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Home Life Style
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Signs of Spring at River Farm

Closed all winter due to work on utilities, the gardens at River Farm are beginning to come alive with small spring blooms. The hellebores are now kept company by hundreds of miniature daffodil narcissus and bunches of snowdrops. The hyacinths are slowly emerging from a short winter sleep. The gardens will reopen to the public in April.



Dugout Emergency

Parents and school officials scramble to bring baseball dugout up to code.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

When parents began collecting money to improve the dugout at Mount Vernon High School, they had the best of intentions. So they invested sweat equity into creating new cubbies for the players and began installing a new roof. Then they had a nasty surprise — Fairfax County code enforcement officials said the improvements did not meet safety standards.

“These safety codes have to be met before the facility can be used,” said Mount Vernon School Board member Dan Storck. “That’s what we are trying to solve right now.”

With baseball season approaching later this month, time is running out. The school currently has an unusable dugout — essentially a construction zone that’s been abandoned while parents and school officials try to determine what’s next. Storck says that he is

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Uninsured To Receive Free Dental Care

Low income and uninsured residents of Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax counties will have a chance to improve their smile this weekend. The Northern Virginia Dental Society is hosting its 10th Annual Mission of Mercy (M.O.M.) project on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. The organization is offering free dental care at Northern Virginia Community College’s Medical Education Campus in Springfield.

“Over a quarter of a million dollars of free dental care will be provided during this two-day event,” Cathy Griffanti, executive director, Northern Virginia Dental Society. “Hundreds of dental professionals and community volunteers will give of their time and talent to provide oral health care for some of our most needy residents, primarily those who are low-income and uninsured.”

The Northern Virginia Dental

Details

MISSION OF MERCY FREE DENTAL CARE EVENT

- ❖ Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16
- ❖ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ❖ Northern Virginia Community College, Medical Education Campus, 6699 Springfield Dr., Springfield
- ❖ For more information: 703-642-5297
- ❖ Appointments can be scheduled in advance.

Society is expecting more than 800 patients during the two-day period. “We’re excited to be able to support such an important initiative again this year along with the other community partners and volunteers,” said Jean Glossa, MD, medical director for Fairfax Community Health Care Network and Molina Healthcare, one of the event’s sponsors. “Taking care of your teeth has a direct effect on your physical health so it’s essential to get proper dental care.”

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Jefferson Park - 5 Bedrooms

Spacious, five-bedroom, four-bath home has a three level addition! The new kitchen with honed granite and stainless appliances opens to the family room with a wall of windows. The deck surrounding the family room includes a screened in room on a great view of the large back yard. The basement rec room is enormous, plus separate laundry room, and storage.

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Alexandria \$599,000



Three-Story Delight

The home features include three bedrooms, two and a half beautifully updated baths, an upgraded eat-in-kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. This home has been thoughtfully appointed with hardwoods throughout, Juliet balconies on the main level, designer finishes, custom built-ins, and a wood-burning fireplace.

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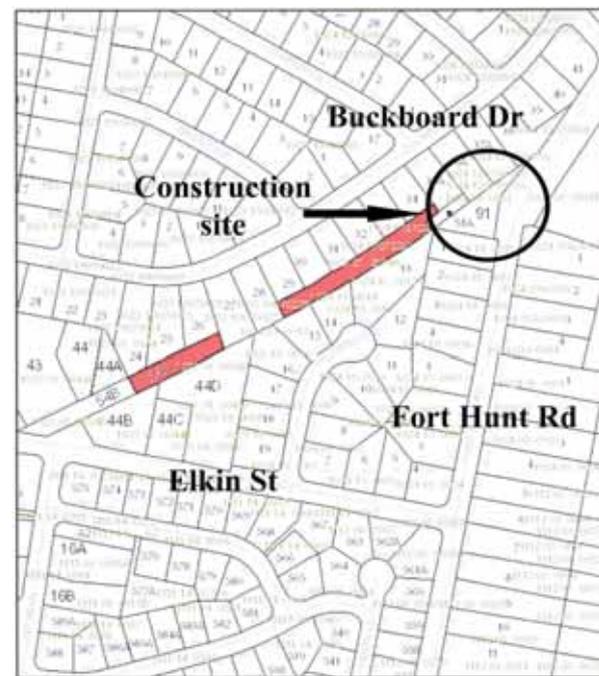
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Crews have begun construction of a new home on land that once hosted the Mount Vernon Trolley.



The remaining segments of the original trolley right-of-way are highlighted in red in this publicly-available map from Fairfax County.

Building on History

New home arises on part of Mount Vernon Trolley line.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

There's a house being built on a lot adjacent to Fort Hunt Road that has a bit of history to it. Of course, most lots in the Mount Vernon area have similar pedigrees. But this oddly-shaped parcel has an interesting story.

Ron and Pam Covais of Alexandria are building a new home on a small part of the former right-of-way of the Mount Vernon Trolley. The interurban line ran from Washington to Mount Vernon, via Alexandria, and operated from 1892 until 1930. The trolley cars carried untold thousands of visitors to General Washington's home, and on

the early morning northbound runs, milk from local farms to Alexandria and Washington. Two years before the opening of the parkway in 1932, crews ripped up the rails and crossties, but left a few reminders of the rail line. For example, Whittington Boulevard in Stratford was formerly the trolley route, as are parts of East Boulevard Drive.

Another strip of the right-of-way lay hidden among the trees and tangle near Fort Hunt Road for 60 years. It runs southwest between a point opposite of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church and the intersection of Elkin Street and Whittington.

Some of the folks who lived on Buckboard Drive in the Riverside Gardens neighborhood treated the 50' x 1,500' strip as an

informal adjunct to their backyards. The actual landowners, heirs to Benjamin P. Hunter, whose farm yielded the right-of-way to the rail line, made no attempt to do anything with the strip. Fairfax County viewed most of the land as unbuildable. Then things changed.

By 2002, residents, real estate experts and lawyers had become engaged in a tussle over the strip of land. Some on Buckboard claimed ownership through "adverse possession," an established means of acquiring unused land over time. A local lawyer bought one piece from one of the Hunter heirs, added that to another parcel and started building a new home. Shouting, meetings with politicians and lawsuits soon

followed.

By about 2005, the situation had calmed, and the disputes apparently resolved. Mr. and Mrs. Covais bought the northeast tip of the former right-of-way in 2012 and obtained all of the requisite permits for a single-family dwelling. Their property consists of lots 91 and 91A on the Fairfax County map [above].

"We recognize the sensitive history of the matter in the neighborhood," Ron Covais said recently. "We want to respect all of the legal issues and the rights of our neighbors." He and his wife have engaged an arborist to work with county officials to ensure the narrow, unbuildable portion of the lot will be attractive to adjacent homeowners.

Gaining a NICHE

Designation spotlights Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's elder care.

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital recently earned the designation of being a NICHE hospital. NICHE, which stands for Nurses Improving Care for Health System Elders, is the only national designation indicating a hospital's commitment to elder care excellence. Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is one of the first hospitals to receive the NICHE designation in

Fairfax County.

"Through NICHE, the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital clinicians and staff engage in ongoing training and are able to share information, knowledge, and expertise with other NICHE hospitals," said Barbara Doyle, chief executive officer at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital in a statement.

"With this designation, our patients can rest assured that they are receiving the best possible quality of care with the most up-to-date treatment options."

The NICHE program assist the hospital in continuous improvement in geriatric nursing knowledge and patient outcomes, while enhancing work satisfaction in

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COURTESY PHOTO

Inova Mount Vernon has been designated a NICHE hospital for its commitment to elder care.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE

Giving Blood

Staff and members of the Mount Vernon Athletic Club participated in a blood drive for Inova Hospital on Feb. 23. Pictured are the club's outreach director Maggie Britvec, staff member Will Vogel, Dr. Brian Bodnar and donors Cheryl Forever and Renee Szybala.

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Pack 1509 Hosts Pinewood Derby

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The Cub Scouts of Pack 1509, along with their parents and siblings filled Fellowship Hall of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church for their annual Pinewood Derby race. With cars of all makes and models, the Scouts and their families transformed Fellowship Hall into a Daytona Racetrack North with a four-lane race track, a pit area to work on and tune up the cars, a refreshment stand and viewing space for all to watch the cars zip their way across the finish line. From Batmobiles, pirate ships, sharks and video game characters, the boys' imaginations transformed simple pinewood blocks.

Each car got to race on the track four times. The fastest of the fast moved onto the semi-finals and the final race. In the end, a first-year Cub Scout a Tiger Scout named Colin Sullivan claimed the title of fastest Pinewood Derby Scout with a speed of 172.4 mph and a time of 2.868 seconds.



