democrat such as Warner, who accumulated a vast personal fortune as an early investor of a telecommunications company known as Nextel that later merged with Sprint. Gillespie has already raised more than \$3 million, and he had the best fundraising quarter for any non-incumbent Republican Senate candidate. "He can raise the money," said Alexandria delegate Sharon Annear, who voted for Gillespie. "That's key in this day and age for any campaign, but particularly when you are running against a millionaire." Democrats are eager to turn Gillespie's background against him, staging an event outside the convention hall to brand him "Pocket Ed," a reference to his background as a Washington consultant with ties to money and power. Moments after Gillespie secured the nomination, Democrats issued a press release laying out the campaign they hope to wage against him. Warner likes to call himself a "radical moderate," a position that his supporters hope to use to position the incumbent Democrat against his Republican challenger. "Ed Gillespie calls himself a 'partisan warrior,' and has spent his life whipping up gridlock or lobbying for special interests willing to pay the right price," said Democratic party chairman Dwight Jones. "Virginians want a problem solver not a partisan warrior."

**THE CONVENTION** highlighted a division within the Republican Party that has become more pronounced in recent years, a split between the chamber of commerce wing and the Tea Party set. That's a division that will be at the center of a struggle for dominance

of the party in 2016, when control of the chairmanship and executive committee will be at stake. Potential candidates and their supporter were already working the convention floor in an effort to secure support last weekend, an indication that direction of the party may be at stake as the internal struggle intensifies.

"It's going to be a bloodbath," said convention parliamentarian Chris Marston, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. The central point of discussion between the factions is expected to be the wisdom of having conventions to select candidates. While Democrats always use primaries, Republicans have used primaries only eight times in the last 100 years to select statewide candidates. Last year's convention in Richmond ended in a surprise victory for Jackson, who secured the nomination to run for lieutenant governor after more than 12 hours of intense politics. Democrats pounced on Jackson's record of comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and calling gays "sexually twisted" to brand the party as intolerant, and all three statewide candidates went down to defeat.

"As we saw last year in Richmond, sometimes things get out of hand," said Chris Brown, a Republican delegate from Herndon. "I think the more rank-and-file people would probably prefer a primary. It certainly less commitment on their part, allows them to spend more time with their families and allows them to get more of their neighbors energized and allow them to participate."

**THE DEBATE** about whether to select candidates using a conven-

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The award  
for Supporting  
Actress  
in a Play  
went to Lily  
Brock of  
Herndon for  
"The  
Children's  
Hour" at  
Langley High  
School.



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The award  
for Comic  
Actress in a  
Musical  
went to  
Paige  
Cilluffo of  
Oakton for  
"The Music  
Man" at  
James  
Madison  
High School.



## Cappies Awarded for High School Theater

The 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for "Spamalot," including the coveted Best Musical award. The Best Play award went to Langley High School for "The Children's Hour." The Cappies' show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies

shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics. This year's event included 58 public and private high schools from Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery and Prince William counties, the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria and Manassas, and Washington, D.C. The event was hosted by Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

— STEVE HIBBARD



# Gillespie to Challenge Warner for Senate

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tion rather than a primary may have been the most divisive issue at the convention this year, perhaps even more divisive than the selection of a candidate to run against Warner. Every delegate seemed to have an opinion about the issue, and opinions were all over the map. Some looked at the recent history as an indication that

the party needed to change direction. Others said conventions offered a way for candidates to save fundraising dollars for a general election rather than spending the campaign war chest going after other Republicans.

"It's not always Republicans that are voting for a candidate," said James Glenn, a delegate from Mount Vernon. "In addition to in-

dependents you could have Democrats crossing over. So you're not truly getting a Republican conservative candidate."

For some, the issue of convention versus primary came down to one simple question: Which strategy would defeat Democrats? "Maybe it will drum up a little support and get people interested in what's happening because we've

got too many people who are uninformed and not interested in the political process," said George Graham, a delegate from Arlington. "If we are going to run an American country, we need people who are informed and interested."

**REPUBLICANS BELIEVE**  
Warner is a flawed candidate, and they are hoping to seize on his

support of the Affordable Care Act during the coming campaign. Over and over, delegates to the convention accused voters of voting for President Barack Obama 97 percent of the time.

"He has voted for big tax increases. He has voted for big spending," said Jay McConville, former chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. "He is an Obamacare supporter, and that is not what the people of Virginia need and that's why we are going to replace him with Ed Gillespie."

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## News



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Lake Anne Elementary third graders create art on the sidewalk.

# Art on the Sidewalk

Lake Anne Elementary School was offered the opportunity to have Murals of Baltimore artist Michael Kirby come to school to treat third graders to a sneak preview of the Lake Anne Plaza Chalk Festival.

Kirby worked with several different

third grade classes.

Students from Ms. Wilson's class were asked to take a square of the famous Andy Warhol rendering of Marilyn Monroe and turn it into art on the sidewalk in front of the school. Art teachers Kris Johnson and Kyle Anderson assisted as needed.

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# OPINION

## Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards

BY CONGRESSMEN GERRY  
CONNOLLY (VA-11) AND  
PAUL TONKO (NY-20)

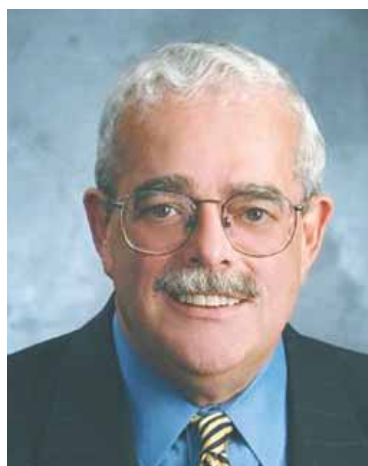
CO-CHAIRS, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY  
AND ENVIRONMENT COALITION

**T**he EPA's new proposal to safeguard the air we breathe and contain a primary driver of climate change by reducing carbon emissions from existing power plants is the lynchpin to reducing our carbon footprint. As co-chairs of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we welcome action on carbon pollution and look forward to working with all stakeholders in a responsible manner to advance a 21st century energy economy for America.

Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of U.S. carbon pollution. Without addressing this source of pollution our efforts fade in significance. Similar safeguards already exist for other hazardous pollutants such as lead, arsenic, and mercury. And they have worked. Why shouldn't the same apply for carbon? By targeting this source of pollution, we protect public health, the economy, and national security.

