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## PET GAZETTE



**“Hello, my name is Pooka Belle and I’m a Great Dane mixed with Boxer and Dachshund. Don’t ask. I’m a rescue from AWOL Mutts and my new family loves me despite the fact I ate two couches (including the one in this picture), four pillows (just a few bites), and a table leg.” More pet photos, page 3.**

— ANNE P. HOLLOWAY

## Standing Up for Victim’s Father

**Coalition renews call for justice in police-related shooting.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**T**hree years ago the Board of Supervisors rejected a proposal by the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability to form a citizen police oversight board. Instead they agreed with the recommendations of the county executive and police chief to assign responsibility for investigating citizen complaints of alleged misconduct to the county’s independent auditor.

The incentive to establish the citizen police oversight board was in response to the shooting death of Green Beret Vietnam veteran David Masters. In the interim, no independent auditor report has been issued to reveal the results

of citizen complaints of alleged police misconduct or past shooting death investigations. On June 3, retired Army Colonel Barrie Masters, the father of the fatal shooting victim, David Masters, sent a letter to Board of Supervisors chairwoman Sharon Bulova, expressing his disappointment that no report on the shooting death of his son was ever made available to him and no citizen police oversight panel was created. He also mentioned the blanket exemption which the police enjoy under the state Freedom of Information Act to any request for police incident reports, including the one about his son.

Barrie Masters wrote: “The police department operates in a culture of complete autonomy with-

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## Fort Hunt Federals To Gather at Reunion

**Recalling and celebrating Fort Hunt High School.**

BY JONATHAN POLSON  
AND GREGORY WISE  
THE GAZETTE

**T**hough Fort Hunt High School has not operated for over 20 years, hundreds of graduates will reunite this weekend at Fort Hunt Park to celebrate the school’s 50th anniversary.

Fort Hunt High faced many changes since opening its doors 50 years ago, but what remains is a community of alumni kept to-

### More

Fort Hunt High School – All Class Reunion  
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“We’re celebrating the spirit

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Max and Lola Lehner are rescue dogs. We adopted both dogs from adoption day programs offered at the PetSmart in the Hybla Valley Shopping Center. We adopted Max (brown head) in April 2007 and Lola (black head) in January 2010. Max was found in the woods of central Virginia when he was 3 months old and adopted for about six months but was given to a shelter when his owner moved. We were lucky enough to find him at his first appearance at the PetSmart and this mix of herding and working dog breeds came home with us. Lola's litter was found in a box on Route 1 near Woodbridge when they were 6 weeks old. She was an irresistible blue-eyed, gray fluff ball and our one dog rule was broken to make room for her. Lola loves to lounge and interfere with Max's Zen view of the world.

— KATHY LEHNER



Mara Surovell, Colin Surovell and Mosby (Surovell) the Surovell Family Dog who excels at mountain climbing, cleaning sticks out of lakes and dragging a certain delegate around on Mount Vernon's streets while he talks on his phone.



PHOTO BY MARY TRACY

The Pugs are Teddy (the prone one), Jingles, and Joe (the young one with the orange vest). I initially bought Jingles as a Christmas gift for a young girl we took in on the Eastern Shore since she did not have a home. While keeping Jingles for the few weeks before Christmas, I fell in love with him and immediately got another once the girl took Jingles to

Chincoteague. For almost a year, I brought Teddy to the shore every other week and he played with Jingles. When the girl graduated from high school, she moved and could not take Jingles; consequently, I moved him to Alexandria and he has been with Teddy ever since (almost 11 years). Just over a year ago, I ran into someone who asked whether I knew anyone interested in adopting a Pug. I really was not interested but, nevertheless, met with the owner. Once I met Joe, I adopted him and all three have been getting along very well and are great companions.

— RICK SHAPIRA



Toby, Lauren Lewis and Annie Christmas 2012

## Little Orphan Annie No More

BY TERI LEWIS

On the evening of Feb. 22, 2011 we let our standard poodle, Toby, into the yard for a last potty break before bedtime. We heard a dog bark at Toby. My husband Glenn went into the yard to investigate.

Much to our surprise he found a scruffy looking dog sitting in the far corner of the yard looking down and shaking beyond belief. Our daughter, Lauren, came out with some dog treats and offered them to the dog, and she graciously accepted. We were able to get the dog into our rec room, where she sat shaking. She was covered in urine and feces and it appeared she had just weened a recent litter of puppies. She was a mess but looked very much like a Goldendoodle.

Because we were unable to keep the frightened dog overnight, we contacted the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, which dispatched a staffer to bring the dog to their shelter.

We knew we wanted to adopt the dog — but the shelter told us we would have to wait 7 to 10 days, to see if the dog's previous owner claimed her. I called the shelter regularly checking on her

status. On the day she was available for adoption, we were there with paperwork in hand. We adopted her and brought her home.

A vet check revealed that the new dog that we named Annie, in honor of Orphan Annie, had had multiple litters and may never have been allowed out of her crate. She was estimated 5-6 years old and in good health considering. Interestingly, though, it would appear someone has worked with her. She seemed leash and housebroken.

Our best guess is she was dropped here as they had to open the gate to put her in the yard. I suspect from a puppy mill that used her up and discarded her. Best of all, though, is that the former orphan fits in beautifully with her new family, including Toby who doesn't often get along with other dogs. Annie likes to sit and wave both front paws at the closest available person to solicit belly rubs. She simply insists that you rub her; that's not optional. My heart breaks often to think about her early years but trust me . . . we are doing everything we can to make it up to her. She is so grateful and we love her dearly. I highly recommend adopting.



We adopted Harley from the Arlington Animal Welfare League in December 2009. My granddaughter, Emily, was born in June 2010. As my grandbaby got older, Harley would seek her out just to sit near her. She climbs on him, sits on him, and pulls his tail and Harley is so very patient with her. She incorporates him into all her play activities, including putting fairy wings on him. We never imagined our lives with a dog, now we can't picture lives without Harley in it. Getting him from the animal shelter was the not only the best thing for him — but for our family as well.

— GAIL VENEV



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# Focus on Groveton's Founding Families

Author explores history of former farming community.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS  
THE GAZETTE

Longtime Groveton resident Charlotte Brown's book "Groveton" uses both stories and pictures from local residents and business owners to provide readers with a colorful and informative look at the history of the area.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Charlotte Brown**

Brown was inspired to look deeper into the history of the close-knit farming community after doing research on her family's genealogy with her mother and grandmother as well as through her own research on Groveton's first church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

After a friend sent her an email that Arcadia Publishing was looking for information on additional areas including Groveton, she contacted them. She received a book contract in February 2012 and began her research about a month after that.

The first half of the book highlights Historic Huntley and the early farming families in Groveton while the latter half covers Fort Belvoir, formerly known as Camp Humphries, and the Groveton fire and police departments and various local businesses.

Susan Hellman, director of the Carlyle House, worked with Brown on the book when she worked in the Virginia Room of the Fairfax County Library.

She hopes that people will learn about the agricultural past of the community. "Northern Virginia is often seen as a bedroom community of Washington, D.C. I want

people to learn that is not the case with Groveton. This is a well-established community with deep roots in the area. The proximity to Washington, D.C. has nothing to do with the founding of the community. I hope that people will also learn about the agricultural past of the community. It wasn't always suburbia. It was a farmland," Hellman said.

Penn Daw resident Barbara Keck, who knows many Groveton residents, also contributed photos and postcards of local businesses featured in the book including Deavers Motel, Totem Pole, and the Wagon Wheel. She hopes that readers will learn some of the area's early history and gain a different outlook on Groveton.

Although this is her first book, Brown stated that organizing and writing "Groveton" was much easier because of all the stories and pictures she obtained from local residents and businesses.

One of her favorite photos is of the famous Dixie Pig barbecue restaurant. The restaurant was located on Route 1 — where the Rite

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# PEOPLE

## Groveton's Founding Families

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Aid now stands — until it closed in January 1996.

"They had some of the best barbecue. Folks are still looking for that barbecue," she said.

The original owners Helen Lucille Bishop Griffin and Benjamin Franklin Griffin Sr.'s son Benjamin Franklin Griffin Jr., 93, gave her some colorful stories about their family and the restaurant.

In addition, Brown traveled to Port Royal, Va. to visit with another long time resident Dorothy Alcorn Butt who lived at Huntley along with her three siblings and her parents Gladys and Earl Alcorn who took care of Bert Harrison who owned a dairy farm in Groveton.

Brown also spoke with Ransom Jerome Amlong, the son of Colonel Ransom George Amlong and Marguerite M. Kennedy, who has lived in Huntley since his parents moved there in 1946.

The Amlong family purchased Huntley in 1948 and lived there until the family was transferred to Belgium. They returned after the colonel retired in 1953 and remained there until his wife's death in 1972.

Another local resident who contributed to the book is Jane Puletz. She shared a number of pictures of her family and childhood stories about her grandfather's farm with the author.

According to Puletz, Groveton's is a different from other communities in Northern Virginia because "many of its families have remained in the area for a lifetime" and "the fact that George Washington owned land here."

Through her research of Groveton business owners and families' genealogy, Brown found out that she was related to a majority of them.

"One thing I was surprised to learn was that we had a lot of cousins here," she said.