Rolondo Diaz, den leader for Webelos 2's in Pack 1509.

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Raffle, Auction To Support Fort Hunt Elementary

Fort Hunt Elementary School's Going for the Green Silent Auction and Raffle is this Friday, March 15. Food service begins at 6 p.m.; bidding opens at 6:30 p.m. Disney Park passes, a Blue Ridge Mountain getaway, and Washington Nationals tickets are a sampling of some

of the items up for auction. Additionally, a raffle with more than 25 themed baskets will be presented. Baskets include such themes as American Girl, Lego, Nerf, Sports and Camps, Justice and more. Raffle tickets are \$1 each with each basket's merchandise worth over \$100.

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Elder Care

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caring for older adults.

"With this designation, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is now part of a community of resources provided by NICHE," said Laura Shanks, a medical surgical clinical nurse specialist. "Because older people face greater challenges when hospitalized, it's important to have access to resources that NICHE can provide, like educational programs, training, mentorships and resources for developing evidence-based protocols to improve the outcomes for our older adult patients."

These models have been implemented and tested at hospitals across the country and have been shown to be effective in improving clinical care and outcomes for elders during and following hospital admission.

A program of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University College of Nursing, NICHE has evolved into the only national geriatric care program for hospitals. It is currently comprised of nearly 300 hospitals across the country that share the goal to achieve patient-centered care for older adults.

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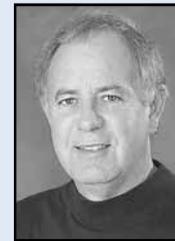
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Alex./Mt. Vernon Manor \$479,850
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7926 New Market Road

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Annual Black History Celebration

The Gum Springs Community Center presented the 2013 Annual Black History Celebration on Saturday, March 2 with the theme of "Celebrating Black History from Africa to America and the World Over (The Past, Present and Future)." Close to 300 people attended. The production encompassed narration in the form of a field trip, skits, music, dance, history roll call and poetry. The program began in an African village to a ship, The Good Ship Jesus, slave auction and the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. The event was sponsored by The Gum Springs Community Center's Advisory Board and Community Center in Partnership with The New Gum Springs Civic Association, The Gum Springs Historical Society, Cif-Paam, I-CCANN Services, LLC, Lowes Home Improvement Store, Shiver Management, Good Shepherd Housing and Wal Mart.



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Meetings will be facilitated by Kevin Lewis, BCC, and managing partner at LMK Partners LLC. The launch meeting will be held at the offices of the Community Business Partnership located at 7001 Loisdale Road, Springfield, on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 a.m. All interested business owners, managers, and startup entrepreneurs are invited to attend. There is no charge to attend meetings.

For more information contact Kevin Lewis at Kevin@LMKpartners.com or 703-539-2631.

Breakthrough Book Club participants can download a free copy of the Small Business Breakthrough book at <http://www.SmallBusiness-Breakthrough.org>, or from iTunes. The book is 100 pages long and comes with eight management tools that are designed for small businesses.

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Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications for the 2013 Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership Scholarships are now available. Scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts pursuing further education in a business-related field.

Applications are available at <http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/Education-Partnership.html>, at high school career centers, or by calling 703-360-6925. Students may apply online or download an application and return it. All applications must be received by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce by Friday, April 26. Those applying for the scholarships must plan to pursue further education in a business-related field, have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0, and have work or community volunteer experience. Applicants must submit an essay with the application and a copy of their high school transcript.

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Reaching the Beach

The West Potomac Dance Team competed in Ocean City last month at Reach The Beach National Championships. The JV team brought home two honorable mentions for Pom and Hip Hop competing against other small varsity dance teams. The varsity dance team placed second in Hip Hop and second in Pom and earned a bid to the U.S. finals in both Hip Hop and Pom.

Touring UCM’s Cynthia Hull Food Pantry

The Fairfax County Food Providers Network — comprised of representatives of more than 15 area local nonprofits that address food insecurity with food pantries and related programs — met on Feb. 25 at United Community Ministries in Alexandria to tour UCM’s newly upgraded client-choice Cynthia Hull Food Pantry.

From left are Christina Garris, food manager at Our Daily Bread of Fairfax; Cecelia Vergaretti of Capital Area Food Bank; Jose Fratti, food pantry manager at UCM, and Roxanne Rice, executive director at Food For Others in Fairfax. UCM’s food pantry welcomes donations on nonperishable food items at 7511 Fordson Road in Alexandria every weekday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., as well as the first Sunday morning of each month. For a list of most needed items, visit www.ucmagency.org or call 703-768-7106.



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Consider this as a possible scenario (although perhaps we should have saved this for April 1): Fewer people are smoking, and many of those who do are smoking less. Virginia's cigarette tax, the lowest of any state at 30 cents a pack, is a declining revenue source. Higher cigarette taxes are proven to reduce smoking. Under current logic in the Commonwealth, there would be two courses of action to raise revenue: a) cut the cigarette tax, and b) charge non-smokers a fee to make up the difference and to compensate for the fact that they don't pay cigarette taxes.

This is basically the convoluted approach that leads to the \$100 annual hybrid fee as part of Virginia's proposed transportation plan, to help make up for the reduced tax on gas.

The annual \$100 surcharge for owners of hybrids vehicles should be stripped out of the transportation bill. Something that could add \$1,000 to the price of owning a car over a normal period of time discourages innovation and punishes people who are trying to reduce pollution and dependence on oil.

It also seems likely that the greatest concen-

tration of ownership of hybrid vehicles would be in Northern Virginia, so it's one more way to extract more money from our region.

To replace these funds, plus a little, why not charge an additional \$100 annual registration fee for any vehicle with a purchase price of \$40,000 or more? Or charge the additional \$100 for any personal vehicle with a miles-

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Saint Patrick's Day has always been holiday associated with alcoholic beverages.

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per-gallon rating of less than 25 miles per gallon highway, especially since the more gas your car burns in Virginia, the more of a break you are receiving on the gas tax reduction. Or charge a sliding fee based on the number of miles driven and the weight of the vehicle (hint: the fee would go up with the miles and weight).

Or raise, rather than reduce, the gas tax and index it to inflation.

edition.

WRAP's 2013 Saint Patrick's Day SoberRide program will be offered on Sunday, March 17, from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Monday, March 18. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30.00 fare), call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service. Last Saint Patrick's Day, more than 600 potentially impaired drivers made use of this service. SoberRide has provided more than 57,000 free rides home to people who otherwise might have driven drunk.

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EDITORIALS

2013 General Assembly's Mixed Record

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)



COMMENTARY

Now that the 2013 session of the General Assembly's work has been completed, except for the April 3 veto session, I will continue my report on several measures. I have already covered the transportation legislation and Medicaid.

I cast 2,000 votes in this session for our district.

Six bills that I authored or was chief co-patron for await the Governor's signature, along with three budget amendments. Three of my bills were referred to study commissions.

Last year, we passed legislation that required voters to present some form of identification. This included a social security card, voter registration card, utility bill, bank statement or paycheck. The General Assembly this year approved a bill that deleted all of these and re-

quires a voter to present photo ID. I opposed this bill.

Voter registrars do not mail out voter registration cards every year. Eleven percent of Americans do not have a picture or government-issued ID. Many elderly, blind, young and low-income voters do not have government-issued IDs. On the floor, I argued that someone could effectively be denied their right to vote if they lose their driver's license or it is suspended and surrendered if they do not pay a traffic fine. The Department of Justice has blocked similar legislation in states like Virginia with a history of racial discrimination. This bill awaits the Governor's action.

The Governor proposed several education bills. The Governor continued to press school reform legislation. I supported legislation cre-

ating A-F letter grades for every school in the state based on existing state and federal performance and improvement metrics. More information is a good thing and existing school rating systems require a graduate degree to understand. Easy-to-understand information will help generate parental interest and involvement.

The legislature also passed, without my support, the Governor's proposal called Opportunity School Districts. If a school cannot improve after a period of time, the school is "assigned" to the "Opportunity School District" which is run by a "School Board" made up on political appointees tasked with turning the school around.

I opposed this because, first, it completely destroys the nexus between taxpayers, parents and accountability. The local jurisdiction will send money to Richmond and have no

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Broken Compromise

To the Editor:

During the final week of the General Assembly Session this year, the Virginia State Senate Democrats worked with Gov. Robert McDonnell to reach a compromise to pass a transportation plan — a plan that is funded in part by funds not yet appropriated from Congress — funds unlikely to ever materialize for Virginia. In return for the Senate Democrats' votes for the transportation plan, the Governor signed an agreement on Medicaid expansion. We thought this agreement was

made in good faith. We are disappointed that Governor McDonnell appears now to be backing out on this agreement, choosing to pacify the right wing of his party instead of working for the health and well-being of our Commonwealth.

