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## International Night

Students and families at John Adams Elementary School enjoyed an evening of sharing cultures at International Night on Friday, May 16. The students opened the celebration with a father and child musical duet followed by a Parade of Flags, dance performances from Ethiopia, El Salvador, Egypt, the U.S. and other countries, storytelling and singing. A cultural museum was set up where families and community members displayed artifacts that represent their communities.

# Piloting Food Trucks

Most of controversial food truck proposal placed on back burner.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The food truck craze is coming to a city park or a farmer's market near you, part of a 16-month pilot program that will allow the mobile vendors to set up shop and see what happens. City Council members approved the pilot program in a four-to-two vote with Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg and Councilman Paul Smedberg voting no. Disgruntled restaurant owners across the city are talking about creating a new association specifically to fight expanding the program to hot spots in Old Town and Del Ray, a move city officials have been pushing for more than a year. The pilot is scheduled to begin in July and run through October 2015.

"This is a very positive first step," said Che Ruddell-Tabisola, executive director of the DC Food Truck Association. "What the ordinance does most significantly is it creates a way for food trucks to get licensed and permitted and operate in Alexandria, and that's a terrific accomplishment."

Until now, Alexandria has had the most restrictive rules limiting food trucks to private property and construction sites. Last year, city officials tried to bring a proposal to City Council members, but restaurant owners balked. City Manager Rashad Young formed a work group of stakeholders to examine the

issue and offer recommendations. Members of that group now say they've been snubbed because Young recommended moving forward with an ordinance even though the group was not given an opportunity to issue a report.

"Right now, we're in a state of hibernation to see what happens next," said Yvonne Weight Callahan, convener of the work group. "There's no plans right now for the work group to reconvene."

**THE FOOD FIGHT** began this time last year, when the city manager created the ill-fated work group. Smedberg said he believed the work group should be allowed to issue its report and offer recommendations before council members took action, although a majority of his colleagues disagreed. During a marathon public hearing Saturday, many speakers said they believed the city manager's process was deeply flawed and wondered why the work group was created in the first place if city leaders were going to ignore it in the end.

"I'm dismayed that we can't seem to get this process right," said Val Hawkins, president of the Alex

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## How It Will Work

Before selling food in Alexandria, vendors must first receive a food truck license, a health permit and a business license. That includes an application fee of \$100, and an annual food vending license fee of \$40. Vendors will be able to set up at local schools with the permission of the superintendent. They will be able to set up at farmer's markets with the permission of the market master. And they will be able to set up at city parks with the permission of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. During the pilot program, vendors will be prohibited from parking on any city streets, which means they will be limited to parking lots and driveways.

# Nightmare on Green Street?

Neighbors say house is a nuisance; city officials say their hands are tied.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The 800 block of Green Street is tucked away in a quiet part of Old Town, a few blocks west of Washington Street where spring flowers are in bloom and neighbors know each other by name. Except Michael Wargo. Property records say he purchased 813 Green St. in 1989 for \$263,000. But neighbors say he hasn't lived in the house for 12 years, and they are concerned that the house is a fire-trap that's attracting wild animals and growing concern.

"How would you like it if you bought a home on a quaint street in Alexandria only to learn that you lived next door to a vacant hoarded home?" said attorney Andrew Carroll, a prominent lawyer hired by two neighbors.

"What we have is a clear and present danger to the citizens in this row of townhouses."

Last week, Carroll and his clients joined several Green Street homeowners to take their case to City Council. Appearing at City Hall during a public hearing, neighbor after neighborhood stood before elected leaders to explain how they felt the house had become an embarrassing eyesore, potentially depressing the

value of the other houses on the block. But city officials say there's little they can do.

"At this point, we would not declare it as being hoarded," said John Catlett, director of Code Administration. "We can't force somebody to live in a home."

**THE PROBLEMS BEGAN** in 2001, when the home's owner moved away. Neighbors became increasingly concerned about the abandoned house on the block, and asked city officials do something. In 2004, they condemned

it but then overturned the decision. By 2011, the neighbors were demanding action, so they hired Carroll, a land-use attorney who is well known to elected leaders and city officials.

"I'm really afraid to live there," said Kathy Tabak, who lives next door. "We've definitely heard animal noises through our walls, so there are obviously animals in there."

Catlett says the homeowner has taken all the appropriate steps to file the house as a vacant building, giving city officials a point of contact if there are problems at the townhouse. More to the point, though, the code enforcement director said the Green Street home does not meet the classic definition of a hoarded home, which are

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**"What we have is a clear and present danger to the citizens in this row of townhouses."**

— Andrew Carroll, an attorney representing Green Street homeowners

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## Not Torn Asunder

Lawyers for former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen were back in court this week trying to persuade a judge to separate the charges against them. Late last year, federal prosecutors filed a 14-count indictment accusing the couple of accepting more than \$165,000 in gifts and loans from Jonnie Williams, the former CEO of dietary supplements maker Star Scientific. On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge James Spencer denied their request, siding with prosecutors that the two will face trial together.

"The judge thought that these two were in this together, and nothing has convinced the court otherwise," said Frank Shafroth, director at the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. "They're almost as if they were within the Catholic Church, perceived as inseparable and the sins of each will be added together rather than attempting to discriminate between them." A five-week trial is set to begin in late July.

## Smashing the Silos

The patchwork of services offered to children in Alexandria has a dizzying array of government institutions and nonprofit organizations, many of which operate in the dark about what the others are doing. In recent years that's created a concern in Alexandria, which is now seeking to consulate efforts and organize a master plan to coordinate efforts as part of a comprehensive effort.

"None of us are really working together," said Glenn Hopkins, president of the Hopkins House. "We're all in our individual silos."

One example is the fight against childhood obesity. Is the Alexandria Childhood Obesity Action Network working with the public school system and the city parks department? Are leaders at the action network coordinating with the nonprofit community? For many years, city leaders have been concerned that the lack of organization leads to duplication of services and a failure to marshal resources. That's a concern the master plan hopes to address.

"My worry is that we'll get bogged down in dissuasions of budget and what the costs will be," said Hopkins. "I'm hopeful that we will not get bogged down with territorial issues such as to what extent is the city imposing new or different responsibilities on the school system."

A work session between City Council members and School Board members will take place later this month, and a final vote is expected in June. Advocates for the master plan say they hope the final draft will have a clear action plan, which will be implemented by a paid organization or individual to help ensure that the main elements of the plan get pushed forward.

"It's all in the implementation," said Councilman Tim Lovain. "If it's just a nice sounding plan that you ratify and then ceremoniously put on the shelf, that's no good."

## Hotel Appeal Denied

After years of debate and lawsuits, members of the Alexandria City Council are giving a green light to a controversial waterfront hotel at the northeast corner of Duke and Union streets. Last weekend, council members denied an appeal of a March 19 vote of the Board of Architectural Review to approve the 120-room hotel. Critics say the hotel is too big for the neighborhood, arguing that it will ruin the historic ambiance of the waterfront.

"This building looks like an oversized jail," said Townsend Van Fleet, who lives near the site. "This is evidence that you care more about density and tax revenues than you care about us."

The history of the property dates back to the earliest days of the city, a time when city leaders extended the waterfront east into the river to create a zone for commerce. About half of the property was underwater when Alexandria was founded in 1749, although the parcel had been completely filled in by 1845. Now it will feature the first development in the waterfront plan, which will be viewed as a sign of things to come.

"While there were many improvements, I felt it was too big for the space," said Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, who agreed with the applicants appealing the board's decision.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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**Family members of the late Robinson Terminal Warehouse president Willie Taylor join Taylor's former golfing companions Bill Olgletree, Ken Morris and Henry Starky at the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's Paul Weeks II golf tournament May 12 at Pohick Bay. The tournament was held in memory of Taylor, who died Feb. 1 of brain cancer at the age of 55.**

## Fore Willie

### ASF remembers tournament founder.

The Alexandria Seaport Foundation held its 8th Annual Paul Weeks II Golf Tournament May 12 at Pohick Bay in the Mason Neck area of Fairfax County.

This year's tournament was held in memory of Willie Taylor, founder of the tournament and former president of the Robinson Terminal Warehouse where the ASF is located. Taylor succumbed to an aggressive form of brain cancer Feb. 1 at the age of 55.

The Robinson Terminal Warehouse is currently home to the ASF's nationally acclaimed Boat Building Apprentice Program. Taylor was a strong advocate for the ASF's missions and programs and became one of its biggest supporters.

"Willie Taylor's passing was a great loss to all who knew him," said ASF director of development Kathy Seifert. "He was one of those rare individuals whose primary purpose in life was to make others happy."

In attendance at the event were many of Taylor's family members who spoke of his spirit and the positive impact he had on all who met him.

Taking home the championship title with a score of 62 were Taylor's former golfing companions Bill Olgletree, Ken Morris and Henry Starky.

For more information on the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, visit [www.alexandriaseaport.org](http://www.alexandriaseaport.org).

— JEANNE THEISMANN



**The late Willie Taylor, left, is shown with former golfing companions Bill Olgletree, Ken Morris and Henry Starky at a previous ASF golf tournament. This year's tournament was held in Taylor's memory.**



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## PEOPLE



ServiceMaster of Alexandria owner Jane Gandee is honored as a key community partner by Majors Jacquelyn and Lewis Reckline of the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command at the United in Service breakfast May 13 at Hamilton Live in Washington.

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KEN FORSYTHE

# Hometown Hero

Salvation Army honors Gandee,  
ServiceMaster for community service.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

ServiceMaster of Alexandria owner and president Jane Gandee was honored May 13 by the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command for her company's dedication and support as a community partner to the organization.




As part of National Salvation Army Week,


the National Capital Area Command held its annual United in Service breakfast at Hamilton Live in Washington to pay tribute to Gandee and ServiceMaster of Alexandria along with other key community partners. Pulitzer Prize winning author and MacArthur Fellow David Finkel spoke at the event.

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## OBITUARY

### Connie Peters Murphy

Connie Peters Murphy, 58, of Alexandria, died May 14, 2014, at her home surrounded by family. Connie was born Jan. 4, 1956, the fifth of seven children of Robert and Margaret Peters. Mary Ann Peters (Tim McMahon), Peggy Fox, Susan Peters (Ross Russo), and Mark Peters (Madeline) preceded Connie, and Ginny Peters and Robbie Bigley (Mark) followed soon after. Connie's vibrancy and spunk were apparent from the day she was born.

Connie spent her early years on Long Island, N.Y., and made her fondest childhood memories in Grand Rapids, Mich. The family moved to West Covina, Calif., where Connie attended St. Lucy's High School before moving to Ohio, where she graduated from Hudson High School.

Connie went on to Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, Calif., where she met her husband Brian in the registration line freshman year as she was recruited to the SCU rowing program. Her years at Santa Clara gave Connie lasting friendships. Connie and Brian were married at the Santa



Murphy

Clara Mission in 1981 and re-located to the East Coast to raise a family in Alexandria.

Connie dedicated her life to raising her girls, Caitlin, Erin, and Shannon, who are a reflection of Connie's strength and independence. Connie is well known for keeping her door wide open to her beloved nieces and nephews, countless friends of her children, or anyone else who knocked. Connie was pleased to share her life with her in-laws, Jean Vos, Chris and

Carmi Murphy, Gregg and Monica Murphy, and Gail and Luke Williams. Many benefited from Connie's generous heart.

In addition to her home in Alexandria, Connie was most content on the gazebo of the family home in Caswell Beach, N.C. Connie will be missed by cherished lifelong friends as well as her Bible study group, with whom Connie shared her strong faith.

Internment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kopila Valley Children's Home and School in Surkhet, Nepal via The BlinkNow Foundation: <https://secure.blinknow.org/page/contribute/donate>.

