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## October **Festivities**

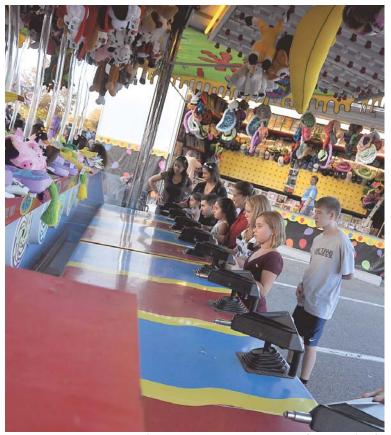
**Reston Town** Center hosts annual Oktoberfest.

> By Alex McVeigh The Connection

eston Town Center was the site of the annual Reston Oktoberfest last weekend, where thousands came out to enjoy food, beer, wine, music, carnival rides and more over the three-day event.

The parking lot between Freedom Drive and New Dominion Parkway was turned into a makeshift carnival, with everything from cotton candy and candy apples to a Tilt-A-Whirl and a miniature roller coaster.

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Contestants compete in a water-gun game at the carnival section of the Reston Oktoberfest.



Oktoberfest check out the Great Pumpkin, a 538pound pumpkin grown by Bert **Turner of Crewe**, Va. Turner has been growing the pumpkin since July, and it was used to greet finishers at the **Second Annual Great Pumpkin** 5K, which took place Saturday morning at the Oktoberfest.

## Better With Age?

Forum examines options for aging in Reston community.

> BY ALEX McVeigh THE CONNECTION

eston was founded by Robert Simon as a place where people could live their entire lives as part of the same community. However, as people age, things change that can force them to change the plan.

With that in mind, the Reston Community Center hosted a forum about Aging in Place, where Restonians could come and discuss various issues and hear options for aging in this community.

"Bob Simon's philosophy was that we should all be able to come here and live out our entire lives, and it's important to ask, 'Can we do that?" said District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), who spoke at the event. "I think it would be something uniquely Reston to change the dynamic, to not just age in place, but to age in community."

As Simon's vision is dating back to the founding of Reston, event organizers believe that Simon was far ahead of its time.

"For some of us, aging in place is just a buzzword, but Bob Simon had it down in the early 60s," said Steve Gurney, publisher and editor of the Guide to Retirement Living Sourcebook, as well as the moderator for the event. "Reston is a community that really sets the stage to celebrate elders and connect older generations with younger ones.'

It certainly was a popular event, as almost 240 of the 300 available spots were pre-registered, and by the time the event rolled around Oct. 9, it seemed as if all 300 spots were filled.

"The whole concept of aging in place is a big issue in Reston, people love it here and they want to stay," Gurney said. "We hope this event will reinvigorate this community and help bring about something new and different."

The event featured a panel consisting of representatives from four senior living commu-



**District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)** speaks to an audience of almost 300 people at the Aging in Reston forum at the Reston Community Center Oct. 9.

nities around the Washington, D.C. area. After the discussion, the audience was split into smaller groups to discuss the issues that were important to

"Having older adults in the community provides a sense of continuity and dignity," said Leslie Kessler, president of Deep Tree Village, a nonprofit organization in Bethesda, Md. "We try and provide structure to what used to be an organic process: neighbors helping neigh-

Participants said they found the discussion groups very helpful, as they were able to express their concerns directly in a more intimate environment.

"I'm aging, and these issues are a concern if I want to keep living in my own home," said Nancy Dickson, a local resident. "I found the smaller group a good place to raise questions. One of the questions I had is, if someone is living alone and not expected to be somewher every day, is there a way to check on them, make sure they're still

The results of the discussion groups, as well as the results of a survey given to participants on their way out, will be studied by community groups in order to create more opportunities for people to age in place in Reston. More information, as well as results of the survey can found www.aginginreston.org.

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### Reston Players Presents 'Wonderful Town'

Reston Community Players (RCP) is presenting the Tony-winning musical, "Wonderful Town," opening on Friday, Oct. 15 at the CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center.

Experience the Manhattan romp of "Wonderful Town." It's the summer of 1935 in New York, when wisecracking writer Ruth Sherwood arrives from Ohio with her pretty, younger sister, Eileen, who wants to be an actress. Despite being homesick, the two plucky sisters are determined to forge a life in the big city.

Newcomers to the Players, Lynn Audrey Neal and Caitlin Mickey, dance their way through New York City with the Brazilian Navy and sing their way into the hearts of Irish policemen as the fun-loving, adventurous sisters Ruth and Eileen.