In a letter to the Obama Administration, McDonnell stated that there has been no agreement to expand Medicaid. "Some media outlets and elected officials have labeled this [the compromise agreement] as approving Medicaid expansion in Virginia. This is absolutely incorrect," he wrote to HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

Medicaid expansion would provide health care for more than 400,000 Virginians who

work but are unable to afford insurance. It would also provide some 30,000 jobs. Cost for Medicaid expansion will largely be borne by federal funding. Refusing these funds will send millions of Virginia tax dollars to other states. Virginia presently ranks 48th out of 50 states in Medicaid spending.

Senate Democrats agreed to approve this transportation plan only after we believed that Governor McDonnell was agreeing to the expansion of Medicaid. We were misled. I am extremely disappointed that the compromise was not what I thought it was.

Linda T. "Toddy" Puller
State Senator (D-36)

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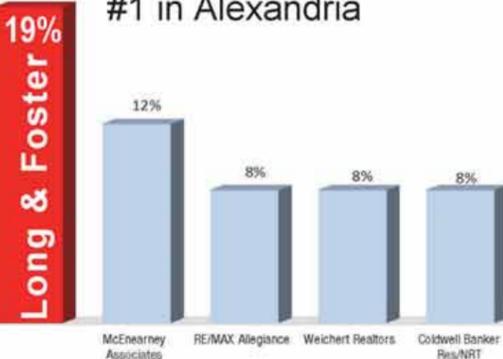


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Scrambling To Bring Baseball Dugout up to Code

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confident some kind of solution can be arranged to get the dugout ready for the first game.

“We want to create a good environment for the baseball program,” said Marshal Larkey, head baseball coach. “We still don’t really know why they told us to stop work when it’s basically done.”

FOR YEARS, baseball players have been

bumping their heads on the roof of dugout. So a group of parents got together and started raising about \$2,400 for materials. A grandparent of one of the players is a general contractor, and he offered to donate his services. The parents decided that they wanted to raise the roof 12 inches and create new cubbyholes, which would give the players a place to stash their belongings during the game.

“It’s not new construction,” said Larkey. “We were basically remodeling it.”

Late last month, Fairfax County officials arrived at the school and shut down the renovation. The renovations were almost complete when the work stopped. Now the project is at a standstill while county officials, school leaders and parents try to figure out a way forward. County officials say finishing the project in a way that meets code requirements would cost about \$16,000.

“Our priority is addressing the code issues before the baseball season starts,” said



The dugout as it appears now that a stop-work order has been placed on the renovation.

Storck. “I’m working with staff to make sure that happens, either with additional support or sweat equity from the parents and the baseball community.”

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control over what happens to it. Parents will have no school member to work with. The Constitution of Virginia does not recognize a school district like this. Also, this could be an end run around Virginia's school boards and encourage more charter schools.

The legislature also expanded the tax credit available for corporations to send their tax dollars to foundations to fund scholarships for private schools. Private schools have a legitimate role, but the government should not fund them.

We funded a 2 percent raise for teachers and about 1,000 new in-state student slots at state supported colleges, and funded about 400 new slots for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults to be cared for in community settings.

Efforts to allow jurisdictions to start school before Labor Day and allow home schooled children to play in public school sports also died in the Senate again. I supported Labor Day and voted against the sports bill.

The effort to lift Virginia's uranium mining ban did not get out of committee after a huge push by Virginia Uranium. The Governor's effort to change Virginia's constitution and allow automatic restoration of voting rights for convicted felons died on the third day of session.

On Wednesday, April 3, the General Assembly will meet for the veto session where we will cast another 250 votes.

Help clean up our streams on April 6. I will host another cleanup of Little Hunting Creek on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of the Alice Ferguson Foundation Annual Potomac River Cleanup. Please sign up at scottsuovell.blogspot.com.

It is an honor to serve as your delegate.

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FRIDAY/MARCH 15

Going for the Green Spring Silent Auction. 6:30 p.m. at Fort Hunt Elementary School. Music will be provided by DJ Bob, food and facepainting will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle for items.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Boater Education Course. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. The course meets the boating education requirements of all states. Contact Rich Miller at eaglesailor75@cox.net or 703-780-3765.

Silent Auction. 6:30-11 p.m. at Collingwood Library and Museum, 8301 E. Boulevard Drive. Browse items from Sugar House, Wintergreen Resort and more. \$35/person. Visit www.tauxemont.org/auction for information.

Amazing Egg Hunt. Children ages 1-12 can participate in the Plymouth Haven Baptist Church from 10 a.m.-noon. Free, but reservations requested. Enjoy face painting, crafts and more. 703-360-4370.

Touch-A-Truck. 3-6 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road. Explore fire trucks, police cars and other vehicles. This is a hands-on event, so horns will be sounded and more. \$5/person, children under 2 are free. Proceeds benefit Fort Hunt Preschool. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com/events for more.

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit. See Matthew D. Kiehl's "Craft and Character: Wasteland" at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery. See an exploration of pen and ink on paper. Through March 17. Free.

"Hearth and Home." Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., presents a juried show where items reflect on the meaning of home, or items used in the home. Through March 17. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com or 703-548-0935.

Theater Performance. March 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. March 17 at 3 p.m. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents Disney's "My Son Pinocchio." This production will be performed at Bryant Alternative High School on Popkins Lane. Tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit www.mvccct.org/ to pre-order tickets.

Art Exhibit. March Fundraiser exhibit at Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Through March 17. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

Needlework Exhibit. Exhibit is at Historic Woodlawn Museum, 9000 Richmond Highway. Through March 31. There is a fee. Visit <http://woodlawn1805.org>.

Art Exhibit. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. "State of Emergency," Sabyna Sterrett's exhibition of woven repurposed plastic bags and products, will be featured in The Art League Gallery, at 105 N. Union St. Through April 1. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. See "Process: Photography" at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Features established and emerging talent displaying a wide variety of picture taking devices ranging from large print to electron microscopy. Over 15 types of equipment are represented. Through April 7. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Spring Classes. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.

Tavern Toddlers. Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mondays through the end of April. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Art Exhibit. Through May 11. Local artist Nicholaus Aman attempts to express the compelling nature of the Pacific coast through his solo exhibition, "Pacific Pulse," at Alexandria's Artspace 109 Gallery, 109 N. Fairfax St. The gallery hours are: Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays noon-5 p.m.

THURSDAY/MARCH 14

Toast to Fashion. 6:30-10 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club. Enjoy a fashion show, marketplace, raffle and more. Benefits the Campagna Center. Visit www.campagnacenter.org to purchase tickets.

Open Discussion. 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Low Vision Tea and Talk "Do you know what I know?" discussion with Gloria Sussman. Call 703-746-1760.

Thursday Art Night. 6-9 p.m. "Spring Awakening" at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. Browse three floors of open studios and galleries, converse with artists and enjoy refreshments at this monthly event. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/thursday.htm

Fundraiser. 7 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. performance at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Healthy Families Alexandria presents "Ladies Swing the Blues" to benefit early childhood intervention programs. \$75/person. Register at <https://give.nvfa.org/pages/event-registrations/metrostage-registration> or call 571-438-7715.