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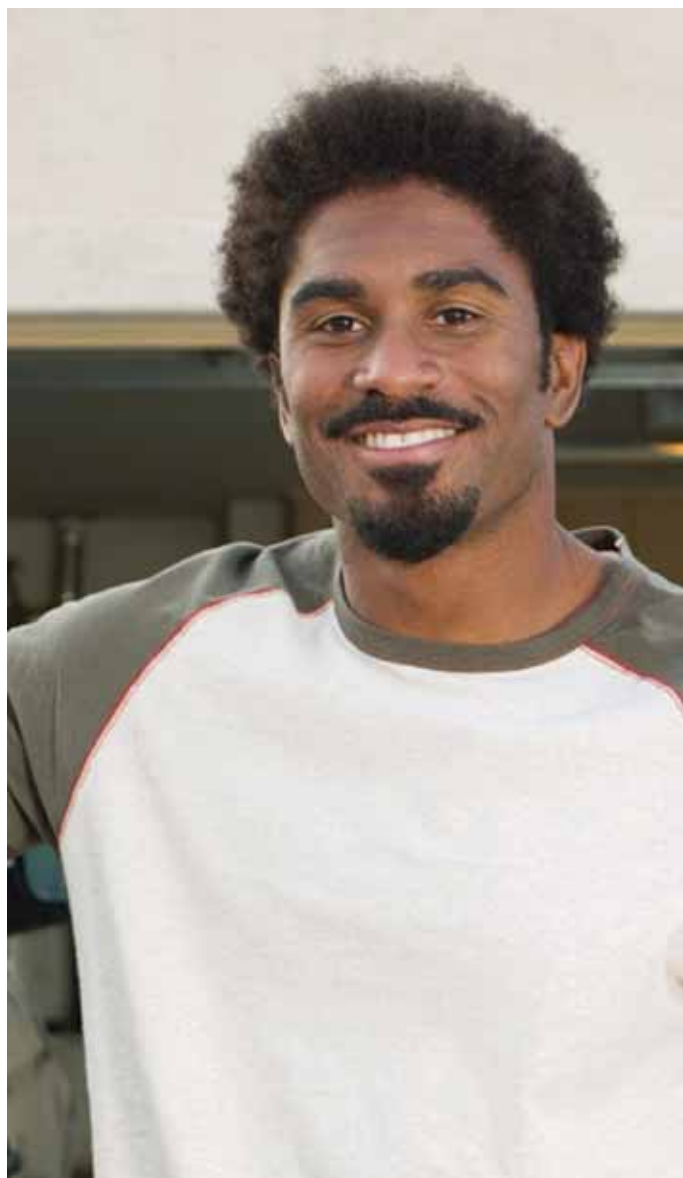
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Guests gather in the garden to listen to remarks from Stratford Hall's executive director Paul Reber.



Hostess Leslie Ariail welcomes all to her home and garden at the annual reception. Also pictured is Hartley Hobson Wensing, Murney Keleher and Stratford Hall's executive director Paul Reber.

## In Support of Stratford Hall

**T**he Alexandria Committee of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association held its annual fundraising reception in support of Stratford Hall at the home of Leslie Ariail on Sunday afternoon, May 18.

The Alexandria Friends of Stratford Hall support

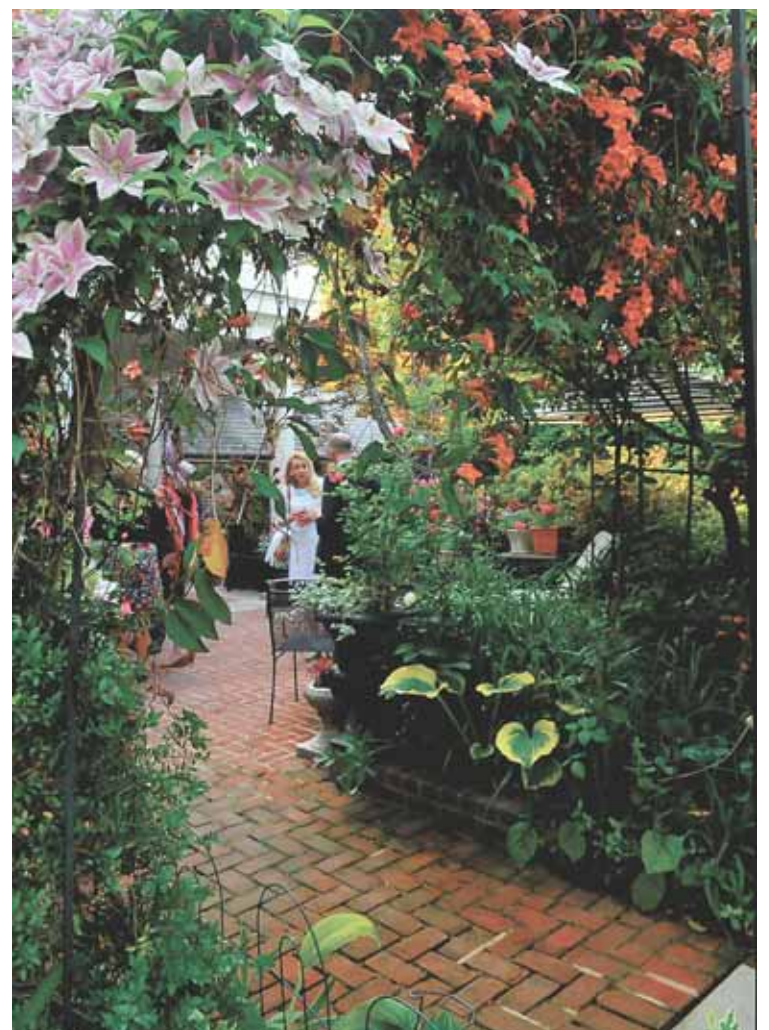
the ongoing mission at the Westmorland County estate to promote educational programs providing deeper understanding of the four generations of Lees who influenced American history during the Colonial, the Revolutionary and the War Between the States periods.



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Hartley Hobson Wensing and Katherine Cooper Hoffman



Late spring blossoms add color to the lush foliage in the garden at the Ariail residence.



Elizabeth Bavin and Grace Dannahey shake up the raffle tickets and select the winning number at the party. With the girls is Katherine Cooper Hoffman.



Patrick and Maura Burchette and Mary Elizabeth Duke



Clark and Mason Bavin and Patricia Mattingly Montague





Several Alexandria attorneys discuss legal issues in Galway, Ireland.

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## Local Lawyers Teach in Ireland

Discussions range from drug cases to Edward Snowden.

BY HARRY M. COVERT  
GAZETTE PACKET

A group of Alexandria attorneys have continued their international globetrotting of teaching, lecturing and discussing intricacies of

American law.

The latest stop was in Galway, Ireland, in April. They landed at the invitation of the National University of Ireland. On this third trip of the global effort, they met law students and their professors.

Chris Leibig, local criminal defense attorney, again organized the visit.

Leibig joined colleagues Jasmin Mize and Cary Citronberg of Alexandria to expound on defending U.S. drug cases and changing attitudes toward using cannabis, more commonly known as marijuana.

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# OPINION

## Remembering on Memorial Day

**Fewer deaths as military operations wind down, but 22 veterans a day die of suicide.**

In Arlington over the coming Memorial Day weekend, the organization TAPS, or Tragedy Assistance for Survivors, will hold its 20th annual Military Survivor seminar and Good Grief camp for children of all ages. TAPS offers support to anyone who is grieving the death of someone who died in the military, whether from combat, suicide, terrorism, homicide, negligence, accidents or illness. [www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org).

One veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan recently related that he had lost more of his military family to suicide post-deployment than he did from combat. Reports by the Veterans Administration set the number of suicides among veterans nationwide at about 22 per day.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, and more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward. Last year, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in at least 220,000 of the more than 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Since Memorial Day 2013, with military operations winding down in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense announced the deaths of two military service members from Virginia.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, Va., died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

**OTHER VIRGINIA DEATHS** in Afghanistan in the year before Memorial Day 2013: Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Va., died Jan. 10, 2013, from

small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Va., died Jan. 16, 2013, from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Va., died Oct. 13, 2012, when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012, from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, Va., died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Here we remember the local men and women who have died since Sept. 11, 2001, in the wars that resulted from that day:

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011, when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23, of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010, at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23, of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35, of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29, of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010, in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19, of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010, in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23, of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan.

Stephan L. Mace, 21, of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009, in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40, of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009, of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23, of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008, while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27, of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008, in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. In April 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26, of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washing

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## LETTERS

### In Praise of Food Trucks

To the Editor:

As a Southeast Quadrant resident of historic Alexandria, I want to whole-heartedly welcome food trucks to Old Town.

Since I moved here in 1994, I have watched young families move into and embrace Old Town. At a time when many people leave for the suburbs to raise their children, more and more families are choosing to stay in town and raise their kids in an urban atmosphere. This is one of the most walkable and attractive cities in the U.S. We have a vibrant food scene and I believe food trucks are going to add to our attraction — not detract.

In March, Fodor's Travel wrote an article titled Top Five Reasons to go to Charleston, S.C. and in the opening salvo praised the historic city for their progressive stance on food trucks. "Charleston is known for its cobblestoned streets, gas lamps, and plantation homes, not to mention its ridiculously friendly locals, who are proud of their city and want to show it off. But this gracious port city isn't stuck in the past.

Charleston has a thriving creative class, and in this food-obsessed town, it seems that a new restaurant, bar, or food truck launches just about every week." I would love to see Fodor's write the same thing about Old Town, Alexandria.

There are many of us who feel that food trucks and a vibrant waterfront that includes restaurants that take in the view belong in this City's future. We are living in an urban setting — this is not the suburbs — we chose not to move down the parkway.

These progressive proposals are in harmony with our historic past. Alexandria was founded by merchants — businessmen who pushed back the flow of the Potomac River to make a profit.

I believe that this city's Founding Fathers would have approved food trucks — even at Market Square. So, welcome and good luck — I'm sure your culinary efforts will only enhance our town.

**Tiffany Pache**  
Alexandria

### Recalling Ruth Kaye

To the Editor:

The Alexandria community has lost a great character in the passing of historian Ruth Lincoln Kaye,

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# Honoring Those Who Have Died in Military Service

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ton Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at

Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

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Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005, in Buhruz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecker, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James

F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

## OTHER VIRGINIA service members lost:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28, of Prince George, Va., died on May 20, 2012, in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012, while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012, in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011, in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44, of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011, at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24, of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011, in Af-

ghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30, of Newport News, died June 11, 2011, in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011, in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011, in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010, in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010, in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

— MARY KIMM.

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# Brown v. Board of Education: 60 Years Later

BY MICAH EDMOND  
CANDIDATE FOR VIRGINIA'S  
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Today [May 17, 2014] marks the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision. This unanimous decision overturned and prohibited future state-supported racial discrimination by declaring that racial segregation in U.S. public schools expressly violated the equal protection guarantees provided by the 14th Amendment.

Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to Oliver Brown who bravely challenged the law and practice of racial segregation so that he could send his child to their local public school. Today we all celebrate Brown's historic civil-rights milestone that has brought us closer together by declaring that separate is inherently unequal.

Although we have come so far since the "Brown" landmark decision, we must remain ever vigilant and do more to ensure equal access to the American Dream. Only through education can our youth transcend the bonds of poverty and race. While we

have fought hard for equal opportunities, not all opportunities are equal today. Equality in education is still not America's reality. In our public schools today, disparities in attendance, achievement and graduation rates reveal that much more needs to be done to ensure that our children and teachers are equipped to succeed and inspired to achieve their dreams.

Unfortunately, we can trace these disparities along racial and economic divides. They are stark reminders that we still have a long way to go to achieve the equality Oliver Brown fought so hard for.

Together we must continue our efforts and identify, assess and close the achievement gap and improve academic opportunities for all our children. As a community we must fight to provide equal academic environments that nurture the natural curiosity and channel the high energy of our children.

We can all transcend the dark legacy of our past by coming together to support the next generation by promoting public schools that encourage children to dream, incentivize performance and inspire a desire to learn and achieve. Let's keep moving forward together.

# Southern Charm

BY KATHERINE DIXON  
PRESIDENT & CEO  
REBUILDING TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA

Alice\* is a D.C. native who moved to Alexandria in the 1970s for a job. She and her husband built a life in this "sleepy, southern town," eventually buying a home. They watched as the small town grew into a bustling mini-metropolis, spurred by the Metro. Despite the growth and change, Alice believes her neighborhood was "just as lovely then as it is now."

Over the years, Alice has suffered from disabling medical conditions and weathered the loss of several family members, including her beloved husband. The fond memories she has of her life in Alexandria remain and carry her forward.

As she walks through her house, she notes that the kitchen is her favorite room. A trained chef, her husband was an amazing cook,



and her happiest memories were watching him work his magic in the kitchen.

Unfortunately, the city's transformation, her health issues, and the loss of her husband have made it very difficult for Alice to maintain the house she loves. She was first referred to Rebuilding Together Alexandria several years ago when she sought tax relief after skyrocketing property values made it impossible to afford her tax bills.