Directed by Evan Hoffmann (who portrayed the character, Jerry Lukowski in RCP's "The Full Monty") and choreographed by Catherine Oh (Co-Choreographer of RCP's: Urinetown" (WATCH Award recipient)). The cast includes Wesley Allen, Ian Burns, Stephen Carey, Gary Bernard DiNardo, Julia Fu, Cassandra Hodziewich, KJ Jacks, Todd King, Tyler King, Ariana Kruszewski, Alexander Kruszewski, Harv Lester, Allie Lytle, Lisa Merritt, Caitlin Mickey, Tel Monks, Lynn Audrey Neal, Angela Ramacci, Hannah Rosman, David Segal, Matt Williams and Jaclyn Young.

A sign-interpreted performance will be presented on Saturday, Oct. 23 and a talk-back with cast and crew follows the Sunday, Oct. 24 matinee.

#### **Times and Tickets**

Performs Oct. 15 through Nov. 6; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees on October 24 and 31 at 2:30 p.m.

The Players perform at the CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, located at 2310 Colts Neck Rd. in Reston (in Hunters Woods Village Shopping Center)

Tickets may be purchased by calling 703-476-4500 or online at www.rcp-tix.com or in person at the Reston Community Center box office. Group rates are also available by calling 703-435-2707. RCP offers student and senior tickets.

More information at www.restonplayers.org.

## Reston Town Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Special events in tribute of the 'success story.'

eston Historic Trust and Reston Commu nity Center will present four special events, including a special exhibit installation, in tribute to the 20th anniversary of the award-winning Reston Town Center, renowned throughout the world for its successful planning and design achievements. The first event is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 18, the date that Reston Town Center celebrated its grand opening in 1990 with the dedication of the iconic Mercury Fountain in the center's hub of Fountain Plaza. The special events scheduled are:

#### MONDAY, OCT. 18, 6 - 8 P.M.

Opening Reception – Special Exhibit:
Reston Town Center 20th
Anniversary, "A Downtown for
the New Town." Through this
special exhibit, learn the history
of the visionary goals and the
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development of the awardwinning Reston Town Center,
which had its grand opening 20
years ago on Oct. 18, 1990. The
exhibit is on display through early
2011 at Reston Museum, 1639
Washington Plaza, at Lake Anne
Village Center.

#### **SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 2 - 4 P.M.**

"Reston Town Center, 1980 – 1990, Developing the Dream." Hosted and sponsored by Reston Community Center in cooperation with Reston Historic Trust, an informative, intriguing panel discussion about the planning and development of the Reston Town Center. Topics include design features and keys to success of this landmark. A question-and-answer session follows the presentation. Guest panelists include key leaders in the development: Jim Cleveland, Hunter Richardson, Cy Paumier, and John Thillman. Moderator: Margarita Foster. Presented in the JoAnn Rose Gallery at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, Washington Plaza, Reston.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 1:30 P.M.

Reston Town Center 20th Anniversary Walking Tour with Hunter Richardson and Joe Ritchey, key leaders in the development and success of the Reston Town Center. Approximately 1.5 hours in length, the walking tour begins at the west end of Reston Town Center, gathering at Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), at 12001 Market Street in Reston.

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 5, 7 - 9 P.M.

"Reston Town Center, 2010 – 2030, Visions for the Future." Hosted and sponsored by Reston Community Center in cooperation with Reston Historic Trust, a panel discussion and questionand-answer session with guests Robert Goudie and Pete Otteni, co-chairs of the sub-committee involved in planning the next phase of Reston Town Center. Presented in the JoAnn Rose Gallery at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, 1609A Washington Plaza, Reston.



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## OPINION

## October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection still means self-exams, doctor exams and mammograms.

f you are a woman with no family his Task Force came out with recommendations tory of breast cancer, chances are you heard the chatter that resulted from the report on mammograms and self-exams from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force about a year ago with one ear. For many

women, the message delivered was that it doesn't matter so much that you've missed the time for your next mammogram, or that checking your own breasts is really a waste of time.

Whatever the recommendations for women in general, remember that there is just one person in charge of your healthcare, and that person is you. If you have a family history of breast cancer, it is never too early to talk to your doctor about how to approach your preventative care. All women age 40 or over should talk with a doctor experienced in breast health about when to begin screening mammograms and how often to have them. When it comes to what is best for your breasts, knowing your own breasts and what feels normal is a low-tech, low-cost measure.

In 2008, more than 182,000 U.S. women were newly diagnosed with breast cancer, and more than 40,000 women's deaths resulted from breast cancer. There are also significant disparities along economic and ethnic differences. For example, the 5-year breast cancer survival rate is 69 percent for black women, compared with 85 percent for white women. Nevertheless, the U.S. Preventive Services

Saving the Bay

at the end of 2009 that women have mammograms every other year beginning at age 50, and recommended against teaching women to do breast self exams. The recommendations were rejected by many doctors who specialize in breast health.