Brown also was able to find some never before seen photos of her father, Alvin Upton "Brownie" Brown when he was a young man after speaking with her cousins.

"Groveton is a diverse community where people still seem to care about each other. Most of the people who settle here tend to stay and, even if they don't, their children tend to come back," she said.

Proceeds from "Groveton" go to support the Friends of Historic Huntley. It can be purchased at Amazon.com or through Arcadia Publishing website.

After retiring from Securities and Exchange Commission, Brown moved into her childhood home in Groveton and lives with her sister, Bonnie. She enjoys gardening and is active with the Groveton Civic Association.



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# Fort Hunt Federals Celebrate 'Spirit That's Still Alive'

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that's still alive, and the spirit we're trying to keep going," said alumni association President Joseph Gililland.

First opened in 1963, due to an increasing student population in area, Fort Hunt High had a short but successful stint as a high school. Tom Harvey, a member of the class of 1967, fondly remembered the community that Fort Hunt created. "It was an incredible group of people," said Harvey, whose class was the first to attend all four years at the school. "[Fort Hunt] was absolutely the quintessential neighborhood high school."

According to another graduate, Patricia Miller, who attended the school almost a decade after Harvey, the school also featured some of the strongest spirit around. "We were proud of our sports teams, proud of our band and proud of our drama department" said Miller, "[and] I think that sense of pride carries on to this day."

However, even this immense pride could not stop the school from shutting down in 1985 due to decreased enrollment, only 22 years after it opened. Gililland explained the closing as something "everyone thought would never happen, up until the spring of '85."

According to Gililland, when the closure did finally materialize, much of the Fort Hunt memorabilia, such as athletic uniforms, banners and trophies, was thrown away by the county, stripping away much of the school's history in the process.

In the 28 years since the closing, the property that was once Fort Hunt High School has changed a great deal, yet the admiration and esteem the alumni feels for their high school has remained intact.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN POLSON/THE GAZETTE

**Over the years Alumni President Joseph Gililland has collected an assortment of Fort Hunt Memorabilia including ribbons, yearbooks and mugs.**

It was for this reason that Gililland began attending reunions, but he soon found himself frustrated by the disorganization. "I thought to myself, we've got to do better than this," said Gililland. As a result, he started organizing his own gatherings, contacting as many people from his class as he could.

This eventually led Gililland to come into contact with Fort Hunt alumna Terry Kinder Alers, a graduate of the class of 1979, who suggested that instead of organizing 20 separate events for the 20 graduating classes, they could collaborate to create one "all-class event."

From this, Alers and Gililland began work on compiling a comprehensive list of Fort Hunt alumni. Using old graduation commencement programs, they, with the help of other volunteers, were able to gather the

almost 10,000 names of alumni from 20 graduating classes. Once completed, Gililland and Alers began notifying those on the list about the association.

By the end of the year almost 2,000 graduates had registered, a fact that Gililland is extremely proud of. "Not everyone had a great time in high school, [but] most people are happy to register, and it feels good to get everybody reconnected," said Gililland.

Since its creation and implementation, the alumni association has put on all-class events for the past two years, which Gililland described as a huge success.

"At first there was some resistance," said Gililland.

"They were saying, we don't want to hang around with those babies that graduated in '83, [or] we don't want to hang out with

those old people from the class of '65, but it turns out everybody gets along great. "Everybody went to the same school and rooted for the same football team on Friday night. We have a lot in common," said Gililland who also believes that the fact that the Fort Hunt alumni are "a finite group" adds an incentive to get together.

Alers, meanwhile, described the upcoming event as a chance to celebrate "a new Federals legacy while reinforcing our historic presence within the Fort Hunt community."

"We are beginning to recognize not only our own eventual mortality, but also a fading knowledge about our very existence," said Alers.

The alumni association is keeping Fort Hunt alive through more than reunion events. The association, according to Gililland, worked with the county to ensure that the Fort Hunt cannons will remain out front of the property, even after renovations on Carl Sandburg Middle School are completed. "We had to work with the Fairfax County Public Schools to let them know those cannons were our past and our memory," said Gililland.

Additionally, the association has set up a scholarship award in Fort Hunt's name for a selected college-bound senior from West Potomac, the first of which was awarded this year.

The reunion's first events will kick off Friday and Saturday with individual class events, eventually culminating into the all-class celebration on Sunday which Gililland believes is not simply a celebration of high school, but "a chance to reconnect with everybody and recognize things have changed. We don't want the name of Fort Hunt High School to disappear."

## FHYAA Names Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarship Winners

The Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association announced the winners of the 2013 Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarships.

The four winners were selected from a pool of applicants, all of whom were asked to describe in 750-1,200 words the life lessons they learned through their participation in Fort Hunt youth athletics.

The scholarships are in memory of Jackson Casey, a FHYAA athlete who died in 2011.

Applicants were required to have participated in an FHYAA sport at some point in their career. Applicants came from six area high schools and represent 13 colleges from coast to coast.

"This was a very strong showing for the first year of the scholarships," said Robert LaGow, FHYAA board member and administrator of the scholarship contest.

"We expect that it will be an even bigger pool of applicants in the years to

come as word gets out about the Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarships."

The winners are:

❖ Alex Houser, a West Potomac graduate, is headed to Virginia Tech in the fall. Houser played baseball and basketball for FHYAA.

❖ Mary Patalita, a Georgetown Visitation graduate, plans to play lacrosse at The College of the Holy Cross. Patalita played Fort Hunt basketball in addition to lacrosse.

❖ John Schlesinger, a graduate of Pope John Paul the Great, will be attending Old Dominion University. Schlesinger played Fort Hunt basketball.

❖ Tonette (Toni) Stapleton, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, is headed to Northwestern University. Stapleton was a Fort Hunt softball, lacrosse and basketball player.

"Not only are these special young adults, but it was a joy reading about how sports and competition shaped their lives," said Sean Casey, the father of Jackson Casey and a judge for the contest.

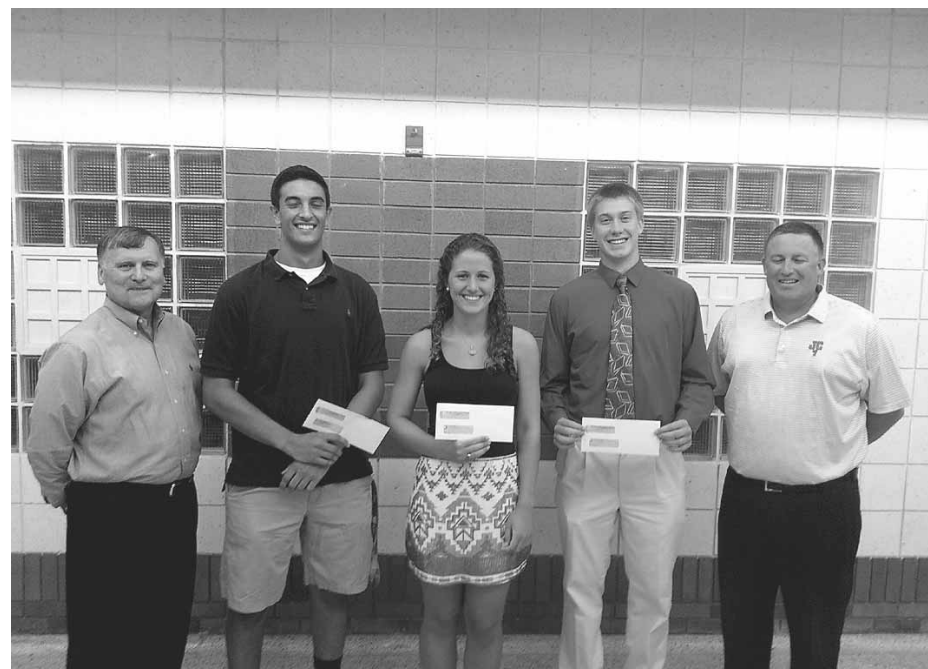


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**Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association President Bob Burton with Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarship winners Alex Houser, Mary Patalita, John Schlesinger and Sean Casey. (Not pictured, Toni Stapleton.)**



# Coalition Renews Call for Justice

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out fear that it's actions will be held up to any kind of scrutiny" and argued in his letter to Bulova that "a citizen's review board would not only protect the public from unjustified actions by the police, it would protect the police department from unjustified criticism by the public."

Bulova sent a June 12 reply to Barrie Masters, but instead of explaining the board's rationale for assigning alleged police misconduct complaints to the board's independent auditor she referred him to a February 2012 independent auditor report and had nothing else to say in response to his letter. The problem is the independent auditor report does not discuss the investigation of the shooting which killed Barrie Master's son, the rationale for not adopting a citizen oversight panel, or the outcome of any independent auditor investigations conducted over the two-year period in which the auditor was responsible for follow-up on alleged police misconduct complaints.

Barrie Masters responded to the curt reply in a June 18 letter to Bulova: "It (the June 12 letter) was an attempt to mislead me" and he accused Bulova of actions that are "totally unprofessional." Masters went on to say in his letter to Bulova, "a report of the police investigation into my son's death has never been released although clearly misconduct did take place." Despite the fact that the commonwealth attorney found no wrongdoing in the fatal shooting incident, the police officer who did the shooting was eventually fired, but without comment or explanation.

