



Dancers from Dance Dimensions perform at the annual memorial service.



**President of Black Women United for Action Sheila Coates is joined by Melody Richardson, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Vice Regent for Ohio, at the annual remembrance ceremony in honor of the lives of the slaves at the Mount Vernon Estate.**



**Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) lays the wreath at the foot of the slave memorial at the ceremony last Saturday morning.**

## Remembering Slaves Of Historic Mount Vernon

**H**istoric Mount Vernon and Black Women United for Action hosted a remembrance ceremony and wreath-laying at the Slave Memorial on the Mount Vernon Estate on Saturday morning, Oct. 13. The program featured dance, music and dramatic readings followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial. Architecture students at Howard University designed the memorial of a gray, truncated granite column representing "life unfinished" surrounded by three concentric brick circles. Three steps leading up through the circles to the column are inscribed with the words Faith, Hope and Love. The memorial was dedicated and opened to the public on Sept. 21, 1983.

## Targeting Child Sex Trafficking

**Local AAUW chapter spotlights global — and local — issue.**

By Tazeen Ahmad  
The Gazette

**C**hild sex trafficking, a global epidemic, has not been a problem commonly associated with suburban Northern Virginia, one of the nation's most affluent regions. That all changed with the recent convictions of several members of violent gangs, like MS-13 and the Underground Gangster Crips (UGC), who were charged and sentenced for trafficking teenage girls into prostitution in the commonwealth.

"It was in our backyard, who would have thought it could happen here," said Catherine Krebs, president of the Mount Vernon

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Photo by Tazeen Ahmad/The Gazette

**State Sen. Adam Ebbin addresses the American Association of University Women on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Sherwood Library.**

## The Message Is Not the Median

**New law cracks down on political signs in public rights of way; \$100 fine for violators.**

By Michael Lee Pope  
The Gazette

**H**ere's a sign of the times for campaign 2012 — the roadsides are almost completely free of political speech.

For many years, the growing number of placards for candidates has outraged neighborhood residents across Fairfax County. But unlike Prince William County, which has an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transpor-

tation that allows the local government to collect the signs and fine violators, Fairfax was caught in a bind. Part of the Virginia code made it illegal for the county to remove the signs in Fairfax County until after an election.

Until now.

Earlier this year, Del. David Albo (R-42) introduced House Bill 34. The legislation amended Virginia law specific to Fairfax County, allowing the commissioner of high

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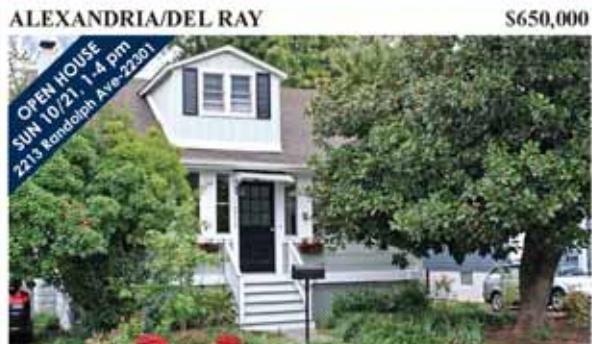
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# News

## Meeting Details \$300 Million Annual Transportation Deficit

### Mount Vernon residents asked how to fill gap.

By Gerald A. Filii  
The Gazette

Approximately 25 people learned about an annual \$300 million transportation deficit during a briefing session at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Hosted by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, community residents were invited to complete a survey of possible revenue sources that could be supported either through direct county authorization or that the county would need to seek General Assembly authorization.

Because of the deadline dictated by the Board of Supervisors for its General Assembly legislative agenda, the deadline for completing the community outreach survey was Oct. 15.

Among the attendees who spoke out about their concerns was Katherine Ward, a member of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, said: "Missing in the options offered by the county was a development impact fee on by-right development. This option could be available the same way proffers are used for rezoning projects. By-right development often brings more traffic congestion, with no responsibility to make roadway, sidewalk, or bike path improvements. ... I am also concerned about including the options to raise income taxes or sales tax on services. Both of these options would have a negative impact on the local economy and not necessarily improve transportation."

Catherine Voorhees, chair of the MVCCA Transportation Committee, speaking as an individual, objected to the county's survey form that included options to raise money from individuals for increases in transpor-



Mount Vernon-area attendees, including Mount Vernon Council Transportation chair Catherine Voorhees.



County Transportation Planners Ken Kanownik and Ray Johnson present the revenue survey and answer questions.

### Current Funding Snapshot

Fairfax County's 10 year Transportation Needs and Revenues for FY 2012-FY 2021:  
\$8.1 billion in needs  
❖ \$5.1 billion in anticipated revenues from existing sources  
❖ \$3.0 billion deficit (10-year total)  
Needed: \$300 million annually over the 10-year period

tation revenue for new development but not an option to collect money through impact fees. She pointed out that the General Assembly authorized impact fees on new development since 1989. "Mount Vernon residents have lost because Fairfax County only collects money from developers if there is a rezoning," Voorhees said. "The Walmart at Kings Crossing has been a traffic disaster since the day the store opened. Fairfax County approved new store pads in the same parking lot as the Walmart without requiring dual dedicated left turn lanes so that traffic can move efficiently on U.S. Route 1. ... VDOT could have required the necessary improvements under an impact fee authorization previously approved in 1989. Why does Fairfax County continue to look to residents/individuals to finance public infrastructure instead of businesses through the use of impact fees?"

Transportation funding has all but dried up for Fairfax County: No state transportation money for maintenance or secondary road construction; no federal money for capital projects which have been capped for the next two years, and by Fiscal Year 2017, all state transportation funds must be used for highway maintenance, and there will not be enough funding left to match funds required for federal highway construction funds.

The county has a commercial and industrial tax for transportation that is currently \$0.11 per \$100 of assessed value. There is limited flexibility in this revenue source beyond Fiscal year 2014 because of existing commitments. The county already spends \$280 million annually from local sources on transportation (general tax revenues, special tax revenues, proffers, bonds, etc.).

The county Department of Transportation's handouts listed the following revenue options:

Fairfax County can authorize:

1. \* Income tax
2. \* Meals Tax
3. Real Estate Tax
4. Personal Property Tax
5. Developer Contributions
6. Increased Commercial and Industrial

#### Tax Rate.

\* Board of Supervisors has authority to initiate a Referendum to implement an income tax increase for a five-year window; and authority to issue a referendum for a meals tax.

Revenue options for the county that require General Assembly authorization:

1. Sales Tax, 0.5%
2. Gas Tax, \$0.01 per gallon
3. Gas Tax, 1% of sales price
4. Hotel Tax 2% on room rate
5. Vehicle rental tax 2%
6. Grantor's tax \$0.40 per \$100 value
7. Vehicle Registration Fee- 1% of value
8. Regional Vehicle Registration Fee-\$10
9. Vehicle Repair Sales Tax-5% on labor
10. Safety Inspection Fee- \$10
11. Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax
12. Commercial Parking Tax
13. Sales Tax on Services
14. Tolls.

County Transportation staff said that the survey results and comments resulting from nine public meetings will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 23. The board will then decide whether to pursue any of the recommendations, including those that would require General Assembly approval.

### Bulletin Board

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is the Thursday at noon.

#### THURSDAY/OCT. 18

**Parents Night.** 6:30 p.m. The administrative staff of Mount Vernon High School will host the annual Information Night for Parents, in the Little Theater (entrance 4). Parents can learn about Mount Vernon High School test scores, academic programs, school plan, attendance and discipline policies. Email [nardos.king@fcps.edu](mailto:nardos.king@fcps.edu) or call 703-619-3103.