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In particular, the recommendations against breast self exams were based on studies of more than 388,000

women in Russia and China. In comparing breast self-examination with no intervention, the studies found no difference in breast cancer mortality between the groups, (587 deaths in total). The women who were taught breast self exam in these studies had almost twice as many biopsies (3,406) with benign results than did the women in the control group (1,856). The reviewers' conclusion: "At present, breast self-examination cannot be recommended."

It's true that unnecessary biopsies are not a positive outcome. But you have to ask yourself whether you think population based studies of women in Russia and China should determine whether you should check your own

In January, 2009, I found a lump in my breast that I knew immediately was not normal. A coworker's diagnosis of breast cancer had prompted me to have an overdue mammogram seven months before I found the lump, and that mammogram was perfectly normal. The mammogram after I found the lump showed

the difference, a glowing spot that led the radiologist to say he would be "very concerned." The biopsy of the lump confirmed the concern, I had an early but aggressive breast cancer. Like most women who are diagnosed with breast cancer, I had no family history of it.

My treatment, which included removing the tumor, and undergoing chemotherapy and radiation, wrapped up eight months later, just more than a year ago. I had excellent care; I'm cancer free. I don't object to being called a survivor, but I don't think of myself that way. I'm a woman who was treated for breast cancer, and that's behind me now.

Most days, it doesn't cross my mind. (Yes, there is an extensive protocol of follow-up that I follow.)

But I can tell you that if I did not find that lump, if I waited two years for my next mammogram, my outcome would very likely have been different. So I share my experience during breast cancer awareness month and in the weeks leading up to the Komen Race for the Cure in June, not because the experience defines me, but because I know how easy it is to put off a mammogram, how easy it is to miss months of self-checks, and because I know, early detection really can save lives. Your life.

Building awareness and funds for screening and treating women who otherwise might not have access to care is another important outcome of breast cancer awareness month. A woman's race or economic status in the United States should not affect her chances of surviving breast cancer, but they do.

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By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

he beautiful vistas of the Chesapeake Bay belie the fact that the Bay is very sick. Captain John Smith's exploration of the Bay in the early seventeenth century found oyster shells as big as a man's boot track

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and an estuary teeming with fish and seafood. After

centuries of sewage dumping, industrial and agricultural runoff, and neglect, the Bay is struggling to survive. Every summer brings more reports of "dead zones" in the Bay where no life is present.

Former Delegate and Secretary of Natural Resources Tayloe Murphy wrote recently that the number of watermen who made their livelihood harvesting Chesapeake Bay seafood declined from 14,000 to 1,500 between 1993 and 2009 and that the loss of the Bay's native oyster population has cost the economies of Virginia and Maryland more than \$4 billion.



But the news could have been worse. Efforts over the past couple of decades to upgrade sewage treatment

plants, introduce agricultural best management practices, and reduce runoff have slowed the decline

The federal courts and the federal government with the pending

Chesapeake Clean Water Act and an Executive Order from President Obama are leading a renewed effort to arrest the decline and to restore the Bay. The U.S. **Environmental Protection Agency** has released draft requirements for pollution control on the six states and the District of Columbia that make up the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Their proposed "pollution diet" of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollution limits is under discussion with the affected states and D.C. These lim

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BY JACK KENNY PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB of Greater Reston

noted columnist of na tional politics recently commented on the indictment of baseball great

Roger Clements for lying to Congress.

According to Federal Statute, a person com mitting perjury (or lying) may be subject to, among other penalties, up to 30 years in jail. More later.

In a few short weeks the voters of Virginia's 8th Congressional District will have the opportunity to decide whether Jim Moran will be entitled to represent us for two more years in Congress. Moran's history of misdeeds is serious over many years. From his first brush with notoriety as Alexandria's Vice Mayor plea bargaining to stay out of jail to alleged spousal abuse, altercations with minority children, a favorable deal with a mortgage company before voting on a bill regulating the very company with which he was doing business.



Sure, he reportedly has "brought home the bacon" to the large number of Federal employees

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> District. But at what price? He has done so well he is now under an ethics investigation by the House Ethics Committee. He has chalked up a 97.5% voting record earning a reputation as one of Speaker Pelosi's lapdogs. With his vote, we are now drowning in red ink. Pelosi pulled the ultimate insult by adjourning the House without a vote on extending the Bush tax cuts. We can pretty well guess what will happen when the lame ducks come back into session after the election. It will be left to the incoming Congress in January 2011 to undo the damage and get us back on track. Our economic recovery is dependent on sane,

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its would have to be met by 2025 with 60 percent compliance by 2017.

Virginia's response to the EPA's draft requirements has been disappointing to date. As the state with perhaps the most to gain from a healthy Bay, Virginia's draft Watershed Implementation Plan spends too much time debating the "science" of establishing TMDLs and too little

acknowledgement of the clearly visible problem that needs to be solved.