Unfortunately, there are those who would have us believe that these and other EPA safeguards threaten our shared national priorities. Just as they did when Congress, in a bipartisan fashion, adopted the Clean Air and Clean Water acts a generation ago, these critics offer the same hackneyed arguments they always make: they contend the public does not want these protections, they will kill jobs, bankrupt the economy, and cause electricity rates to double. This is the same crowd that waged deceitful campaigns warning of death panels, a government-run takeover of healthcare, and socialized medicine in the hopes of distracting us from the urgent need for the Affordable Care Act.

Such false and misleading claims were shameful then, and if



**Connolly**

repeated, will jeopardize the tremendous strides we've made in protecting public health. Unfortunately, some took to attacking the EPA's latest proposal even before it was released. Last week, Speaker Boehner said the EPA is "hurting our economy" with such proposals, though he did note he was no expert on climate change and had not yet seen the proposed regulation. Let's move beyond such rhetoric and look at the facts.

Take the first claim that carbon pollution restrictions will kill jobs and devastate the economy. Evidence tells us that we can have both a clean environment and a strong economy. In a recent op-ed, Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, who is the former Governor of New Jersey and was EPA Administrator under President George W. Bush, highlighted that "...between 1970 and 2006, U.S. GDP grew by 195 percent, yet thanks to regulatory changes annual emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and lead all decreased significantly." In other words, economic growth and regulation can and do intertwine successfully.

Investing in new energy standards actually has helped fuel that economic growth. For example, since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, every dollar spent on compliance standards has yielded \$4-\$8 in economic return on that investment.



**Tonko**

The fact is that these standards have been a catalyst for a new generation of clean energy, new investment in plants and equipment, and the creation of thousands of domestic jobs. Employment in the American solar industry, for example, grew ten times faster than the national employment average rate last year.

Another tired but predictable claim opponents will make is that electricity rates will increase. The Washington Post's fact checker, who does not take a position on EPA rules, debunked this allegation noting that "this [claim] does not pass the laugh test." The Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 also were assailed by similar attacks. So what happened to electricity rates? They decreased. Between 1990 and 2006, electricity rates fell by 47 percent in Arkansas, 332 percent in Georgia, 64 percent in Illinois, 28 percent in Indiana, 35 percent in Michigan, 30 percent in North Carolina, 18 percent in Ohio, 36 percent in Pennsylvania, 40 percent in Utah, and 36 percent in Virginia. Even the power companies agree. The CEO of American Electric Power, one of our nation's largest utilities, said that with enough time to prepare, the transition to a cleaner energy future can occur "without a major impact to customers or the economy."

Finally, these perennial alarmists will argue that the American pub-

lic does not want the "boot of government regulation on their neck." To the contrary, when it comes to basic health protections, the American public overwhelmingly has said it doesn't want the threat of pollution on its neck. A 2012 American Lung Association report found that Americans support the Clean Air Act by a 2-to-1 margin. The same report found nearly 3 out of 4 respondents believe we shouldn't have to choose between health and safety standards and promoting the economy. They understand that the opponents are presenting them with a false choice and that we can and must do both. And when it comes to setting limits on carbon pollution from power plants, a February 2014 poll found 7 out of 10 Americans support these safeguards. Seventy percent!

But you won't hear the House majority reminding the public of these inconvenient truths. They prefer reckless rhetorical arguments and irresponsible inaction. Reducing carbon emissions poses a significant challenge, and we look forward to working with industry, the environmental community, and stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels to address this challenge. But first we must be willing to move beyond these campaigns of fear and deception.

Thankfully, there are indications that industry and the public understand this. For example, use of solar power by American companies increased by 40 percent last year.

Those businesses, and their customers, understand the value of investing in American ingenuity and innovation – a healthier environment, a sustainable source of domestic energy, creating new high-skilled jobs.

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#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston.

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 4-8 p.m. St. Thomas A Becket Rcc, 1421 Wiehle Avenue, Reston.

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 28

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston.

#### MONDAY/JUNE 30

**Red Cross Blood Drive.** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. American Real Estate Partners, 2350 Corporate Park Drive, Herndon.

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**Habitat Heroes Project.** The fourth Saturday of each month. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston's forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. R.A. will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. To volunteer and find more information, contact [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or 703-435-7986.



## AREA ROUNDUPS

### Reston Hospital Awards Scholarships to High School Seniors

In a ceremony on Thursday, June 5, Reston Hospital Center awarded 17 Northern Virginia high school seniors with scholarships in recognition of their excellence in education and passion for pursuing a career in healthcare.

Each year the Medical Staff of Reston Hospital Center offers scholarships to students from local high schools and this year's gifts totaled \$16,000. Over the years, Reston Hospital Center has awarded more than \$250,000 in academic scholarships to students in Northern Virginia.

The recipients of the Reston Hospital Center Medical Staff scholarships are:

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Melissa Cisneros and Elizabeth Kim from Herndon High School

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Stephanie Huard and Arnim Jain from South Lakes High School

Hajran and Khadeeja Inam from Park View High School

Nawah Karimi from James Madison High School

Jessica Lindsay from Potomac Falls High School

Amanda Nelson from Westfield High School

Ashley Nguyen from Chantilly High School

Elizabeth Richards from Centreville High School

Abhinav Seetharaman from Briar Woods High School

Amil Shekib from Broad Run High School

Temour Tokhi from Dominion High School

### Volunteers Needed for Reston Relay Triathlon


This race is a USA Triathlon (USAT) certified race. The inaugural event will take place on June 22. The purpose of the race is to introduce athletes to the sport of triathlon, and to encourage families, friends and co-workers to participate in an event that promotes a healthy lifestyle and camaraderie. To facilitate such a race, volunteers are an essential part. [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45A9AD28A31-reston1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45A9AD28A31-reston1).