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 19

**Help the Homeless.** Northern Virginia Family Service, Shelter House, Inc. and United Community Ministries have partnered to host a "True Reality" Sleep Out from 9 p.m., Oct. 19 through 7 a.m., Oct. 20, as part of Fannie Mae's 2012 Help the Homeless program. The event will be held outdoors at Shelter House's

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#### SATURDAY/OCT. 20

**Little Hunting Creek Cleanup.** 12-4 p.m., Del. Scott Surovell will host a cleanup for Little Hunting Creek in coordination with Mount Vernon Girl Scout Troop 922. Staging location is at the Sequoyah Condominiums parking lot, 7950 Seven Woods

Drive. Gloves and bags will be provided. Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing and waterproof shoes. RSVP at [bit.ly/octobercleanup](http://bit.ly/octobercleanup)

#### Tauxemont Preschool Rummage Sale.

8 a.m.-2 p.m. The annual Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool Rummage Sale features great deals on gently used infants', children's and adult clothes, toys, games, gear, books, electronics, household wares, furniture and much more. Rain or shine at the school at 7719 Fort Hunt Rd. Visit [www.tauxemont.org](http://www.tauxemont.org)

#### SUNDAY/OCT. 21

**Free Health Lecture.** 1:30 p.m. (in English) and 3:30 p.m. (in Spanish) "Divine Love: the Answer to Universal Health," hosted by First Church of Christ Scientist, featuring Christian Science lecturer, Jose' de Dios Mata. Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Ln.  
**Forum and Brunch.** 9:30-11:30 a.m.

There will be a brunch forum for the candidates for the Congressional seats of the 8th and 11th

Congressional Districts at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Dr. Confirmed candidates are all four running in the 8th District (Cong Jim Moran, Patrick Murray, Janet Murphy, Jason Howell) and Cong Gerry Connolly (D) and Col. Chris Perkins (R) in the 11th. Forum begins at 10 a.m. \$5 with reservation; \$7 at the door. RSVP by calling Brian Kolstad at 703-965-4036.

[LeeChamber.org](http://LeeChamber.org)

#### FRIDAY/OCT. 26

**Autumn Carnival.** 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The Fort Hunt Elementary School's PTA-sponsored event will feature free carnival games/Bingo, crafts and other surprises. Food will be available for purchase and costumes can be worn. Parents, staff and middle/high school students will be serving as volunteers for this community event. The PTA is providing a bus for the Creekside Community. Contact Liz Maurer ([elm.1028@gmail.com](mailto:elm.1028@gmail.com)) for more information.

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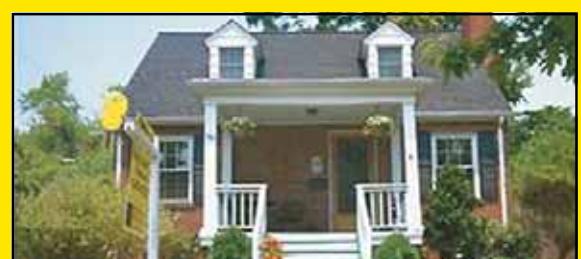
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# News

## Sign Change

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ways to enter into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors. Instead of waiting for the Virginia Department of Transportation to enforce the law against signs in the medians, the new law allows Fairfax County to enter into an agreement similar to the one that already exists in Prince William allowing the local government to collect the signs and issue a \$100 fine for each violation.

"Once you do it a couple of times, then nobody does it anymore," said Albo. "Politicians are running to write laws, and they don't want to break them."

Last year was the straw that broke the camel's back for Albo, he said, as the General Assembly campaign produced an outrageous number of signs. Because two different attorneys general issued conflicting opinions about whether or not political signs constituted free speech, Albo said, candidates could argue the practice was legal. Albo's bill this year ended that ambiguity, clarifying the law even as it gave new authority to Fairfax County.

"This is something that has bothered people for a number of years," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity. "The county has tried before to address it, but we've clearly got it addressed this time."

As Election Day draws closer, partisans on both sides have lodged allegations about specific candidates using public spaces illegally. Don't expect Fairfax County to be out enforcing the new law this year, though, because the Board of Supervisors has yet to enter into an agreement with VDOT. That means that the signs may technically be illegal, but nobody will be collecting the signs and fining violators until an agreement is reached. Many say it's long overdue.

"This sounds like a solution to the problem," said Robert Reynolds, who lives in Riverside Estates. "So many times nobody ever comes to pick them up, and the signs become litter."

Later this year, county staff is expected to issue a report on moving forward. Ultimately, Herrity hopes, the county will be able to create a memorandum of understanding with VDOT. By this time next year, Fairfax County may be issuing \$100 fines for General Assembly candidates.

"When I see a political sign, to me that's an anti-advertisement," said Albo. "Here's a person who is running to write laws, and they are purposefully violating laws."

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## Creating Path to Financial Stability

Advice for developing and strengthening sound money habits.

By Marilyn Campbell  
The Gazette

**M**ichael Gallagher, a recent college graduate, just landed his first full-time job. He says that while he feels fortunate to be employed, he is nervous about the prospect of moving out of his parents' home and living on a budget.

"I have students loans, rent and I am planning to buy a car," said Gallagher, a 25-year-old Alexandria resident. "I also know that I should be saving some money, but I don't think that I am going to be making enough money cover all of those expenses."

Money experts say creating sound financial health requires planning and discipline. One of the first steps, they say, is to understand the meaning of financial stability.

"Healthy finances include spending less than you make, establishing a savings habit — both in retirement accounts and outside of retirement, and using debt wisely," said Kristan Anderson, director of retirement plan services at West Financial Services in McLean.

Annandale resident and McLean-based senior financial adviser Susan E. Hamilton adds that obtaining financial well-being includes "having a healthy cash reserves fund for unexpected emergencies and opportunities, making sure that you have adequate insurance coverage, saving and investing money on a regular basis and carefully watching/limiting your overall debt level."

Steve Piloff, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Management at George Mason University said, "Financial health is not just saying 'ok this month I had enough money to pay my bills,' it's having a plan that lets me have enough to not only pay my bills but also save for retirement, buy a house or send my kids to college."

**SO HOW DOES ONE** achieve financial health? The first step is deciding how income will be allocated. "The...most important piece of advice I have is create a budget and stick with it. [This is] easier said than done, of course," said Catherine England, Ph.D. associate dean of the School of Business Administration at Marymount University in Arlington.

Living below your means is another key, say experts. "That's how you will be able to save and get ahead," said Hamilton. "Be careful of adjusting your lifestyle upward every time you get a raise or come into additional money."



Photo by Marilyn Campbell/The Gazette

**Experts say the convenience of using ATM or debit cards can make financial discipline difficult.**

Pay down debt. "If someone has a significant amount of debt, they should make paying off balances with higher interest rates a priority," said Anderson.

Not all debt is bad, however. They key, say experts, is to make sure one's debt load is manageable. "Most of us can't buy a house or a car with cash," said England. "Loan repayments [such as] mortgage or car payments and credit card payments that bring your credit card debt to zero as quickly as possible should be part of the budget."

When borrowing, make sure the repayment plan is realistic. "Just because a financial institution might be willing to qualify you for a higher loan amount, doesn't necessarily mean that you can comfortably afford it," said Hamilton. "Make sure that you own your house, and that your house doesn't own you."