An Evening With Cowboy Junkies. Includes a complete performance of "Black Eyed Man" at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at

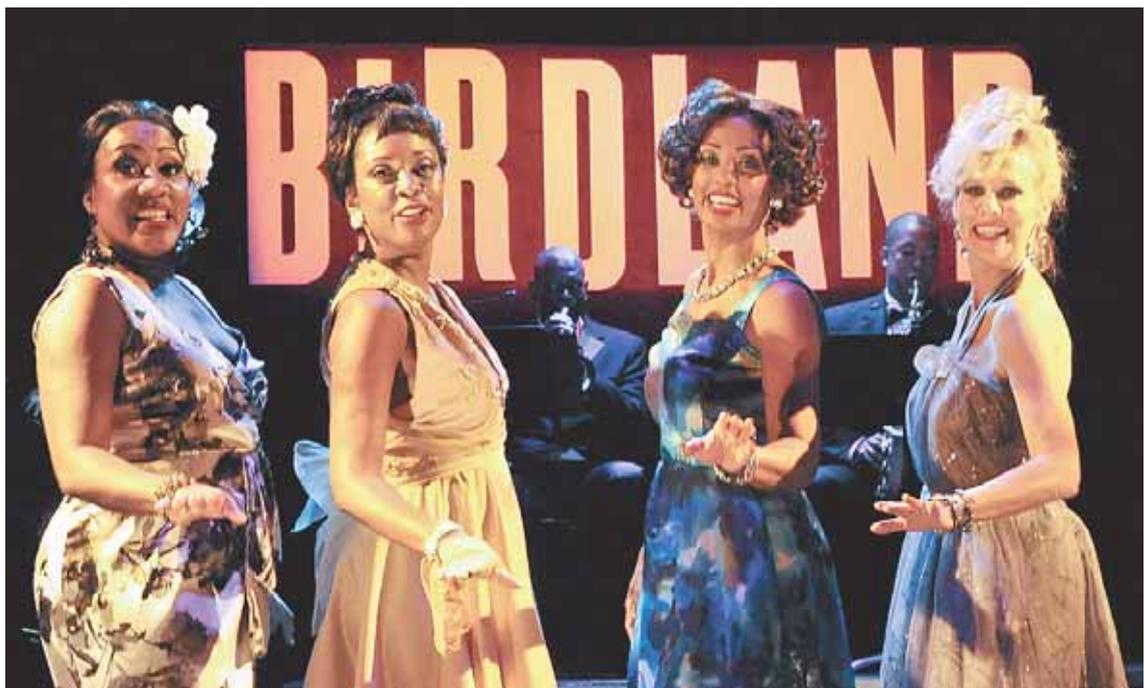


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Roz White, Lori Williams, Yvette Spears and Sandy Bainum star in MetroStage's "Ladies Swing the Blues."

'Ladies Swing the Blues' Extended Through March 31

A world premiere by Thomas W. Jones II and William Knowles. Explore the jazz folklore, mythologies and backstage stories of the '40s and '50s with four legendary jazz divas as they gather to commemorate the passing of jazz legend Charlie Parker. Starring Sandy Bainum, Anthony Manough, Yvette Spears, Roz White, and Lori Williams. Performances are through March 31, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., and Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 (students, \$25). For tickets call 800-494-8497 or visit www.metrostage.org. For information or group rates, call 703-548-9044. 1201 North Royal St. Fully accessible, free parking.

Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Library Speed Dating. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Book lovers can share love of books to find a literary better half. Prizes will be awarded. Free. 703-746-1751 to reserve a spot.

FRIDAY/MARCH 15

Art Party. 7-10 p.m. at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Get a discount on artwork, enjoy prizes, music, games, wings and more. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Mount Vernon Swing Band will perform at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Going for the Green Spring Silent Auction. 6:30 p.m. at Fort Hunt Elementary School. Music will be provided by DJ Bob, food and facepainting will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle for items.

Wee Ones Story Time. 10:30-11 a.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King Street. Children ages 2 and under can enjoy stories and songs. Free. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

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The Average White Band. 7:30 p.m. \$35. Visit www.averagewhiteband.com. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Conversations and Stories. 2:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Local artist/storyteller Sushmita Mazumdar will read from her books and more. \$20/includes tea and cookies.

Andrew Jackson Birthday Gala Dinner and Fundraiser. 6:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Features a catered dinner, auction and more. \$20/person which will go to one of three scholarship funds. Visit www.andrewjackson120.org for more.

Poetry and Book-Making Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., lead by artists Stacy Rauch and D.J. Gaskin. Create a journal and personal poems. \$75 (includes supplies). Register by March 8 www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/bookmaking.

Touch-A-Truck. 3-6 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road. Explore fire trucks, police cars and other vehicles. This is a hands-on event, so horns will be sounded and more. \$5/person, children under 2 are free. Proceeds benefit Fort Hunt Preschool. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com/events for more.

Civil War Artillery Projectile Presentation. 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., 30-minute presentations will be offered. Come learn about the projectiles used in the Civil War at Fort Ward, located at 4301 West Braddock Road. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dance Performance. The Choreographers Collaboration Project presents their Spring Modern Dance Concert at T.C. Williams High School auditorium, 3330 King St. The concert is inspired by public art pieces and public locations in Alexandria. Adults/\$10; ages 12-17/\$5; kids under 12/free. Visit www.ccpdance.org or call 703-683-2070.

Auction. The Potomack Company's

Spring Catalogue Sale will feature two works by Andy Warhol, as well as Asian art, Tiffany jewelry and southern antique furniture. The Potomack Company is located at 1120 N. Fairfax St. Visit www.potomackcompany.com.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Daniel O'Connell's Restaurant and Bar in Old Town. Alexandria Rugby, Inc will donate the funds to Center for Alexandria's Children. The event features live broadcast of three rugby matches, awards and more. Free. E-mail Owen Malone at owen.malone@alexandriarugby.org for more.

Wee Ones Story Time. 10:30-11 a.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King Street. Children ages 2 and under can enjoy stories and songs. Free. Call 703-548-4092 or visit www.hooray4books.com.

Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Artspace 109, 109 N. Fairfax St. Local artist Nicholaus Aman showcases "Pacific Pulse." Free.

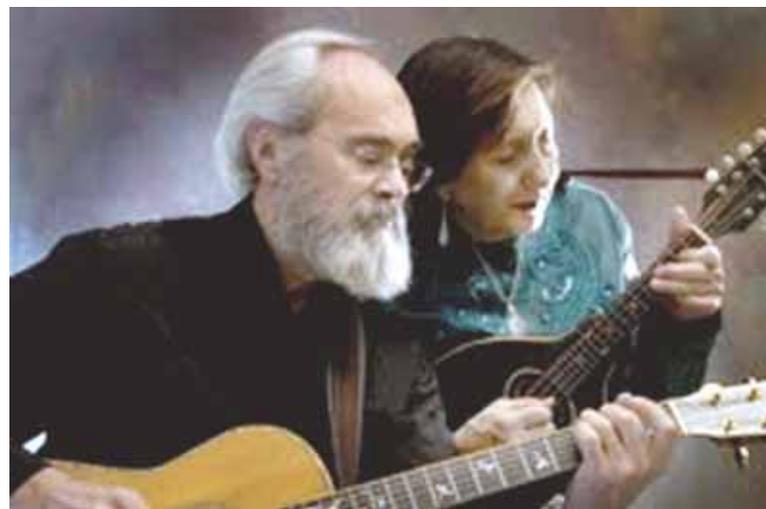
Performance. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. 7 Sopranos will perform and then a champagne reception will follow, featuring an exhibit by artist and Typeface designer Chris Lozos. \$25 donation suggested. All proceeds will help send 7 Sopranos to Carnegie Hall.

SUNDAY/MARCH 17

Watch Awards 2013. 7 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$15. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500. Visit www.washingtontheater.org for nominees.

African Drumming Workshop. 2-3:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian

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Magpie

Focus Music presents the folk duo Magpie (Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino), on Sunday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$18, \$15 in advance at www.focusmusic.org or call 703-501-6061. New York-based Magpie is a husband-and-wife duo originally from Takoma Park, Md. Their repertoire of largely topical songs encompasses traditional and contemporary folk, jazz, blues, country and ragtime styles, and includes many original compositions. Magpie has a high-energy sound, characterized by tight harmonies on guitar, mandolin and harmonica. Visit www.magpiemusic.com.

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Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Susan Berning leads the interactive rhythms. Bring own drum, bell or shaker, or ask to borrow one. \$5/person or \$15/family. Contact Susan Berning at 443-761-0165 or sberning@worldportico.com.

Film Fest. In honor of Women's History Month watch "The Queen" at 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Virtue Feed and Grain, located 106 S. Union St. Featuring Corned Beef Sandwiches, Fish N Chips and Shepherd's Pie, as well as Irish bands and dancers from the Boyle School of Irish Dance. Visit www.virtuefeedandgrain.com or call 571-970-3669.

Concert. Focus Music presents the folk duo Magpie (Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino) at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard St. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org or call 703-501-6061.

Concert. 3 p.m. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St. Featuring the world premiere of James Kazik's Symphony, among other works. In addition, World renowned piano virtuoso Thomas Pandolfi will perform Edward MacDowell's D Minor Piano Concerto. \$10 General Admission tickets, ages 18 and under attend free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

Kegs & Eggs. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Start St. Patrick's Day with a brunch menu inspired by the public houses of Ireland. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com for a menu.

Live Music. 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Virtue Feed & Grain, 106 S. Union St. Fusebox will perform two sets. Visit virtuefeedandgrain.com or 571-970-3669.