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**3** 2538 Donns Way,  
Vienna — \$1,730,000



**4** 1682 Drewlaine Drive #2,  
Vienna — \$1,515,715



**9** 1296 Gatesmeadow Way,  
Reston — \$1,010,000



**7** 11256 Center Harbor Road,  
Reston — \$1,080,000



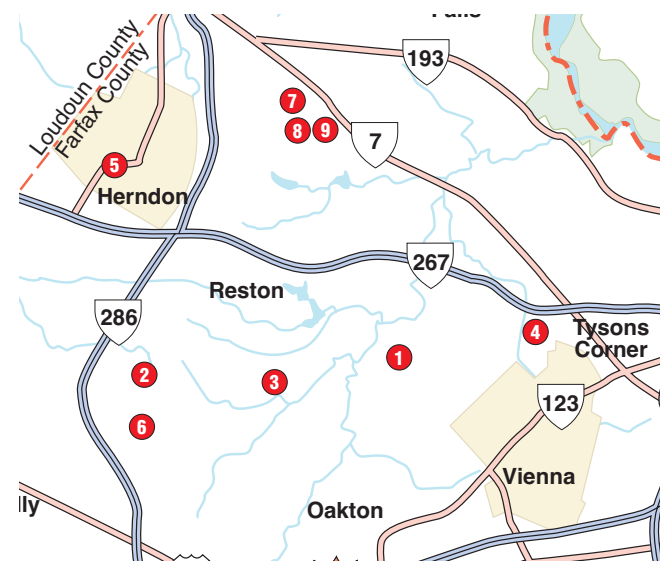
**5** 11728 Shaker Knolls Court, Herndon — \$1,445,339



**8** 11197 Longwood Grove Drive,  
Reston — \$1,057,500

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# Home LifeStyle



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Alexandria, Va., based designer Anna Kucera chose neutral, weatherproof fabrics for the seat cushions on this Great Falls porch, which she accented with vibrantly colored throw pillows.

## A Porch with a View

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen a Great Falls homeowner decided she wanted to breathe new life into her large covered porch after a long, cold winter, she called on Anna Kucera, owner and principal designer of Gracious Living by Design in Alexandria, Va., to give the space a fresh look in time for warm-weather gatherings.

"The client has an expansive porch with incredible views of Great Falls," said Kucera. "She [wanted] to refresh and update the outdoor living space while still allowing the vista to remain the focal point."

Kucera's goal was to create a space that was at once tranquil and invigorating, but also respected the home's architectural features, including stonework and wood siding. Kucera was careful to upholster the casual, but elegant seating with fabrics that were durable, heavily textured and able to withstand the elements.

"Although the porch is covered, we needed to select materials that could withstand moisture and sun exposure," said Kucera. "And considering the large quantity of cushions on the porch, it was prudent to select upholstery fabrics that would not become tiresome after a season or two."

The upholstered cushions were crafted from outdoor fabrics made of 100 percent solution-dyed acrylic. The main seating area is accessorized with custom-sized, flat-woven, polypropylene area

rugs by Couristan.

"Both solution-dyed acrylic and polypropylene are inherently mildew and fade resistant," said Kucera. "We selected an off-white solid woven from Stroheim to cover the back and arm cushions. For the seats and contrast welt on the back cushions, we chose a neutral tone fabric with a subtle dot pattern designed by Wendy Tsuji and Linda Ueda for Perennials."

The rugs are perfect for alfresco gatherings: "Clients who enjoy entertaining outdoors and love natural sisal rugs are impressed with the way polypropylene rugs offer the same look with the added benefits of easy clean-up ... along with durability," said Nancy Hardy, a design associate at Gracious Living by Design.

Kucera used a neutral and timeless palette as a backdrop for vibrant pops of color in accessories such as toss pillows. "We created emphasis by combining succulent citrus shades of green, orange and yellow," she said. "The mood could easily be changed with pillows by combining soothing tones of sea glass, green and aqua, or by boldly contrasting black and off-white."

To complete the space, Kucera picked up a few accent pieces at The Virginia Florist of Alexandria. "I found accessories and finishing touches such as orchids in cachepots, a sweet bird votive holder and greenery-filled urns."

These carefully chosen details gave the porch a polished aesthetic. "The objects and works of art that we look for and carry are as important as the floral arrangements that we create because we think they should always work to-

gether," said Kevin Green, owner of The Virginia Florist. "Our clients are interested not just in flowers, but in decorating their environments, and we share that kind of holistic approach."



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Alexandria, Va., based designer Anna Kucera created a covered porch space that was tranquil and invigorating, but also respectful of the Great Falls home's architectural features, including stonework and wood siding.

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# FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



**Joshua, Julia, and Ilana Levy, of Reston, hiking Zion's National Park in Utah with their dad David, during the summer of 2013.**



**Mom (Judy) and Dad (Mike) Rutledge with daughters, Tiffany (14) and Sydney (11). They live in Broadlands, but were photographed in Pittsburg while attending Tiffany's Volleyball Tournament.**

PHOTO BY GRANDMOM LINDA RUTLEDGE

**Loren Sadlack of Herndon with his daughters Cora and Sadie, as they prepare for a bike ride through the neighborhood.**



**Loren Sadlack of Herndon with his dad, Hans, as they head to Hans' birth country Germany.**



**Dad, Mike Curran, of Herndon, with his children, Kerry (15), Maureen (15), Bri (17), and Hugh (15) holding his godchild, Wyatt Rutledge in Cumberland, Md.**



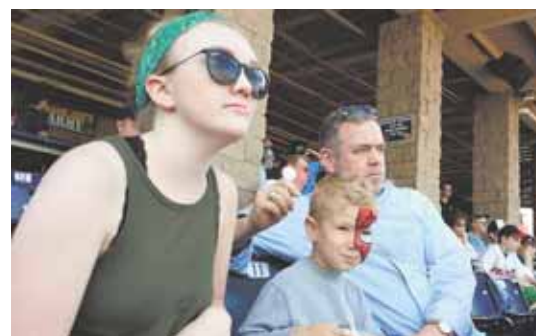
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**Tracy (mom) and Mark (dad) of Morgantown W.Va., with their children: Jackson (14), Zach (10), Brooklyn (7) and Wyatt (6 months).**



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**Richard Shelton, of Reston, with his daughter Sarah, 20, and son Royce, 3. This picture was taken on June 1 at a Federick Keys baseball game.**



**Jason Angerosa, of Reston, with his daughter Skylar on their April cruise vacation's "dress up night."**



**Daddy having fun with his kids.**







PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/ THE CONNECTION

Nearly 70,000 people came to last year's Taste of Reston held at Reston Town Center.