Masters' letter also pointed out that the police chief "who was responsible for the non-investigation" has now been promoted to the position of deputy county executive "where I am told he draws a salary of \$191,168 per year and a concurrent pension from the police force of \$173,000 per year."

Not mentioned is the county will be hiring a new police chief who will most likely

## In Support

List of organizations supporting Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc.'s proposal to create a Citizens Police Oversight Board in Fairfax County includes:

ACLU of Virginia  
 NAACP, Fairfax County Branch, Unit 7066  
 National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement National Association of Investigative Specialists  
 National Black Police Association  
 National Lawyers Guild  
 National Police Accountability Project  
 Racial Justice and Immigration Rights Project  
 Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

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be earning \$125,000-plus annually. That would bring the amount of tax money spent for the top two police officers, including the deputy county executive's police chief retirement pension, to over half a million dollars annually. Masters closed his letter to Bulova with this statement: "I am a retired Army colonel, and I don't suffer fools gladly. You, Sharon Bulova, have tried to treat me as a fool, and it seems you and [Police Chief] Mr. Rohrer are taking the citizens of Fairfax County for fools. I have tried for three years, unsuccessfully, to get some measure of justice for my son David, and I still plan to reach this objective."

Nicholas Beltrante, executive director of Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, said: "The citizens of Fairfax County and local, state, and national organizations overwhelmingly support CCPA's proposal to create a citizen police oversight board reporting to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. In the face of a highly questionable record of police civil rights, they are merely waiting until they have to create such a board; Why? Because the majority of the board have been in office for many years and there has been and continues to be little or no overall police accountability. They are not being held accountable for their failure, in the face of clear and convincing evidence demonstrating a 'pattern and practice' including excessive force, demonstrating unlawful conduct of discrimination by the police who violate their own police orders on the use of lethal force.

"While the board in its wisdom has authorized some 85 advisory boards, the one board that would provide citizen oversight and advice on police conduct is nowhere to be seen. After all, low crime rates in an affluent county in the Washington metropolitan region is all the board should ask for. Don't rock the boat, right? Wrong. Here are a few statistics that should send chills up the spine of those taxpaying county residents that care about police transparency and accountability:

"61 civil rights complaints filed with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Feb. 1, 2013 report.

"Six citizens shot and killed by Fairfax

County police that were unarmed. January 2006 – July 2012.

"No police incident reports released by Fairfax County police in response to any police shooting deaths."

Beltrante continued: "A citizen police oversight board reporting to the Board of Supervisors should be formed to strengthen police-community relations and promote collaboration between citizens and the police. The big city or county police model of a large hierarchical organization charged with keeping order, being tough on violators, and keeping citizens in the dark and at best in an arms length relationship should give way to a proposal which provides citizens with an independent oversight voice which will promote a relationship of trust between citizens working with our police. This includes but is not limited to investigating citizen complaints with the police, performing collaborative research, analyze police policies and practices, work jointly in community forums, and work toward policies and practices that will protect the rights of all our citizens.

"In my 15 years working on the homicide and robbery squads in Washington, D.C. I only had to use my weapon three times in armed robbery situations. What I have witnessed these past several years in Fairfax County and my investigation of past police shooting actions is we have a police department completely left to its own devices to shoot first and ask questions later. No police officer should be using lethal force on an unarmed person who poses no threat to the police or people in the vicinity of the suspect. This is not a foreign country dictatorship; this is the United States of America.

"The evidence I have compiled cries out for a changed attitude in a county which prides itself on being well managed, has top notch public education, and progressive land use, housing, and health care initiatives, and policies that favor those least able to help themselves. Unfortunately, that is not true when it comes to law enforcement and the evidence of the number of unarmed shooting deaths and volume of civil rights complaints is overwhelming. How many more unnecessary shooting deaths or civil rights complaints will it take before the public and county board wakes up to the facts?"

Beltrante said his group is getting excellent cooperation from the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. The department recently forwarded to the CCPA a number of U.S. Civil Rights reports and Consent Decrees ordered by the Federal Courts on other cities and counties with police departments who engaged in similar

## List of Victims

The Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc. has compiled a list of victims of Fairfax County police-related shooting deaths. Victims were unarmed. Police incident reports were not released.

### Dr. Salvatore Culosi

Date of Incident: 1/24/2006

Summary Description: Shot and killed in front of his home.

Swat Team delivering a warrant for sports betting.

Comments: Fairfax County settled lawsuit for \$2 million.

### Randall Leroy Collins

Date of Incident: 5/23/2007

Summary Description: Shot 11 times.

### Hailu Brook

Date of Incident: 12/10/2008

Summary Description: Shot multiple times in the back while fleeing.

### David Masters

Date of Incident: 11/13/2009

Summary Description: Shot in the back while sitting in his car.

### Ian Smith

Summary of Incident: Mentally ill; shot multiple times in his home.

### Nicholas Allan Kaelber

Date of Incident: 7/8/2012

Summary of Incident: Looked suspicious; fled; stopped by fence; shot multiple times in the back.

questionable actions. He indicated that he is using the materials and guidelines provided by the Civil Rights Division in preparation to file a brief on the Fairfax County Police Department for failure to take steps to eliminate the practice of using lethal force when unnecessary, and to be more fair, open, and collaborative with citizens who wish to have a voice in filing civil rights complaints with the county against police actions of alleged misconduct.

According to Beltrante, the civil rights climate in the U.S. and locally is such that failure to address the oversight issue will inevitably lead, as it has in other cities and counties in the U.S., to a federal Consent Decree action by the Justice Department pursuant to the police misconduct provision of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"If citizen police oversight boards are good for Seattle, New Orleans, the District of Columbia, and Prince George's County, Md. among the 150 citizen oversight organizations now operating in the U.S. today then why wouldn't it be good for Fairfax County?" Beltrante asked. "What are they hiding? What are they afraid of? Why is the Board of Supervisors refusing to take the necessary steps to protect the rights of all citizens when it comes to police power and authority?"

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## Complete Easy Solutions

To the Editor:

What in the world are our elected representatives doing talking about another \$1M study to figure out what to do about Route 1 traffic between the Beltway and Fort Belvoir? During the past 20 years, Senator Puller has sponsored at least two \$1M studies about what to do to improve the traffic on Route 1. So far more than \$4 million has been spent on studies. There are immediate, much less costly solutions that this money could be used for.

We do not need another study. If you drive the route once or twice, many easy solutions could be completed for much less than another study.

Here are two things that could be done easily:

- ❖ Free up the right lane by making sure that there are bus stops at only places where the complete buss with usually less than four people in them can get completely out of the right lane. This will free up the right lane along much of this roadway. I am not impressed with a few number of people taking buses. Get smaller buses and keep them from blocking the right lane of Route 1 all of the time when they stop.

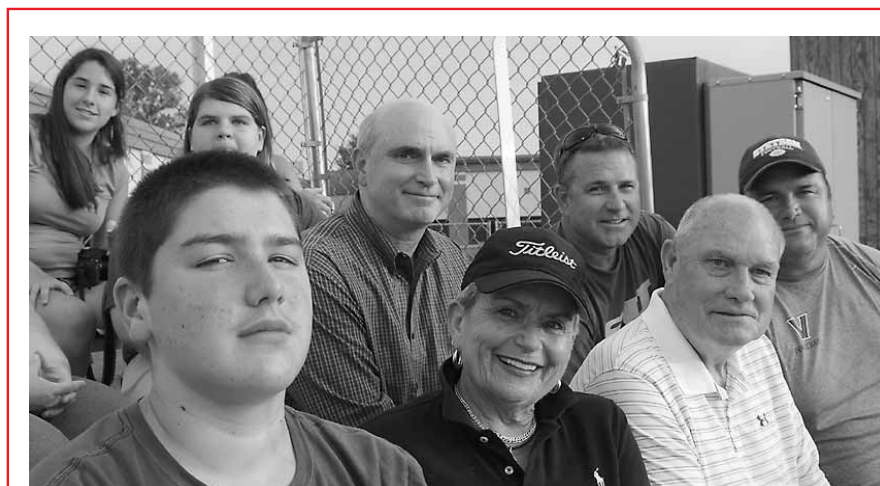
- ❖ Put up the 3-foot white poles in the middle of the road at places where people consistently try to turn left from the left lane crossing double yellow lines. This would open up the left lanes in places like the uphill grade where the old Thieves market was. Only permit left turns from left turn lanes. This frees up the left lane for through traffic.

The above easy-to-accomplish items will allow all three lanes to run smoothly versus the current one lane in the middle with everybody trying to squeeze into it when the buses block the curb lane or cars are trying to turn left from the left lane.

We have got to add more lanes in places where the Walmart is at the crossings of King Highway and Route 1 and where Costco and Walmart are now where Sherwood Hall comes to Route 1. It is almost impossible to travel faster than 10 mph in these areas now and is only going to get worse.

I find that I try and avoid ever traveling to businesses on Route 1 because it is so congested unless I am on my bike.

Another easy solution north of Fort Belvoir: Add the additional funded lanes on the side of the road where there is nothing but fields and leave the poor horse



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THE GAZETTE

**The Howertons — Tyler, Carol, Cig, John and Cal — are joined by long time friend Jay Pitts at the Aces and Nationals baseball game at Frank Mann Field. Jay Pitts, former Mount Vernon resident and graduate of Fort Hunt High School Class of '81 and the Howertons came to cheer on Jay's son Kyle.**

## An Evening for Family, Friends and Baseball

**Jay Pitts and John Howerton grew up in Mount Vernon and have been friends since they played Little League.**



farm and church alone. It appears that VDOT is trying to make adding these lanes as hard a job as possible by running the horse farm off and making the people at the church there feel like the road is going through their cemetery.