Even those like Gallagher, who are living on a meager budget, should make an effort to save. "Savings don't have to be big at the beginning," said England. "Saving at a young age puts money to work for a longer time, and just getting into the habit of putting something aside every month helps create a cushion in the event of a crisis or for a more comfortable retirement."

In fact, says Piloff, saving should be a budgetary priority. "People should have a mindset that they're going to spend whatever is left after saving," he said. "They're not going to save whatever is left after spending."

Plan for the unexpected. "Everyone should establish an emergency fund of four to six months of expenses. This emergency fund should not be used for general expenses, but reserved for true emergencies like the loss of a job or a



Photo Courtesy of George Mason University

**Steve Piloff, assistant professor in the School of Management at George Mason University, believes sound financial health involves more than simply having enough money to pay one's bills.**

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## Money

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medical emergency," said Anderson.

Try the cash option. "In the old days, we'd often advise that you force yourself to adhere to a budget by carrying only so much cash each week, say for lunches or coffee breaks," said England. "If you knew that cash had to last for the week, it was easy to keep up with what you were spending. The ease with which we can whip out a debit or credit card makes it more difficult for us to maintain that financial discipline and stick to a budget."

### Create a Realistic Budget

Decide on monthly expenses, such as "what can you afford to spend on rent or a mortgage," said Catherine England, Ph.D. associate dean of the School of Business Administration at Marymount University in Arlington. "Think about transportation expenses, utilities [and] insurance.

Include savings in your budget. "Every week or month or paycheck, you should make a payment to yourself in the form of adding money to a savings account or an investment account," said England. "The exception to this is if you have high-interest credit card debt. Then, part of your saving should involve reducing the balance on your credit card."

After mandatory expenses like rent or mortgage are established, decide on a budget for discretionary spending: "Can you afford to eat out for lunch once a week? Once a month? What about dinner or a movie? Try to live within the constraints created by your income," said England. "We are all bombarded with things we want. Do we need them? Being more disciplined today generally means we'll be able to afford more tomorrow, whether it's a nicer vacation, a better car or a more comfortable retirement."

Don't overlook small expenses. "A \$2.50 cup of coffee every weekday over the course of a 50-week work year amounts to \$625," said England.

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# Opinion

## Pick Your Own Election Day

It's called "absentee voting in person," and there are a lot of reasons why you should.

**E**lection Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. The deadline to register to vote is past, although in Northern Virginia, it's clear that a very high percentage of eligible voters are registered.

Four years ago in the presidential election of 2008, there were 5,034,660 voters registered in Virginia, and 3,752,858 actually voted. Just in the month of September 2012, Fairfax County saw more than 6,000 newly registered voters, for a total of 646,881 active voters. Arlington registered more than 3,300 new voters in September, with more than 130,000 active voters total. Alexandria added more than 1,300 new voters last month alone, with 81,847 active voters.

Voting on Election Day at one's home precinct is often a wonderful experience, especially if you are a regular voter. Yes, there will be lines, but if the weather is nice, you can chat with your neighbors and enjoy the process. Assuming you can get to your polling place, the weather is nice and ...

In a survey by The Weather Channel last month in battleground states, between 20 and 35 percent of registered voters said that if there is bad weather on Election Day, they would be likely not to vote. Remember that the great Northern Virginia Earthquake was on a Primary Election Day, and that moderately unusual

events, weather related and otherwise can turn the commute home into a multi-hour ordeal that could cause many voters to miss the 7 p.m. closing time at the polling places.

There is a way for voters to choose their own Election Day. Pick a day that works for you, check the weather forecast and go vote.

From now until Nov. 3, you can vote absentee in person for a variety of reasons, but you must sign a form affirming that you do qualify. Almost everyone with a job in Northern Virginia qualifies for one particular reason, how-

ever: your work plus commute time would be 11 hours or more between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Other reasons include planned travel, pregnancy, illness or disability, being a student out of area, and more.

In Fairfax County, you can vote at Fairfax County Governmental Center or any one of seven "satellite" voting locations. If you have not been to the government center, it's worth having a look.

v Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035. Open for voting Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and the next three Saturdays, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, and Nov. 3: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The satellite locations in Fairfax County are

also open for absentee in person voting through Nov. 3, Monday - Friday, 2 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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♦ Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, VA 22101

♦ North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Dr. Reston, VA 20190

♦ West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

♦ Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

♦ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers La., Alexandria, VA 22306

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For more on voting absentee in Fairfax County, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

Saturday, Nov. 3 is the last day to vote absentee-in-person.

Voters can also vote absentee by mail. The deadline to submit an application to have an absentee ballot mailed to you is Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. The application must be received at the Voter Registration Office by that time. Voters who request a mailed absentee ballot must return them to their local elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 6, for the ballot to be counted.

It's worth looking at the absentee ballot application online before going to vote absentee in person. <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/Files/Forms/VoterForms/ABApplication.pdf>

### Editorial

### Letters to the Editor

## Cut Expenses Or Raise Taxes?

To the Editor:

I recently completed the Fairfax County Transportation Survey by rating perhaps a dozen or more taxing options to "pay for \$300 million in Fairfax County transportation needs" — I rated them all as not acceptable.

Call me crazy — I was looking for a survey with the obvious choices — cut expenses or raise taxes or some combination. But not one proposal in that survey addressed working the expense side of the revenue-expense model.

If we're going to look at raising taxes, we should be willing — first — to reprioritize existing programs and re-allocate resources. We may be surprised to learn we have enough coming in already — or not — but that analysis has not been done or if done, has not been made available.

Families should keep more of what they earn and the county should learn to live with what they already get from a broad range of

taxes — not a penny more. That's what we do in our families when we want more than we can pay for — we do without or we re-prioritize expenses to be sure we can afford the essentials. There will always be more "things" we can do at the county level — but that doesn't mean we should do those things if we don't have the money.

The prior County Executive proved the value proposition that gave us four years of level or near-level county expenditures. His is the gift that keeps on giving. We can model the future on his example — he found savings where few thought savings were possible. Can one doubt there's more savings available?

Consider this: new taxes, once enacted, never go away — they only increase. We should be loath to enact an additional level of permanent taxes to pay for temporary expenses — especially for expenses which are rightly the province of the state of Virginia. We set an onerous precedent by considering taxing ourselves a second time to pay for transportation. That just gets the state of Virginia off the hook so even more re-

sources can be diverted to less serious matters down state while we tax ourselves at higher levels to do the heavy lifting needed here.

We send the county and state sufficient money already to do the heavy lifting we need done on our behalf — let the legislative process take it from there. Giving bureaucrats more money just gives them a reason to ask for more next year — which you can be sure they will.

Enough already. Make do. Everyone else has to. Why not government?

**Barry Meuse**  
Alexandria

## Advocacy Vs. Facts

To the Editor:

The MVCCA's Environment & Recreation (E&R) Committee chairman is also Stratford Landing's representative to the E&R Committee. In the August 2012 edition of the Stratford Landing Citizens' Association (SLCA), she reported concerning the E&R Committee's resolution favoring the most extensive restoration op-

tion for Dyke Marsh proposed by the National Park Service (NPS). In her report, she stated that continuing erosion of Dyke Marsh "would mean loss of a tremendous amount of habitat for birds and fish and other wildlife as well as loss of recreational opportunities for boaters, kayakers, birdwatchers, fishermen and hunters."