There is too much discussion of schemes to trade pollution credits and too little effort at reducing pollution.

The Virginia Plan nods in the direction of protecting large developers and agricultural interests at the expense of greater advantages to society as a whole. The Bay is sick; Virginia needs to get serious about saving the patient.

## Kenny

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proven policies. We can lay the blame on the current economy in the doldrums on the counterproductive policies and uncertainty of the Cap and Trade impact and continuing the Bush tax cuts.

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Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. lh@ascendcomm.com or www.lupusgw.org.

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#### SATURDAY/OCT. 16

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#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 20

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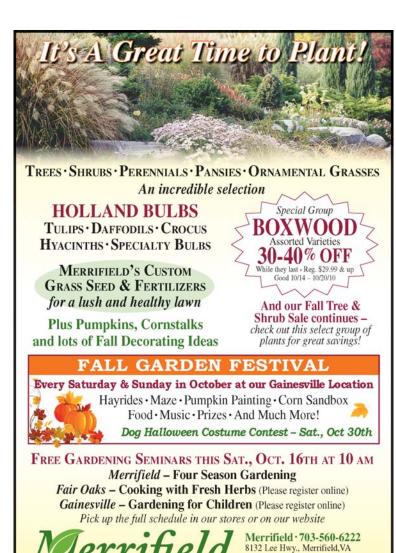
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The event's opening ceremony will be held on show grounds at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 15. Judging begins immediately after the ceremony with the crowd-pleasing Puppy classes. The day's schedule continues in the afternoon with the Veteran classes (dogs over six years old) and concludes with a seminar for junior handlers taught by a top German trainer.

Saturday's events begin at 7:30 a.m. and conclude with the judging of two classes of older dogs beginning at 1 p.m. On Sunday, the competition begins at 8:30 a.m. when the show's two rings are opened into one large ring. Judging starts with the progeny groups, featuring the male sire and his offspring. Other groups showcased throughout the day include working females, the junior handler class, working males, and kennel groups. Closing ceremonies are expected to start at 4 p.m.

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## St. Anne's Choir Performs At the National Cathedral

urrounded by the Gothic magnificence of Washington's National Cathedral, worshipers from St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Reston got a chance to experience the medieval tradition of Choral Evensong on Sept. 24 when St. Anne's choir performed the hourlong service.

"It was quite an honor to be invited, and the choir performed beautifully," said David G. Allen, St. Anne's Minister of Music, who has led the choir for a decade. "Choral Evensong is a rich and vibrant tradition of psalm singing. It's the most precise music service, because the choir sings everything, from the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis to various anthems." One of the many anthems at the service -

"O Lorde, the maker of al thing" - was written by Henry VIII in the 1530s. Evensong, sung regularly since the 16th century, is based on the daily services of the Anglican church.

Allen, who was born and raised near Manchester, England, sang in

"Whenever I walk into the National Cathedral, it feels a little bit like coming home."

— David G. Allen, St. Anne's Minister of Music

the choir at Coventry Cathedral. As a professional musician and composer, he conducted the BBC Radio orchestra and later entered the world of musical theatre. After moving to the U.S. in 1993, Allen was hired as a tenor with the men and boys choir of the National Cathedral.

"Whenever I walk into the National Cathedral, it feels a little bit like coming home," Allen said.

"It was simply beautiful," said Dr. Betsy Watts of Vienna, a member of St. Anne's, who brought her mother to the service. "The choir filled the space in a way that was almost meditative."

—Victoria Ross



St. Anne's Choir from Reston, performing at the National Cathedral, on Sept. 24. Friday night. David G. Allen, St. Anne's Minister of Music, is on the far left.

#### FAITH NOTES

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

Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Leesburg Pike in Herndon, is seeking volunteers to assist the homeless. Contact the church at 7 0 3 - 4 3 0 - 7 8 7 2 , www.dranesvillebrethren.org or DCOBoffice@aol.com.

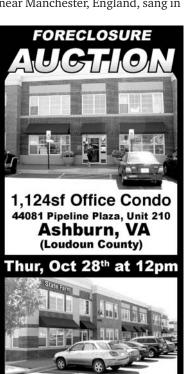
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\*Loudoun County Salvation Army. 1 p.m. Oct. 30. Make sandwiches with fruit cups, chips and water in individual brown bags, for the homeless and senior citizens in need in Loudoun County.

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**Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans Open House.** 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at Saint Joseph Meeting Room 205, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. The Third Order Secular Franciscans is an order within the Catholic Church. The SFO are members of local fraternities who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis.