As a self-proclaimed "pack rat," she finally reached out to us last year to help her de-clutter as well as fix more serious problems in her house. Since then, Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers have provided a myriad of fixes and upgrades to make Alice's home a safer and healthier place. They fixed her steps, gutters, roof, and yard and installed outdoor lighting and support for the front and back handrails. The volunteers — many from Rebuilding Together's



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**The volunteers upgraded trim in the back of the house, replaced screen in the screen door, repaired a bathtub handle, put in a window air conditioner and installed a fence in the backyard.**

major sponsor Skanska — upgraded trim in the back of the house, replaced a screen in the screen door, repaired a bathtub handle, and put in a window air conditioner. What the volunteers enjoyed most though was installing a fence around the backyard so Alice's dog can play.

Embracing the southern charm of her adopted city, Alice is always

one of the most expressively grateful homeowners, constantly sending "thank you" cards that chronicle the work and mention volunteers by name. Recently, when our volunteers came to help, she worked alongside them at times and was excited to learn more about each volunteer. She joined them for a picnic in the front yard. Tears come to her eyes

as she reminisces about the beautiful day, the memories her home holds, and the volunteers' generosity. And again, this private, sweet woman says "thank you."

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or need repairs, visit [www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org) or call 703-836-1021.

\* It is Rebuilding Together Alexandria's policy to not disclose full names.





## 2014 Contest Winners Announced

**“What can you do to improve your local watershed?”**



**George Washington Middle School 2** students won top honors for their tree planting project addressing oxygen depletion in the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay.

**Thank you to all the students, teachers and partners who participated this year!** Hundreds of area students in grades 6-8 competed to develop solutions to watershed issues. Classroom teams presented their proposals at the School Environmental Action Showcase on April 10 at George Mason University in Fairfax.

This program empowers students to imagine, develop and create solutions in their local watersheds, as they develop research, problemsolving, budgeting, community- involvement and presentation skills.

**Nearly \$13,000 was awarded** in cash prizes and school awards. Agrium is also providing \$10,000 to help implement student ideas.

**Turning ideas into realistic solutions is the key to improving our local watersheds.**

### Alexandria/Arlington/Fairfax Finalists, Grades 6-8

Final Place	Award	Proposal Name	School
1	\$1,000	Dissolved Oxygen Project	George Washington Middle School 2
2	\$900	Watershed Warriors Restoring Wetlands	George Washington Middle School 2
3	\$800	Keep in Line or Pay the Fine	Kenmore Middle School
4	\$700	H <sub>2</sub> O Bottles Project	Ormond Stone Middle School
5	\$600	Chesapeake Bay Protectors	George Washington Middle School 2
6	\$500	Turn Off the Lights!	H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program
7	\$450	It's in Our Hands	Lanier Middle School
8	\$400	Rain Gardens and Impervious Surfaces	Kenmore Middle School
9	\$350	Alexandria Aquaponics	George Washington Middle School 2
10	\$300	Green Pesticides	Ormond Stone Middle School



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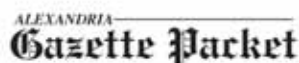
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for most of her life a resident of Alexandria.

She was a familiar figure in library and court house in tireless pursuit composing her essays about houses, churches, and commercial buildings of Old Town and environs.

In her studies she brought forth historical information and fascinating stories even ghost stories, that might otherwise have been lost in the fast transformation of the town.

Over a hundred of these finely finished essays are housed in the Alexandria Public Library. To her colleagues she was generous, as well as a gentle but very truthful critic. St Paul's Episcopal church on Pitt Street held a special place in her affections.

In 1984 she published "The History of St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Virginia," a classic in Alexandria and Virginia scholarship, and revised it for the 200th anniversary of the church in 2009.

She was a cautious and thorough researcher, who followed the traditional, pre-computer paths in finding and proving her material. She was also a cherished friend.

**William Seale**

## Dysfunctional City Hall

To the Editor:

The entrenched pattern of city staff conduct can only be described as dysfunctional — a dynamic where conflict, misbehavior, neglect or abuse, in this case of residents, happens continually and regularly. The food truck issue is a perfect example.

Listening to council or staff, either a casual suggestion or order was made at a Council retreat in 2013 regarding food trucks. Mobile vending was not a question of "should we?" but rather "do it." This raised questions from businesses, civic associations, and residents, and the city manager established an Advisory Group. Key staff came from his office. OK, one misstep corrected.

To start, city staff produced an initial "legislative proposal;" this was the backbone ordinance favoring food truck venders. And food truck owners/lobbyists became part of the citizen Advisory Group, which is a conflict of interest. As a result the citizen Advisory Group, with oversight from the city manager, was steered away from key

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# Resources for Seniors, Family Members, Caregivers

BY MARYANNE BEATTY  
PROGRAM MANAGER  
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria's seniors can benefit from a vast array of services and programs available through local non-profits and city programs, but it may be challenging to know where to start. The good news is that there are a variety of ways to get information about what is available to seniors living in the City of Alexandria:

❖ Senior Information Centers are located in all four public libraries and the five largest recreation centers. They are stocked with information about upcoming events; services available and other useful resource materials.

❖ The City Division of Aging and Adult Services website: [www.alexandriava.gov/Aging](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Aging) lists the many services that the city provides to seniors.

❖ Senior Services of Alexandria produces a monthly cable television program, Senior Living in Alexandria. The broadcast airs every Sunday at 2 p.m. on Alexandria Comcast 70, and on Arlington Comcast 69 Sundays

at 1:30 p.m.

❖ SSA's monthly Senior Speaker Series presents local experts discussing important topics ranging from legal and financial issues to caregiver support, senior employment, housing and memory loss.

This month, panelists talked about "Positive Approaches to Difficult Conversations." Experts from AARP, MediationWorks, Synergy HomeCare and the City of Alexandria's Division of Aging & Adult Services offered practical tips for ways families can constructively plan for life's changes with their aging parents. Advice included how to determine when to shift from driving to other transportation options, ways to successfully introduce in-home caregiver support, and factors to consider when evaluating assisted living and continuing care communities in our area. Copies of the presentations and links to several useful websites may be found at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org)

Please take the time to check out the many ways SSA is communicating with Alexandria's senior community, and let us know how we are doing. We'd love your feedback and ideas on new topics to address and ways to communicate more effectively. Send your comments to [executivedirector@seniorservicesalex.org](mailto:executivedirector@seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-



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**Panel from the May Speaker Series: Mary Lee Anderson, SSA; Sally Hurme, Esq., AARP; MaryAnn Griffin, Division on Aging & Adult Services; Jeannette Twomey, MediationWorks, and Mitch Opalski, Synergy HomeCare.**

4414, ext. 10.

Finally, don't miss the June Senior Speaker Series program: "Technology for Seniors," on Wednesday, June 11, from 9:30 a.m. – noon at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Come and play with

the Tech Petting Zoo and find out how technology can make seniors live easier.

It's free, light refreshments will be served, and you can register at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or by calling 703-836-4414, ext. 10.

## A New Way for Seskey To Serve the City of Alexandria

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET

Six months ago, Joseph Seskey was an Alexandria police sergeant overseeing logistics for special events. Today he's traded in his police badge for a new one, as deputy director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and the city's chief animal control officer.

Skills that Seskey honed in his nearly 25 years with the Alexandria Police Department — especially his work as a detective in criminal investigations — are translating well as he guides the shelter's animal control officers on how to investigate animal cruelty cases and how to interpret the laws that govern such cases. Seskey is also involved in the League's disaster planning and management, animal adoptions and care, and community outreach.

"Before we hired him, Joe was well-known in the City of Alexandria and had many connections with community organizations and groups," said League executive director Megan Webb. "Charlotte Hall, our chairman, had told me about him, and when I asked former City Manager Volia Lawson



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**Deputy Chief Joe Seskey and Animal Control Officers Alex Cooke and Megan Boyd at the Cooke's and Boyd's graduation from Rappahannock Criminal Justice Academy to receive their state certifications as animal control officers.**

if she knew him, she lit up, smiled wide and said, 'Oh, yes! He's wonderful.'"

"Coming here was a really great decision from my point of view," Seskey said. "I really love the city of Alexandria, and this job has provided a new way to serve the city."

Seeing the city's animal services close up has been eye-opening for Seskey. As a po-

lice officer, most of his contact with the city's furred and feathered residents had been routine complaints such as barking dogs. "The most rewarding aspect of the job so far has been our success stories," he said. "The animals come in here that are sick or injured or have been poorly treated, and we've been able to help them in some way

— and see the results."

Seskey regularly steps out of the office to assist with animal emergencies, such as responding to calls about wildlife in distress. Most recently he helped rescue a mother duck and her ducklings that had nested on the roof of a building in Old Town. He is also working hard to expand his team's ability to investigate cases of animal abuse and neglect. They currently have three cases of animals that they rescued from severe neglect in which they are preparing to charge the owner's criminally.

Seskey, 46, was introduced to animals at an early age, milking cows and feeding pigs on the farms of his relatives in New Mexico. He grew up on the East Coast, mostly Fredericksburg, Va., and has called Alexandria home since 1990. He calls himself an "animal person" and claims some 128 "pets"— the shelter's head count on a recent day.

"My chief goal in this job is to establish the League as the experts on animals for the city of Alexandria," Seskey said. "We want people to rely on us. We are here for them."

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mobile vender management points: number allowed in the city, and precise parking locations.

Complicating the advisory group's work was the legal position offered by the city attorney's office, which came to light only in the public hearing on May 17. The Plan-

ning Commission could have caught the zoning issue, but was given only an Information Memorandum, and not allowed to vote. Chairman Wagner eloquently and unflatteringly commented. This tactic of stifling boards and commissions is being increasingly used.

However, it was the public hearing on

May 17 that demonstrated the depth of staff dysfunction and how the tools of good governance — citizen committees, citizen advisory groups, civic associations, and even business voices — can be trashed by a few protected actors who want to install a pet project.

1 – The vote was taken without a final

Advisory Group report. Staff produced the final report, which showed unanimous votes that turned out to be disputed.

2 – In the Tuesday council work session it became clear that council members were divided on what unrestrained mobile vending would unleash on the city. We hit rock

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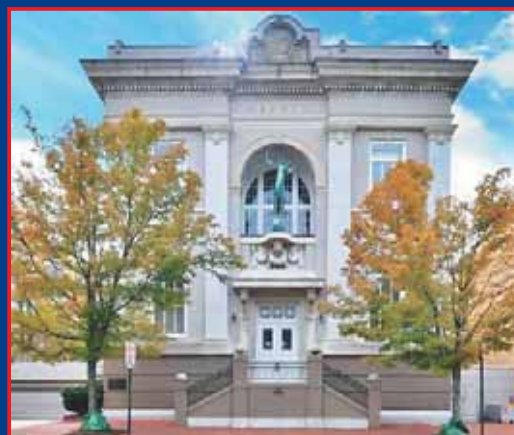
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# Alexandria Community Trust Turns 10

**H**undreds of residents attended the ACT Birthday and Barbeque Bash at the Waterfront Market & Café on the City Dock May 12. Music was performed by Griff's Room Band while local restaurateur Mike Anderson served up barbeque, beans and salad.



David and Marcia Speck



ACT board chair Gene Steuerle, Christine Bernstein, executive director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation Mari Lou Livingood, and ACT executive director John Porter.



Megan Beyer and "Running" Brooke Curran



Sandy and Charlie Collum



Mike Anderson serves up a barbeque sandwich to Volunteer Alexandria executive director Marion Brunken.



Waterfront Market & Café owner Jody Manor, right, and Kenneth Wire



Interior designer David Anthony Chenault and Alice Manor



Martha Blue, deputy city manager Debra Collins and Lauren Stack

PHOTOS BY  
LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET

## Del Ray Art Market Opens for Season

**F**or the fifth year, artists filled the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park offering their work for sale at the annual Del Ray Art Market. Held on the second Saturday of the month from May through October, the market features original artwork including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry and glasswork.

The market is held adjacent to the Del Ray Artisans gallery at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. and is free and open to the public. For more about the Art Market or how to apply for an artspace, contact Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org.



Using discarded plastic bags, artist Linda Goetz Mierke spins strips of the bags into thread that she will crochet into bracelets and brooches and offer for sale as Jelly Fish Jools.



Ruthless Art artist Leslie Hall displays one of her handmade necklaces at the market.