# Taste of Reston Returns to Town Center

## Thousands expected at 24th annual event.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE CONNECTION

Get the knife and fork ready. The 24th annual Taste of Reston will fill the town center with the delicious scents and delightful sounds Friday and Saturday.

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Event Planner Lesley Green said the Taste of Reston attracts 65,000 to 70,000 people annually.

"It's a Reston tradition, so people look forward to it," she said. "They mark their calendars for it."

More than 20 food and beverage vendors will be serving the masses Friday from 3 to 11 p.m. and Saturday noon to 11 p.m. Entrance and the music is free, but tickets need to be bought to buy food and drinks. Food costs anywhere between one and five tickets.

The profit will be used to fund GRCC's incubator program to help support new businesses grow.

The event will run its third year of the Wine 'n Dine area, where local restaurant chefs will have culinary demonstrations on Saturday so visitors can make their own epicurean masterpieces.

Fitness and dance demonstrations will take place from 1 to 6 p.m., including a hula hoop dance off. Live music will play in different areas throughout

the two days.

"This is our busiest week as we try to nail down a lot of our last minute things," said Green.

Food samples will range from chicken pot stickers from Big Bowl: Fresh Chinese and Thai to root beer floats from Milwaukee Frozen Custard.

This will be Tavern 64's first year as a vendor at the event.

"We take pride in being the only non-chain restaurant in Reston Town Center," said general manager Adrian Guto. "We're focusing on the local community entirely."

He said being a vendor and exposing the year-old restaurant to new customers was an opportunity he could not pass up. They will be making pulled pork sliders for hungry festival-goers.

Clyde's has been a part of Taste of Reston for as long as David Smith, a manager, can remember.

"I've been here for eight years, and we've been a part of it the entire time I've been here," he said.

The restaurant will be serving tacos for the event.

Smith said the restaurant keeps signing up for the event due to "community spirit, tradition and the ability to showcase the good food we serve here."

For more information, visit <http://www.restontaste.com/>.

## If You Want To Go

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## THURSDAY/JUNE 12- JUNE 28

**Take a Break Concert Series.** 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this outdoor concert series at Lake Anne Plaza. Free.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 13

**Friday Night Live! Burnt Sienna.** 6:30-10:30 p.m. Town Green Herndon, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Burnt Sienna is a five-piece cover rock band, delivering their show with a high-energy party approach. Popular songs from '80s to present. Free. 703-481-6133.

**Taste of Reston 2014.** 3-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11811 Freedom Drive, Reston. Taste of Reston is the largest outdoor food festival in the area, with two days of restaurants and community vendors, live entertainment on three stages, a carnival, the Family Fun Zone! And our Wine 'n Dine area. Free. 703-707-9045.

**Artspace Herndon Senior Tea.** 1-2 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Every month seniors are invited to visit the gallery to view the current exhibit and enjoy a cup of tea. Free. 703-956-6590. [www.artspaceherndon.org](http://www.artspaceherndon.org).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 14-SATURDAY/JUNE 21

**Flea Market at Lake Fairfax.** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake

Fairfax Drive, Reston. You never know what you may find at the Saturday flea market, from home furnishings to other treasures. Free for shoppers. \$25 for vendors. 703-471-5416.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 14

**Taste of Reston 2014.** 12-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11811 Freedom Drive, Reston. The largest outdoor food festival in the area, with community vendors, live entertainment on three stages, a carnival, the Family Fun Zone. Free. 703-707-9045.

**12th Annual SENIOR Senior Prom.** 2-4 p.m. St. Joseph's Hall, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon. The Rotary Clubs of Herndon and Reston welcome all aged 50 years or better. Wear prom attire or beach wear. RSVP to Oliver Chiropractic and Acupuncture at 703-904-8528 by June 11.

**Fishing with Fathers.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. All ages. Celebrate Father's Day by fishing with us at Lake Audubon. Rods and bait provided. Those 16 and older wishing to fish will need a fishing license available online at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov). RSVP by June 11. \$7-9. [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org). (703)-476-9689/press 5.

**Reston Farmers Market.** 8 a.m. - noon. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. [www.restonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.restonfarmersmarket.com)

## SATURDAY/JUNE 14-SUNDAY/JUNE 15

**Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides at Lake Fairfax.** 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a

ride on the trackless train, running on the second week of June, July, and Aug. \$3. 703-471-5416.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 19

**Retirement Picnic for Linda Crittenden.** 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Aldrin Elementary, 11375 Center Harbor Road, Reston. Attention Aldrin Elementary students and families (former and present), Linda Crittenden is retiring in June. Celebrate her many wonderful years of teaching with a family picnic. Bring a dinner for you and your family. Also, bring a picnic blanket to sit on. Desserts and drinks will be provided. A special presentation will be made as well.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 21

**Nature Exploration: Lake Anne by Canoe/Kayak.** 2-4 p.m. Lake Anne Public Boat Docks, Washington Plaza in the Lake Anne Village Center. Adults. Join a naturalist to explore Lake Anne from a different perspective. Bring your own kayak or canoe, or rent one for \$6. Reservations required by June 18. Free with your own canoe; rental fee for kayaks or canoes. [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 22

**Trunk Sale.** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Herndon Children's Center parking lot, 530 Huntmar Park Drive, Herndon. Herndon Children's Center, a 501(c)(3) child care center, is hosting a trunk sale for community members. Like a garage sale, a trunk sale is a way to shop for goods being sold by other community members.

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## SPORTS

# Ripken League's Riverdogs, Braves Feature Local Athletes

**Vienna beats Herndon 6-2, evening each team's record.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

**B**ruce Hall spent several seasons as an assistant coach on the Madison High School baseball team. He's also coached baseball at the Little League level.

Now, Hall enters his fourth year as manager of the Vienna Riverdogs, a wooden-bat college team in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

When it comes to coaching, Hall doesn't see much of a difference.

"Coaching at this level is no different than being a good Little League coach, it really isn't," Hall said Monday night. "The only difference is these kids have a lot more talent."

Hall had it figured out on June 9, as his Riverdogs defeated the Herndon Braves 6-2 at Herndon High School in a battle of teams coming off non-playoff seasons. In a league with athletes traveling from around the country to compete for teams in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C., the Riverdogs and Braves feature several players who played for local high schools.

"It's really interesting because, tonight, [quite a few guys] on the Riverdogs are local guys, too," said

Herndon manager Chris Warren, who has been the head coach at W.T. Woodson for more than a decade. "... It's kind of neat to see them in a different environment now, competing against one another."