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#### THURSDAY/OCT. 14

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

Visual Voices Series: Illegal Alien's Guide to Reverse **Anthropology.** 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enrique Chagoya, speaker. Free, open to the public. 703-993-8898. Singer/songwriter Jeff Daniels. 8

p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 15

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The Virginia Opera: Verdi's
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SATURDAY/OCT. 16

Festival on the Square. Family Fun



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4500 or www.restonplayers.org. Comedian Seth Mevers. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$25, available through www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

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Young Adult Book Bash. 7 p.m.
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#### TUESDAY/OCT. 19

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**ESL Advanced.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. 703-689-2700.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-689-2700.

The Lazarus Covenant. 7:30 p.m.
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One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word, and Excel. 703-242-4020.

#### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 20

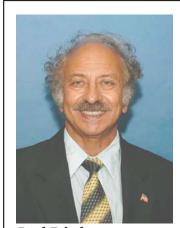
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**ESL for Jobs.** 6:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. English Conversation and Job Skills. 703-689-2700.

English Conversation Group. 12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers every Wednesday. 703-242-4020.



**Paul Friedman** 

**Reston Author Paul** Friedman will have a book launch for "Two Circles of Life", 12 noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Reston **Used Book Shop on** Lake Anne Plaza, 1623 **Washington Plaza** North, Reston. Friedman was born in Moscow to American parents who moved there in the mid-1930's, lured by ideas of building a progressive and prosperous new society. 'Two Circles of Life' tells about growing up under communist dogmas, his life in the Soviet Union and the U.S., the dramatic events the author went through, and describes various facets of the Soviet society and an insider's analysis of Communism and the Soviet Union. 703-435-9772.

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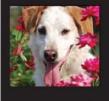


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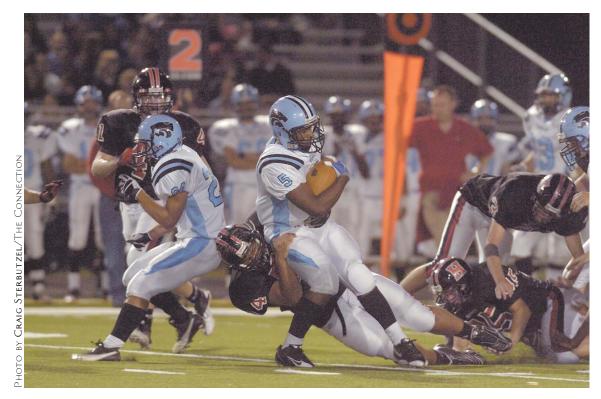
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## SPORTS



The Seahawks will be playing at Fairfax this Friday night with a chance to surpass last

## Football Teams Preparing for Final Month

BY RICH SANDERS THE CONNECTION

ith four weeks remaining in the regu lar season of the Northern Region high school football schedule, numer ous local teams have positioned themselves nicely to put together winning seasons and qualify for the upcoming region playoffs in November.

Both McLean (6-0) and Langley (4-2) High Schools improved their Liberty District records to 3-0 with wins last Friday night. The unbeaten Highlanders were 28-7 winners over visiting Jefferson while the Saxons soundly defeated guest team Marshall, 49-0.

McLean, under coach Jim Patrick, will look to stay unbeaten when it travels to Marshall to take on the Statesmen this Friday. The turnaround from a winless team two years ago in 2008 to being undefeated through six weeks this season is simply amazing. But the Highlanders play sound football on both sides of the line of scrimmage and are stellar in special teams as well. They will meet host Stone Bridge in week nine on Oct. 29 before closing the regular season

the following week at Langley on Nov. 5.

Also putting together a wonderful season is South Lakes (5-1), which rebounded from its first loss of the season two weeks ago to McLean by defeating winless Madison, 22-16, last Friday night in Vienna. The Seahawks, under coach Andy Hill, will be playing at Fairfax this Friday night with a chance to surpass last year's five win season under former coach John Ellenberger.

Oakton lost its first game last Friday night - falling to a solid Westfield High (4-2) team in a Concorde District road game, 21-14. The Cougars, who have been outstanding this season at 5-1, will host Herndon (1-5) this Friday night. Going into the game with the Bulldogs last week, the Cougars had defeated all of its opponents - Madison, West Springfield, T.C. Williams, Annandale and Edison.

Herndon has had a difficult re-building season under veteran coach Joe Sheaffer. Since a week one win over Jefferson, the Hornets have lost five straight. They will play at Oakton this Friday night before coming home the following week to celebrate homecoming with a Saturday afternoon, 1 o'clock meeting versus non-region opponent Loudoun Valley.

## Cross Country Season Continues at Bull Run

Strong outings turned in by runners from South Lakes and Herndon.

> By Rich Sanders The Connection

ocal teams and runners took part at the annual Glory Days Grill Cross Country Invitational this past Saturday, Oct. 9 at Bull Run Regional Park in Manassas.