Tracy Wilkerson dismantles the workings of a discarded computer tower. The parts Tracy salvages will be recycled into jewelry and other artwork.



Tamara Wilkerson shows one of her WiRealm creations.

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**JUST LISTED**

9134 Continental Dr \$655,000  
Spacious Colonial! Gorgeous grounds back to park!  
One of best locations in Exceptionally spacious 3 level Colonial in magnificent setting on large level lot backing to gorgeous wooded parkland. Home is in excellent condition and has many fabulous features inc: large room sizes, main level family room, large kitchen hardwood floors, and oversized 2 car garage. Huge custom deck overlooks incredible natural wonderland. Super Value!

**NEW PRICE**

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**NEW PRICE**

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Alexandria  
"LOCATION"

Close to 2 Metros, 495/95, Carlyle area, Old Town, National Airport, and Old Town. Pristine, 4 level end unit townhouse with 3BR/2.5BA and 3 bump-outs. Newly painted walls and trim, and new carpet. Other updates include: hardwoods floors, Capitol Closets in 2 bedrooms, refrigerator, dishwasher, ceiling fans. Deck off kitchen thru French doors/Patio off lower level.

**Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012**

**\$334,000**  
Alexandria  
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**Dave Olinger 703.864.3196**



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## GI Film Festival 2014 Returns to Old Town

### VMI story told in “Field of Lost Shoes.”

A standing room only crowd packed the Old Town Theatre May 19 for the GI Film Festival's world premiere of “Field of Lost Shoes,” the story of cadets from the Virginia Military Institute and their role in the Battle of New Market during the Civil War.

The film was co-written by former University of Virginia classmates David Kennedy and Tom Farrell, who is now president and CEO of Dominion Resources.

“My family has a long history of military service and this is a story that I grew up with,” said Farrell at the opening night reception for the GI Film Festival. “I have wanted to write it for 25 years but it wasn't until four years ago that I finally convinced David that this story needed to be told.”

Also in attendance at the film's screening was Virginia-born actor David Arquette, who plays Union Capt. Henry A. DuPont.

“My grandfather had a Civil War artifacts business in Gettysburg, so I was raised with a deep appreciation of that time in our nation's history,” Arquette told the audience following the film. “It is a real honor to be a part of this film and to tell the story of these amazing young men.”

Known as Sundance for the Troops, the GI Film Festival runs through May 25 and features 56 film screenings. Visit [www.gifilmfestival.com](http://www.gifilmfestival.com) for more.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



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Actor David Arquette, left, talks about his role in “Field of Lost Shoes” at the film's May 19 premiere at the Old Town Theatre during the opening night reception for the 2014 GI Film Festival. With Arquette are executive producer Brandon Hogan, screenwriters and former University of Virginia classmates David Kennedy and Thomas Farrell and film festival co-founder Brandon Millet.



Screenwriter and retired Navy F-18 pilot David Kennedy talks about the making of “Field of Lost Shoes” with former Virginia governor and Army veteran Jim Gilmore and retired Air Force U-2 pilot John Bordner at the film's premier May 19 at the Old Town Theatre. The film depicts the true story of VMI cadets who fought in the Battle of New Market during the Civil War.

Dominion Resources CEO Tom Farrell, second from left, joins former Gov. Jim Gilmore, retired Navy F-18 pilot David Kennedy and retired Air Force U-2 pilot John Bordner at the premier of “Field of Lost Shoes.”

Farrell and Kennedy co-wrote the film based on the true story of VMI cadets who fought in the 1864 Battle of New Market.



### CALENDAR

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

#### ONGOING

**Theatre One-Man Shows.** Through May 25, two shows will be performed in repertory at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. “The Thousandth Night” by Carol Wolf and starring Marcus Kyd, and “Underneath the Lintel” by Glen Berger starring Paul Morella will be performed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 or 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3

and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25) at 800-494-8497 or [www.boxofficetickets.com](http://www.boxofficetickets.com). Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) for more.

**Historic Attic and Alley Tours.** 9 a.m.-noon through May 31 at the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. or at the Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The curious are invited to visit rarely seen spaces at four of Alexandria's historic sites on this special three-hour walking tour of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden and Carlyle House Historic Park. \$35. Visit [www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern](http://www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern).

**Spy Program at Mount Vernon.** 3

p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 1. Learn about spying during the Revolutionary War, including concealment codes, invisible ink and double agents. Self-guided programs with map provided. Free with admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/spy](http://www.mountvernon.org/spy).

**Art Exhibit.** Through June 2, Courtney S. Hengerer's acrylic paintings on wood panels are on display for the exhibit “Playground” in Studio 21 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**Art Exhibit.** Through June 8 at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. “Meditations on the Boundless,” an exhibit of acrylic

paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Children's Theater.** Arts on the Horizon presents “Sunny and Licorice” at The Lab at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Show is 30 minutes and best for ages 2-5. Performances are 10:30 a.m. May 30, June 4-6 and June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. May 31, June 7 and June 14. \$8 tickets, purchase online or at the door. At each show the group will collect non-perishable food and canned good for Community Lodgings. Visit [www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice) or call 703-967-0437.

**Art Exhibit.** Through June 22, “Words

and Letters” in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Photography Exhibit.** “Threesomes,” photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three standalone images. On display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

**All Alexandria Reads.** Spring events mark Alexandria's annual one book, one community campaign. Adults are invited to ready the recently republished “When Washington Was in Vogue,” a once-lost novel by Edward Christopher Williams which



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depicts the vibrant social life of Washington D.C.'s upper class African Americans during the Harlem Renaissance and jazz age. Younger readers are invited to read the picture book, "Harlem's Little Blackbird" by Renée Watson or the chapter book "Bud, Not Buddy," by Christopher Paul Curtis. More than 50 related activities are planned through May; for full list of programs visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Art Exhibit.** "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs through June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes and birds, people and dogs. Through June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

**Historical Exhibit.** Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

**Doggy Happy Hours.** 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit [www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html).

**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Alexandria Cars & Coffee.** Car enthusiasts meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

**Songwriter's Showcase.** Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit [www.theoldtowntheater.com](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com) for tickets.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon.** The Estate has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will,



"Puzzle Tea" by Joan Ulrich

## Meet Joan Ulrich

The Workhouse Arts Center presents featured artists and studio exhibitions for the month of June. An opening reception for all studio shows and featured artists will be held campus-wide during the 2nd Saturday Art Walk June 12, 6-9 p.m. Featured from June 1-20 will be ceramics artist Joan Ulrich, who is a studio artist at the Workhouse and The Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria. A meet and greet with Ulrich will be held on June 8 from 3-5 p.m. in building W-8. Visit <http://workhousearts.org/exhibits-list> or [www.joanulrich.com](http://www.joanulrich.com) for more..

upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org).

### CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Summer Aquatics Classes.** For youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation) or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-74605414 or [claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov](mailto:claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov).

**Pre-School Studio.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. June 9-19, Mondays-Thursdays children ages 4-6 attend for explorations of clay, collage, drawing and painting as well as creativity, problem solving, collaboration and fun. Call 703-201-1250 or visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org).

**History Camp.** The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursdays, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games and visits to nearby historic places. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).

**Youth Summer Classes.** Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit, [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

**Martial Arts Camps.** Potomac Kempo teaches Shaolin Kempo, a blend of Japanese Karate and Chinese Kung Fu. Potomac Kempo's locations will

host a camp "virtual tour" of China July 14-18 at the new Huntington location, 5914 N. Kings Hwy.; and Japan, July 21-25 at the Foxchase location, 4617 Duke St. For children age 5-12. Campers will learn about art, cuisine, history and language. Morning and afternoon sessions or all-day option. Visit [www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp](http://www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp) or call 703-206-8064.

**Metro Club After-School Program.** Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. 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.


**Theater Camp.** Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. Visit [www.mvccct.org](http://www.mvccct.org) to register.

### MONDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 19-25

**Film Festival.** Venues in Alexandria and Washington. The 56-film GI Film Festival includes advanced screenings and world premieres, showcasing



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battlefield scenes and issues facing returning GIs on the home front. \$245 all-access pass, \$70 for weekend pass May 24-25; military discounts. Visit [www.gifilmfestival.com](http://www.gifilmfestival.com).

## THURSDAY/MAY 22

**Art Lecture.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780. Martha Wilson, pioneering feminist artist and founder and director of the Franklin Furnace, speaks as part of the Art League's anniversary lecture series. Reception at 6:30 p.m., lecture at 7. Free, but registration encouraged. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/events\\_special\\_exhibits](http://www.theartleague.org/content/events_special_exhibits).

**Art Presentation.** 6-9 p.m. The Digital Exchange, 816 North St. Asaph St. "Inspired By..." an evening dedicated to supporting and promoting the arts features six artists who will present what inspired a particular work of art, describe their greatest influences, and discuss the obstacles they encountered during the creative process. Beer, wine, and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Free. RSVP at [www.evite.com/event/01B46HWEUGC2QV64EPD2YHGGFK4S4](http://www.evite.com/event/01B46HWEUGC2QV64EPD2YHGGFK4S4).

## FRIDAY/MAY 23

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jenn Grinels will open for 10,000 Maniacs. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 23-24

**Choir Performances.** 8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The Singers' Theater of Washington present Verdi's "I Lombardi," the Lombards on the First Crusade. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. Visit [www.singers-theatre.com](http://www.singers-theatre.com) or contact [singerstheater@gmail.com](mailto:singerstheater@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 24

**Civil Rights Saturday.** 2-4:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. With book signing, author reading, storytelling activity and exhibit discussion. Space is limited, reservations are recommended. Call 703-746-4356. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

**Military Band Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Works included "Victory at Sea," "Hymn to the Fallen" and "America the Beautiful." Adults \$15, students and children free. Call 703-426-4777 or visit [www.vgmb.com](http://www.vgmb.com).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Vertical Current to open for Eric Roberson. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 24-25

**Sunset Celebration.** 6-8:30 p.m. both days, at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Evening tours of the mansion, with wine and desserts available for purchase on the lawn. Music, dancing, games and wagon rides. \$18 adults, \$12 children, free ages 5 and under; requires separate ticket from daytime admission and annual passes are not valid. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 25

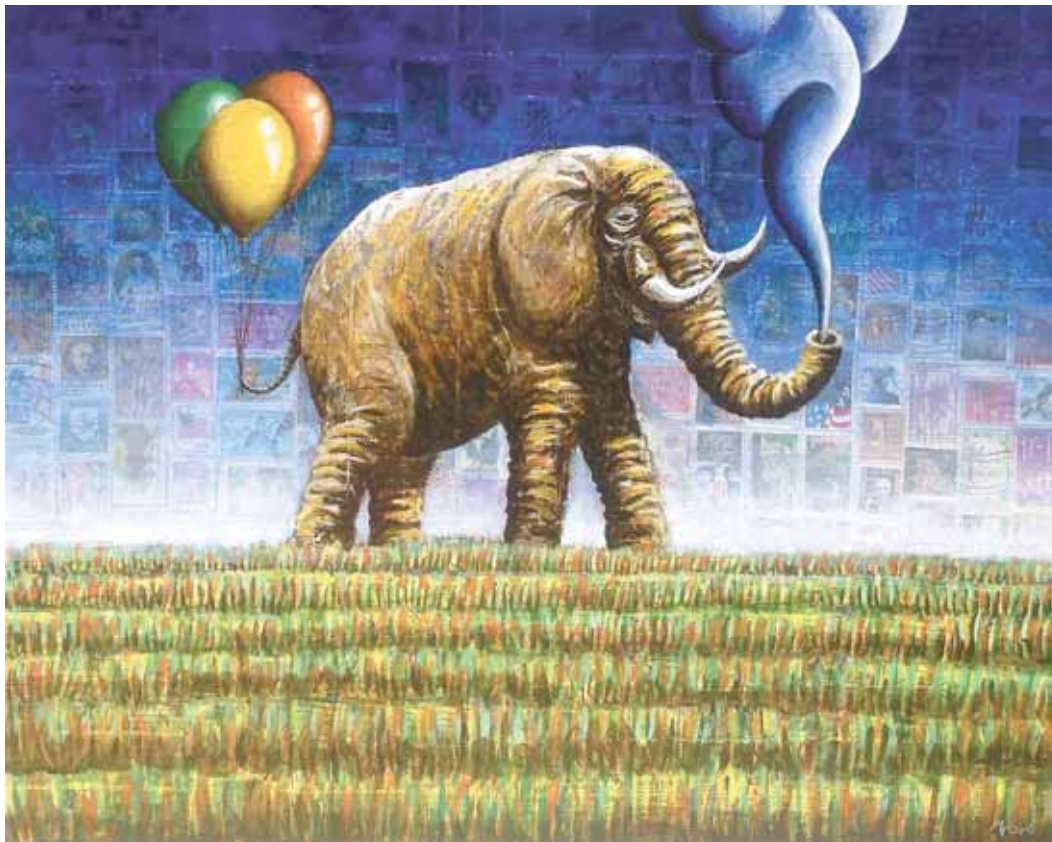
**Runs and Family Festival.** 7:30 a.m. on Eisenhower Avenue between Elizabeth Lane and John Carlyle Street. Half-marathon with 5K and 1K kids fun run. Free festival with



**"It Takes Two," acrylic on map and stamps on canvas**

## 'Here, There, Somewhere'

An exhibition of mixed media paintings by Marcelo Novo, "Here, There, Somewhere" will be on display Friday, June 13-Sunday, July 20 in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, July 11, 7-9 p.m., with an Artist's Talk at 8 p.m. For the exhibition's duration, the gallery is accessible to the public Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and during performances. The exhibition comprises a series of paintings created by utilizing maps and postage stamps.