Opera. 4 p.m. Virginia Bronze presents Opera is for Everyone, featuring guest vocalist Gregory Stuart and Carol Feather Martin, artistic director at George Washington Masonic Memorial Auditorium. Tickets, \$5-20, will be available at the door, in advance from any member of Virginia Bronze, or online. Visit www.vabronze.org or call 888-824-2541. The Masonic Memorial is located at 101 Callahan Dr.

MONDAY/MARCH 18

Salute to Women Awards Banquet. 6:30 p.m. reception; dinner at 7:15 p.m. at Westin Hotel Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. Alexandria's

Commission for Women will honor 11 women who have contributed to improving the quality of life in Alexandria. \$85/person includes dinner. Visit www.alexwomen.com or 703-746-3123.

Little One-Ders. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Baby Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to 11 months can hear stories and more. Sign up half-hour before it begins. Free. 703-746-1705.

Read, Sing & Play Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Animal Shelter Visit. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in ages K-5 can learn about animals, their habits, care and training. Animals usually come along for a visit. 703-746-1705.

Biography Book Club. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1743.

TUESDAY/MARCH 19

Poetry Readings and Discussion. 11 a.m. a Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Free. Reservations required, 703-765-4573.

Dance. 9-11 p.m. DJ Dance with TK the DJ at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. Free.

Performance. Mint Condition performs at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

Craft Night. 7 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. All skill levels can meet other crafters, get help on projects or just come to share the love of crafts. Free. 703-746-1703.

MARCH 19 THROUGH APRIL 23

Art Exhibit. Open Friday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday 1-9



Alexandria Youth Tap Ensemble to Dance in DC on March 23

Metropolitan Fine Arts Center Youth Tap Ensemble will perform at the 5th Annual DC Tap Festival All Star Concert at 8 p.m. on Sat., March 23 at Duke Ellington Theatre, 3500 R Street., NW, Washington, D.C. All tickets can be purchased online at www.dctapfestival.com.

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ing in a ground-breaking, holistic learning environment that cultivates creativity, builds community and empowers students. Many students go on to perform in prestigious arenas including Broadway, national tours, The Julliard School, The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, The Washington Ballet and more. MFAC is also affiliated with its non-profit company, Metropolitan Performing Arts Alliance.

For more information, call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metrofinearts.com.

p.m. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show "Sculptural Elements." Located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street. Free Admission. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 20

Antiques Club. 9:30 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Features Vivian Kronstedt who will discuss the history of the Avon company. Free. 703-765-4573.

Music Performance. 9-11 p.m. Hear the blues band The Smokin' Polecats at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$10.

Performance. Mint Condition performs at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age

24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Nature Program. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children in grades K-5 can learn about various artifacts and animals. Free. 703-746-1705.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Duncan Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Discuss "Murder on the Orient Express" by Agatha Christie. Free. 703-746-1705.

THURSDAY/MARCH 21

An Evening with Rickie Lee Jones. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Art Focus Group. 7:30-9 p.m. Puppets in the classroom — creating

characters to tell stories. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250.

Presentation. 6:30 p.m. at the Art League Gallery, located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Representatives from the Alice Ferguson Foundation will discuss their initiative, in conjunction to the exhibit "State of Emergency." Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Model Railroad Club. 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The club presents "The Story of the New York Central Railroad - History of the 20th Century Limited." Free. 703-765-4573.

Lecture. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. "Preserving Alexandria's African American Heritage: The Development of

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Book and Art Sale. 1-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse art, children's books, puzzles, cds and more. Proceeds benefit church activities.

FRIDAY/MARCH 22

Performance. Phil Perry performs at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

Book and Art Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse art, children's books, puzzles, cds and more. Proceeds benefit church activities.

MARCH 22 THROUGH APRIL 28

Art Exhibit. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. "Spotlight," an exhibition of acrylic paintings on canvas by Lukman Ahmad, will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Visit www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

SATURDAY/MARCH 23

An Evening with Tom Rush. \$39.50. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Vinyasa Yoga Session. 10-11:30 a.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Instructor Isabella

Gutfreund will give an intermediate skill level class. \$15. Register by March 18 at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Trunk Show. Noon-6 p.m. at Vintage Mirage, 117 S. Columbus St. Features Selma Karaca and her Spring 2013 line of hand-made clothes. Free. Visit www.vintagemirage.com or 703-535-8200.

Dance Performance. 8 p.m. Jane Franklin Dance presents Three degrees of JFD at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, Melton Rehearsal Hall, 641 D St. Tickets are \$25 at the door; \$20 in advance. Visit www.janefranklin.com or call 703-933-1111.

An Evening with Tom Rush. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for times, pricing and tickets.

Dance Performance. 8 p.m. at Duke Ellington Theatre, 3500 R St., N.W., Washington, D.C. The Metropolitan Fine Arts Center Youth Tap Ensemble will perform at the 5th Annual DC Tap Festival All Star Concert. Visit www.dctapfestival.com for tickets.

Madison Inaugural Banquet. 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. \$150 banquet and reception. Black tie or 1813 attire. Visit visitaalexandria.com to register.

Book and Art Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse art, children's books, puzzles, cds and more. Proceeds benefit church activities. Everything is half price in the church, \$5 a bag in the mansion.

Program. 10 a.m. in the Helen Wilson Community Room of the Franconia Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road. Learn about the historic Belvale house on Telegraph Road. Free.

SUNDAY/MARCH 24

Music. Madeleine Peyroux performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Ladies 18th-Century Tea. 3 p.m. or 3:15 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Sip the museum's special blend and eat period-inspired delicacies. \$35/person. Reservations required. 703-746-4242.

Film Fest. In honor of Women's History Month watch "Julie & Julia" at 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

Concert. 3 p.m. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic will perform at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. Featuring the world premiere of James Kazik's Symphony, among other works. In addition, World renowned piano virtuoso Thomas Pandolfi will perform Edward MacDowell's D Minor Piano Concerto. \$20 General Admission tickets, ages 18 and under attend free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

THROUGH MARCH 24

Art Exhibit. Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., will showcase work by three new artists: Tim Hyde, Soomin Ham and Fred Zafran. Each artist will showcase the world around us. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

MONDAY/MARCH 25

Live Music. Travis Tritt performs at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55/person. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.



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Wolverines coach Cochran has heightened expectations.

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Senior midfielder Kate Schneider is a captain on the West Potomac girls' lacrosse team.

West Potomac senior Karley Zdebski, right, looks to scoop the ball off the turf during Monday night's game at Yorktown.

West Potomac Girls' Lax Falls to Yorktown in Opener

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac girls' lacrosse program reached the Northern Region quarterfinals last season, leading to heightened expectations for this year's campaign.

The Wolverines opened the 2013 season with a strong start on Monday night, jumping out to a 3-0 lead against Yorktown and building a 10-6 advantage in the second half.

After the game, head coach Lori Cochran said she would like the Wolverines to advance further than the region quarterfinals this year. While West Potomac still has plenty of time to work toward that goal, the 2013 season began with a learning experience.

West Potomac squandered a four-goal

lead in the final 16 minutes and lost to Yorktown 12-11 on Monday night at Greenbrier Stadium in Arlington. The Wolverines defeated the Patriots in the opening round of last year's region tournament and took a 10-6 lead on Monday night when senior attack Paige Roddey scored with 15:59 remaining in the contest. But Yorktown scored six of the final seven goals, including the game-winner by sophomore Kristen Somers with 1:25 remaining.

Freshman Sarah Jones scored West Potomac's final goal with 7:31 left in the game.

"I thought we played very well," Cochran said. "For a first game, I thought we looked very strong. There's not one player that shines. Everybody's equally skilled and that's very clear if you look at the scores. I think our problem was is that when we're ahead by two and you're playing a tough

game, it's like basketball — you've got to burn the clock a little bit and we were making some silly passes down there and we should have been holding the ball."

Senior midfielder Karley Zdebski led West Potomac with three goals. Roddey, junior Isabel Botha and senior Nicole Farino each had two goals, and Jones and junior Jordyn Elliott each had one. Senior midfielder Jennie Basile led Yorktown with four goals.

West Potomac traveled to face McLean on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline. The Wolverines will host Edison at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

In 2012, West Potomac finished the sea-

son with a 9-6 record. The Wolverines earned a top-four seed in the Patriot District tournament and defeated Annandale in the quarterfinals to earn a region berth. After losing to Lake Braddock in the district semifinals, West Potomac defeated Yorktown in the opening round of regionals before falling to Centreville.

"The pressure's definitely on because now we've raised the bar and we want to stay there," Cochran said. "I thought our defense looked great. They're really communicating well. I feel very solid. I've got my youngsters up on attack and we just need to work the ball a little bit stronger around the net."