Professional bass guide Steve Chaconas, a Stratford Landing resident, disagreed with these conclusions and his views were expressed in the October 2012 SLCA newsletter. He pointed out that hunting is not permitted in Dyke Marsh and that erosion actually provides more recreational opportunities for boaters, kayakers and fishermen. Concerning bird watchers, Steve agreed that loss of marshland would reduce marsh bird habitat but would likely lead to more eagles and ospreys taking up residence.

SLCA's president gave the E&R chairman the opportunity to rebut Mr. Chaconas' comments in the same newsletter. She stated that "the information presented in the

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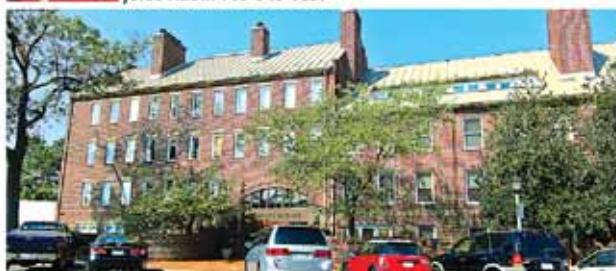
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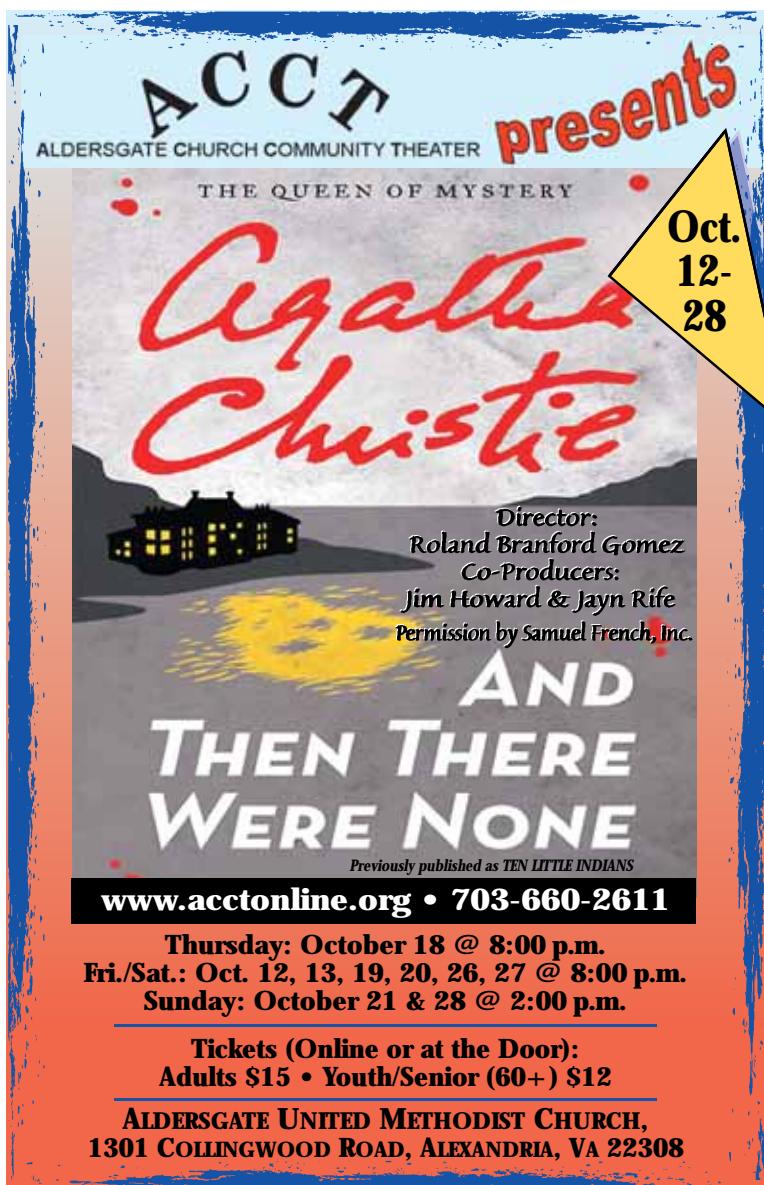


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## Letters

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report in the August newsletter is factual, and is based on a presentation to the E&R Committee by Brent Steury, Natural Resources Program Manager of the George Washington Parkway, and a U.S. Geological Survey report by Ronald Litwin and other scientists, entitled Analysis of the Deconstruction of Dyke Marsh, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Virginia: Progression, Geologic and Manmade Causes, and Effective Restoration Scenarios" found at the following link: <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2010/1269/pdf/ofr20101269.pdf>

It is noteworthy to me that the E&R chairman is so stubborn that she refuses to concede anything she said was in error. I reviewed the U.S.G.S. report, all 92 pages of it. The first thing I noted is that one of its co-authors is Brent Steury. It would be extremely surprising if his oral presentation before an MVCCA Committee would depart in any material way from the carefully crafted comments in a 92-page report. The only comments in that lengthy report supporting the E&R chairman's comments are found on page iv ("The erosion is decreasing the acreage of the marsh surface and thus de-

creasing marsh habitat for state-listed species, migratory waterfowl, and predatory birds (bald eagle and peregrine falcon."); and on pages 28 and 32 ("Included among the species which likely will be adversely affected by habitat fragmentation are the Red-wing Blackbird ... and Marsh Wren ...". (Latin descriptions omitted)).

Hunting is illegal in Dyke Marsh (as well as in other areas of the George Washington Memorial Parkway Park). As such, erosion of Dyke Marsh has no impact on the ability to hunt. Pure logic dictates that erosion of Dyke Marsh creates greater surface area of water in the Potomac River, thereby increasing recreational opportunities for boaters and kayakers. There is no one more expert on fishing habitats in the Potomac River than Steve Chaconas, who fishes on the Potomac River between the Wilson Bridge and Mount Vernon 150 days every year — I wouldn't ar-

gue with him concerning fishing habitats.

Moreover, the extreme restoration plan endorsed by the E&R Committee would actually eliminate a significant fish habitat now located in an area where that restoration proposal includes filling in the habitat. NPS's own expert confirmed this fact and went further, stating that filling in that fish habitat and, thereby, destroying it, would do nothing to enhance the future viability of Dyke Marsh.

The E&R Committee's resolution was also irresponsible, endorsing an extreme restoration proposal without any firm estimate from NPS as to the anticipated cost to taxpayers.

People who serve in a civic capacity in our community need to be more careful to refrain from disguising advocacy as facts.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

## Write

The Gazette welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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# Entertainment

## ACCT Whittles Down the Suspects in 'And Then There Were None'

Aldersgate Church Community Theater presents "And Then There Were None," an Agatha Christie Murder Mystery, the play is a masterpiece of mystery and murder.

After 10 strangers gather together on an isolated island off the coast of England, one by one, they each are discovered murdered. As those remaining frantically search for the murderer, their own guilty pasts return to haunt them.

All the characters deceive others and sometimes themselves about their true natures. All profess to be good, but in reality struggle with evil in the form of moral corruption caused by intolerance, jealousy, greed, and desire.

"And Then There Were None" is co-produced by Jim Howard and Jayn Rife and directed by Roland Branford Gomez with permission from Samuel French, Inc.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is lo-

cated at 1301 Collingwood Rd. ACCT is sponsored by Aldersgate United Methodist Church and falls under their status as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization.

ACCT presents classic plays and musicals that are comfortable and fun for families to enjoy together. They have a professional stage and are a member of both the Northern Virginia Theater Alliance and Washington Area Theater Community Honors.