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face painting, balloons, yoga, kids' obstacle course, beer garden and more. Races start at 7:30 a.m., festival 8:30-noon. Half-marathon \$70, 5K \$40, 1K \$5 to benefit international charities. Visit [www.mc-coop.org](http://www.mc-coop.org).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Revelations to open for Eric Roberson. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## TUESDAY/MAY 27

**Memorial Day Jazz Festival.** 1 p.m. Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St., Alexandria. The City of Alexandria will host the 37th annual jazz festival featuring a different artist every hour until 5 p.m. Performers include the U.S. Army Blues, The Blue Crescent Syncopators and Seth Kibel. Lawn seating is available and attendees may bring lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic. Food will be available for

purchase. Pets should be left at home. Call 703-746-3301.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Amelia White to open for Brandy Clark. Visit [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## THURSDAY/MAY 29

**Live Music.** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Bayanist Volodymyr Marunych and domrist Natalia Marunych perform Eastern European and Russian folk music with the Washington Balalaika's Great Russian Folk Orchestra. \$10. Visit <http://nvfaa.org>.

**Choir Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt St. Ascension Day Choral Evensong at St. Paul's with the Adult Choir. Reception to follow. Donations

and non-perishable food items will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. Contact Grant Hellmers, Organist-Choirmaster, at 703-549-3312 or [grant@stpaulsalexandria.com](mailto:grant@stpaulsalexandria.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 30-31

**Choir Performances.** 8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The Singers' Theater of Washington present Verdi's "I Lombardi," the Lombards on the First Crusade. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. Visit [www.singerstheater.com](http://www.singerstheater.com) or contact [singerstheater@gmail.com](mailto:singerstheater@gmail.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 31

**Firefighting in Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour.** 1-3 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighters and firefighting

during the Union occupation. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, [www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse](http://www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse) or 703-746-4994.

**Backyard Reptiles Alive.** 11:30 a.m. Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King Street. Learn what to do when encountering wild animals and how to help wildlife in a residential neighborhood. Featured animals may include snakes, turtles, and other native species. \$10. [www.theoldtowntheater.com/events.html](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com/events.html).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 1

**Photography Exhibit Opening Reception.** 2-4 p.m. in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan, on display May 13-June 22.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray's own Rock of Ages Music presents ROAMfest '14. \$15.50. Call 703-838-2130, or email [roam.rockofagesmusic@gmail.com](mailto:roam.rockofagesmusic@gmail.com). Visit [www.rockofagesmusic.com](http://www.rockofagesmusic.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

## JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 20

**Art Exhibit.** Through Friday, June 20, see Alexandria artist Joan Ulrich's ceramics are on display in "Process as Inspiration: New Work" at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Galleries and studios are open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays noon-5 p.m. Meet the artist Sunday, June 8, 3-5 p.m. Visit [www.joanulrich.com](http://www.joanulrich.com).

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

**Film Screening.** 6 p.m. at the Old Town Theatre. "Saving Private Ryan" with pre-film reception with wine and cheese. \$25. Part of Alexandria's D-Day commemoration. Visit [www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com](http://www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 5

**Broadway Buffet.** 2 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Enjoy 31 songs and song segments, 12 dance routines, dialog from eight shows and 16 costume changes. \$15. [www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html).

**History Lecture.** 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free. "The Longest Day: June 6, 1944" with the Senior Historian to the Secretary of Defense Tom Christianson. Part of Alexandria's D-Day commemoration. Visit [www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com](http://www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 5-7

**Spring Choir Show.** 7 p.m. in the Springbank Auditorium, West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac Choirs present their annual spring show with an exciting evening of great Grammy, Oscar and Tony award-winning music. Tickets will be available at the door and sold online. Call 703-718-2687.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 6

**Food Truck Rodeo.** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Southern Towers, 4901 Seminary Road. Savory food, fashioned-focused trucks and businesses from Alexandria's West End. Visit [www.alexandriawebeba.com](http://www.alexandriawebeba.com).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis with special guest Dale Watson and the Lonestars. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 6-7

**Broadway Buffet.** 7:45 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Enjoy 31 songs and song segments, 12 dance routines, dialog from eight shows and 16 costume changes. \$18-\$25 for show only, \$43 includes hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. [www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 7

**D-Day Commemoration.** 2:30 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. WWII re-enactors, visit a recreated WWII Navy Recruiting Center, dance to the Alexandria Citizens Band Swing Band, and hear a live re-enactment of an authentic Omar Bradley press conference. Children are welcome. Free. Part of Alexandria's D-Day commemoration. Visit [www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com](http://www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com).

**Dezmo & The Secret Power of Knowledge.** 11:30 a.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. A live family stage show featuring music, dancing, audience participation, giveaways and more. \$8. [www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 8

**Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra.** 3 p.m. T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The last show of the 2013-14 season featuring three composers' complex works. \$20, under 18 free. Visit <http://www.wmpamusic.org> or contact [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or call 703-799-8229.

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## FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SUNDAY/JULY 20

**Art Gallery.** Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from June 13-July 20. An exhibition of Marcelo Novo's paintings on maps and stamps titled, "Here, There, Somewhere." The mixed media gallery will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 North Beauregard St. Call 703-845-6156.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 14

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket) for more.

**Gum Springs Community Day.** 1-5 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr., Community Park, 8115 Fordson Road. The free family event features music, food, demonstrations, children's activities and information booths. The Gum Springs Historical museum will be open. Visit [www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com](http://www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com).

**Rainforest Reptiles Alive.** 11:30 a.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Meet animals from each layer of the rainforest and hear stories of survival in the endangered environment. Animals may include an iguana and boa constrictor. \$10. [www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 15

**Father's Day Open House.** 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Tour the firehouse for free. A photographer will take portraits of families next to historic equipment. Children will receive a fire hat. Visit

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## Profiles of Courage

### Sergeant Elton B. Hummer, 1928

Elton B. Hummer was born August 15, 1898, the youngest of four children of Alpheus and Clara Hummer. Unmarried, he lived with his elderly parents at 806 Duke Street. On August 17, 1927, he became an Alexandria police officer.

Promoted to the rank of sergeant on June 1, 1928, Hummer played on the police baseball team and was described as "one of the most popular officers on the force."

On the evening of August 18, 1928, Hummer said goodnight to his parents and left to begin his midnight shift. About an hour later, he was on foot in the same neighborhood when he was shot in the alley next to 224 S. Alfred Street. When neighbors ran to see what had happened, they found Hummer critically injured on the pavement. He had been shot in the chest and groin and was pronounced dead at Alexandria Hospital.

Witnesses told police that after the gunfire, they saw a man running west on Duke Street. Despite a massive manhunt, Hummer's murderer was never identified. Sergeant Hummer was just 30 years old when he was killed.

Help the Alexandria Police Foundation honor Sergeant Hummer and other officers killed in the line of duty by supporting the Fallen Officers Memorial. To donate, mail a check to the Alexandria Police Foundation, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Suite 118, Alexandria, VA 22304. Donate online at [www.AlexandriaPoliceFoundation.org](http://www.AlexandriaPoliceFoundation.org).

Join **Alexandria Colonial Tours, Alexandria Hotel Association, Alexandria Police Association, Douglas Allen, American Gas Association, APD Employees, ARPFA, BB&T Bank, BJ's, Donna Baez** and others supporting the memorial.



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### THROUGH FRIDAY/JUNE 13

**Art Donations.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at The Gallery@Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Art exhibit for Art Uniting People. For information on submitting artwork contact [artunitingpeople@gmail.com](mailto:artunitingpeople@gmail.com) or visit [www.HealthierAlexandria.com/antistigma](http://www.HealthierAlexandria.com/antistigma).

### THURSDAY/MAY 22

**West End Transitway Meeting.** 4-8 p.m. Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St. The public is invited to the West End Transitway (Corridor C) Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment kick-off meeting open house to learn about the Transitway. The proposed Transitway system along the Van Dorn/Beauregard corridor will provide a high-capacity transit option between the Van Dorn Metrorail station, Shirlington Transit Center and the Pentagon. Visit [alexandriava.gov/WestEndTransitway](http://alexandriava.gov/WestEndTransitway) or call 703-746-4146.

**Children, Youth and Family Executive Committee.** 6:30 p.m. Campagna Center, 418 S Washington St. Contact Ron Frazier at [ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov](mailto:ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-5967.

### FRIDAY/MAY 23

**Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan Update.** 8 a.m. Room 2000, City Hall, 301 King St. The City and

Alexandria City Public Schools are jointly developing a Long-Range Educational Facilities Plan to improve facilities planning, accommodate the growing student population, and enhance educational programs and services. Open to the public. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/68540](http://www.alexandriava.gov/68540) or call 703-461-4168.

### SATURDAY/MAY 24

**Confederate Memorial Day Service of Remembrance.** 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland, 402 E. Monroe Ave. The service and sermon will be delivered by the Rector, Rev. LTC John Lewis Roddy USAR (Ret). Free. To join the group for dinner, \$25 per person, RSVP to J.J. Smith at [jossmith@mba1962.hbs.edu](mailto:jossmith@mba1962.hbs.edu) or 703 299-1725. Visit [www.leecamp.org](http://www.leecamp.org) for more.

### TUESDAY/MAY 27

**City Council Meeting.** 7 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Call 703-746-4500.

**Alexandria/Gyumri Sister City Committee.** 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1102, 301 King St. Contact Rose Boyd at 703-746-4300.

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

**History Lecture.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Steve Vogel presents "Through the Perilous Flight: The Capture and Occupation of Alexandria." Part of the War of 1812 lecture series. \$5 per person; free for Alexandria Historical Society members. Visit [www.visitalexandriava.com/1812](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/1812) or call 703-746-4994.

**Board of Architectural Review Parker-Gray District Hearing.** 7:30 p.m. City Hall, Council Chamber, 301 King St. Contact Al

Cox at 703-746-3833.

### THURSDAY/MAY 29

**Waterfront Commission Special Meeting.** 4 p.m. City Hall, Sister Cities Room 1101, 301 King St. Contact Jack Browand at [jack.browand@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jack.browand@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-5504.

**Good Choices and Discipline Program.** 6 p.m. at Jefferson-Houston School, 1501 Cameron St. "The ABCs of Discipline" for parents and "Do the Right Thing: Making Good Choices" for students. Strategies to help parents apply appropriate limits on negative behaviors and reinforce positive behaviors. Workshop for K-5 students to help determine right and wrong before making a choice.

**Project Public Meeting.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. in City Hall, Room 1101, 301 King St. Lower King Street multimodal feasibility study public meeting with the transportation planning division. Includes project overview, schedule, operational concepts for a shared street along the 100 block of King Street, and input from interested stakeholders. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/76226](http://www.alexandriava.gov/76226) or contact Steve Sindiong at [Steve.Sindiong@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Steve.Sindiong@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4047.

### MONDAY/JUNE 2

**Braddock Implementation Advisory Group Meeting.** 7 p.m. Charles Houston Recreation Center, 905 Wythe St. The City of Alexandria will hold a meeting of the Braddock Implementation Advisory Group to discuss neighborhood streetscape, interim open space, a one acre community park and upcoming private development activity. [www.alexandriava.gov/braddock](http://www.alexandriava.gov/braddock).