We finally get Richmond to fund a transportation bill after numerous tries and Delegate Surovell votes against it. Come on Scott, perfection is getting in the way of progress.

There are several other places near where I live where some paint would help greatly:

- ❖ When driving west on Sherwood Hall just past the fire station, put a right turn lane in so people can turn onto Fordson Road without getting a ticket. Nobody ever parks along the curb in this area anyway.

- ❖ Give the people who live off of Woodmont Road a short left turn lane. This roadway is already paved but with the yellow "do not enter" lines. These lines do not prevent anybody from turning left from Fort Hunt going west. It would also give the people trying to get onto Fort Hunt going west from Woodmont Road a small area to enter that is legal for them. Right now it is illegal to enter this cross-hatched area.

We need Route 1 to be four lanes in both directions the whole way from the Beltway to Fort Belvoir but in the meantime let's get the

easy things done!

**Phillip Boughton**  
Alexandria

## Promote Healthy Eating, Not Supplements

To the Editor:

I echo Del. Scott Surovell's call for Gov. McDonnell's resignation in his July 13 Dixie Pig blog <http://scottsurovell.blogspot.com/2013/07/its-time-to-move-on-governor-mcdonnell.html#more>. However, I come to my conclusion from the perspective as a dietitian and diabetes educator. I practice my trade using research-based evidence and recommend that people eat healthy to manage and prevent disease by choosing and preparing real foods, not by taking supplements.

Governor McDonnell, his wife and Virginia's first lady, have allegedly been the recipients of numerous gifts, including cash, jewelry and more, from Jonnie Williams, CEO of Star Scientific, Inc., the wealthy manufacturer of the dietary supplement Anatabloc. The website promoting Anatabloc claims this dietary supplement provides anti-inflammatory support (<http://anatabloc.com>).

Yes, researchers have identified

chronic long term inflammation as an initial cause of several chronic diseases rampant and escalating among cultures consuming a Western diet, heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes to name a few. But the road to reversal or, better yet, prevention is healthy eating, not an unproven, costly dietary supplement. Unfortunately, due to the Federal law, Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) of 1994, dietary supplements are allowed on the market without research to demonstrate health benefits.

Meanwhile, as the first lady of Virginia has spent her precious time in the Governor's mansion touting a dietary supplement with no proven health benefits, the first lady of the United States, Michelle Obama, has worked tirelessly with many champions by her side building the Let's Move campaign. This and related initiatives, such as the Partnership for Healthier America, have helped promote healthy eating among citizens across the U.S. These efforts are beginning to stem the tide of childhood obesity in this and future generations. You can guess which first lady's nutrition efforts I, as a dietitian, support.

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## Aldersgate Awards 11 Scholarships

The Aldersgate Permanent Endowment Committee awarded a total of 11 scholarships for the 2013-14 school year. Eight awards were college scholarships and three were seminary scholarships.

In order to be eligible, applicants were required to be members or regular attendees of Aldersgate Church. The criteria used for selection were: financial need, academic achievement, participation in Aldersgate Church activities, and participation in community activities. Selections were made by the Endowment Committee based on the applications and interviews of each candidate.

College scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to: Ben Aleixo, Natalie Hurd, Katherine McPherson, Laura-Paige Mertins, Dan Murray, Tonette Stapleton, Rosie Vita and Trevor Woods. Seminary scholarships for \$1,500 each were awarded to Andrew DiAntonio and Teer Hardy. Funds for an additional seminary scholarship of \$1,000 were provided to Wesley Theological Seminary for a student on its list of quali-



Scholarship recipients Natalie Hurd, Rosie Vita, Katherine McPherson, Trevor Woods and Ben Aleixo with Aldersgate Endowment chair Roger Amole.

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fied eligibles.

These scholarships were made possible by contributions from Aldersgate members, who previ-

ously established endowment funds, to provide financial assistance for Aldersgate students in pursuing college or seminary degrees.

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#### SATURDAY/JULY 29

**Enchanted Miniature Dish Garden Workshop.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a little mini garden to take home. \$45/person plus \$20 for supplies. Register at [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

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

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 20

**Genealogical Society Meeting.** 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The meeting will take place in room 112 and will feature a presentation by Christine Rose entitled "Bounty Land Records to Help Solve that Problem." Call 703-866-2478 or visit [www.mvgenalogy.org](http://www.mvgenalogy.org).

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Volunteer to **host an exchange student** for the school year 2013-14. These foreign teens (15-18 years old) want to attend high school here in Northern Virginia, and experience life as an American teen. Academic Year in America (AYA) is a non-profit organization, and the Department of State does not allow payments to host

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## Doggie Viewpoints

Describe your dog's personality and any tricks he/she can do. Interviews were conducted by Steve Hibbard at Grist Mill Park on Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in Mount Vernon on Sunday, July 21.

**Ryan Foust** of Huntington with Kiefer, a female Cocker Spaniel mix.

"She is the life of the party. She likes getting the most treats out of any dog. She can also shake when she wants to – if you have a treat."

**Jen Fainer** of Huntington with Ollie, a male Great Dane/Border Collie mix.

"He is a lover, very protective and very needy. He loves people once he gets to know you. He sits, shakes, lives to sit pretty, he is really good at catching balls, Frisbees and he's a great dancer."



**Steve Weigert** of Woodlawn Manor with Rosie (white) and Bert (black), both Mini Poodles.

"Both are fun-loving, warm and affectionate. Rosie is pretty spunky and fun-loving. She loves to jump on your lap and give a sweet, warm kiss. Bert can fetch a ball endlessly."



**Tara Mueting** of Lorton with Roor, a male Pit Bull.

"Roor is energetic, playful, loving, a cuddler and a big spooner. He can do 'Find-It,' he can sit, roll over, stay, freeze, walk backwards, do 'Perfect Gentleman' where he sits on his butt with his feet in front of him."



**Ashley Kareithi** of Belle Haven with Milo, a male Pit Bull.

"He's really a special dog; he's in tune on another spiritual level. He can sit, lay down and stay. He knows what 'slow down' means."

# Keeping Pets Safe

**Veterinary experts say common household items can harm animals.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**D**id you know that a bowl of grapes sitting on your counter can be fatal to your dog or that a bouquet of fragrant lilies could be lethal to a cat? Were you aware that a stick of gum might cause a life-threatening canine emergency?

Veterinary experts say that while pet hazards are

lurking around almost every home, many pet owners are unaware of them. From favorite foods to over-the-counter pain relievers, a number of common household items are dangerous to family pets.

"The most important way to prevent accidental toxicity [is to] inform children and adults of potential toxins before introducing a new pet to a household," said Dr. Tracy Navarra, a veterinarian at Falls Road Veterinary Hospital in Potomac, Md. "Keep all pantry doors closed and locked [and] keep all medicines in cabinets [and] off countertops and away from dogs and cats who can get on counters."

Veterinary experts say foods such as raisins, grapes, chocolate, macadamia nuts, onions and garlic, as well

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**Common household items, such as certain foods, medicines and plants, can be harmful to dogs and cats.**



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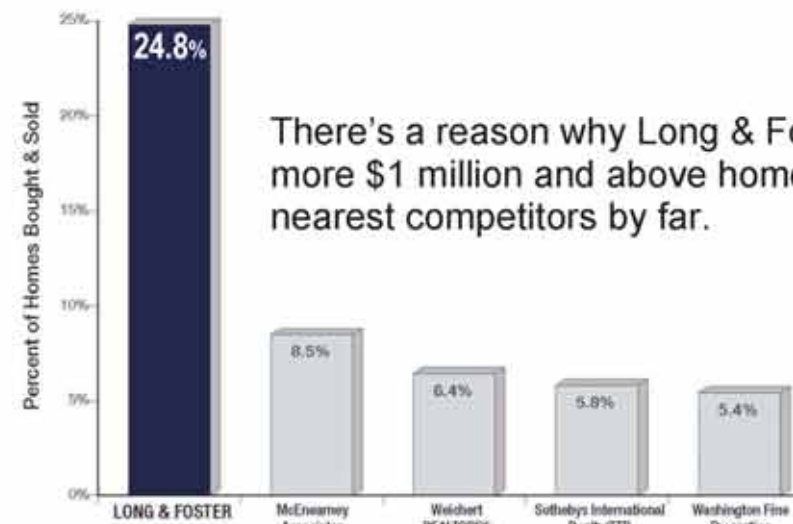
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This is Jill, a former “lost dog” who joined the Howell family and inspired their volunteer work with Lost Dog.



Princess is one of many foster dogs taken in by Marcia Tiersky, president of the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, over the past 10 years.



This kitten, fostered by Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation volunteer Beth Stevens, is “a polydactyl,” meaning she has extra toes.



Parker, formerly a “lost dog,” was adopted by Beth Stevens before she became a Lost Dog volunteer.



This dog, called Batman, was a foster in Lisa Marie Czop’s home.