With the Monday's win, Vienna improved to 2-2. The Riverdogs are coming off back-to-back 23-win seasons. The team qualified for the playoffs in 2012, but Vienna missed the postseason by one game in 2013.

"These guys are going to be as good as they want to be," said Hall, who also spent time as head coach of the South Lakes High School wrestling program. "I could probably use another couple of bats, but we're going to be all right."

Shortstop Kevin Lachance (Centreville/UMBC), right fielder Aaron Scoville (Westfield/Radford), and designated hitter Jay Kenyon (Madison/Lynchburg) were among those with hits on Monday for the Riverdogs. Second baseman and Reston native Andrew Frazier (Georgetown Prep/Mount St. Mary's) went 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Left-handed pitcher Mitchell MacKeith (Marshall/Radford) earned the victory on the mound, allowing two earned runs and four hits in four innings, while walking two and striking out two.

Other local players on the Vienna roster include: outfielders Luke Willis (Oakton/George Mason), Ben Socher (Madison/Dartmouth) and Alex Gransback (Lake Braddock/VCU), catcher Garrett Driscoll (Lake Braddock/

George Mason), and pitchers Tim Davis (Madison/Georgetown), Denis Mikush (Robinson/UMBC), Andrew Pechstein (Langley/Delaware), and Joseph Vanderplas (Fairfax/UMBC).

While Hall is a veteran manager in the CRCBL, his counterpart Monday, Warren, enters his first season in the league. Warren has coached the W.T. Woodson baseball program for 12 seasons, guiding the Cavaliers to the state playoffs as recently as 2010.

"It's not that there's less teaching, it's just a different type of teaching," Warren said about coaching college athletes compared to high school players. "It's much more of a structured environment."

Warren said the Braves' goals are to improve on last season's league-worst 10-34 record, and to secure one of six playoff spots in the 11-team league.

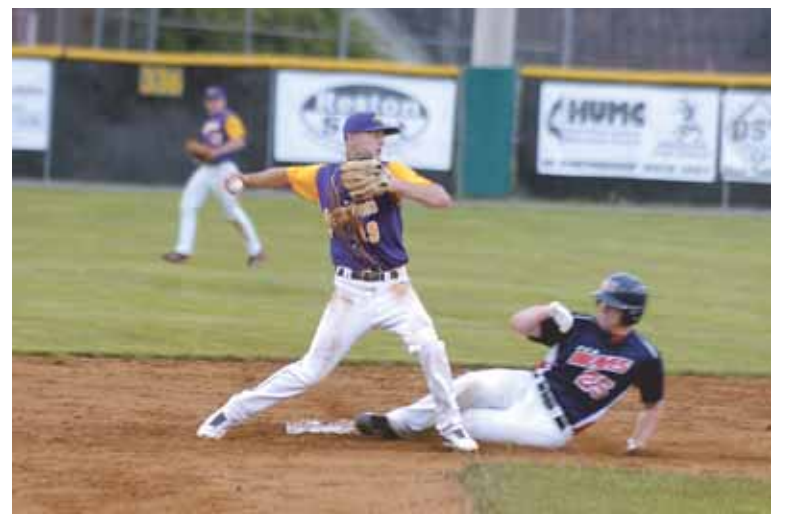
Monday's loss dropped Herndon's record to 2-2. Shortstop Taylor Boyd (West Springfield/St. Joseph's), center fielder Brett Padula (Oakton/Catholic), catcher Kyle Burger (Oakton/Harford CC), designated hitter Ky Parrott (Herndon/JMU), and right fielder Brian Burns (Oakton/Mary Washington) were among those with hits for the Braves.

Parrott, a 2013 Herndon High School graduate, was selected by the Milwaukee Brewers in 26th round of the 2013 Major League Baseball draft, but chose to play at James Madison University.

"Playing at JMU was awesome," said Parrott, who recently completed his freshman season.



**Ky Parrott, a 2013 Herndon High School graduate, is a member of the Herndon Braves.**



**Vienna second baseman and Reston native Andrew Frazier throws to first base during the Riverdogs' 6-2 win over Herndon on Monday.**

"When I left [Herndon High School], I didn't think I was going to play on this field again. ... It's awesome [to be back]. It's very familiar. Everywhere I am, I've got memories."

**OTHER LOCAL PLAYERS** on the Herndon roster include: utility players Connor Hall (Edison/Norfolk State) and Cal Jadacki (Langley/St. Joseph's), infielders Mitch Carroll (Oakton/UMBC), Nick Morabito (O'Connell/Lincoln

Memorial), and Jayme Murray (West Potomac/George Mason), and pitchers Michael Byrne (Langley/Cornell), Jack Fant (McLean/Wheaton), Jake McSteen (Langley/Nebraska), Dominic Morabito (O'Connell/Lincoln Memorial), Matt Moser (Langley/Tufts), and John Yoest (Yorktown/William & Mary). Herndon will host the first-place Bethesda Big Train at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 12. Vienna will travel to face the second-place Alexandria Aces.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Twelve Seahawks Earn All-State at VHSL 6A Track and Field Championship

**S**enior Grace Gilen, juniors Claire Nieusma, Delaney Wickman and sophomore Golden Kumi-Darfour placed third in the 4x400 meter relay at the Virginia High School League 6A Track and Field Championship on June 6-7 in Newport News.

The foursome ran a 3:55.44 and are among 12 SLHS athletes to garner All-State honors. They will compete at Nationals this weekend in Greensboro, N.C.

Wickman also finished fifth in both

the 200 meters (25.54) and 400 meters (57.25). Kumi-Darfour ran a school-record 2:12.81 for fifth place in the 800 meters. The old mark of 2:13.27 was set by Jeraldine Cofie in 1998. Both Wickman and Kumi-Darfour will compete in those individual events at Nationals as will Devyn Jones, who qualified for the freshman triple jump.

Kumi-Darfour and Gillen teamed with senior Abby Reinhold and junior Augusta Durham for seventh in the 4x800 meter relay (9:33.73).