## ENTERTAINMENT

[www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse](http://www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse) or call 703-746-4994 for more.

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### TUESDAY/JUNE 17

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joe Ely performs. \$29.50. Visit [www.ely.com](http://www.ely.com), [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 19

**Fundraiser Gala.** 7 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. "A Night Among the Stars" at the Fostering the Future Gala. \$75+, buffet and drinks included. Benefits The Fund for Alexandria's Child. Visit [www.stargala.eventbrite.com](http://www.stargala.eventbrite.com) or [www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild](http://www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild) for tickets. Contact 703-746-5663 or email [thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov](mailto:thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov). Attire is Hollywood glamorous, black tie optional.

## FARMERS MARKETS

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. Visit [www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org) for more.

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm) for more.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net) for more.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit <http://www.4mrmrmarket.org/> for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket) for more.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 20

**Live Music.** 8 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Lauren Mitchell and her band perform a combination of blues and soul. \$12-\$20. [www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com/calendar.html)

### SATURDAY/JUNE 21

**Night of the Templar.** 6 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Premiere screening of an indie film weaving together murder, mystery, horror, drama, suspense and more. Features Norman Reedus of "The Walking Dead" and other stars. \$75. [www.theoldtowntheater.com/](http://www.theoldtowntheater.com/)

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## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

**Technology for Seniors.** 9:30 a.m.-noon. Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Senior Services of Alexandria's June speaker series will focus on Kindles, iPads, smart phones, smart house and smart cars. Hear from local experts from AARP, Adult Companion Care and the Alexandria library. Event is free but seating is limited. Reserve a seat online at [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext. 10.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 13

**Nomination Deadline.** The Alexandria Archaeological Commission is accepting nominations for the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award. The Brenman Award, established in 2007, is open to businesses, organizations, families, professional preservationists, volunteers, students and other individuals who have demonstrated work or efforts in archaeological investigation, research, site protection, education, public interpretation, open space design, collections or conservation. Nomination forms are available at <http://alexandriava.gov/historic/archaeology/default.aspx?id=28180> or from the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at 703-746-4399.

## THROUGH FRIDAY/JUNE 20

**Adult Sports Activities.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday at Witter Recreational Fields and Ben Brenman Soccer Field, and 3-7 p.m., at Eugene Simpson Soccer Fields. The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities offers a variety of ways for adults ages 18 and older to get active this spring. Visit, [alexandriava.gov/RecreationCenters](http://alexandriava.gov/RecreationCenters), [alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/Recreation), email [Mac.Slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Mac.Slover@alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-5402.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 26

**Application Deadline.** The Alexandria Marketing Fund grant program provides seed money in the form of matching funds for new marketing programs. Applications for funds are currently being accepted. For the form, visit [alexandriava.gov/MarketingFund](http://alexandriava.gov/MarketingFund). Contact Andrea Blackford at 703-746-3959 or [andrea.blackford@alexandriava.gov](mailto:andrea.blackford@alexandriava.gov).

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 30

**Day-long Conference.** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. The Northern Virginia Association for Volunteer Administration is a professional non-profit membership organization for people committed to the effective involvement of volunteers in community programs and services. Through June 1 \$75, starting June 2, \$100. Visit [www.NVAVA.org](http://www.NVAVA.org).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 19

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's 16-week fall semester and the first 8-week term closes. Classes begin Aug. 20. Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

## TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15.

Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

## POOL SEASON

**Alexandria's outdoor pools** will soon open for the 2014 season. All outdoor pools are open holidays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Aquatics](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Aquatics).

**Old Town Pool, 1609 Cameron St.** This complex includes an 8 lane, 25-yard pool with a diving well. A separate training pool is available for children up to 42 inches in height. Easily accessible for disabled, the training pool has a water depth range of 1-3 feet. For added convenience, a bathhouse and locker rooms are on-site. Open weekends noon-7 p.m. May 24-Aug. 31; open weekdays noon-7 p.m. June 23-Aug. 29; the pool will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 2 and July 9 to host the Wahoo Summer Swim Team competitions.

**Warwick Pool, 3301 Landover St.** The site includes a 25-yard pool with diving well and a separate wading pool for children up to 42 inches in height. A bathhouse is available. Picnic areas are located inside the pool complex as well as next-door, where a modern playground featuring a tot playground is also available. The complex provides natural privacy as it is surrounded by beautiful trees and shrubberies. Open weekends 11 a.m.-6 p.m. May 24-Aug. 31; open weekdays noon-7 p.m. June 23-Aug. 15.

**Memorial Pool, 901 Wythe St.** Designed for parents to accompany their children, this pool features a water depth of 0-5 feet. Due to its size, access is limited to Alexandria residents ages 13 and younger and their parents. Maximum capacity is 45. Open weekends 11 a.m.-6 p.m. May 24-Aug. 31 open weekdays noon-7 p.m. June 23-Aug. 29.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

**Guide Now Available.** Summer of Smiles, the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available for download at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation). Free printed brochures are available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries located throughout the City. Register online at [www.alexandriava.gov/58232](http://www.alexandriava.gov/58232) or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. For more information about summer camps, contact Recreation Services at 703-746-5430 or the Camps and Classes Office at 703-746-5414.

## GARDEN SEASON

**Make a Reservation.** The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities announces procedures for the 2014 Community Garden season. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/CommunityGardenRegulations2014.pdf](http://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/parks/CommunityGardenRegulations2014.pdf) for the terms and conditions for the reservation of 194 community garden plots located in Chinquapin Park, 3210 King St., and Holmes Run Parkway. Community plots are available as follows: full-size community garden plot (15 feet by 20 feet): \$55/resident and \$75/nonresident; half-size plot (10 feet by 15 feet): \$28/resident and \$35/nonresident.

Individuals interested in receiving information to apply for a garden plot contact John Walsh, Horticulturalist, at 703-746-4654 or [john.walsh@alexandriava.gov](mailto:john.walsh@alexandriava.gov).  
**Soil Testing.** Virginia Cooperative

Extension is offering soil testing services to analyze soil and determine what is needed to condition soil for plantings. The routine soil test is all one normally needs for a fertility evaluation. Recommendations generated usually within three working days of receipt. Pick up soil sampling box at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Alexandria office, 1108 Jefferson St., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Send filled soil sample box with form and fee to the Virginia Tech Lab for analysis. Fees vary, visit [www.soiltest.vt.edu/Files/testing-process-and-fees.html](http://www.soiltest.vt.edu/Files/testing-process-and-fees.html).

## PUBLIC INPUT

**Interactive Maps.** The Information Technology Services Department of the City of Alexandria is in the early stages of updating its online system of interactive maps to be more meaningful and usable for the community. Community members will have the opportunity to participate to help in the development of this tool for potential users. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/gis](http://www.alexandriava.gov/gis) or stop by an in-person test: through May 9 at the Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St.; and May 13-16 at the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/gis](http://www.alexandriava.gov/gis) for times and details. No registration necessary. With questions, contact Katherine Carraway at 703-746-3855 or [Katherine.Carraway@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Katherine.Carraway@alexandriava.gov).

**Beautification Awards.** The City of Alexandria's Beautification Commission is accepting nominations for the 2014 Alexandria Beautification Awards, which recognize residents, organizations and businesses for their efforts in beautification with landscaping and aesthetic design. Nominations are due Friday, May 23. The awards have four categories: residential, commercial, public, and service. Nominated properties must be visible from the public right-of-way. Winners will be recognized in September. Forms are available at <http://alexandriava.gov/Beautification> and can be returned to [AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com](mailto:AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com) or the Alexandria Beautification Commission c/o Park Planning Division, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact Judy Lo at 703-746-5490 or [judy.lo@alexandriava.gov](mailto:judy.lo@alexandriava.gov).

**CIVIC Awards.** The Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission is seeking nominations for the 2014 CIVIC Awards.

The annual awards program recognizes the volunteer efforts of Alexandrians who are involved in their communities and helped meet recreation, park, or cultural needs. Nominations must be received by Thursday, June 12. The CIVIC Awards are presented at the City's Annual USA/Alexandria Birthday Celebration on July 12 at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. A nomination package and more information is available online at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation), or by calling 703-746-4343.

**Eisenhower West Transportation Survey.** The City Council identified the Eisenhower West Small Area Plan as the major planning effort to begin in 2014 and is conducting transportation analysis for the area. An online survey identifying travel habits and transportation improvement suggestions is open from now until June 6 at <http://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/WestEndSMPSurvey2>. Results from the survey will be shared at a future meeting. Contact Radhika Mohan at 703-746-3850 or [radhika.mohan@alexandriava.gov](mailto:radhika.mohan@alexandriava.gov).



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# Council Approves Pilot Program for Food Trucks

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andria Economic Development Partnership. "Civic engagement is taking a beating."

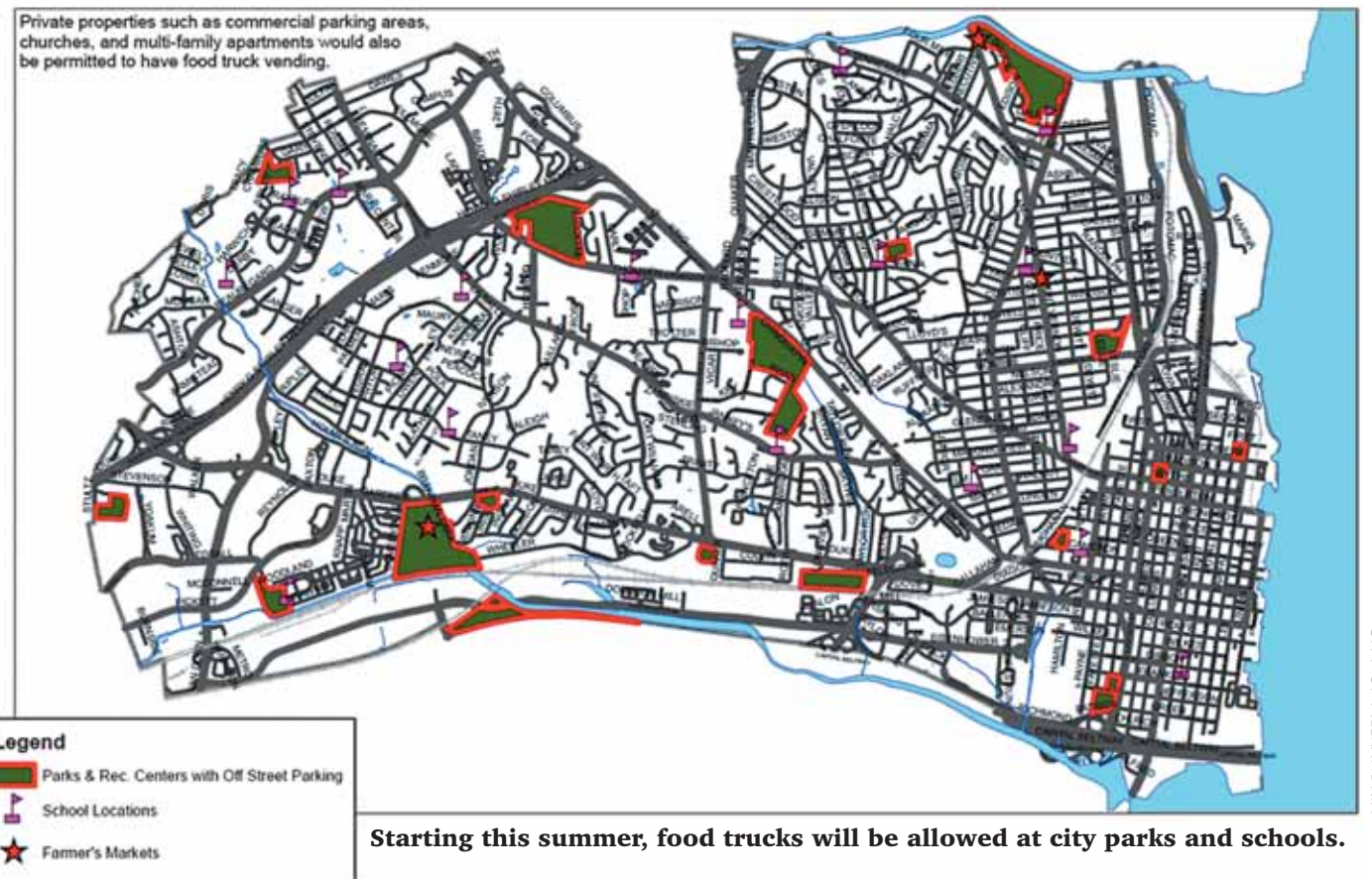
Restaurant owners say they are at a significant disadvantage to food trucks, who can breeze into town and set up shop without first obtaining a special-use permit from City Council and having their signs approved by the Board of Architectural Review. Light Horse Restaurant owner John Jarecki said he counted 93 separate restaurants between the Potomac River and the King Street Metro station, a key part of the city's economy that could be undermined by bringing in more food vendors.