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# Helping Save Lives, One Pet at a Time

## Area residents explain their dedication to the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation.

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE GAZETTE

Behind every adoption successfully completed by the Arlington-based Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, there’s a volunteer with a happy heart.

There’s a small volunteer army across Northern Virginia that turns out every weekend to help cats and dogs find homes, but there’s never a shortage of others looking for a safe place to be fed, sheltered and loved. Volunteers are what make the organization run, from walking dogs at adoption events to petting cats to making sure adoptable animals have safe transportation

from rural shelters to this area for medical care.

These volunteers are playing, and will continue to play, a major role in Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation’s participation in the ASPCA/Rachael Ray \$100,000 challenge, an ongoing competition in which the rescue group and others across the country are trying to surpass the number of animal adoptions recorded between June 1 and Aug. 31.

But why do people agree to share their limited free time with animals? What brings them in, and what makes them stay?

Here are a few of their stories:

**THE “PUPPY PALACE.”** Peggy Plummer can’t say no to a puppy face.

It’s been 11 years since Plummer and her family adopted their first dog, 10 years since they adopted their second, and six and a half years since they’ve turned the garage of their Mount Vernon home into what they call the “puppy palace.”

The Plummers foster litters of puppies, typically pit bulls or other terriers, sometimes taking in the mother dog before she’s delivered and nursing the pups until they’re all old enough to be adopted out.

“When you have that many, it adds up fairly quickly,” and finding creative ways to keep the groups together but in their own pockets of space can be tricky, she said.

Her organizational skills caught the attention of Barbara Hutcherson, the adop-



PHOTO BY AMBER HEALY/ THE GAZETTE

Barbara Hutcherson and Marcia Tiersky help dogs out of the transport crates loaded into a van used by the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation to bring them to the 11 adoption events the rescue group hosts each weekend.

## The Challenge: Joining Together To Save Animals

There are dozens of animal welfare organizations across the country working to secure “forever homes” for dogs and cats of all ages. And while there’s a general camaraderie amongst them, stemming from their common cause, what’s a little friendly competition among peers?

For the past few years, the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) has sponsored a nationwide contest to challenge shelters to see how many more animals they could adopt between June and August beyond the total the year before.

The idea was to “spur innovation, increase public support, empower staff and, most importantly, save more lives,” said Bert Troughton, ASPCA’s vice president and a leader of what has become the ASPCA/Rachael Ray \$100K challenge.

The organizations that adopt the most animals above totals from June to August the year before wins not only in terms of putting cats and dogs in loving, happy homes, but a sizeable chunk of change to save even more.

“We know that the contest can help save more lives in the long-term too, because all of

the added attention and support contestants earn during the contest can be harnessed for continued life-saving,” Troughton said.

ASPCA started the challenge in 2010, and in 2012, TV personality and animal lover Rachael Ray joined up with the organization, as she did again this year, allowing the organization to offer more than \$600,000 in prize grants:

A \$100,000 grand prize grant will be awarded to the organization that reports the largest increase in adoptions over the total from the year before. Other awards include a \$25,000 “community engagement award,” and \$25,000 to the first place finisher in each of five divisions, as well as \$15,000 to the second place finishers. Lost Dog is in eighth place overall and second place in their division as of Monday, July 22.

“It’s a whole lot of work and a whole lot of fun because every single life saved is a victory — regardless of who wins the grant prizes for the biggest increases,” Troughton said.

This year, 49 organizations in 30 states are competing for the grants, he said. To see the challenge details, visit [challenge.aspcapro.org](http://challenge.aspcapro.org).

— AMBER HEALY

tion coordinator for Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, who asked Plummer to be their puppy foster coordinator, helping to make sure that litters of puppies had foster homes lined up and available to bring the dogs to adoption events on weekends.

“I’ve been doing that for three years,” she said. “When I get a call from a shelter about a pregnant dog or a dog with pups, I’ll send an email out to the other puppy fosters, arrange transport, get them to the vet and take care of their medical needs.”

It’s especially important for puppies to be in good foster homes, because they can’t be out and about during adoption events like older dogs that are ready to be placed in homes, she said. “They can’t go to the kennel” or to the ranch Lost Dog owns, out in Sumerduck, Va., because they haven’t had all their shots, which makes them vulnerable to illness.

When asked if she’s ever taken a break from fostering, Plummer got quiet for a second, then chuckled.

“Maybe for 10 days,” she said. “I think

we went two weeks without fostering, and that includes any times we’ve gone on vacation. We do a lot of back-to-back litters. But it’s wonderful. I love the puppies, working with them, watching them grow.”

She’s grateful for the other foster families in addition to the rescue organization at large.

“This is just a great big team,” Plummer said. “In a rescue, you’ve got a lot of ups and downs. There are things we share with each other. We pull each other through. It’s such a great group to work with, and Pam [McAlwee, Lost Dog’s co-founder] and Barb [Hutcherson] are amazing.”

**A WRANGLER OF FAMILY MEMBERS.** Volunteering with Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation helped Lisa Marie Czop find her place in the world when she was feeling a little, well, lost.

“When I moved back down to D.C., I was a little lost in what my adult life was sup-

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# Volunteering Saves Lives

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posed to look like," she said. She knew she wanted to make a difference with animals, and when a relative found an animal to adopt through Lost Dog, she decided to sign up as a volunteer.

She has stayed with the group because "we really are the people-friendly rescue. It is simply too easy for someone to go to a pet shop and purchase an animal. LDCRF makes it easy for potential adopters to find an animal that they can welcome into their family while still keeping the well-being of our animals a top priority," an attribute she believes sets the group apart from other organizations in the area.

Currently, Czop manages the Alexandria adoption event and helps run a transport program, in addition to working as liaison with shelters in West Virginia. Then there's the occasional foster duty for dogs and puppies, in addition to helping out with the organization's website and fundraisers.

"The amazing thing is, I'm just one part of this overall machine that saves thousands of lives each year," she said. "The LDCRF volunteer team is a family, and we all bring our individual strengths together to help as many animals as possible."

Even with a full life away from the organization, "there is nothing that can compare to the sheer joy of saving an animal from certain death in a shelter and adopting it into a wonderful loving home," Czop said. "Volunteering with LDCRF means that I get to play a part in making a tangible difference in the lives of animals, which means that I'm serving a greater purpose with my life overall."

**A SECOND JOB, A LABOR OF LOVE.** Marcia Tiersky was just looking for a way to share her time.

Now the president of the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation board, Tiersky, who started volunteering with the organization in 2002, helps oversee quarterly board meetings in addition to interviewing potential adopters, answering questions from anywhere and everywhere, fostering dogs and updating the website with new arrivals.

The organization has grown from three adoption events per week, averaging 20 adoptions each week, to 11 adoption events each week, averaging 50-70 adoptions each weekend. In her 10 years as president, the number of volunteers also has expanded, now numbering in the thousands.

"It's amazing," she said. "And it's all because of our wonderful volunteers. We could not do what we do if we did not have people to hold the dogs, show the cats, conduct interviews, do paperwork, answer adopter questions, respond to emails and calls on the phone line, and generally spread word of mouth about the rescue."



**Mason, a Lost Dog cat strolls on a leash during an adoption event.**

**MONEY WON EQUALS LIVES SAVED.** All volunteers interviewed were asked what Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation's winning the \$100,000 challenge would mean to the organization, and the response was unanimous: winning that money would mean more animals could be saved.

*Editor's note: Writer Amber Healy is an occasional cat volunteer with Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation.*

## Lost Dog: For the Love of Animals

In 2001, there were too many dogs without homes and too few people to help them.

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McAlwee and Underwood were a few years into running a gourmet take-out pizza deli on Washington Boulevard in the Westover neighborhood of Arlington, when McAlwee went to help a friend find a dog to adopt. While visiting a shelter, she saw six dogs that were about to be put down within a few days. She promptly took all six home that night. She got them spayed or neutered and cleaned up and put a classified ad in a newspaper, and in between orders for pepperoni and cheese and vegetarian pizzas, she worked to find good homes for them all. She did this several times, adopting dogs about to be euthanized and finding homes for them.

That's how the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation was born, out of the take-out phone number for what's now the original location of the Lost Dog Cafe. McAlwee had worked with other rescue groups before, but she wanted to focus more on finding good homes for the animals instead of waiting for a "perfect" placement. The rescue group started with 25 dogs.

Now there are 150 dogs at a ranch in Sumerduck, Va., owned by Lost Dog, as the rescue organization is known, along with 20 cats and an assortment of other animals, including a horse. Other dogs and cats live with fosters — more than 100 dogs are currently in temporary homes until they're adopted.

## How To Help

To learn more about the ASPCA/Rachael Ray \$100,000 challenge, find a new pet, donate or volunteer with the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, go to [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org).

"It's amazing what we accomplish with an all-volunteer base," said Barbara Hutcherson, Lost Dog's adoptions coordinator.

Lost Dog is the only organization in Northern Virginia participating in the ASPCA challenge. The rescue had to verify its numbers and qualify in order to

participate, proving the volunteer base and "the commitment to really take this challenge and run with it," Hutcherson said.

If Lost Dog wins one of the grants provided through the challenge, the winnings likely will be used for vet bills. "It's difficult when you're looking at a list of shelter animals and you have to ask if you can afford the big vet bill for one animal" compared to smaller fees for multiple animals, Hutcherson said. "We want to take them all. It's uncomfortable, but we want to do every single thing we can."