SPORTS BRIEFS



West Potomac High School held its winter sports awards night on March 10. Pictured is a group of the MVP and Coaches Award winners from each sport: basketball, dance team, gymnastics, rifle team, swim/dive, winter track and wrestling.

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The Fort Hunt Hawks pictured from left: (back row) Jack Lohrer, Carole Miller, Susannah Anderson, Maeve Jarvis, Siena Joy, Chris Jones, Mike Savage, (front row) Emma Jones, Katelyn McNamara, Lizzie Lohrer, Alexandra Dorris and Mary Kate Savage.

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Fort Hunt Team Wins Championship

The Fort Hunt girls' seventh-grade county select basketball team (Hawks) won the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League championship on March 2, beating Great Falls 44-31. The team, coached by Jack Lohrer and assisted by Chris Jones and Mike

Savage, boasted a regular season record of 12-2 and went 3-0 in the playoffs to bring home the championship.

"The girls worked very hard this season and demonstrated great teamwork," Lohrer said. "I am so proud of their accomplishment."

Hawks receiving All-Star honors included Lizzie Lohrer and league MVP Carole Miller. Tourney MVP was Emma Jones and Mary Kate Savage received the coaches' award.

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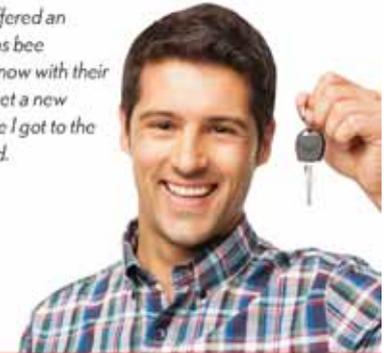
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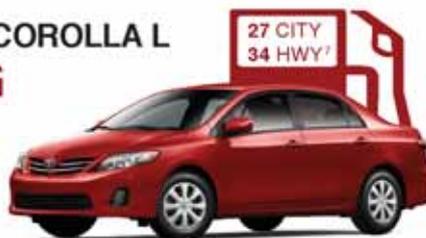
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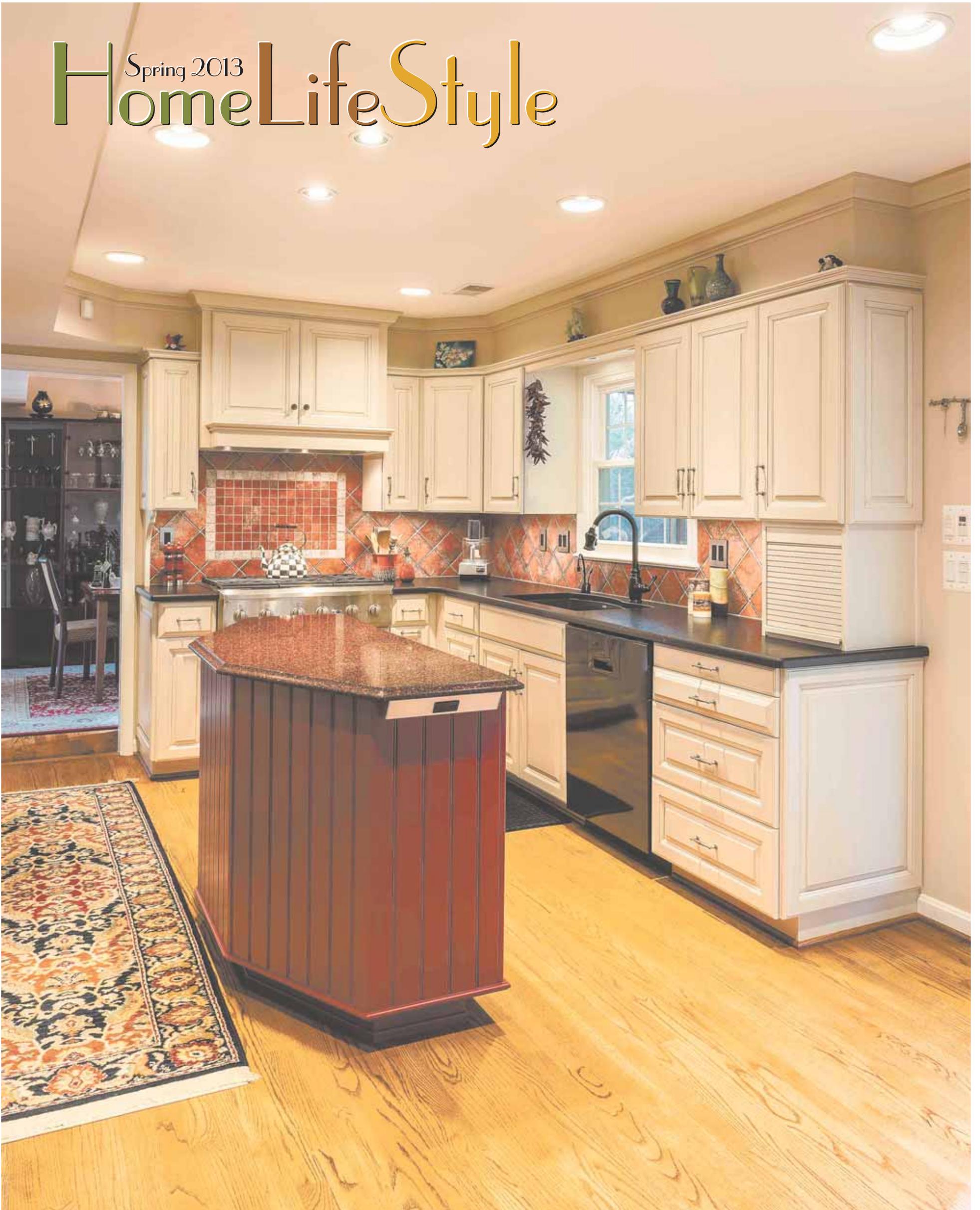


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Harry Brawell of Harry Braswell, Inc. in Alexandria, was named Contractor of the Year in the "Entire House \$500,001 to \$1,000,000" category for renovating a home that had not been updated since the 1950s. Braswell and his team installed cabinet-front appliances and a concave glass tile backsplash that surrounds the durable, brown-toned quartzite counter. The kitchen also features porcelain sinks, including an apron farm sink.

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The Region's Best Home Designs

Local contractors get top honors for remodeling projects.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

From designing a kitchen with a concave glass tile backsplash to creating a backyard with a fire place and pool, some local home remodelers were honored recently with the National Association of the Remodeling Industry's (NARI) 2013 Regional Contractor of the Year awards for design acumen. Winning projects ran the gamut from historic preservation projects to environmentally conscious conceptions.

HARRY BRASWELL of Harry Braswell, Inc. in Alexandria, was named Contractor of the Year in the "Entire House \$500,001 to \$1,000,000" category for the renovation of a home that had not been updated since the 1950s. "The house was outdated, too small for the family's needs," he said.

The renovation included a kitchen outfitted with cabinet-front appliances and porcelain sinks including an apron farm sink and an island sink in a pale aqua. "That color is carried throughout the house," said project manager Gretchen Brown.

A concave glass tile backsplash surrounds

the durable, brown-toned quartzite counter. "Quartzite doesn't stain easily," said Brown. "It is strong like granite, but is more expensive."

The Braswell team also got a nod for energy efficiency for this project, which was named "NARI Green Project." Brown noted that the team installed energy efficiency lighting and energy star appliances.

"The homeowners had specific criteria about wanting to meet [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] certification because they are dedicated to protecting the environment," said Braswell.

A MCLEAN KITCHEN by BOWA took top honors in the "Residential Kitchen Over \$120,000" category. The homeowners were looking to create a free-flowing, light-filled space.

"Their kitchen was not as open as they would have liked," said Josh Baker, founder and co-chairman of BOWA. "They wanted to make it more integrated and useful for the family."

To accommodate a larger kitchen, the design team built an addition and added a sitting room, screened porch and additional windows to allow an abundance of natural light to stream into the space. The new kitchen also included a butler's pantry and a family dining area.

Baker, who founded BOWA with his college friend Larry Weinberg, says an open dialogue is essential to a successful remodeling project. "This is a customer service

business. It is not just a construction business. The entire process is important, not just the end result," Baker said.

FAIRFAX-BASED FIRM RJK Construction, Inc. received top honors in the category of "Residential Addition \$100,000 to \$250,000" for a home in the Mantua area of Fairfax County. Company president Robert Kalmin says the homeowners' goal was to blend their interior and exterior spaces. "They wanted to make their exterior landscaping a visual point because they entertain a lot," he said. "The windows act as murals to the exterior landscaping bring the outdoors in and the indoors out."