"The pie is getting sliced thinner and thinner," said Jarecki. "Five restaurants are currently for sale, and several more on the verge."

**A NUMBER** of food truck vendors came to Alexandria to testify in favor of allowing mobile vendors, including one woman who wants to sell clothing from a mobile food truck. Many of the food truck owners said the mobile vending allows more access to the marketplace because it has fewer barriers to entering the market. Several speakers said food truck operators frequently use the experience as a springboard to starting a brick-and-mortar restaurant. Others said they once owned a restaurant that was forced to close and owning a food truck allows them to stay in business. Doug Povich, chairman of the DMV Food Truck Association, urged council members to adopt the city manager's proposal rather than the scaled down pilot program.

"We approve of the regulatory flexibility,"

## Parks and Recreation Centers with Parking, Farmer's Markets, and School Locations



Starting this summer, food trucks will be allowed at city parks and schools.

said Povich. "We urge you to adopt it without delay."

**COUNCIL MEMBERS** voted for delay, though. That will give both sides more than a year to make their arguments and mar-

shal their forces for yet another fight at the end of next year.

That's when council members will once again consider allowing mobile vending on city streets in Old Town, Del Ray and Carlyle. If last weekend's public hearing is

any indication, the food fight to come will be an epic battle of rival business models and plenty of rotten tomatoes.

"They are nauseating and ugly," said Alexandria resident Ursula Witte. "I'd rather starve."

# Neighbors Describe House as a Nuisance

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almost always occupied. He said city inspectors often find that residents are defecating in their bathtubs because their fixtures don't work, and their movement through the houses is limited to tiny paths amongst the clutter.

"None of those kinds of conditions were found at this property," said Catlett. "I think what we have is a disagreement about whether this is a violation of the code."

**CITY OFFICIALS** say neighbors have the ability to take their concerns to a local appeals board. And if they don't like that decision, they can take their case to the State Building Code Technical Review Board. Catlett said that's the process neighbors should use to appeal the decision, not bringing their concerns to the Alexandria City Council. But nine neighbors appeared before council members Saturday morning to make sure the elected officials heard their concerns.

"We really believe it's a threat to our health and safety," said Thomas Esbrook, who lives nearby. "The appearance of the place is a mess, and the property values are probably not going up on Green Street. They are probably going down because of this

house."

Neighbors are concerned that city officials aren't doing enough. Because the house is unoccupied, the code inspection did not perform what the maintenance code supervisor calls a "soup-to-nuts inspection" of the electricity and the plumbing. That's a concern to neighbors because the house continues to receive electricity and water service despite the fact it's unoccupied.

"If there were any kind of an electrical problem, a short or something, if there were any kind of a gas leak no one is there to tend to it," said Tabak. "That's what we are very concerned about."

**NEIGHBORS ARE CALLING** on elected leaders to press city officials into action. They want the utilities to be turned off, and they want an independent third-party in-



Neighbors say they are concerned that 813 Green St. has been abandoned for 12 years.

spection to make sure all city codes are being followed. Council members said they would make sure that code enforcement officials are upholding regulations to ensure that grass is mowed and snow is shoveled. Meanwhile, Catlett said, he would make sure that the homeowners had an application to appeal his decision.

"We'll follow up," pledged Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg.

## NEIGHBORHOOD

### Taylor Run

#### MOTHER'S DAY

Every year on Mother's Day I think about the things my mother could do and I cannot. To be sure, I probably would have been able to harness up the horses because that was necessary out in Ford County, Ill., if one wanted to go anywhere beyond walking distance.

So Lou Lillian Hammerlund rode the train 40 miles into Ford County, rented a horse and buggy at the livery stable, and drove out to the Booker School, so-called because Pa Booker, the biggest landholder in the area, really ran the school and "boarded" the teacher.

He had not wanted a girl teacher; he thought she would never be able to control those unruly big boys. Then he saw the horse. "Did you rent that horse from Abner Simpson?" he asked.

"Yes, I did," replied Lou Lillian, all five feet of her. "I know that horse," said Pa Booker. "You've got the job."

— LOIS KELSO HUNT



## PEOPLE

# Salvation Army Honors Gandee, ServiceMaster

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to serve alongside the dedicated men and women of the Salvation Army,” said Gandee, who serves as vice chair of the Salvation Army at Alexandria Citadel Corps advisory council. “The time-honored tradition of the Salvation Army and the great work they do for humankind is unparalleled.”

Washington Gas was presented with the William Booth Award in recognition of its longstanding community work through the Washington Area Fuel Fund. Also recog-

nized was a senior couple from Montgomery County for a legacy gift to The Salvation Army’s Harbor Light Center, as well as GEICO, Monumental Sports, Corporate Executive Board, Harley Owners Group of Fairfax, Kiwanis Club of Prince George’s County, Old Bridge United Methodist Church, Interstate Van Lines and the Association of Legal Administrators.

“This is a well-deserved recognition of Jane’s passion and dedication to helping those in need,” said Burke and Herbert vice

president and Alexandria Citadel Corps advisory council board chair Walter Clarke. “We are very proud to have her as our vice chair and grateful for her service to the community.”

Local observances of National Salvation Army Week concluded with a breakfast event for service members and their families at Fort Belvoir on May 16. Local Salvation Army staff delivered 800 fresh Dunkin’ Donuts to all military personnel coming to and from the base that morning. The Sal-

vation Army National Capital Area Command and Alexandria Citadel Corps provides care to anyone seeking help in the following areas: basic social services (rental, mortgage, utility and grocery assistance), homeless nutrition program, transitional housing and case management for women and their children, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, disaster relief and youth music, culture, arts and education. Visit [www.SalvationArmyNCA.org](http://www.SalvationArmyNCA.org) or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

## Globetrotting Attorneys Discuss American Law

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Among the major legal issues were human trafficking around the world and the effects of Edward Snowden’s leaking America’s technical secrets. Questions included whether Snowden was a hero or traitor for stealing and sharing classified information of the Na-

tional Security Agency.

The Virginia attorneys coordinated mock jury selections and specifically participated in U.S., Irish and international law with Diarmuid Griffin, law professor at the National University. Leibig served in the city’s public defender’s office for a decade. He

is a leading opponent to Virginia’s death penalty. Currently he is defense attorney for several capital murder cases. He was part of the three-attorney defense team for the ex-Arlington deputy sheriff convicted of involuntary manslaughter of Julian Dawkins. The deputy, Craig Patterson, received

a six-year prison term from a jury.

“One of the best things about this trip was that the students in Galway had many interesting and conflicting viewpoints about the prosecution of victimless or not so victimless, vice crimes,” Leibig said.

Mize is senior assistant public

defender with Chief Public Defender Melinda Douglas. Citronberg is an attorney in the Law Office of John Kenneth Zwerling.

Legal sessions have been held in Scotland and Trinidad. Invitations are being considered for the Bahamas, Jamaica and Rwanda.

### PEOPLE NOTES

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**Diane Coburn Bruning** of Alexandria is one of the recipients of the 2013-2014 Artists Fellowships in the field of choreography. Fellowships are awarded annually to artists residing in Virginia in recognition of creative excellence and to support their pursuit of artistic excellence.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a nonprofit which works to preserve affordable homeownership by providing free home repairs to limited-income and elderly homeowners, recently named two new board members: **Chee Hamilton Taylor**, RN, MN, and **Melissa Emerick**.

Taylor is a registered nurse with more than 30 years’ experience in various aspects of healthcare operations. Emerick

is a senior sales representative and district business lead for Takeda Pharmaceuticals. Both reside in Alexandria.

ECMC Group, a nonprofit corporation that provides services to students and schools in support of higher education and funds an educational foundation, has named **John DePodesta** as the new chairman of the board. After nearly 20 years of service as ECMC Group’s first chairman, Robert A. Stein has stepped down as chairman, but will continue to serve as an emeritus director. DePodesta is a resident of Alexandria, and has served on the board with Stein since the establishment of the company in 1994 and is also the chair of the governance and compensation committee. He is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. DePodesta began his service as chairman on Jan. 1.

**Connie Haworth**, executive director of The Fountains at Washington House, was appointed to the City of Alexandria Commission on Aging.

The Commission on Aging serves as

the principal advocate for issues relating to aging and promotes the implementation of the Older Americans Act and other age-pertinent laws and policies in Alexandria and the Common-

wealth of Virginia. The Commission advances programs and services that address the needs of older Alexandrians, especially, but not exclusively, for low-income citizens.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Gadsby’s Tavern Museum seeks a **volunteer to translate** their tour guide from English into different languages, such as Spanish, Japanese, French, German, or any other language the volunteer could offer. Contact Shadayna Taylor at [taylors@gwmail.gwu.edu](mailto:taylors@gwmail.gwu.edu).

The City of Alexandria is seeking nominations to the West End Transitway (Corridor C) Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment **Policy Advisory Group**. The city seeks to fill six slots. The nine-member group will review and provide guidance to city staff on tasks related to the Alternatives Analysis and Environmental Assessment. The group will hold its first meeting in June and will meet regularly until submission of the

Environmental Assessment document to the Federal Transit Administration. Additional information and the application form can be found at [www.alexandriava.gov/WestEndTransitway](http://www.alexandriava.gov/WestEndTransitway) or requested from Lee Farmer, Project Manager at 703-746-4146 or [lee.farmer@alexandriava.gov](mailto:lee.farmer@alexandriava.gov).

Pets Bring Joy, a local nonprofit animal rescue organization, is in need of **temporary fosters**. By offering a temporary loving home to a homeless cat, you are providing a critical link in their transition into a forever home. Email [info@petsbringjoy.org](mailto:info@petsbringjoy.org) if interested in becoming a foster. Visit [petsbringjoy.org](http://petsbringjoy.org).

The **Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities throughout the area. Volunteers can work in facilities close to where they live. Training and support is provided. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711, or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs).

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## NATURE

# Migrating Birds Flock to Monticello Park

BY SHIRLEY RUHE

**M**onticello Park, tucked away in a neighborhood in Alexandria, is a migrant trap for warblers and other migrating birds such as tanagers and orioles. Beginning in March but escalating in April and at prime season in May, this park has a large variety and number of warblers. In 2013, from May 8-17, in nine out of 10 days there was a 100 day warbler total with some days counting over 20 different species. In early May of this year the number of warblers had exploded, already breaking that record.

This park is unusual because it has a small stream running through the underbrush, and warblers often fly down when the sun warms up in the morning to bathe in the water. This means you can see warblers all day long. Birders, who are used to the seasonal malady of “warbler neck” from staring into the tall trees for hours searching for movement, are delighted that the birds are only a few feet away from them in the stream.

This neighborhood park becomes a magnet for birders, a social club and an information exchange for regulars who may only



Tom Albright

see each other for a few months a year when they gather at the park and share each day's experiences “... can you believe a Black-throated blue warbler just flew right in front of me 45 seconds after I entered the park ... sighting of the first Magnolia Warbler of the season ... did you see the male and female Cape May Warblers bathing on the twigs side by side by the bridge ... or hear the Wilson's up on the ridge early in the morning but I couldn't ever find him, could



A Magnolia warbler

you?”

Tom Albright, a researcher by profession, has been keeping statistics since 2005 on the date of arrival of each warbler, the numbers by day and unusual occurrences such as the early explosion of warblers in 2014 breaking all previous records since 2005.

Albright has become the “unofficial mayor” of the park, and spends his two-week vacation there every year plus early mornings before work and quick lunch hour checks. When the regulars enter the park, they immediately look for Albright in his khaki jacket with notepad to ask what he has seen that day.

During the migration months Albright sends at least one email a day recording what he has seen and where. He has defined six zones in the park for easier identi-

fication of bird sightings.

