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Congratulations to...

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...the members of our community for their accomplishments, awards and honors.

Herndon resident honored

Herndon resident, Joy Trickett, was honored during the 2006 Virginia General Assembly and its passing of House Joint Resolution No. 316.

Individuals are nominated for this award based on efforts that are considered to be of local, state or national significance. This resolution recognizes Trickett's dedication to alleviating homelessness and poverty in Northern Virginia. In the resolution, the House of Delegates along with the Senate extended their gratitude and commended her for her valuable service and devotion to the citizens of Loudoun County and Northern Virginia.

Trickett currently volunteers as Board Chair with The Good Shepherd Alliance in Leesburg, LINK Past President in Sterling, Deacon Chair for the Church of the Brethren and as a member of The Great Falls Ecumenical Council. Ms. Trickett is a lifelong resident of Herndon.

Herndon Police Officer wins first prize

Herndon Police Officer Sean Merritt competed in the Chesapeake Bay Police Motorcycle Rodeo and Skills Competition in Portsmouth, Va., on April 22. Merritt received a first place trophy for the Individual Obstacle Course and received a fourth place overall in the novice division. Merritt has been with the Herndon Police Department for six years and has been a motorcycle officer for two years. Proceeds from the rodeo benefit the March of Dimes.

HHS student wins national art award

Staci Celinski of Herndon High School is a National Art Award Winner. Her photograph, "Bobblehead," was a Gold Key winner at the Regional Scholastics Art Awards and was also awarded an American Visions Award. Celinski was one of 20 Fairfax County visual arts students to receive an award in the National Scholastic Award Program. The winners will be recognized at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 8.

Students to attend governor's schools

Four Herndon High School students will attend the Foreign Language Governor's School. Michelle Bisbee and Taylor Wils will attend the Spanish Academy; Tonny Sultana will attend the French Academy; and Jackie Churchwell will attend the Japanese Academy.

Rotary Club names citizen of the year

The Herndon Rotary Club has announced it has selected Vice Mayor Darryl Smith to be its Citizen of the Year. Smith is the 41st recipient of this highest honor presented annually by the club and the first person to be recognized for a second time.

this award. He was previously recognized in 1986.

Smith was the founder and is a continuous supporter of Vecinos Unidos/Neighbors United Inc. Vecinos Unidos benefits at children by provided educational assistance, life skills training and citizenship programs.

After a 30-year career on the Herndon Police force, Smith was elected to the Herndon Town Council where he serves as t vice mayor.

Smith will be honored Wednesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at a banquet to be held at the Dulles Hyatt in Herndon. Reservations should be made before May 12. Call Tom Haselhorst at 703-761-4747.

Rachel Carson students score at Odyssey of the Mind

Three teams from Rachel Carson Middle School in Herndon competed at the state Odyssey of the Mind (OM) meet on Saturday, April 8.

Teammates Ava Driscoll, Shawn Estrada, Dharanish Gollamudi, Steven Howard, Alice Li and Madeleine Reeve placed fir their division and will go on to compete at the OM World Finals. For the competition, the team created a device to transfer team-created items to designated areas in their performance site.

Third place winners were Najeen Guest, Adrea Jackson, Sara Kannan, Neil Millstein, Lauren Quast, Nihaar Sinha and Cameron Thurman. The team built a human-powered structure that changed appearance three times as it made its way around a "parade route." The team devised a skit that incorporated each of the vehicle's changes into a story about man's lunar landing.

Team members Shekar Chalasani, Sarah Crane, Mary Davis, Janiel Li, Hannah Nelson and Kevin Stahl placed fourth in tl division. The team created a balsa wood structure weighing less than 20 ounces that supported 422 pounds.

Herndon siblings win poster contest

Melanie and Scott Dronfield of Herndon used colored pencils and crayons to demonstrate the importance of buckling up ir GEICO's 19th annual Safety Belt Poster Contest. The sister and brother won first- and second-place prizes, respectively, i GEICO's regional competition by effectively communicating the importance of wearing safety belts in their drawings.

Student awarded Yale fellowship

Herndon resident Puja Deverakonda, a junior at Mount Holyoke College, has been awarded a Yale summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. Deverakonda, an international relations and German studies double-major, is the daughter of Atma Padma Shastri of Herndon.

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