Funding for the rescue comes from adoption fees, donations, and from proceeds from the four Lost Dog Cafe locations across Northern Virginia and the Stray Cat Cafe, next to the original Lost Dog Cafe in Westover.

— AMBER HEALY

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## OBITUARY

# Cliff Hardison, 60, Dies

Principal of West Potomac High School was dedicated to students.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

Cliff Hardison, the principal of West Potomac High School since 2009, died from lung cancer on Tuesday, July 23. He was 60 and did not smoke.

"It's really a sad day and really a shock to everyone," said Del. Scott A. Surovell (D-44). "Cliff was a real gentleman; his first priority was his students. He loved West Potomac High School and his staff respected him."

Dan Storck, the Mount Vernon District member of Fairfax County School Board, was devastated upon hearing the news. He first met Hardison, a personal friend, 15 years ago when his son attended West Potomac. "He was a driver in helping kids reach their full potential. ... He will be irreplaceable."

Best friend Donald Majeske grew up with Hardison in the same Falls Church neighborhood and they reconnected at Edison High School 20 years ago when Hardison worked as a guidance counselor and he was a teacher.

He said one of Hardison's fondest dreams was to become a principal.

"He had passions and he followed through," said Majeske. "He could not operate any other way than putting someone else before him. That was the way he lived."

Principal since 2009, Hardison was director of guidance at West Potomac from 1992-1997. An educator for almost four decades, Hardison has served three different Virginia jurisdictions and was awarded PTSA life-time memberships at three area high schools (including West Potomac).

Family friend Eddie Marbaker of Springfield said Hardison would often work from 6 a.m. to 2 or 3 in the morning, and would sometimes sleep at West Potomac. "He was compassionate. He loved West Potomac. He loved the students. He had mentored so many kids."

"Cliff was a caring and thoughtful person who inspired all who knew him and he will be greatly missed," wrote Deborah Tyler, assistant superintendent, Cluster 4 in an email sent out to West Potomac families. "His death will leave a void that can never entirely be filled."

Hardison began his career in Prince William County teaching English and social studies at the middle and high school level. His experience as a high school teacher and cross country and track coach then led him to Virginia Commonwealth University where he served as the men's cross country and track coach. Hardison became a counselor in Chesterfield County Schools. In 1990, he became the counselor at Edison High School before being promoted at West Potomac 2 1/2 later. In 1997, Hardison transferred to Hayfield Secondary School to become administrative principal and later subschool principal. In 2007, he was summer school principal at South County Secondary and became the assistant principal for the Science and Technology Division at the Thomas Jefferson. He remained at TJ until his return to West Potomac.



Cliff Hardison

A graduate of West Springfield High School, Hardison earned his B.A. in English from George Mason University, where he also earned his teaching certification in English and history. He completed his M.Ed. in guidance and counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University and is an ABD in his doctoral work in educational administration and leadership at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Hardison is survived by mother Loggie Lotaine; sister, Karen Hardison; two nieces, Karianne and Kimberley; and Eddie Marbaker.

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Band musicians are invited to join the **Mount Vernon Community Band**. Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School band room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. There are no auditions. The Mount Vernon Community Band is a nonprofit community service organization that has performed in the Mount Vernon area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or [www.mvbands.com](http://www.mvbands.com).

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tips and concerns throughout the Alzheimer's journey. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. There is a meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 703-359-4440 or 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at [www.alz.org/nca](http://www.alz.org/nca).

**Postpartum Support Virginia** sponsors a free, bi-monthly support group for women suffering depression and/or anxiety during pregnancy or in the first year following childbirth. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Health Education Center, rooms 1-2, 4320 Seminary Road. Contact co-moderator Susan Doyle at [suzjdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:suzjdoyle@gmail.com) or 571-403-0673.





# PET GAZETTE

## Keeping Pets Safe

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as foods that are high in fat can be harmful to dogs and cats. "We don't know which grapes and raisins and which breed of dog would be affected, so we say keep all dogs away from them," said Dr. Amanda Higdon, a veterinarian at Herndon Animal Medical Center in Herndon. "Most cats aren't going to eat those things."

**PAIN RELIEVERS** that are found in many medicine cabinets can cause harm as well. "Some people see their dog or cat limping and say, 'I'll give them a Tylenol to stop the pain,' but a single Tylenol can be deadly for a cat," said Tom McPherson, spokesman for the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In fact, experts say to leave all animal medical care to the experts. "What we see most often is people taking their veterinary care into their own hands," said Higdon. "My message would be to talk to your vet first and don't give pets anything that wasn't made for them."

Veterinarians say that chewing gum, mints or candy that contains an artificial sweetener known as Xylitol is dangerous as well. "Diabetics also use Xylitol for cooking, but it can cause liver failure in a dog," said Higdon. "One or two sticks of gum can kill a small or medium dog."

**HOUSEHOLD AND YARD PLANTS** can also be harmful to pets, say veterinarians. Lilies, hydrangeas and oleander are among the foliage that can be toxic if ingested. "Lillies are a very common household flower and they are deadly for cats," said McPherson. "Some cats like to nibble on the leaves, and they are deadly."

Of course, pets often consume dangerous substances without their owners' knowledge. The most common symptoms are vomiting, lethargy and diarrhea. Sources for emergency assistance are The Pet Poison Helpline, 1-800-213-6680 or www.petpoisonhelpline.com and the animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435.

Pet medical information can be found on the animal care website [veterinarypartner.com](http://veterinarypartner.com).

**"The most important way to prevent accidental toxicity [is to] inform children and adults of potential toxins before introducing a new pet to a household."**

— **Dr. Tracy Navarra, a veterinarian at Falls Road Veterinary Hospital in Potomac, Md.**

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Summons - Case No. 13-CV-0808 Branch 3 - The Honorable  
Bruce E. Schroeder - Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mort-  
gage) - The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 - Ocwen  
Loan Servicing, LLC, 1100 Virginia Dr., Ste. 175, Ft. Washing-  
ton, PA 19034, Plaintiff vs. Joseph R. Avila a/k/a Joseph Ra-  
fael Avila & Jane Doe Avila, 5010 Eisenhower Ave., Apt. 302,  
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# SPORTS

## College Athlete Takes Public Links Championship

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN  
THE GAZETTE

**A** U.S. national golf title was on the line last week, and outside of golf's inner circles, virtually no one knew about it. Jordan Niebrugge from Mequon, Wis. won the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship at Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton. Niebrugge defeated Michael Kim 1-up in the 36-hole final match on Saturday, July 20.

Three thousand players attempted to qualify for the championship at 71 sectional tournaments in June. Of those, 156 made up the starting field last week, and 36 holes of medal play produced the 64 golfers who began match play. After five rounds of matches, only Niebrugge and Kim remained.

The two players reached the 36th hole, the par-5, 599-yard 18th, with Niebrugge leading 1-up. Kim played first and went for the green in two, but splashed his hybrid approach. That allowed Niebrugge to play for a conservative par and the championship.

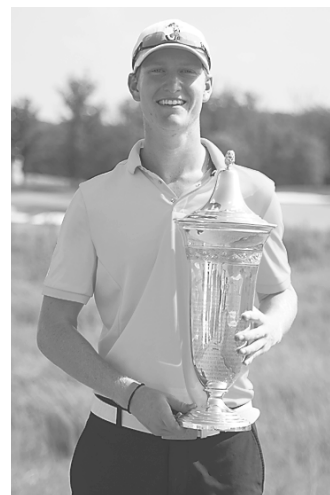
Niebrugge is a rising sophomore at Oklahoma State University. Kim, from Del Mar, Calif. and a rising junior at University of California-Berkeley, was the low amateur in last month's U.S. Open.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN/THE GAZETTE

**Thomas Lim of Moorpark, Calif., teed off on the 12th hole at Laurel Hill Golf Club on the first day of the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship on July 15. Laurel Hill was built on the grounds of the former District of Columbia prison, and one of the old guard towers is in the background.**

While the championship trophy is nice, another perk normally earned by the Public Links winner has a bit more spice — an



USGA PHOTO

**Champion Jordan Niebrugge**

invitation to the Masters next spring. When asked after the final match about playing Augusta National, Niebrugge said, "I mean, to play in it, I mean, it's just a dream come true, I guess, for any golfer, any junior golfer, any amateur golfer."

The Public Links tournament is the fourth oldest national championship sponsored by the U.S. Golf Association, one that began in 1922. The USGA began staging the

"Publinx" in order to offset its discrimination against non-private club amateurs that began in 1895 and lasted until 1979. Public course players couldn't enter the U.S. Amateur during that period, so the USGA created another championship for them.

Yet despite its history, the Publinx, will disappear in a year. In an unexpected move, USGA officials announced last February that they will discontinue the championship, as well as the Women's version, after the 2014 championships.

USGA vice president Tom O'Toole said in February that since the Amateur has been open to all comers for the past 34 years, the Publinx "no longer served that original purpose

or mission."

But there are other forces at work. Applications to play in the men's championship have decreased in the last 15 years, partly because of increasingly stricter USGA handicap limits; entrants must have a 4.4 or better now. There aren't many 3- and 4-handicap players at Pine County Golf Course and Water Slide Park. However, there are plenty of college golfers with that kind of game.