Show dates are: Thursday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays, Oct. 19 & 20, 26 & 27 at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, Oct. 21 & 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$15, Youth/Senior (60+) \$12. Tickets and information at [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org) or call 703-660-2611.



Photo by Doug Olmsted

**"Everyone is accused,"** from left, Evan Milberg, Amy Wolf (on floor) Bob Cohen, Bailey R. Center, David James, Jenni Patton and Jim Howard appear in ACCT's production of Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None."

## Calendar

E-mail announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 18

**Fashion Show and Luncheon.** 10 a.m. The Yacht Haven Garden Club presents their 29th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Viva La Diva" at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club, 5500 Schulz Circle. Email [deborah.alea@verizon.net](mailto:deborah.alea@verizon.net) or call 703-447-1315.

**Historic Train.** 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents the history of the C & O's Famous Passenger Train - The George Washington as well as discussing the Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society's Annual Meeting. Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

**Fundraiser for Breast Cancer.** 5-9 p.m. Come help raise funds for Avon Foundation for Women-Avon Walk for Breast Cancer by participating in Pizza Hut Fundraiser Night. Order from Pizza Hut on Oct. 18 and the organization will receive 20 percent of the sales generated. Please be sure to pick up a fundraiser ticket and bring it to Pizza Hut. At Penn Daw Pizza Hut, 6321 Richmond Hwy. Call 703-765-8900.

**Book Sale.** 4-8:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. This book sale opens to members and the public interested in books, DVDs and CDs at an affordable price. 5005 Duke St. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us). or call 703-746-1702.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 19

**Poems & Stories.** 7 p.m. Actors from the Georgetown Theatre Company will read stories and poems by Edgar Allan Poe at the Athenaeum, including The Cask of Amontillado, The System of Doctor Tarr, Professor Fether and more. A coffee and dessert reception follows the stories.

Admission \$10. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org). The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St.

**Lafayette Wine Dinner at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.** 7-9:30 p.m. Celebrate General Lafayette's visit to Alexandria, enjoy an evening of French and Virginia wines specially paired with a four-course dinner. Tickets are \$100 per person and reservations are required. A vegetarian entrée option is available with advance notice. To make reservations, call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. This book sale opens to members and the public interested in books, DVDs and CDs at an affordable price. 5005 Duke St. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us). or call 703-746-1702.

**Trunk Show with Fiber Artist Jen Athanas.** 6-9 p.m. Meet artist Jen Athanas, maker of Jen-a-Fusion Fashion Accessories, at A Show of Hands. 2301 Mt Vernon Ave. Call 703-683-2905 or visit [www.ashowofhands.biz](http://www.ashowofhands.biz).

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com) or call 703-548-4092.

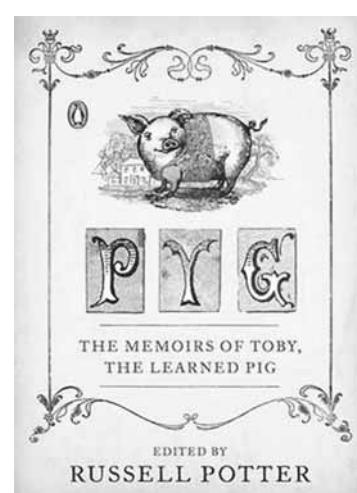
### SATURDAY/OCT. 20

**Spirits, Suffering and Society.** 6-9 p.m. A re-enactment focusing on the social aspects of dying in a Civil War hospital. \$15. Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Call 703-548-1789.

### Frog Pond's 3rd Annual Fall Festival.

10 a.m.-noon. This family friendly festival will offer entertainment, light food and drink along with arts, crafts and other kid-friendly activities. 7204 Harrison Ln. Suggested donation \$5.

"AMTRAK High Speed Rail." 10



a.m. Model Railroad Club presents the story of the AMTRAK High Speed Rail on the Northeast Corridor (NEC). Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd.

**Annual Mega Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Hollin Hall Senior Center is holding a Mega Craft Sale. More than 30 crafters, silent auction with services and new merchandise, bake sale, door prizes and lunch will be featured. Free. 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-4600, TTY 711. or visit [www.hollinhallasseniorcenter.org](http://www.hollinhallasseniorcenter.org).

**Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. At the Lincoln Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Bake sale, jewelry, clothing, plants, white elephants and more. Call 703-914-0223.

**2012 MVHS Fall Fest and Bazaar.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Arts, Crafts, Rummage Sale. Indoor tables are \$50, outside as low as \$20. Free space for community organizations on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, contact Ron Skaggs at

## Russell Potter and The Story of Toby the Learned Pig

**Join Gadsby's Tavern Museum on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012 for a lecture from Russell Potter, Rhode Island College professor and author of PYG: The Memoirs of Toby the Learned Pig who entertained crowds with his ability to spell, tell time, and answer questions from the crowd. Potter will talk about his research and learned pigs in 18th-century Alexandria, as well as read excerpts from the book. After the lecture there will be a book signing and Toby-approved refreshments. \$20 per person, \$15 for members of Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society and Gadsby's Tavern Museum volunteers. Doors open at 3 p.m., lecture begins at 3:30 p.m. Purchase tickets by calling 703-746-4242 or at [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).**

MVHSFallfest@gmail.com. Rain or Shine. Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Rd.

**Spooky Saturdays at the Athenaeum.** 1-2 p.m. Making scary pop-up cards. Free. Recommended for children 6-9 years old. The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**250th Anniversary of the Election of George Washington to the Vestry.** 4:30-7 p.m. With local George Washington interpreter, Greg Fisher. The program will be followed by a discussion, a reception and book-signing by Mary V. Thompson, author of "In the Hands of a Good Providence: Religion in the Life of George Washington." Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per family. For reservations call 703-372-1296.

**Pohick Church.** Located at 9301 Richmond Hwy in Lorton, at the corner of U.S. 1 & Telegraph Road. Visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

**Historic Huntley.** Boy Scouts can hear the chilling tales during an overnight stay. Historic Huntley also hosts programs for scouts to earn merit badges, for homeschooled seeking

out local history, and for the general public. Information about all of the programs at Historic Huntley is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm) or by calling Huntley Meadows Park at 703-768-2525. Historic Huntley is located at 6918 Harrison Ln.

**Kids' Class: Halloween Cookie Decorating.** 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 4+. Learn how to roll and cut cookie dough and then decorate cookie shapes using colored icing and candy. Children take home what they make. Admission: \$35. Advance registration is required. Call 703-548-2868 to secure a spot. Sugar Cube, 1218 King St.

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. This book sale opens to members and the public interested in books, DVDs and CDs at an affordable price. 5005 Duke St. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us). or call 703-746-1702.

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Choralis presents a concert of American choral music. See Calendar, Page 14

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including gospel, spirituals, folk, Native American and classical by Echoes and the Cantus youth choirs. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$5 for students of 13-22; free for children under 12; \$30-\$55 for adults. Visit [www.choralis.org](http://www.choralis.org) or call 703-237-2499.

**Fundraiser Walk/Run.** 8 a.m. The Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer raises money for mammograms and diagnostic testing to uninsured and underinsured women. Participants have the option of either the 1.5K, 3.5K or 5K walk or run. This year's Walk will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theatres and the Hoffman Center, located at Eisenhower Avenue and Swamp Fox Road. On-site registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and the opening ceremony begins at 8 a.m. Visit [www.alexancerwalk.com](http://www.alexancerwalk.com).