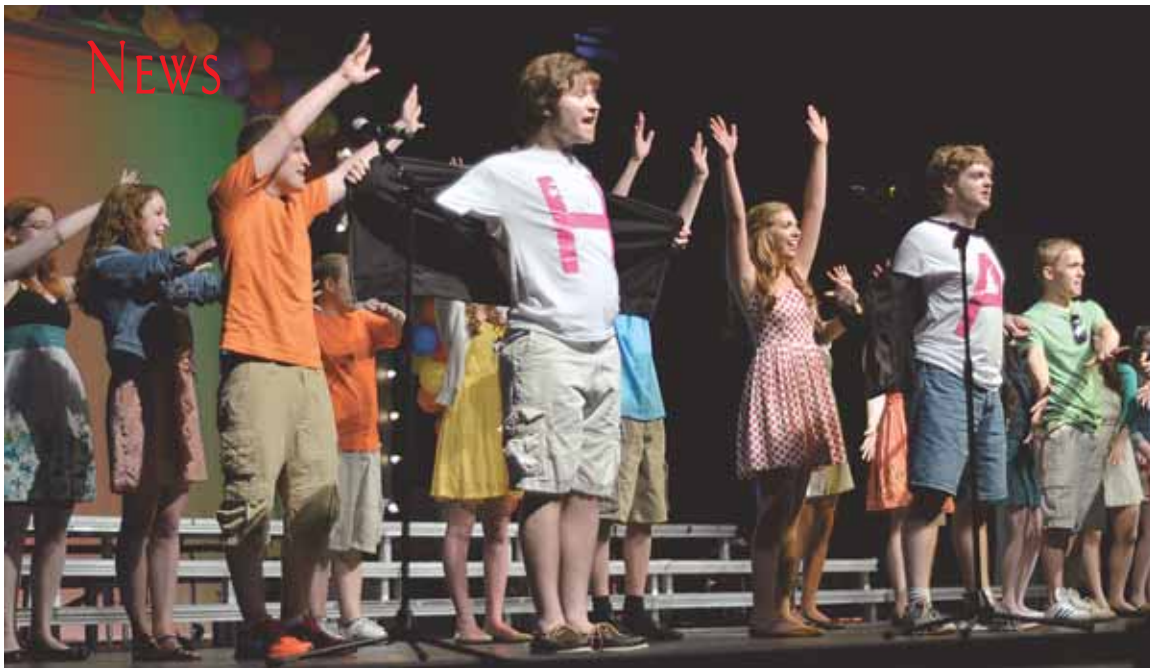
They earned All-State honors along with

senior Khayri Denny (4th, long jump, 21-08.50), sophomore Eric Kirlaw (7th, triple jump, 44-05.50), and the boys' 4x400 meter relay team (seniors Michael Kerr, Luis Rivas, Daniel Johnsen, junior Sam Arpee, 6th, 3:23.10).

Other SLHS performances at the state championship: senior Danielle Hale (11th, long jump (16-01.75); triple jump, 13th (36-00.75)); junior Claire Nieusma (13th, 300 meter hurdles (47.09 personal best)); Jones (10th, 100 meter hurdles (15.92)); Denny (9th, 100 meters (11.29); 13th, 200 meters (22.66)); Johnsen (13th, 400

meters (50.15)); Kerr (12th, 800 meters (1:57.35)); Rivas (22nd, 800 meters (2:00.45)); the girls' 4x100 meter relay team (Hale, freshman Nikayla Hoyte, juniors Ozioma Chinaka, Jordan Lozama), 13th (49.43)); the boys' 4x100 meter relay team (Denny, seniors Ben O'Connor, Anthony Mayo, sophomore Skander Ballard), 17th (44.16)); and the boys' 4x800 meter relay team (Kerr, Rivas, junior Andrew McCool, sophomore John LeBerre), 12th (8:08.91)).





Herndon High's Madrigals ensemble performed Pharrell Williams "Happy" during the Pops Concert.

## Herndon High Holds Pops Concert

### Herndon students display their music skills.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

**H**erndon High School choir presented great music in their final major performance of year in the school Pops Concert. Admission was free and the show was open to the public, although donations were accepted at the door to benefit the Herndon High School (HHS) Choir Department. The concert was held on June 4, and was well attended by family, friends and local residents.

"The Pops Concert is the most fun concert of the year," said sophomore Robin McGrath. "There is dancing, costumes, and there is the chance to recruit middle school students so they can be interested in joining choir. It is also a really good production because we get to remember the seniors and all the good times we had together. We have a great director and support with the parent's boosters club."

Directing the show was choral director Dana Van Slyke. She has served as choral director at Herndon High School since 1995. During her time there, she has conducted the Concert Choir, Herndon Chorale, the Heatwave show choir, the Madrigal Singers, Bennett Street Boys and the Shebees. In addition, she has taught AP and introductory music theory. Playing the piano for many of the songs was her husband, Jim Van Slyke. "It is a really fun concert,"

said Jim.

"It is everybody's favorite concert," said Kristy Freeman, a resident of Herndon. Her daughter Jennifer Freeman is a member of the Madrigals and Show Choir ensembles. Herndon High senior Emily Weeks, a member of the Chorale ensemble sang in the June 4 show. "Pops Concert is always fun, everyone should see it every year," said Weeks.

The show opened with the entire HHS choirs singing "Rock This Town." Following this were vocal performances by seniors Matt Culpepper and Sonya Keffer. The Madrigals ensemble with soloists Evie Powell and Michael Frederickson performed Imagine Dragons hit "Radioactive." The Bennett Street Boys, the school's all-male a cappella performance group, performed Rockapella's Moments of You. The Sheebees, the school's all-female a cappella performance group ensemble performed several songs including "Blackbird" and "Party in the USA." The other school ensembles including the Concert Choir and Heatwave Show Choir also performed that evening.

The program included song, dance, costume and set changes, and music from every genre of popular music: rock to rap, mellow to metal, country to coffeehouse. The concert concluded with the sentimental song "I Will Remember You" performed by the HHS Choirs and alums of HHS choirs. To read more about Herndon High choir visit [www.herndonchoir.com](http://www.herndonchoir.com).



The Sheebees, Herndon High's all-female a cappella performance group ensemble performed several songs at the Pops Concert.

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Cappies medals were presented this year to several Herndon High students including Alissa Clayton, Veronica McGrath, Hunter Robinson, and Solomon Dixon.