The last 17 Publinx champions, including Niebrugge, have been college, or college-age players. The championship created for the working man is now dominated by "student athletes."

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Caroline T. Kelly** has been named to first honors on the Clark University dean's list for the spring 2013 semester.

Emory University presented degrees to the following people: **William Ford**, who received masters of public health; **Christina Heddeshimer**, who received a doctor of law degree; **Michael Howell**, who also received a doctor of law degree; and **Meghan McCullough**, who received a doctor of medicine degree.

**Brooks Eaton** has been named to Lawrence University's dean's list for the spring 2013 semester.

The following area students graduated from

### MILITARY NOTES

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Army National Guard Staff Sergeant **Michael Colesanti** from Mount Vernon has re-enlisted to continue service with the Company B (Military Intelligence), 27th Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

**Marine Corps Pvt. Nozogahl Bekai**, son of Marie C. Bekai of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

**Marine Corps Pvt. Michael G. Posey**, son of Beth and Michael R. Posey of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit De-

partment, Parris Island, S. C. Posey is a 2011 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School of Arlington.

Nine Alexandria residents graduated from Radford University at the end of the spring semester. Earning Bachelor of Science degrees were **Stephen Andrew McFarland**, psychology; **Tewodros Degefu Desta**, biology; **Kristin Ashley Kayes**, political science; **Charlotte Patricia Warrington**, communication; **Emily Sohyoung Besse**, media studies; and **Megan Marie Maple**, interdisciplinary studies. Earning a Bachelor of Art degree was **Andrew Spencer Williams**, art. Earning a Bachelor of Administration degree was **Andrea Michelle Laplace**, history. Earning Bachelor of Business Administration degrees were **Stephanie Carolyn Cockayne**, finance; and **Emily Sohyoung Besse**, marketing.

**Marine Corps Pvt. Mau E. Knight**, brother of Darius J. Faison of Gainesville, Fla. and nephew of Marine Corps Sgt. Michael T. Knight of Alexandria, earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. Knight is a 2009 graduate of Pine Ridge High School of Deltona, Fla.

Army Pvt. **Christian Parton** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is a 2011 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

Coast Guard Seaman **Elizabeth T. Ellis**, a 2008 graduate of West Potomac High School, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

### SRA Senior Sharks



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**The Stratford Recreation Association swim team honored four graduating seniors at its final home meet of the season on July 20. From left: Reese Frerichs, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, who will attend Washington University and swim for their varsity team; George Bowerfind who will attend Virginia Tech; Katherine Rausch, who will continue her education at Cornell University, and Allison McNulla who will head to Christopher Newport University where she'll be running cross country for the CNU Captains. George, Kat and Allison are all graduates of West Potomac High School.**



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## ONGOING

**Summer Classes.** Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or 703-201-1250.

**Art Exhibit.** Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union Street. Through Sunday, July 28, the Target Gallery presents "Optical Studies," a solo exhibition of work by Torpedo Factory artist Ruth Gowell, winner of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Artist of the Year award. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target).

**Gallery.** Through Monday, July 29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union Street. Multiple Exposures Gallery presents "Michael Borek: What Would Sudek Do?," a solo show inspired by a Czech photographer who sought beauty in places that others dismissed. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Exhibit.** Through the end of July, at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington Street. Titled "Love Makes a Family" this exhibit of photographs and interviews covers families with lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender members. Call 703-549-1450 or email [tknox@ccalex.org](mailto:tknox@ccalex.org).

**Art Exhibit.** Open through Aug. 3, "Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists" is on display at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. Free. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or 703-746-4356.

**Art Exhibit.** Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is opening a juried show called "Where in the World." In this show, artists derive inspiration from travel and adventure. Free. Through Sunday, Aug. 4. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-548-0935.

**National Park and Recreation Month: Open Play Days and Nights.** Through Aug. 18. Tuesday and Thursday 6-9 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park Field, 4800 Brenman Park Drive and at Four Mile Run Soccer Field, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. Saturdays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, Four Mile Run Soccer Field and Witter Fields, 2700 Witter Drive. Call 703-746-5402 or e-mail [mac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov).

**Art Exhibit.** Noon-4:30 p.m. at the Green Spring Garden Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Grace Rooney's watercolor paintings on display through Aug. 25. Free. Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org).

**Art Class.** Running through Saturday, Aug. 31, classes meet 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Classes held at Art At The Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register online at [www.artatthecenter.com](http://www.artatthecenter.com).

**Visiting Artists.** Through Saturday, Aug. 31, the Visiting Artist Program is a professional development opportunity for emerging and experienced visual artists from all over the country and provides an opportunity for visitors to interact with a rotating group of visual artists. Torpedo Factory located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Dog Days Dog Show.** July 18-Sept. 1

in the Athenaeum Gallery. The show includes a variety of photographs about dogdom, portraits are also included. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-683-5058.

**Distillery Open.** George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill open through Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and under are free.

**Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition.** At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. See how Robert E. Lee's hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply, hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom. Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived here during this time, as well as period photographs and collections items. Open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Admission \$2. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone figure drawing skills. Drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. View the calendar at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

The **West End Farmers Market** will run Sundays from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. through November. Located at Ben Brenman Park, browse food, crafts and more. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org).

This **exhibit at Fort Ward**, located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, features objects from the museum collection, to tell this story of the event that launched the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition** at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

**African American Activists Exhibition.** Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.

**The Marshall House Incident Exhibition** at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

**Culinary Arts Month Sunday Film Fest.** Every Sunday in July, Charles



**The Dixie Melody Boys perform Friday, Aug. 16 at Mt. Calvary Community Church.**

## Quartet Comes to Mount Calvary

The Dixie Melody Boys will perform at Mount Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah St., Alexandria, on Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m. After earning Grammy nominations for its four-part harmonies, the gospel quartet brings them to the stage at Mount Calvary Community Church. Visit [www.mountcalvary.cc](http://www.mountcalvary.cc) and [www.dixiemelodyboys.com](http://www.dixiemelodyboys.com).

Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All films start at 2 p.m. Free. Call 703-746-1702 or [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) for schedule and information.

**Summer Youth Programs.** Metro Fine Arts Center 6450 Landsdowne Centre Drive. Classes start July 8. Call 703-339-0444 or visit [www.metrofinearts.com](http://www.metrofinearts.com).

**Gallery.** Through Aug. 5 at the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Fantasy of the Real," a solo show. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**Art Exhibit.** Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Sept. 1 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. The exhibit features seven Del Ray Artisans following their own theme and inspirations to create their own artwork. The gallery is free and open to the public. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

**Mobile Market.** Thursdays through October, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Landmark Mall parking lot on the Duke Street side. The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture Mobile Market is a refurbished school bus offering produce, meat, eggs and more from small farmers and food artisans within 100 miles of the area. EBT cards and WIC and Senior FMNP vouchers accepted. Visit [arcadiafood.org](http://arcadiafood.org).

**Friday Affair Market.** 12-4 p.m. at historic Hollin Hall, 1909 Windmill Lane. Purchase baked goods, treats, flowers and crafts from local vendors. Held July 26, Aug. 9 and the first and third Fridays of every month through December. Call 202-256-5332.

## SUMMER CAMPS

**Mt. Vernon Community Children's Theatre Summer Camp.** Children can participate in either a one-week all-day session July 22-26 or a two-week session, with the option of either morning, afternoon or all day from July 29-Aug. 9. Children will learn about all aspects of theatre through games, rehearsals and a final showcase. Visit [www.mvccct.org/camps.php](http://www.mvccct.org/camps.php) or 703-360-0686.

The **American Backstage Company** is offering a variety of summer classes and workshops, many which are free. Located at 5380 Eisenhower Ave. Visit

[www.americanbackstage.com](http://www.americanbackstage.com).

**Shakespeare Summer Camp.** July 29-Aug. 2, StagePlay will be serving up its 12th year of Shakespeare at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Children in grades 3-6 will be introduced to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" through scene work, improvisation activities, costume play and theatre games from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Email Heather Sanderson at [bardsplay@gmail.com](mailto:bardsplay@gmail.com) or visit [www.stageplay.tv](http://www.stageplay.tv).

**August Art Explorers.** Aug. 2-23, every Friday, 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring your toddler or preschooler for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org).

The **Little Theatre of Alexandria** is offering a new camp for children ages 5-7 from Aug. 12-16. Children are able to learn about the world of acting by participating in movement games, improv activities and performances of skits. Full or half day sessions available. Call 703-683-5778 ext. 2 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

## THURSDAY/JULY 25

**Puppet Show.** 2:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Groovy Nate and his puppets perform songs and dances for all ages. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

**Movie Screening.** 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Refreshments provided. For ages 13 and up. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700 for film title.

**Dance Class.** 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn 18th century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. Reservations are recommended. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242.

**Twilight Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Concert by the Alexandria Harmonizers. Free. 703-746-5592.

## FRIDAY/JULY 26

**Comedy Performance.** 7 p.m. and 10

p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Frankie Paul performs. Buy tickets at [www.oldtowntheater1914.com](http://www.oldtowntheater1914.com) or 703-544-5313.

**July Art Explorers.** 9:15 or 10:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Visit the [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) to register.