**Free Concert.** 1-2 p.m. Eclipse Chamber Orchestra is celebrating its 21st season by holding a free concert for children and parents, featuring a narrative accompaniment to Aaron Copland's classic Appalachian Spring. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Visit [www.eclipseco.org](http://www.eclipseco.org).

**Biking.** 10 a.m.-noon. This is a family-friendly 7-mile ride from Jones Point Park to National Harbor and back. This ride will be on bike paths all the way. There are two hills (the Wilson Bridge is like a long gradual hill) and one gravel section. Participants can stop at National Harbor for about 30 minutes to have fun before returning. Families with children are encouraged to attend. Children under 16 are legally required to wear a helmet. Meet at the Jones Point Park, near the restrooms. Bring a bicycle and water. Free. To RSVP, contact Jonathan Krall at [jonathan@jonathankrall.net](mailto:jonathan@jonathankrall.net).

**Oktoberfest & Silent Auction.** 3-7 p.m. The entire community is invited to St. Aidan's annual Oktoberfest. The Kinderfest, from 3-5 p.m., is hosted by St. Aidan's Day School and includes a variety of games and activities for children. Oktoberfest features live German music, great food and drink. There will be a variety of grilled wurst, homemade hot German potato salad and other treats. The silent auction includes a range of gift items and donated

services. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd. Call 703-360-4220, or visit [staidansepiscopal.com/drivingdirections](http://staidansepiscopal.com/drivingdirections).

**Free Lecture.** 1-3 p.m. Donald Dahmann, a geographer in independent practice with ongoing research that includes preparation of a history of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, will talk about The 1805 Diary of the Rev. Dr. James Muir, at Alexandria Library located at 717 Queen St.

**Storytime with Llama Llama.** 10:30 a.m. Join for a Llama-themed storytime, followed by a very special meet and greet with the character himself. Bring cameras. Ages 6 and under. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com) or call 703-548-4092.

**Author B.G. Hennessey.** 2-3:30 p.m. Gear up for Halloween as B.G. Hennessey presents The Scary Places Map Book, an interactive exploration of famous scary places. RSVP [info@hooray4books.com](http://info@hooray4books.com). Ages 5-10. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com) or call 703-548-4092.

**SUNDAY/OCT. 21**

**Cauldron Tea.** 2 p.m. Come to the Carlyle House terrace for a spooky afternoon tea that will be sure to cast a spell on your Halloween celebrations. After the tea, guests are invited to tour the museum and learn about 18th century funeral and mourning practices in Virginia. Costumes welcome. Admission: \$25. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997.

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Focus Alexandria presents folk artist David Roth with special guest Lea at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Call 703-501-6061.

**Jazz Concert.** 4 p.m. The Committee for Jazz at Meade will feature Anita King at Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served, and parking is available in the church's lot and on the street.

**Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friends of Beatley Central Library. This book sale opens to members and the public interested in books, DVDs and CDs at an affordable price. 5005 Duke St. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us), or call

## Christmas Attic Seeks Advent Art

The Christmas Attic, an Old Town landmark, is seeking artists and community organizations — schools, churches, charities — to help produce a temporary exhibition featuring illuminated canvases of art to be revealed in each of the store windows for "The Christmas Attic's Holiday Advent Calendar Art Project."

Starting Dec. 1, and running through Dec. 25, 2012 each day at sundown, the store will reveal "advent art" featuring a variety of local organizations and artists holiday creations. All art will be placed either in the windows or on the brick of the building on the front side facing Union Street. There will be a VIP media kick-off event on Dec. 1. At the closing of the Advent Calendar event, the canvases of advent art will be available for auction at a post-event celebration. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic. Make-A-

703-746-1702.

**Eclipse for Kids.** 1 p.m. A special open rehearsal of the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra featuring Copland, Elgar, R Strauss and Ravel. A donation is appreciated. Free admission. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Visit [www.eclipseco.org](http://www.eclipseco.org).

**Walk for Homeless Animals.** 9 a.m. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is hosting the Alexandria Shelter Walk for Homeless Animals, a family-friendly community event to benefit the residents of the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter and help raise awareness about the problem of pet overpopulation. The 1.5-mile walk begins and ends at Market Square and walkers and their four-legged companions will travel through the historic neighborhoods of Old Town Alexandria. All proceeds from the event assist the League in combatting overpopulation and promoting responsible animal care. Open to the public. Prizes will be awarded to top fundraisers and a raffle will be held. Contact Patrick Cole at 703-746-5655 or 703-585-7065, or email [pcole@alexandriaanimals.org](mailto:pcole@alexandriaanimals.org).

**Book Launch with Rachel Blumenthal and Juliette Kopp.** 2-3 p.m. Celebrate with local authors Rachel Blumenthal and Juliette Kopp as they present their books, One Recumbent Mommy and Wherever I Am, I Will Love You Still. RSVP [info@hooray4books.com](http://info@hooray4books.com) or [rachel@rachelblumenthalbooks.com](mailto:rachel@rachelblumenthalbooks.com). Ages 3 and up. Free. Hooray for Books is located at 1555 King Street. Visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com) or call 703-548-4092.

**THROUGH OCT. 21**

**Jacques Brel.** The classic compilation of Brel's brilliant music about life and death, love and loss, will be in performance at MetroStage Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets, \$48-\$55, at 800-494-8497 or [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org). MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Call 703-548-9044.

**TUESDAY/OCT. 23**

**Hot Buttered Nuggets.** 9-11 p.m. Eclectic musicians will perform various shows Rockabilly, Swing and Jazz. \$10. The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St.

**Preschool Fair.** 9 a.m.-noon. Parents will circulate among school tables in an open-house fashion. All parents are welcome and admission is free. At First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Contact [momspreschoolfair@gmail.com](mailto:momspreschoolfair@gmail.com) with questions.

**OCT. 23 THROUGH NOV. 18**

**Free Art Exhibition.** Potomac Fiber



Wish Mid-Atlantic grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The Christmas Attic is looking for 25 artists and/or community groups to participate in this community art project. Each day at sundown, one advent art piece will be revealed and illuminated. The store will select the order of when the canvases will be displayed for the 25 days. The final advent day, Christmas Day, must be an image of a nativity scene. All art designs must be seen from a distance and weather proofed. Visit [www.christmasattic.com](http://www.christmasattic.com) for information and an application. Application and sketch ideas are due by Nov. 1.

The Christmas Attic was opened by a local family that loved the spirit and joy of the holidays. Since 1971, the store has long been considered a "must see" by locals and tourists alike. The Christmas Attic is located at 125 S. Union Street.

Arts Gallery announces the opening

of the juried show "Black and White." Black and white may be expressed as color, value, feelings, politics and/or mood. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. The gallery is located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**OCT. 23 THROUGH NOV. 25**

**Fotographers at the Factory Invitational Exhibit.** Juried by LensWork founder and editor, Brooks Jensen. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays 12-9 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery located at 105 N. Union St. #312. Call 703-683-2205. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**WEDNESDAY/OCT. 24**

**Art on the Rocks.** 6-9 p.m. An art-inspired cocktail competition hosted by The Art League at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Must be 21 or older. Tickets are \$35. Tickets can be purchased online or in the Gallery. Call 703-683-1780.

**Author Series.** 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Spend a spooky evening with L.B. Taylor and talk about The Ghosts of Virginia at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Call 703-746-1702.

**Dance with DJ Dabe Murphy.** 9-11 p.m. \$6. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. Visit [www.nicksnightclub.com](http://www.nicksnightclub.com).