## Hamlet at Herndon High

### Herndon High Drama presents season finale on June 13-14.

BY RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s the school year is wrapping up, students in Herndon High drama prepare for the final production of the school year, Shakespeare's Hamlet. This production will be played with a cast of 13 people, so cast members may take on several roles. The play will be produced June 13 and June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Herndon High School (HHS) auditorium.

This production of Hamlet will be set in a post apocalyptic Denmark. "There was an idea to apply a theme for this show," said senior Hunter Robinson who has the role of Hamlet. "We came to the conclusion of what if the Cold War had gone wrong and see if this was society rebuilding itself, and had reverted into a sort of medieval structure."

The play dramatizes the revenge Prince Hamlet is instructed to enact on his uncle Claudius. Claudius had murdered his own brother, Hamlet's father King Hamlet, and then taken the throne, marrying his

deceased brother's widow, Hamlet's mother Gertrude. Playing Claudius is senior Steven Koskultz. "I think this character is essential, and I had to develop the evil villain that he is," said Koskultz. "I thought of the Lion King's Scar as an inspiration."

Directing the production is Zoë Dillard. Although the setting is post apocalyptic, there will still be some theatric swordplay. In other news the HHS Theatre Awards Celebration will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 6 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend the awards ceremony. Also the month long theatre production camp Grand Young Actors program will be held June 30 - July 3, 9 a.m. - noon. Children, from rising 3rd graders to rising 6th graders, will enjoy theatre games, work on audition skills and creative movement. Camp is \$100. Kids get to know the director, Zoë Dillard, and counselors who are rising seniors and Class of 2014 grads, and get acquainted with Herndon HS. For more information about Herndon High drama, visit [www.herndonhighdrama.org](http://www.herndonhighdrama.org).

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## Something New – or Old, to Consider

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



And therein lies the anxiety. Although, all things considered – and as you regular readers know, I like, maybe even need, to consider all things – the medical assessment of the most recent CT scan of my upper torso and thorax/lungs showed a new object in my left lung, “approximately the size of a silver dollar,” according to my oncologist. What this object is, exactly, cannot be determined at this juncture; technology prevents such clarity, unfortunately. Nevertheless, its appearance and location are possibly cause for concern, possibly not.

The context for this confusion is that the chemotherapy drug, Alimta, with which I’ve been infused every three weeks since last September, seems to be working. The main tumor we’ve been tracking has shrunk, as has the fluid level (which as you may recall is what landed me in the hospital for a week last August); both of which are positive and exciting developments, and news, as I’m fond of saying, with which I can live. And live I shall, unencumbered emotionally by this as-yet-to-be-determined growth for the next two months until my next CT scan, when the tomography will provide another assessment – and comparison to the scan just completed.

The considerations, according to my oncologist, are as follows: the chemotherapy drug I’m taking is having the desired effect – shrinkage of both tumor and fluid. Moreover, my recurring, every-three-week lab work is good, indicating my body continues to tolerate the drug; ergo, treatment can continue. Secondly, because the largest tumor in my lung is smaller and the fluid build-up has reduced, more of the lung is visible, for lack of a better description. Combined with the not-perfect technology, there may be more to see now than ever before, and/or more to see from a different angle. Sort of like the warning printed on side view mirrors, except in this case, objects are not closer than they appear; rather they’re seen where they were never seen before. And since the object has never been seen before, my oncologist doesn’t know if the growth is new – and possibly malignant, or old, and smaller even than it was because the Alimta is shrinking it, too. In summary, it’s a definite maybe. Cause for concern? Sure. Cause for alarm? Not by me. And since my attitude is “it’s nothing until it’s something,” for the moment, for the next two months, I intend to live my life as per usual.

My oncologist is not ignoring this new finding, nor is he overreacting to it however, and stopping treatment which seems to be working. He wants me to return for a follow-up CT scan one month ahead of my normal three-month interval, and of course, see him the following week to discuss the results. After that next scan, at that next appointment, we’ll know more definitively how best to proceed. At present, I continue to be asymptomatic and relatively pain-free; yet another good sign, and circumstances for which I am extremely grateful. Nothing is forever in the cancer world, though. Things can change, and their significance can change. Still, I don’t want to be naive; cancer is a killer, especially lung cancer. But I’ve survived five-plus years now since my diagnosis, balancing the known with the unknown. I see no reason to stop now.

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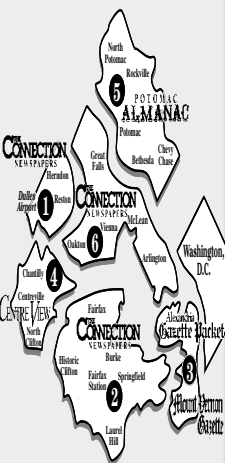
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FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A proposed calendar demonstrating changes to the schedule for Fairfax County Public Schools.

## School Calendar Likely to Change

**Fairfax County considers ending half-day Mondays, at the cost between \$4 to \$7.6 Million.**

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

Changes could be coming soon to school schedules in Fairfax County, under a new plan announced by Superintendent Karen Garza at a work session on May 28.

The recommendations would get rid of half-day Mondays for elementary school students, while also giving elementary school teachers more dedicated time for planning, Garza said, spreading the planning time throughout the week instead of having it on Mondays.

"I do believe this is the solution to the issue of time," Garza said at the work session.

Getting rid of half-day Mondays would bring 2.5 more hours of educational time for students. Ten extra minutes would also be added to the school day, to be used for recess.

**THE PLAN** will cost money to implement. Dan Parris, interim deputy superintendent, estimates that it will cost between four to 7.6 million dollars to support changes including "staffing positions at the elementary level to meet expectations for collaborative and teacher-directed planning time," according to the presentation.

"If you want to do this, there is an investment," Parris said.

Garza said whether this happens in September or next year, it needs to be done.

Parris led a working group that came to the recommendations, looking to find efficiencies and increase effectiveness in schedules.

"When you look at our working conditions feedback and data we received, elementary folks tend to rate their working conditions higher on seven of the eight constructs. The one that they don't is around time," Parris said. "In order to do something with the elementary day, you have to address the equity issue around the teacher directive planning time."

School board members varied on whether they believe the changes should occur this year or next.

"This solves a lot of problems for families. I've had teachers tell me that their families would save hundreds of dollars a month not having to cover day care expenses on Mondays," said Elizabeth Schultz, school board member for the Springfield district.