**Fundraiser.** 6:30 p.m. at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. The King Street Cats hold their 7th Annual Theater Night Fundraiser with a cocktail reception, silent auction and performance of "Avenue Q." Visit [www.kingstreetcats.org](http://www.kingstreetcats.org).

**Concert.** 7-8:30 p.m. Bon Jovi tribute concert at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Free. For up to date concert information, call the special events hotline at 703-746-5592, or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/concerts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/concerts).

## SATURDAY/JULY 27

**Arthropod Adventure.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Starting at Dyke Marsh's Haul Road entrance, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Dress for the weather. The walk will take place unless heavy rain or thunderstorms. Visit <http://biodiversity.georgetown.edu/>.

**Wag a Tale.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Ages 5-12 read to therapy dog Chester. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

**Friendship Summertime Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighting 200 years ago as you take a special tour of the historic firehouse, participate in a bucket brigade, and ring the fire bell. Children ages 6 and older. \$4 per child. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4994.

**Bright Star Theater.** 2 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Enjoy a live literary theater production. Call 703-746-1705.

**Food Workshop.** 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Learn about essential fats for your diet and unhealthy fats to avoid. A sample of healthy snacks provided. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700.

**Book Discussion and Signing.** 2-5 p.m. at The Gum Springs Museum and Cultural Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Dr. Joyce Willard Teal, a motivational speaker and internet radio show host, will discuss and sign her books and poetry. Call 703-799-1198.

**Concert.** 7 p.m. at Focus Music Concerts, 8531 Riverside Road. See Bill Staines perform live. Tickets cost \$15-\$18. Call 703-380-3151 or visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Bob Schneider at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$25. [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Concert.** 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Fuse Box performs for the Old Town Reunion Party. Johnny Artis Band opens.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 27-28

**Sidewalk Sale.** 8 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Periwinkle Potomac Greens, 1557 Potomac Greens Drive. The renovation sale will offer discounts on furniture, fixtures, clothing and more. Visit [www.periwinkleshop.com](http://www.periwinkleshop.com).

## SUNDAY/JULY 28

**Women's Day.** 11 a.m. at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606A South Washington St. Will feature guest speaker, Rev. Cathy

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The Wolverine Athletic Booster Club and the Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association wish to thank our Sponsors, Donors, Participants, Volunteers, and Laurel Hill Golf Club for this year's WABC Golf Tournament. This 7th annual event brought the community together to raise funds for turf fields for West Potomac High School. 108 golfers enjoyed a great day of golf and fun on June 13, 2013.

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Rick Vanderhyde 4'-7"



**Closest to the Pin #11**

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Sue Genuario



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**Summer Seafood Shindig.** All you can eat at the Union Public House, 121 S. Union St. 1-7 pm. \$28. Call 703-548-1785 for reservations.

**Civil War Sunday.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Get a glimpse of the Civil War in Alexandria with attractions such as an original 1861 edition of *The New-York Tribune*, a peeps diorama of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death, a diorama of a heating system used to warm hospital tents and an authentic Wickham musket. Free. 703-746-4399 or [www.alexandriarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriarchaeology.org).

**Concert.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic featuring violinist Tim Kidder, violinist Jason Diggs and cellist Joan Kidder. Call 703-799-8229 or visit [www.wmpmusic.org](http://www.wmpmusic.org).

### MONDAY/JULY 29

**Tangle of Tales.** 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. The Grey Seal Puppets bring global folk tales to life for all ages. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

### TUESDAY/JULY 30

**Good Life Theater.** 10 and 11 a.m. at James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Enjoy Joe Pipik's Backpack Puppets performing Rainbow Show. Ages 1-5. Call 703-746-1705.

**New Class for Children.** 10:30-11 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. Register for one or several classes at [www.nvfaa.org/events-upcoming](http://www.nvfaa.org/events-upcoming). Each class \$5 per child, adults free. Call 703-548-0035 or [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

**Preschool Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Stories and activities for ages 3-5 with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-971-0010.

**Game Night.** 7-8 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can challenge themselves and friends through a variety of games. Call 703-746-1702.

**Evening Story Time.** 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Bedtime stories for children ages 1-5 with an adult. Pajamas welcomed. Registration required. Call 703-768-6700.

### WEDNESDAY/JULY 31

**Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres.** 2:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Andres Salguero presents song and dance from Latin America. For all ages. Registration required. Call 703-339-4610.

**Storyteller Gary Lloyd.** 3:30 p.m. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Join storyteller Gary Lloyd for Dig Those Dinos, whether you are a meat-eater or plant-eater, for some fun dino songs, stories and poems. For ages 6-12. Call 703-746-1705.

**Harry Potter Celebration.** 6-9 p.m. Tours and "potions" at Alexandria's Apothecary Museum, located at 105-107 South Fairfax Street. \$6. Visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org) or call 703-746-3852.

**Classical Recital.** 7 p.m. at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax St. Flutist Jonathan Snowden performs, accompanied by Matthew Van Hoose on piano. \$20. Call 202-686-8008.

**Recital.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Ava Oaxaca, alto saxophone, and Joe Broom, euphonium, perform "Summer Music." Free. Call 703-838-4994 or

email [avaoaxaca@aol.com](mailto:avaoaxaca@aol.com).

**Lego Family Night.** 7-8 p.m. at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. An evening of creative play with the whole family. Call 703-746-1702.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 3

**Family Dig Day.** At Alexandria Archaeology, 105 N. Union Street Learn and assist City archaeologists as they examine soil and artifacts gathered from a real dig. The day begins with a lesson on the history and archaeology of Shuter's Hill and continues with a tour and an opportunity to sift through excavated soil in search of artifacts. \$5; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Equipment provided. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 or visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology).

**Friendship Firehouse Festival Birthday.** 9 a.m. in the 100 block of S. Alfred Street, between Prince and King Streets. The family friendly event will be free for everyone to celebrate the 239th birthday of the historic fire company. Enjoy a collection of antique fire equipment as well as other attractions such as craft booth, food vendors, and free birthday cake. Visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net).

**Workshop.** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn to make cold process soap with natural ingredients. Lessons include ways to safely handle and store lye, how to add fragrances and exfoliants and ideas for molding and packaging. Registration is \$62. Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet local artists and hear live music. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org).

**Tavern Day.** 1 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street. Learn how to dance like George Washington or partake in some scientific discussions and experience Alexandria's five-star hotel of the 18th century. Visit [www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us](http://www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us).

**Book Signing.** 2-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Civil War historian B. Franklin Cooling III signs his book "The Day Lincoln Was Almost Shot: The Fort Stevens Story" about President Abraham Lincoln's role in the Battle of Fort Stevens in July 1864. For this event a special book price of \$40 will be offered. Call 703-746-4848.

**Music Recital.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Ava Oaxaca, alto saxophone, and Joe Broom, euphonium, perform "Summer Music." Free. Call 703-838-4994 or email [avaoaxaca@aol.com](mailto:avaoaxaca@aol.com).

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see Poco and Pure Prairie League. \$35. Visit [www.pocoonut.org](http://www.pocoonut.org) and [www.pureprairieleague.com](http://www.pureprairieleague.com).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 3-SUNDAY/SEPT 1

**Art Gallery.** Radio Sebastian: You, Me, and the Void. Reception is Thursday 6-8 p.m. Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 4

**"Downton Abbey."** 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Characters from "Downton Abbey" enter the '20s and must adjust to the new society. Tickets are \$29. Call 703-941-7987.

**Annual Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Presented by the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. Call 703-

799-8229 or visit [www.wmpmusic.org](http://www.wmpmusic.org).

### TUESDAY/AUG. 6

**Agriculture in the Classroom.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. An interactive session of lesson ideas and resources designed for daily curriculums to engage students in hands-on learning. Free. Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Fire Engine Association Fundraiser.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association will hold its annual Friendship Firehouse Festival. This family event will take place in the 100 block of South Alfred Street between Prince and King streets, which will be closed off to traffic for the festival. Free. Visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net).

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

**Puppet Show.** 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The "Time Capsule" puppet show will feature The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk. The show is \$3 per person. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) and use event code 2903856301 or call 703-642-5173.

**Concert.** Noon-1 p.m. at Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Music by Silver City. Free. 703-746-5592.

**Cool Yoga.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Maureen Clyne of Prasad Yoga offers, outdoor yoga classes at 1900 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. Open to all skill levels. Free. Call 703-967-8884 or visit [www.prasadayoga.com](http://www.prasadayoga.com).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 8

**Performance.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Joe Peck and Friends with featured artist Mercedes Mill. All tickets are \$10 and available online and at the door. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035.

**Doggie Happy Hour.** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Bring your dogs for an evening in the Athenaeum garden. Lemonade and milkbones provided. Free. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Twilight Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Concert by Jason Paul Curtis & Swing Lab. Free. 703-746-5592.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 9

**Lori Williams.** Opening for Jose' James at The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Tickets on sale now. Visit <http://lorijazz.com/> or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

### TUESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 9-11

**Theatre.** 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Arts on the Horizon presents "Under the Canopy" an interactive theatre performance designed for children 0-2 years old. \$3. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org](http://www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 10

**Workshop** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Green Spring staff shares casting and painting techniques for decorating the home and garden. Program registration is \$45. Supply registration is \$20 and is due by Aug. 7. Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

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