The owners requested an open floor plan that allowed guests to move freely between the kitchen and the backyard. "They were very specific about how they wanted people to meander from the outside to the inside," Kalmin said. "We had to relocate the powder room so that people are able to use the restroom without having to go anywhere else."

An abundance of windows allows natural light to flow throughout the home. "The kitchen has red oak flooring and other colors and finishes that compliment the natural scenery outside," said Kalmin.

CABIN JOHN, MD., BASED firm Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc. received kudos in the "Residential Exterior, \$100,000 and

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Exterior on the Cover.

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Historic Home for Sale in Alexandria

Designer/owner brought the home up to date while preserving its architectural integrity.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE GAZETTE

Decades before Alexandria-based interior designer Sydne Pettengill and her family moved into a stately Victorian home near Old Town, it was well established as a spacious retreat. “The former owners were a family of seven who had lived there for 45 years,” she said.

When Pettengill purchased the property, which was built in 1917, little had changed. The home, which connects to King Street, was in disrepair. However, Pettengill, who started her own business in 1987 after studying in London and a stint with prominent interior design firm Milo Hoots Associates, Inc., saw a diamond in the rough. “I thought it had incredible potential,” she said. “I found the high ceilings particularly appealing.”

Pettengill's husband Bill Wiley, a systems engineer and director of the Science Engineering Research Center at the Potomac School in McLean, said, “We bought it knowing that it was going to be a full renovation. We didn't know what the final blueprint was going to be, but it was so large that we knew we could do whatever we wanted to.”

The 7,590-square-foot, six-bedroom, eight-and-a-half bathroom home also included a two-story carriage house, and although she needed to expand and update the home, Pettengill worked to preserve the historic home's architectural integrity. “We remodeled and

gutted, but we wanted to keep the character of what it was,” she said. “We were careful about integrating the spaces that we added.”

ONE OF THE KEYS to maintaining the original design was salvaging and reusing materials as much as possible. “We kept the original front doors, original French doors going into dining room, as well as the original windows on the first floor in front of the house,” said Pettengill.

“The hardwood floors in the master bedroom are original,” she continued. “There is a sitting room off the master bedroom. It is quite a suite. The pine floors on the second and third levels were also saved from the original home and reused.”

A striking Belvedere window in the kitchen creates an ideal marriage of style and function by filling the room with natural light. “The kitchen is the heart of the house,” said Pettengill. “There is a side terrace and you can go in and out of the kitchen through two door ways.”

The kitchen, which opens into the home's great room, has pale yellow painted cabinets and contrast-

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ing dark, honed Uba Tuba granite counters. “One of the eureka moments for us was the kitchen,” she said. “We struggled with it for a couple of years and then decided to push it out and make it more open.” The flow continues into the dining room, which has a bay window that is original to the home.

“It is spectacular for entertaining,” she said. “There is a terrace off the back of the house that is concealed and very private. There is also a side terrace off the kitchen.” The original service kitchen became the library after Pettengill added built-in bookcases.

Pettengill says that the foyer is the pivotal point of the house. “There is an open stairwell and you can see from the foyer straight up to the third floor.” She even found a carpenter to replicate the original stair railing.

A round table stands in the middle of the foyer, complimenting the shape of the space and the period of the home. “It is a hand painted table that’s



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This 7,590 square-foot, six-bedroom, eight-and-a-half bathroom home near Old Town Alexandria, is on the market for \$2,995,000.

reminiscent of the Victorian era when the house was built,” said Pettengill.

FORMER CLIENTS SAID that one of Pettengill’s strengths is her ability to navigate the often-daunting task of creating fresh designs that compliment historic homes. Alexandria resident Grace-Marie

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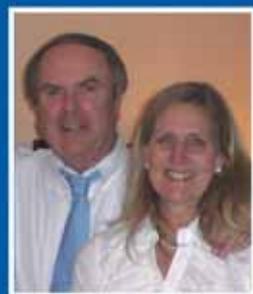
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Demand for Incremental Improvements

Over time, some owners makeover the entire house — one phase at a time.

BY JOHN BYRD

If you compare the current home remodeling market to 2007, it's clear that homeowners are less likely to execute a top-to-bottom makeover in a single stroke than they were five years ago.

Home resales are rising again, but the belief that every dollar spent on a Northern Virginia home will be quickly recovered has been suspended — if only temporarily — as homeowners reassess.

For most local homeowners, a house is an asset of enormous personal appeal: an expression of identity and aspiration, periodically adapted to life's changes.

While the scale of the average project may be smaller, it's evident that many homeowners middle age or older have come to see the home as a long-term — even life-long — work in progress, one that they take up passionately, and at regular intervals.

Veteran remodeler David Foster calls these homeowners "incremental" improvers, and has come to see them as the primary focus of a home improvement enterprise he started 30 years ago.

As president of Foster Remodeling Solutions in Lorton, Foster regularly coaches his team on the importance of understanding what these homeowners need, what they are expecting and how to articulate their best options with clarity.

"Providing an experience that the homeowner will value unequivocally is probably our most important marketing activity," Foster said. "Our core belief is that there are many homeowners who will make a notable home improvement every two to five years, so we place a high priority on earning that person's trust. In this sense, there is nothing more important than outperforming expectation."

WHILE THERE MAY BE many reasons why a homeowner will remodel in stages, Foster said that the typical incremental improver has a pay-as-you-go orientation.

South Alexandria resident Sandy Nusbaum, for instance, attributes her periodic home upgrade inclinations to a gradual but decisive recognition that the four bedroom colonial she has occupied for 28 years with husband Mike is the last single family residence the couple will ever own.

"We raised three children here, and when the last of them moved away, we looked at other houses in the area and even a retirement village in North Carolina," Nusbaum said. "That's when I renewed my appreciation for the many advantages of this house. I recognized that everything we wanted was already here; we just needed a few focused



The Nusbaums' initial goal was an open "kitchen-centric" plan that would make it easier for Sandy Nusbaum to entertain. A three-stool dining counter proved an effective starting point; the new surface is also well-positioned as a serving station for porch dining.

improvements that take us into the foreseeable future."

Initially that meant introducing an open, "kitchen-centric" plan in the back half of the house, and creating an outdoor component in the form of a 16-by-16-foot back screen porch that allows for easy warm-weather circulation.

Replacing a wall between kitchen and dining room with a three-stool dining counter proved an effective starting point to a more interactive entertainment space. The new surface is also well-positioned as a serving station for all fresco porch dining.

Although the needed structural changes were relatively minor, a new shelled-in niche for the refrigerator allows for additional storage. Maple cabinets with a Barton door style and honey-spice stain evoke a clean linear look within a softly lit ambiance. Likewise, the Silestone quartz surfaces in ebony pearl provide a tonal and textural contrast.

Once the kitchen had been transformed, it wasn't long before the Nusbaums began planning the follow-on phase: an extension of the rear family room, an open-air grilling deck and a layout that permits children, grandchildren and many guests to circulate freely through a now wide-ranging entertainment space.

Then, just last year, the largely unused lower level was converted into a multi-purpose suite that serves as both an exercise room and guest accommodation.

"The built-ins with closets flank either side of a new Murphy bed — one exclusively for guest use," Nusbaum said. "We also made the laundry room more functional and added a full bath with handicapped access."

Meanwhile, Nusbaum mainly uses the remade lower level daily for her daily treadmill workouts: "It's a real luxury having so many useful things exactly where you want them."

vider between the kitchen and family room gives the area around the hearth a sense of intimacy while retaining sightlines.

Relocating the door to the kitchen-side of the wet bar has also coaxed the back porch into the home's mainstream.

"The wet bar is a significant step-saver," Piper said. "The whole back of the house is much better rationalized."

And success breeds success. The Pipers were, in fact, so pleased with the kitchen, they pressed on with a master bathroom upgrade less than a year later and last month remodeled the first floor powder room in a plan that includes a Mediterranean-style foot bath ringed in glass and mosaic tiling.

The artfully-executed first floor facility — planned with an assist from Foster Remodeling Solutions designer Sarah Wolf — includes a vessel basin with exposed copper piping, marble floors and a coffered ceiling with concealed lights.

The Pipers — who often travel internationally — say the foot bath is a pleasant convenience in the summer when they are



A follow-on remodeling project at the The Nusbaums' home included an extension of the rear family room, an open-air grilling deck and a layout that permits guests to circulate freely

JUST BLOCKS AWAY, Steve and Diane Piper purchased a circa 1980s Colonial a few years ago, pleased with the home's lovely wooded setting, but keenly aware that original builder-grade kitchen had never been improved in 30 years.