Thirty-two teams competed in the seeded varsity boys' race. Top 25 individual finishers included the following Northern Region runners: Lee High's Abraham Yacob (2nd place, 15 minutes, 42 seconds); Chantilly High's Sean McGorty (5th, 15:53); Woodson's Paul Games (8th, 16:01); Jefferson's Jonathan Phillips (10th, 16:02); South Lakes' Nicholas Guarnaccia (12th, 16:11); Herndon High runners Jimmy Luehrs (16th, 16:19) and Troy Hunsaker (17th, 16:20); South Lakes' Will Sickenberger (20th, 16:23); South County's Dylan Morgan (21st, 16:29); Centreville's Bobby Kelly (24th, 16:31); and Robinson's Nick Reed (25th, 16:32).

Other top finishers from the region included Madison's Joseph Galiano (27th, 16:34); Robinson's Patrick Spahn (31st, 16:37); South Lakes' Austin Leggett (32nd, 16: 37); Hayfield's Jacob Miller (34th, 16:39); Chantilly's Logan Miller (37th, 16: 46); Hayfield's Kirubel Akililu (38th, 16:47); Robinson's Jonathan Grantham (40th, 16:49) and Luke Sharkey

(45th, 16:53); and Hayfield's John Bozek (47th, 16:53).

The team champion was Potomac Falls (Dulles District) with 118 points, followed by second place Robinson (192) and third place South Lakes (209). Other top team finishes from the region came from Hayfield (7th place), Herndon (9th) and Jefferson (10th). Chantilly finished 12th, Madison 15th, Woodson 17th and Centreville 18th.

#### IN THE VARSITY GIRLS'

race, 28 teams competed. Edison's Myah Hicks finished in first place overall with a time of 18:28. She finished ahead of second place Carolyn Hennessey (18:28) of Herndon and third place Bailey Kolonich (18:38) of Lee. Other top individual finishers from the Northern Region included: Jefferson's Stephanie Marzen (5th place, 18:48); Madison's Anna Stone (11th, 19:08); Jefferson runners Kelly Rogers (16th, 19:19) and Sarah Stites (17th, 19:19); Madison's Christina Galiano (19th, 19:32); Jefferson's Rekha Schnepf (23rd, 19:41); and Lee's Nina Srikongyos (25th, 19:43).

Other strong outings from region runners came from: Centreville's Isabella Medina (29th, 19:47) and Juliana Cuomo (38th, 19:54); Jefferson's Sarah Nielsen (42nd, 19:56); South County's Mary Cate Scully (43rd, 19:56); Edison's Tara Tinsley (44th, 19:56); and Westfield's Lauren Hicks (46th, 20:02).

Jefferson won the team title with 91 points, edging second place Bishop O'Connell (92). Centreville was sixth overall and Westfield finished 14th. Also, Chantilly was 16th, Madison 18th and Herndon 19th.

#### SPORTS RPUNDUPS

The Second Annual Mike **Hodges Memorial Golf Out**ing will be held this Saturday, Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Reston National Golf Club. The event is being hosted by Harvey Hodges, whose son, Michael Hodges, contracted meningococcal disease on May 9, 2009. After only 48 hours following the first sign of symptoms, he suffered massive brain damage and died. The golf outing will raise funds for the National Meningitis Association (NMA) in Americans. More information on

support of its efforts to educate families, medical professionals and others about meningococcal disease and prevention approaches. All proceeds from the golf outing will go toward awareness, education, and prevention of bacterial and Dance teams of Reston finmeningitis disease, a serious and potentially fatal bacterial infection that can lead to death or permanent disability within hours of first symptoms. Each year, meningococcal disease strikes nearly 1,500

the tournament can be found at www.mikehodgesmemorialfund.org. Or contact Harvey Hodges at harveyhodges@verizon.net.

The Jetz All-Stars Cheer ished second place at a recent National competition held at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif.

"We are proud of the Sonic Boom and Shockwave teams for demonstrating the Jetz team spirit, dedication and perseverance," said Mary Frias, Director of Operations for the Jetz All-Stars. "Their victory in California was a fantastic way for our teams to wrap up the 2010 cheer season."

The Jetz All-Stars are currently searching for boys and girls ages 6 to 14 who are interested in participating in the 2011 cheer season. The organization offers an affordable cheer, gymnastics, and dance team. The Jetz are holding registration dates for the upcoming cheer season this Thursday, Oct. 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 19 (6:30 to 8). The registrations will take place at Rolling Ridge Elementary school, located at 500 E. Frederick in Sterling. Registration forms may be obtained on the Jetz Internet site which can be found at www.jetzallstars.com. Questions regarding the Jetz program may be directed to the Jetz Hotline at 5 7 1 - 2 6 6 - 7 2 7 8 admin@jetzallstars.com.

## News

## Fair Access For All

Reston Accessibility Committee hosts discussion on community disability rights.