**THURSDAY/OCT. 25**

**Ghosts and Folklore.** 7 p.m. Alexandria is one of the most haunted cities in the country. Michael Lee Pope (author of Ghosts of Alexandria) and JJ Smith (author of Haunted Alexandria and Northern Virginia) join Betty Ward of Footsteps to the Past to share stories of the Female Stranger, Swope House and Ramsay House. A coffee and dessert reception follows the stories. Those who dare may take a short ghost walk at the end of this event. Admission \$10. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Call 703-548-0035.

**THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 25-27**

**Steel Magnolias.** Group Therapy Productions presents Robert Harling's comedy-drama Steel Magnolias at the Convergence Sanctuary 1801 N. Quaker Ln. All proceeds from the show will benefit Empowered Women International. Hours are 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 & 26, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Oct. 27. (Tickets/suggested donations are \$20. Tickets may be purchased by emailing [gt.productions9@gmail.com](mailto:gt.productions9@gmail.com).)

**THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-28**

**Fall Haul Extended Hours Sale.** Twig Thrift Shop located at 106

North Columbus St. holds its Fall Haul Extended Hours Sale. In addition to regular store hours from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the shop will be open extended evening hours on Thursday, Oct. 25, and Friday, Oct. 26, from 5-8 p.m., regular Saturday hours 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and extended hours on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 1-4 p.m.. All proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Call 703-683-5544 or visit [www.thetwig.org](http://www.thetwig.org).

**SATURDAY/OCT. 27**

**Choreographers Collaboration Project Fall Concert.** 7 p.m. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 kids 12-17, kids under 12 free. "Standing Room Only" is a modern dance concert created specifically for the Athenaeum gallery space to allow the audience to see the dances and Athenaeum artwork from multiple perspectives. 201 Prince St. Call 703-683-2070.

**Birchmere Shows.** 7:30 p.m. Special guests for Tom Paxton's 75th birthday celebration show to include Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxers, Debi Smith, Robin Bullock and more. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

**Spooky Saturdays at the Athenaeum.** 1-2 p.m. Eerie Origami. Free. Recommended for children 6-9 years old. (The Athenaeum is located at 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).)

**Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Ghouls and goblins, witches and wizards of all ages will be trick or treating with the Old Town Boutique District this Halloween. 35 member stores will be handing out treats — and maybe some tricks.

**Funeral & Ghost Tour.** 6-9 p.m. Step back in time and be a part of this historic funeral and learn about mourning practices in early America. Admission is \$15 including a ghost tour of Old Town, during which participants will visit the candlelit Carlyle House to view the coffin and pay respects to surviving family members. At 9 p.m., return to Carlyle House to escort John Carlyle's body to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House and visit his lantern-lit grave. Call 703-683-3451 to purchase ticket. Reservations are recommended. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.

**Book Signing.** 2-4 p.m. Lela Lane, a resident of Alexandria, will be available to sign copies of her book, Bloodlines: The Ancestry, at Grounded Coffee Shop, 6919 Telegraph Rd.

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Walk for Homeless Animals, Saturday, Oct. 21, and help AWLA raise awareness about pet overpopulation in Alexandria and throughout the region. Each year, the League cares for thousands of animals at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. Some are abused and neglected and some are simply unwanted, but all deserve a second chance in a permanent, loving home.

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**Fall Harvest Family Days.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mount Vernon welcomes the autumn season with Fall Harvest Family Days. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are half-price while supplies last. Fall Harvest Family Days is included with admission to the estate this weekend: \$15 adults; \$14 seniors; \$7 children 6-11; free for children under 5. Visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

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# Sports

## Genuario Leads West Potomac Girls' XC at Glory Days Invite

**Junior finishes 10th,  
Wolverines finish  
eighth.**

By Jon Roetman  
The Gazette

**W**est Potomac's Katie Genuario posted a personal best time and finished in the top 10 at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational, but head coach Jenn Dietz thinks the junior is capable of more.

Genuario placed 10th with a time of 18 minutes, 51 seconds on Oct. 13 at Bull Run Regional Park. With less than two weeks until the Patriot District championship meet, Dietz said Genuario is holding back a little due to an incident at a meet earlier this season.

"Katie ran a solid race, she moved up significantly throughout," Dietz wrote in an email. "Even though she had a major personal best, she was holding back a bit. At the Paul Short meet [on Sept. 28] she suffered with exhaustion during the final 600 meters of the race and actually collapsed, so she held back a little more in her first race back after that. Katie is learning and gaining confidence with each racing experience and is looking forward to the championship season."

The West Potomac girls' cross country team finished eighth with a score of 237. District foe West Springfield won the event with a score of 112, followed by Washington-Lee (119) and Chantilly (124).

West Potomac's Sophia Passacantando (19:58) finished 45th, Lauren Price (20:14) was 57th, Allison McNulla (20:15) was 60th and Melanie Bomberg (20:48) was 94th.

"The girls can do better," Dietz wrote. "They have been working hard and training well so we are hoping to perform strong at the District meet."

The West Potomac boys' team finished seventh with a score of 247. Chantilly won the event with a score of 31, followed by Severna Park (91) and Georgetown Day School (163).

Corey Rosenberg was West Potomac's top finisher, placing 28th with a time of 16:27. Luca Halladay (16:28) was 29th, Nicholas Cucinotta (16:37) was 45th, Eric Turner (16:47) was 65th and Cullen O'Boyle (17:16) was 107th.

"The boys' team has made a lot of progress," Dietz wrote. "They were competing in a loaded field, with all of the Virginia schools placing ahead of them being ranked in the top 10 of AAA schools. They are improving with each race so we are hoping to continue that trend as we go up against the top teams in the district with Lake Braddock and West Springfield. Corey Rosenberg and Luca Halladay are serving as strong leaders for the team, but we have some very improved sophomores running

in the varsity. Nick Cucinotta is by far the most improved and has improved at a rate that I have never seen a boy do before."

The Patriot District championship meet will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 at Burke Lake Park.

### WEST SPRINGFIELD'S ALCORTA SETS RECORD

West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta added an element of difficulty to the Glory Days Invitational when she accidentally ran the wrong way on the course at Bull Run Regional Park. As it turned out, a little adversity didn't derail Alcorta as the Spartan harrier's record-setting performance rendered all opponents — including wrong-way turns — irrelevant.

Alcorta won the event, setting a course record with a personal-best time of 17:42. Alcorta's effort helped the West Springfield girls' cross country team finish first with a total of 112, followed by Washington-Lee (119) and Chantilly (124).

"I'm kind of mad because at one point I actually ended up going the wrong way," Alcorta said, "so I feel like that may have cost me a couple seconds."

The previous course record of 17:49 was set in 2007 by James River's Kristen Wolfe. The meet record is held by Centreville's Laura Heiner, who posted a time of 17:23 in 1997. In 2005, the Glory Days meet underwent a course change.

Alcorta finished 22 seconds ahead of her closest competitor. Georgetown Visitation's Emily Kaplan finished second (18:04) and Lee's Bailey Kolonich was third (18:15). Robinson teammates Lauren Berman (18:18) and Macey Schweikert (18:21) finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

"It was really odd. I was expecting [in] the first mile everybody would be right here," Alcorta said. "I think the fear of somebody coming back up on you when you go out so fast is probably the worst part. I wanted to look back so many times. The fear of being caught is definitely the worst."

West Springfield's Maddie Wittich placed seventh (18:33), Katie Kennedy was 17th (19:12), Erin Falk finished 42nd (19:49) and Ana Suarez was 63rd (20:18).