"The rear of the house was designed as a great room with a kitchen and designated breakfast nook that segues to a family room with a brick hearth. There's also a sizable back porch along the rear of the house, which you had to access from the family room," Diane Piper said.

"Our goal was not simply to improve the amenities, but to really develop a better rear-house circulation plan — one that confers privacy where needed, and also makes it easier to take advantage of the porch."

Piper said several comparatively simple

often wearing sandals.

"I wouldn't say it adds anything to the resale value," Diane Piper said, "but then we do plan to be in this house for at least another ten years."

ON A SIMILAR NOTE, Vienna resident Kelly Grems has executed four remodeling projects with Foster starting with a kitchen addition in 2003.

"We bought the house in 1995 when I was pregnant," Grems said. "My husband [Ed] and I had been living in a much smaller house in Maryland, but envisioned a traditional home that would offer our growing family lots of useful activity areas."

A kitchen with a sizable breakfast room was the first item on the wish list, an as-

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signment complicated by the fact that the home's rear elevation backs into a woodland set-aside and a precipitous drop.

"The ground level decking was already in place," Grems said, "but David showed us a plan for an elevated breakfast room extension built on pilings that wouldn't require a ground level foundation. Turns out, this solution created a welcome canopy for the ground level patio. And it was also a more sensible, economical choice for us at the time."

Grems said her first step was handing Foster a file of articles on kitchen interiors she had clipped from Southern Living; the Foster design staff then took over from there, helping the couple visualize design ideas with the aid of a computer program. The team also provided an array of relevant finish work options, mostly pointing to readily available considerations on display in the company's showroom.

"The selection and pricing process was transparent, and really anticipated what we needed," Grems said. "When you're as busy as we are, you really appreciate this quality of support."

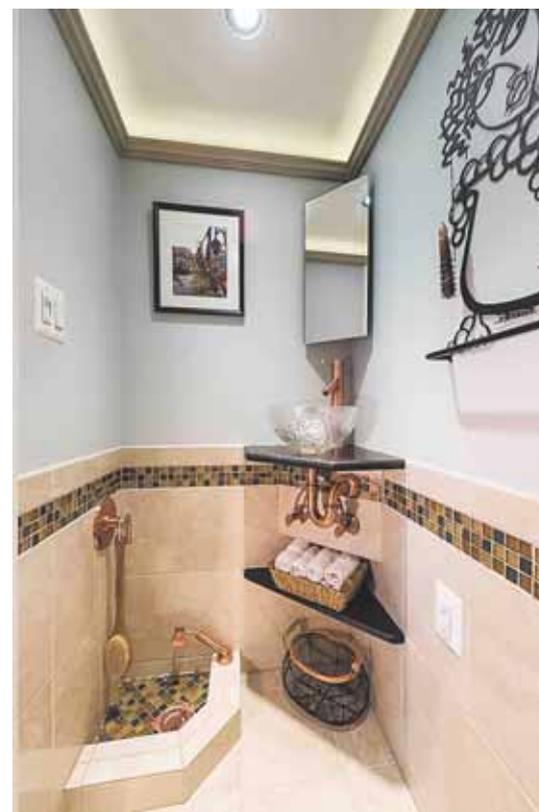
Apart from budget considerations, Grems said taking a pause between projects allowed the couple to pay more attention to how the family is actually using the house, and to develop ideas that work or everyone.

The recently completed family room upgrade didn't become an immediate action plan, for instance, because the family design process were fomenting slowly — again starting with magazine articles and other sources.

"Frankly, we're particular; we let the basic interior design come to us piece by piece, then we collaborate with professionals" she said.

In the end, Foster designers created interior elevations that bear no resemblance to the original.

The half-brick floor-to-ceiling backwall was replaced by perfectly symmetrical built-ins, crown molding and an elevated hearth with a marble surround and Edwardian-style mantle.



The Pipers' new powder room includes a Mediterranean-style foot bath ringed in glass and mosaic tiling.

"It's an entirely different mood from the sun room," Grems said, "and perfectly satisfies another dimension of our lifestyle."

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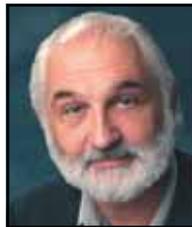
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Over" category for a backyard space that includes a pool and fireplace. "The homeowner wanted four separate living spaces in the backyard," said company spokeswoman Danielle Frye. "He wanted a dining room, a living room with a heat source, a place to sunbathe near his pool and a place to play cricket on his lawn."

The Wilder team developed a backyard plan that replaced overgrown grass with flagstone and a badly worn fence with foliage to create a sense of privacy. "There is a sundeck and spaces for a sofa and dining table, but the fireplace is the focal point," said Frye. "We used really tall bamboo to shield the view."

A BETHESDA HOME ADDITION garnered a top prize in the "Residential Addition Over \$250,000" category for A.R.T Design Build Inc. with team member Grossmueller's Design Consultants, Inc.

"The client wanted to expand their one story house to have a separate area for [bedrooms] and create a more functional first floor with more communal spaces, the kitchen, family room [and] dining room," said Cindy G. McClure of Grossmueller's Design Consultants, Inc.

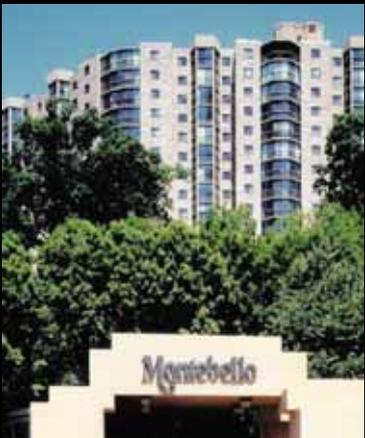
The design team added a new second floor to the home, which accommodates a laundry room, a master suite, two additional bedrooms and a bathroom. A stair tower and cathedral foyer create an open floor plan and connect the first and second levels.



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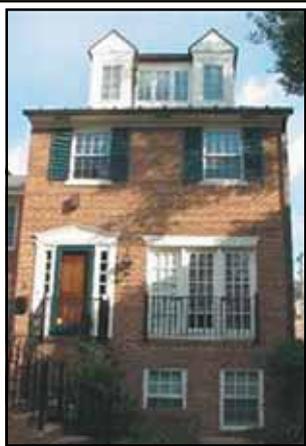
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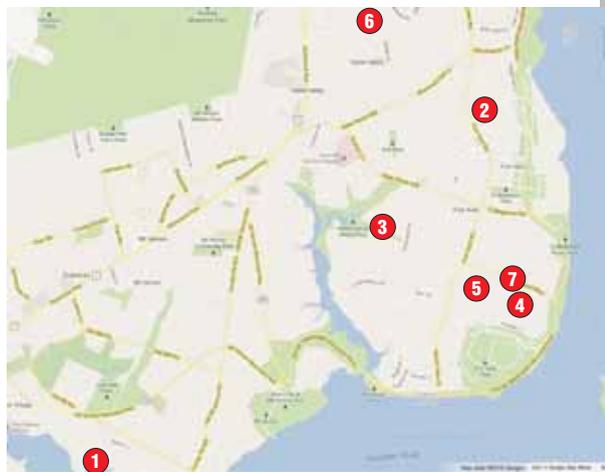
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Home Historic

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Turner hired Pettengill to complete the interior design on her expansive Old Town home. The oldest part of the house was built in the mid-1700s and subsequent additions span the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

"The house had 50 windows that all required different window treatments," said Turner. "We wanted them to be new and fresh and at the same time respect the period." The result, she continued, was a balance of elegance and coziness that honored the home's range of architectural periods.

Pettengill, who has adult children, said it's time for her family to find a smaller abode and turn her spacious Alexandria property over to another family. "As a friend told me, we're not down-sizing, we're right-sizing," she said.

The home is on the market for \$2,995,000. For more information, call 703-838-8480.

"We wanted to keep the character of what it was. We were careful about integrating the spaces that we added."

— Sydney Pettengill



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This is one of eight and a half bathrooms in the Victorian home of interior designer Sydney Pettengill.



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- Brick Rambler on Prime Corner Lot
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Raised-Hearth Fireplaces



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- Library and Bright, Breezy Sunroom
- Galley Kitchen w/adjacent Breakfast Bay
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- Potomac River Vistas
- Sectional Staircase Ascends to Large, Open Spaces
- See-Through Fireplace in Living

- Room & Den/Bedroom
- Bright, Eat-in Kitchen
- Small, Private Solarium off Master Bedroom
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- Largest Rambler
- Five Bedrooms



- Remodeled Kitchen—top to bottom
- Family Room/Den adjacent to Kitchen
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- Three Fireplaces
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