> BY ALEX McVeigh THE CONNECTION

arion Stillson moved to Reston in 1972, five years after a car accident left her in a wheelchair. The Ameri cans with Disabilities Act, which prevented discrimination on the basis of a disability, was still 18 years away. But Stillson remembers Reston even back then was willing to make changes to improve accessibility.

"Reston prided itself on accommodating all people. When the first supermarket opened, I asked if a small ramp could be put in to allow me to get from the parking lot to the store, and it was installed within a week," Stillson said.

Since then, Stillson has become the president of the Reston Citizens Association, as well as an advocate for accessibility rights throughout the commu-

The Reston Accessibility Committee held a panel discussion at the Reston Association Headquarters Sept. 30 titled "Disability Rights and Accessibility: A Practical Approach for the Reston Community," in which disability rights and accessibility issues were discussed in an open forum.

The keynote speaker for the event was David Homenik, a disability rights advocate for the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA). Homenik spoke to the crowd about various issues going on in

He mentioned a recent lawsuit against the Virginia Lottery, in which disabled people couldn't access stores that sold the lottery tickets.

"We're not as concerned that someone couldn't go into stores and spend \$1 on the Powerball, but such a lawsuit helps make buildings accessible so people can get in the stores to buy milk, food and whatever else they need," he said.

**THE WORK** the VOPA performs doesn't just apply to those with physical disabilities. They also do work on behalf of people with emotional disabilities on issues such as support animals, restaurant access and changes in movie theater technology to help the hearing impaired.

As a local business owner, Fazal Sirhandi said that he has made it a practice to make sure his business locations are accessible to all.

Sirhandi owns a few gas stations and Subways in

"From my point of view, it's the right thing to do, it's the law and it's just good business," he said. "It's not that expensive or complicated to make your business accessible."

He mentioned that a common habit was to shorten space between aisles in order to fit more product, but it means less access for those with physical disabilities.

He said the commitment to serving all customers starts with his staff, and that he makes it "a part of the hiring process, to make sure that staff understands our commitment to all customers."

Ken Fredgren, chairman of the Reston Accessibil-



Matt Barkley, director of Fairfax County's **Disability Services Planning and Development and Marion** Stillson, president of the Reston Citizens Association.

#### **Accessing Resources**

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**Department of Public Works and** 

**Environmental Services:** 703-324-5033. For accessibility fundamentals, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/ada\_fun.htm.

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\* Office of Human Rights: 703-324-2953, or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hrc.

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Disability Services Planning and Development:

703-324-5421, or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/dspd. For legal resources, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/dspd/ legal\_resources.htm. For the Fairfax County Disability Services Board, visit www.fairfaxcounty.goc/dfs/dspd/

ity Committee (RAC), said that there are a lot of little things that should be taken into account when it comes to accessibility to all.

"A significant problem we've been seeing is the topography of parking lots," he said. "Developers make sure floors in their buildings are even, but often not the parking lots. There are some locations where there's a six-to-10-foot difference in elevation from one end to the other.'

The RAC works with business owners to improve accessibility. He calls it "addressing the question of fair access to American life."

They have worked with such places as Hunters Woods Shopping Center, the North Point Village Center and the Reston Home Depot to name a ew.

Stillson can still remember asking people to back her car up when she couldn't get into her car, because there were no handicapped parking spots. She said she would sometimes have to park diagonally across two spots, just to ensure that she would be able to get herself back in the car.

**WITH THE LACK** of accessibility features back then, Stillson said that even things that seem mundane details for some were a big deal to her.

"I remember going to get pool passes from the RA building, and there were two steps to get from the parking lot into the building," she said. "I went with my seven-year-old son, and we waited and waited and no one came that could help me up. So he tried to push me up, but my chair tipped over and all of a sudden there were people everywhere.

And the next time I went to the RA, there was a ramp."

The RAC can be contacted through the Reston Citizens Association website at www.restoncitizensassociation.org, or by contacting Fredgren at fredgren.k@gmail.com.

## **Expert Opinion**

Pulitzer Prize winner speaks about architecture, Reston's future.

> BY ALEX MCVEIGH The Connection

he Reston Community Center hosted Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Goldberger Oct. 5, and he spoke at length about Reston's future with the coming of the Metro Sil-

Goldberger, who writes an architecture column for the New Yorker, said that the event was a first for him, speaking in a town where the town founder-Robert Simonwas in the audience.

"William Penn wasn't there when I spoke in Philadelphia," he said, getting a laugh from the more than 50 people present.

Goldberger said urban architecture is most appreciated by pedestrians, since they are the ones walking among the buildings. The car brought people away from that, he said, but the automobile trend was fading.

"It's an extraordinary time because for the first time the automobile is receding in its ability to shape urban form," he said. "We've begin to recognize the environmental consequences of too much reliance on cars. We want places to be built denser, we want to strengthen urban cores and encourage more walking."