Photo by Craig Sterbutzel/The Gazette

**West Potomac junior Katie Genuario placed 10th at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational on Oct. 13 at Bull Run Regional Park.**

In boys' action, West Springfield finished fifth with a total of 234. Chantilly won the event with a score of 31, followed by Severna Park (91) and Georgetown Day School (163).

William Rabil (16:25) was West Springfield's top finisher, placing 26th.

### CHANTILLY'S McGORTY BREAKS RECORD

On Sept. 29, Chantilly senior Sean McGorty won the Great American Invitational in Cary, N.C., by producing the nation's fastest high school time, 14 minutes, 43.6 seconds, a performance that would land him in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd."

Two weeks later at the 20th Annual Glory Days Invitational, McGorty again produced a sub-15-minute time, missing his Great American mark by two seconds. He had to "settle" for a meet record and a pair of first-place finishes.

McGorty set a meet record with a time of 14:45 at the Glory Days Invitational on Oct.

13 at Bull Run Regional Park, breaking the previous mark of 15:03, set in 2001 by Handley's Bobby Lockhart. McGorty's effort helped the Chantilly boys' cross country team win the team title with a score of 31, well ahead of second place Severna Park (91).

"I felt very strong," McGorty said after the race. "This course has been known to be fast. ... I was hoping for sub-15. [To run] 14:45, I'm thrilled with that. That's a great time."

At the Great American Invitational, McGorty had competition pushing him until the end as he edged the second-place finisher by three-tenths of a second. On Saturday, McGorty ran unchallenged, finishing 18 seconds faster than his closest competitor.

"This one was a lot more mental, so I'm thrilled with being able to get that time," he said. "... I'm a lot more mentally stronger than I was at the beginning of the season."

McGorty's effort earned him mention in the Oct. 15 issue of Sports Illustrated, of which McGorty said "That was a huge honor. That was amazing to see myself in a magazine that I've been looking at my entire childhood."

Along with McGorty's effort, Chantilly's Logan Miller (fifth, 15:42), Faris Sakallah (10th, 15:51), Peter Malander (11th, 15:52) and Adam Huff (17th, 16:07) helped the Chargers take home the team title.

McGorty said the team has hopes of winning championships at the district, region and state levels.

"My teammates have been running awesome," he said. "It's been amazing to see them working so hard in practice and then seeing it all pay off out here. Training with them and doing all that has made the experience so much more special to me. ... We knew we were going to be pretty good [but] we didn't know we were going to be this good, and I think that's definitely because of how hard they've been working. I think we have exceeded some of our expectations and that's been the fun part of it."

Miller said he's starting to run well after dealing with a nagging injury to his left shin that bothered him since outdoor track season.

"The hardest part was coming back and trusting it to run fast," he said. "But I'm glad I overcame that."

# Sports

## MVHS' Heller, Edwards Receive District Field Hockey Awards

Mount Vernon senior midfielder Jane Heller was named National District field hockey Player of the Year for the 2012 season. Head coach Jessica Edwards was named district Coach of the Year.

Mount Vernon entered the district tournament as the No. 1 seed and defeated Wakefield, 8-0, on Tuesday to advance to the semifinals and secure a berth in the regional tournament. The Majors faced Edison in the semifinals on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline. If the Majors won, they will play in their fourth consecutive district championship game at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 at Mount Vernon High School.

Mount Vernon won district championships in 2009 and 2010 and finished runner-up in 2011.

## West Potomac Homecoming Football Game Approaching

The West Potomac football team will host Woodson for homecoming at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19.

The Wolverines are 5-2, including 3-1 in the Patriot District. West Potomac lost to undefeated Westfield, 49-0, on Oct. 12.

Woodson is 2-5, including 2-2 in the district, and has won its last two games.

## Mount Vernon Football Loses to Hayfield

The Mount Vernon football team lost to Hayfield, 20-7, on Oct. 12. The Majors' record fell to 3-4, including 2-2 in the district.

Mount Vernon will host Edison at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19.

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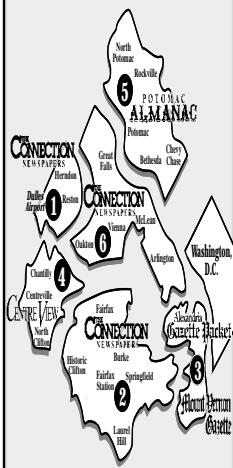
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**Catherine Kreps, president of American Association of University Women (left), state Sen. Adam Ebbin (center) and Jeanne Gayler, project director for the human trafficking issue for AAUW (right) on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Sherwood Library.**

## Targeting Child Sex Trafficking

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branch of the AAUW at a meeting on child sex trafficking at Sherwood Library on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Last month following the sentencing of Crips gang member Justin Strom, Neil MacBride, U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Virginia, said that young girls are [seen] as commodities and fraud, flattery and force are used to lure them into child prostitution.

The victims in the Virginia cases were enticed into the sex trade through social media websites such as Facebook, MySpace, and Datehookup; in person at Metro stations and bus stops; and in area high schools and a juvenile center, according to court records.

State Sen. Adam Ebbin spoke about child sex trafficking at the AAUW-sponsored meeting: "Human trafficking happens, it can happen close to home and when a situation seems odd pay close attention." He pointed out the need to better equip teachers, administrators and counselors to detect, prevent and report cases like this in the future.

Ebbin is one of several Virginia legislators who have taken up the issue of bringing awareness of human trafficking and child sex trafficking in the area. He introduced a bill that was signed into law by Gov. Bob McDonnell earlier this year, requiring the State Board of Education to provide awareness and training on human trafficking of children to local school divisions across the state.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that at least 100,000 children across the country are at risk of being sexually exploited each year. The average age of entry into the commercial sex industry is between 12 and 14 years.

"Training and sharing information is always a great starting point for any state trying to crack down on trafficking," said Taryn Mastrean, director of communication for Shared Hope International, a national nonprofit that was created to rescue and restore women and children in crisis.

Mastrean points out, that while this re-

cent law is a good starting point, Virginia still does not have a human trafficking or sex trafficking law. In a study released by the organization last December, Virginia was given a failing grade for being one of four states without a stand-alone human trafficking law and 1 of 10 without a sex trafficking law.

"It is important that perpetrators can be charged and identified as sex traffickers," Mastrean said.

Ebbin said that many of his colleagues [in the Virginia General Assembly] feel that existing law is adequate to address the range of foreseeable offenses.

"As more cases are discovered there may well be an appetite to take another look ahead at creating a specific new offense," Ebbin said.

Jeanne Gayler, project director for the human trafficking issue for AAUW, organized the event at the Sherwood Library.

"AAUW is a wonderful launch pad to bring awareness of the issue," Gayler said.

She thinks it is a good fit with the organization's mission statement to "advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

"A lot of our members are teachers and they have similar concerns," Gayler said. "Just the thought of a young child, boy or girl, in such a situation; I just got motivated to try to do something."

Gayler hopes that they can engage other chapters of AAUW and get them involved in raising awareness of the issue.

"There are about 1,000 chapters [of AAUW] around the country and that would constitute a force. If we all came down to the school and say let's get going on this, it could have an impact," Gayler said.

When asked what the public should know about trafficking, Shared Hope International's spokeswoman Mastrean said, "They can do something to change it. Sometimes there is premise that this is such a big issue it is hard to do anything about it. But we know that even one advocate can become a catalyst for a lot of legislative efforts and a lot of changes."

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