**ALSO PART** of the proposal at the May 28 work session was a change to the entire school system's calendar from the state required 180 days to 990 hours, another state-approved option. This would allow for 13 snow days to take place without requiring any make-up days. This year, the school year is extended three days because of 11 snow days this winter.

Parris examined the number of snow days Fairfax County has had from 1989 to 2014. He said more snow days have been used over the past ten years.

"We have used an average of 3.9 snow days per year in that equation," Parris said.

Loudoun County has a similar system now in place.

"This finally, once and for all, resolves us having this unknown out there of all late we could possibly go," Schultz said.

But whether the changes will occur this year or next is unclear.

"What we would be suggesting if we did this is we would no longer be going by the 180 calendar. So that means we have enough hours beyond the 990 hours required the equivalent of 13 days. So let's say we had another Snowmageddon and we miss 14 days of school, after the 13th day, we would no longer meet the 990 hour requirement," Garza said.



# Burnt Offerings Exhibit On Display At ArtSpace Herndon

Paintings by Reston artist Morgan J. Norwood on display until June 29.

By RYAN DUNN  
THE CONNECTION



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In June, visitors to the community art gallery ArtSpace Herndon will see an array of paintings making an artistic ring of fire in the main gallery. The paintings are a solo exhibit by artist Morgan Johnson Norwood. Born in Orlando, Fla., and raised in Atlanta, Ga., Morgan J. Norwood has lived in the Washington, D.C. area for nearly a decade. Before moving to Northern Virginia, Norwood focused on contemporary art and education through her work with school programs at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. Since then she taught art to pre-K – fifth grade students at John Adams Elementary School in Alexandria, Va., and elementary students in Arlington, Va.

“I have known Norwood for at least eight years and have watched her grow as both an artists and as a person,” said Cheryl Parson, a Herndon resident and local artist. “I think this is a wonderful accumulation of her talents into one theme.” Parson has been painting for more than 40 years. “We are excited to have this exhibit here, it is a wonderfully different art exhibit,” said ArtSpace staff member Brenda Page.

**THIS IS NORWOOD’S FIRST TIME** exhibiting at ArtSpace Herndon. “The work is about a year in progress in working through a traumatic experience,” said Norwood. A resident of Reston, Norwood brought her two young daughters to the June 7 artist reception at the gallery. “ArtSpace Herndon has a fantastic hanging crew, they were wonderful to work with,” said Norwood. Thirty-five art paintings are on display in her solo exhibit, and many of her works are available for purchase.

Norwood studied art and art education at Mercer University and the University of Georgia, and

**Painter Morgan Johnson Norwood, resident of Reston, has a painting exhibit on display at ArtSpace Herndon until June 29.**

**Visitors see the paintings of Reston artist Morgan J. Norwood which are on display at ArtSpace Herndon at 750 Center Street.**



museum education at George Washington University. She exhibited recently at the JoAnn Rose Gallery, and the US Geological Survey in Reston and Artomatic in Washington D.C. In 2012 she began showing in the Reston outdoor art market at Lake Anne. In addition, Norwood was a participant in the 2012 Sketchbook Project, an international traveling exhibition of sketchbooks that became a part of the Brooklyn Art Library’s permanent collection at the tour’s conclusion. “Intriguing, organic, tenuous these are three words that instantly come to my mind when I view Norwood’s paintings,” stated Mercia Hobson, Vice President of the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts operating ArtSpace Herndon. “In Norwood’s oil paintings of fire and destruction, there are no coarse severe lines, no strong geometric shapes nor splashes of hot colors, there is no anger. Instead her brush stroked vapory, curvaceous shapes in watery subtle tones.”

**SOME VISITORS** commented the art movement and mood al-

though guarded, is uplifting.

“I typically call my style nature inspired abstract,” said Norwood. “When I was a new mom, I was fascinated with the idea of a seed pod...You send out your child into the world and you have the shape of them in your heart or soul. Our environment echoes us.” Norwood has also worked with other mediums, including sculpture and ceramics. “I am really proud of this show,” said Norwood. “It is nice to see it come to fruition. I think there is still some more of paintings in this series that are yet to come out, so we will see how it works.” “Through Ms. Norwood’s unique artistic talent I see fire, generally viewed as masculine with destructive and malicious intent, become life giving, mellow and soft,” said Hobson. “Destruction becomes life giving. Burnt Offerings is a provocative exhibit of the first class,” said Hobson. The exhibit will be on display at ArtSpace Herndon until June 29. The exhibit is free and open to the public. To learn more about ArtSpace Herndon, visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).



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**Cyclists and walkers use the W&OD Trail daily. The new zoning law is redeveloping the area around the trail and Center Street.**

## New Zoning Laws Target Downtown

Green space and taller buildings planned.

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Although Herndon’s Silver Line station is not slated to open for several more years, rezoning measures are taking place to redevelop downtown.

Taller buildings and beautified shared use space are some of the more recent resolutions passed by the Herndon Town Council and heavily supported by the community.

Buildings will be allowed to climb 54 feet into the sky rather than the 50 foot high currently allowed within the town limits, according to the new zoning laws approved at the May 27 town council meeting.

“The possibility of going up to 54 feet is not scary for downtown,” said Mayor Lisa Merkel.

The area downtown currently uses for public parking and Herndon ArtSpace, is now allowed multi-family residential and in the three-to-four story buildings, changing the zoning from Central Commercial to Planned Development Traditional Downtown, according to Director of Community Development Elizabeth Gilleran.

Streetscapes for Center Street and Station Street were fully written out, including planting beds used for stormwater purposes on Center Street and brick pavers and canopy trees on Station Street.

Better pedestrian pathways will be created to connect main downtown to the Washington and Old Dominion Trail. A small public open space is planned at the corner of the W&OD Trail and Station Street to create a more walkable shared space.

Merkel said 16 emails sent to the town were in favor of the new zoning laws, while one expressed concern.

“In no way is this the end-all-be-all,” said resident Steve Mitchell. “I think, overall, this is a good step.”

Resident Marsha Bouchard said she moved to Herndon three years ago with her husband because of the potential.

“There’s something here for everyone,” she said. “We need to attract the right developers.”

Resident and business owner Arthur Nachman said the building height change is an important change to get more developers interested in Herndon.

“I thought the 54 feet (decision) was absolutely critical,” he said.

“It’s a market-driven number. I think it will mean a much better product and something we can be proud of.”