**MANY** of the audience members were members of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, and Goldberger acknowledged how important their planning was.

"Very little about Reston, good or bad, is an accident, and very little about its future will be an accident," he said. "Reston is about as far from a laissez faire city as you can get."

Goldberger pointed out examples from New York City about how dense construction can create a truly unique urban environ-

"If Reston is to grow, I think it would be much healthier to grow in a dense way at the core, than to will always hold their town to a keep filling more and more land high standard. and spreading out," he said.

Goldberger also took questions from the audience, and since many were part of the task force, they were curious to hear his thoughts on Reston's future.

"We have had many, many meet-your architecture."



Paul Goldberger, Pulitzer Prize winner and architecture critic for the New Yorker, speaks at the Reston Community Center Oct. 5.

ings ... about what is going to be here by 2050, and the numbers are staggering, up to 100,000 more people," said Kathy Kaplan, cochair of Reston 2020's Residential, Urban Design and Livability work group. "What are the goals and benefits of having open space, especially with the changes that are anticipated?"

"If those numbers are even remotely true, then building well is all the more urgent, because nothing would be worse than trying to accommodate that kind of growth in an [urban] sprawl," Goldberger replied, "open space is a key part of it. My argument in favor of high density streets is predicated on the presumption that there are moments of relief in there, squares, piazzas, parks, that sort of thing located relatively frequently."

Leila Gordon, Reston Community Center's executive director said she hopes that Goldberger could become an asset for Reston as it plans for future growth.

"I hope this evening's conversation is one of several we'll be able to have," she said. "It is our hope to engage Mr. Goldberger as someone who might become very interested in Reston's efforts to reimagine and re-invent itself in its own image."

**GOLDBERGER** concluded by expressing the hope that Restonians

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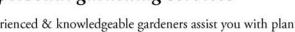
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From left, Gordon, Brooke, 2, Dorianne and 'Officer' Dennis Jackson, 4, spend some time at the Reston Oktoberfest with their dog, Bailey.

Oktoberfest Celebrated

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"There's a lot to do here, we ended up spending [Friday] mostly doing rides with the kids," said Philip Andersen of Ashburn. "But I had to come back for Saturday night, there were too many beers I wanted to try."

The Town Center Pavilion was filled with activity throughout the

festival, with live music and dancing. People could dance on their own, or get lessons in polka throughout the event.

"I had a great time on the dance floor, I'm just sorry I didn't wear my lederhosen." said Marie Sikes of Reston after dancing to a song played by Sexton's German Band. "I felt a little out of place in just jeans and a sweatshirt, but now I know better next year." Lederhosen weren't the only costumes being worn, Saturday morning featured children in costume wandering up and down Market Street. "I told my mom that I needed a costume before Halloween, and I'm glad I had a chance to wear it," said Maggie Plummer, 8, of Reston, who came dressed as Snow White.

Also on display Saturday morning was the Great Pumpkin, a 538-pound pumpkin grown in Crewe, Va. Grown by Bert Turner, it was named second runner-up at the Virginia State Fair on Oct. 2.

"Growing pumpkins is really a lot of fun," Turner said. "You hope for perfect weather and work on the growing conditions, but a lot of it is really just luck." It was a perfect weekend to spend outdoors,



Alessio Del Toro (front), 5 and Nathan Gilley, 4, take a "magic carpet ride" at the carnival section of the Reston Oktoberfest Oct. 9.

with clear skies and temperatures hovering around 70 degrees. For some, it was a last chance to spend some time outdoors at the Town Center before win-

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-Victoria Ross

The Rev. James Papile leads St. Anne's parishioners in prayer and song before the blessings





Pete Brueneman of Herndon holds Molly, as **Rev. Denise Trogdon** calms her before giving a blessing. Pete's brother, Joe, looks on.



Delia Hartman, 7, of Reston holds out her special pet to receive a blessing by the Rev. Denise Trogdon.

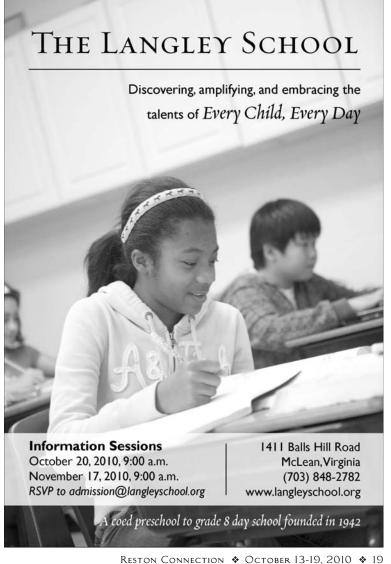
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"We love running the coat drive because it gives the office an opportunity to work together to make a difference for the community," said Pezzana.

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