In addition, the park has a number of seasoned birders who share hot tips with each other or any interested newcomer on where songs were heard or speculations on the recent migration.

Albright describes it as a creeping addiction that takes place as you walk through the park listening for songs, peering high in the trees with your binoculars or watching for movement in the brush by the path. It's the anticipation of every new day with unexpected occurrences — a termite hatch in the fallen brush by the stream, the unusual early bathing at 8:30 a.m., the flurry of Nashvilles on the ridge or the lull of the interim with few warblers in sight and speculating on why.

Walking around the park you find the familiar regular birders, Mike with his tripod by the stream entering the park, Bill with new birding book about to be published and Donald roaming the trail with his camera, Glenn sitting on his favorite log waiting for warblers to land in the stream in front of him, Harry with his camera watching silently by the berm, Marty on the bridge waiting for the Blackburnian that was “just there” a few minutes ago.

Everyone has a nemesis bird — can't find the Wilsons, haven't seen the Nashville for three years, just missed the Hooded yesterday and now they are gone for the year.

Birders bemoan the lack of a curb food truck or restroom in the park because once there, they are reluctant to leave for hours because of the familiar refrain “you should have been here five minutes ago — there was the most amazing (fill in the blank).”



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## Pair of Ospreys

Visitors to the Schooner Virginia in April got an extra treat — in addition to seeing and exploring a beautiful sailing ship — from its bow they could get close to a pair of Ospreys. That's Founders Park, loaded with strollers enjoying the warm weather, in the background. The female bird, in the rear, is usually bigger than the male. They have at least one egg, not quite visible, but no chicks at the time.



## PEOPLE

# Future Fund Gala Honors Groups Helping Veterans

Gala awards grants from the next generation of philanthropists.

BY VERONICA BRUNO  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he Future Fund held its gala aboard the Cherry Blossom on Friday, May 16, and raised approximately \$52,000 that evening. The Future Fund engages young professionals in their 20s, 30s, and 40s in philanthropic efforts.

The event honored two 2014 grant-winning organizations: Linden Resources and Quality of Life Foundation. \$20,000 grants were given to each organization and will go toward supporting families of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Marcy Johnson, 2014 Future Fund co-chair, thanked those in attendance and recognized the event's sponsors. She said, "The grants committee has put in months of hard work. It's a huge undertaking."

Linda Chandler, CEO of Linden Resources, said, "We help people with disabilities with meaningful employment. We've secured meaningful jobs for 10 vets with disabilities."

Mike Zeiders, founder, president and chairman of the board for the Quality of Life Foundation spoke about the generations of individuals his organization have helped. He described Quality of Life Foundation as an organization that "steps forward to make a difference. Let me share a little about these families" as he told about the needs Quality of Life works to fulfill. "Our relationships with these families are long. The kinds of support we give those families helps to do their financial planning. We truly are making a meaningful difference in the lives of these families."

Jessica Tadlock, 2014 Future Fund Events Committee chair called the gala "the best party in the Washington, D.C. area."



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**Community Foundation for Northern Virginia's Future Fund gala attendees gathered to listen to award winners and gala chairs at the top of the Potomac Riverboat Company's Cherry Blossom. Grants were given to local nonprofits working on behalf of military veterans in the region.**



**Jessica Tadlock, 2014 Future Fund Events Committee chair, got several attendees to renew membership levels.**



**Future Fund member Brandon Downs and guest Samantha Williams enjoyed watching several attendees hit the dance floor.**



**Howard Stregack, Mike Zeiders, Linda Chandler, CEO of Linden Resources, and Pat Keough celebrated winning their awards. Mike Zeiders and Linda Chandler both won the 2014 Future Fund Grant.**



**Carrie Lake, Future Fund Membership Committee chair announced the winners of the live auction items with Jen McCollum, vice president of donor relations and Kim Gladis, Future Fund member. Also pictured is DJ Jerome Baker. One of the live auction items was an iPad mini.**



## PEOPLE



**Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Master (Va.) Shelton Riddick, Mayor Euille, Earl Cook and Universal Lodge 1 Worshipful Master Al-Haddid Rollins**

### Euille, Cook Join Masons

Virginia Universal Lodge #1 of Alexandria and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Virginia Free and Accepted Masons Incorporated held an Occasional Ceremony at the Magnus Temple Fort Belvoir on April 26 to make Mayor William E. Euille and Police Chief Earl L. Cook Master Masons.

The ceremony was presided over by the Most Worshipful Grandmaster Shelton Riddick and his Cabinet. Also presiding was Universal Lodge Worshipful Master Al-Haddid Rollins. Many in attendance were from various lodges in the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge 31st District. Universal Lodge #1 is the oldest Prince Hall Lodge in the state having received its charter on Feb. 5, 1845.

Euille said he “had Masons in his family

and was friend of men he later found out to be Masons.” He added he “was proud to be part of this esteemed organization.”

Cook too said he was honored, adding “when I was young I knew men who were Masons and upstanding in their character.” He also said he was “proud to be part of the Brotherhood.”

Many of the Master Masons in attendance came from all walks of life, vocations and distances. Some representatives came from as close as Washington, D.C., both Arlington and Prince Georges counties. Virginia Lodges from Newport News, Hampton, Richmond, and other parts of Virginia as well Baltimore, Md., were represented. The furthest Masonic representatives came from West Virginia and Brooklyn, N.Y.

— MCARTHUR MYERS



### Snapshot

**Across the Potomac River from the battle over Alexandria’s waterfront, photographer Sal Ruibal caught a image of a different waterfront battle. He reports: “Saw this battle between The Awakening Hand and the new Ferris Wheel at National Harbor. The carnage was incredible. Lucky to get this shot in all the chaos.”**

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SAL RUIBAL



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### Three Generations Sing Together

**On May 3, Choir Recognition Sunday at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Suzanne Brock, her daughter Lisa, and two grandchildren all sang at the same service; and at times, all three choirs were singing at the same time. The person responsible for this generational singing is Brock, who came to St. Paul’s 45 years ago because of an invitation to be the paid soprano section leader. Over the years, she and her husband had three children, all of whom participated in the St. Paul’s music program. Currently she and her daughter Lisa sing in the Adult Choir at St. Paul’s, granddaughter Eddie sings in the St. Cecilia Choir for 3rd graders and above, and Eddie’s younger brother Brock sings in the Angel Choir, which is for children from age 4-6.**



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**Tutors select books at Hooray for Books to give to their students.**

### Tutors Choose Gift Books for Students

Reading tutors for Alexandria students celebrated the completion of a year-long tutoring program by selecting gift books for the Alexandria City Public School kindergarten and first grade students they tutored.

The tutors selected books targeted to each student’s interests and skill level. The gift book program is part of the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium’s plan to recognize the work the students completed to improve their reading skills.

Hooray for Books, a bookstore specializing in children’s literature, hosted the May 15 event and provided the books at a special rate in support of the consortium’s read-

ing program. Tutors selected the books for their students at the bookstore. The event was also an opportunity for the consortium to thank the community volunteer tutors. This school year there were more than 170 volunteers delivering the program.

The goal of the year-long one-on-one tutoring program is to improve the reading skills of struggling readers. The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium provides gift books twice a year for participating students to build a personal library so they will have books of their own to read at home.

The consortium’s mission is to help to have all students reading on grade level by the end of third grade.



# SPORTS

## 2014 Athletes of the Year

GMU's Hewitt to keynote Sportsman's Club awards dinner May 29.

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Football



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Basketball



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Diving



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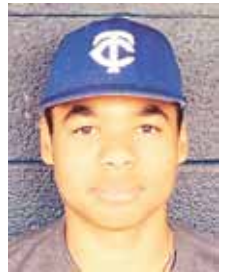
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Soccer



**GMU men's basketball coach Paul Hewitt will be the keynote speaker at the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Athlete of the Year dinner May 29 at the Westin Carlyle Hotel.**



**SSSAS field hockey coach Marsha Way will be honored as Coach of the Year.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

George Mason Men's Basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt will be on hand as 27 of the city's best high school athletes are honored for their academic and athletic excellence at the 58th annual Alexandria Sportsman's Club Awards dinner May 29 at the Westin Carlyle Hotel.

Now in his third year at GMU, Hewitt previously spent 11 years as head coach at Georgia Tech, where he guided the Yellow Jackets to the NCAA tournament in his first season in 2001. Three years later, he took his team to within one win of a national championship, losing to the University of Connecticut in the NCAA finals in 2004.

Also being honored at the event will be Saint Stephen's and Saint Agnes School field hockey coach Marsha Way as Coach of the Year. With more than 500 wins in her 35-year career, Way has amassed 21 ISL season championships, 20 ISL tournament championships and four VISAA state championships, with 12 undefeated seasons.

Among the students being honored will be Noah Lyles, a 16-year-old sophomore at T.C. Williams High School. Lyles was named

an Athlete of the Week last month by USA Track and Field and is in a promising position to earn a spot on America's Team for the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, in August.

"It's important to honor these athletes during their high school years, not only for their performance on the field but in the classroom as well," said ASC president Frank Fannon. "Our yearly awards dinner is an Alexandria tradition that showcases the best and brightest of the young athletes in our community."

Founded in 1947, the Alexandria Sportsman's Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing local high school athletes for excellence in sports and proficiency in the classroom. In addition to the Athlete of the Year honorees, a Sportsman of the Year award will be announced at the dinner.

Tickets for the ASC Athletes of the Year awards dinner are available online at [www.alexandriavasports.org](http://www.alexandriavasports.org). Cost is \$65 for ASC members and \$75 for non-members. Cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. at the Westin Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square. For more information email [alexandriasportsmansclub@gmail.com](mailto:alexandriasportsmansclub@gmail.com).



# You're Never Too Young for Poetry

**Local educators say exposing children and even babies to rhyme and rhythm can help develop reading and language skills.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**hough Keith Ward's son is still a baby, he is already being exposed to not just silly stories, but poetry, and a variety of poetic forms at that.

"My son is only 6 months old, but soon I will be challenging him to find, for example, just the right word for the shade of green he is trying to describe — or imagine," said Ward, who is head of the English department at the Madeira School in McLean. "Maybe it's a word and a color we have yet to discover. He's working on it, though."

Local researchers and educators say that young children enjoy poetry. In fact, hearing rhythms, sounds and language patterns play important roles in a child's literacy development.

"Rhythm and rhyme are some key factors in early literacy, and even something as simple as reading and memorizing nursery rhymes with your children can have a huge impact on their later development as readers," said Holly Karapetkova, an associate professor of literature at Marymount University in Arlington. "One research study found that the 3-year-olds who knew eight nursery rhymes were the best readers in third grade. Hearing rhyme and rhythm in language can help children develop phonological awareness and predict word patterns and sounds."

"Without realizing it, students hear poetry and think deeply about sounds and structures in sentences. As a result, they become better readers, thinkers, and writers," said Blake Howard, an English teacher at The Potomac School in McLean.

Howard's students recently studied structural elements, "Such as stanza formations, meter and rhyme, and sound devices like consonance and assonance in poems by Shelley, Keats, Dickinson and Frost," he said. "They practiced scansion of evident rhythms in metrical poems. They learned how and why those devices enhance tone and thematic purpose in the selected poems. Next, they wrote original poems. Some students crafted sonnets with meter and rhyme. They admitted — some reluctantly — that the exercise of reading and writing poetry has made them appreciate the value of precise word choice and balanced syntax."

Ward also encourages the exploration of a variety of poetic forms. "Many students



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**Students at Norwood School participate in Poetry Day, an annual event at the school. Poetry is a way to help children develop essential skills while having fun.**

enjoy haiku, too, which are fun and approachable," he said. "They often reward the young poet with a profoundly beautiful result, which builds confidence and appreciation."

**THE TYPE OF RHYME** doesn't matter, however. Young students at Grace Episcopal School, in Alexandria, explore a different nursery rhyme each month as part of their Music and Performing Arts class.

"We repeat the verses out loud week after week to internalize the cadence, define any challenging words, pair motions with phrases, and culminate the whole affair by acting out each month's poem — complete with props and costumes," said Penelope Fleming, the school's librarian. "This [emphasizes] the notion that language has rhythm and also expands students' vocabulary."

"A good poem really comes alive when it is read aloud," said Barbara Vaughan, a sixth grade teacher at Norwood School, in Potomac, Md. "There is such variety in form, length, and subject. Poetry can help readers pause and look at the world in a different way."

In fact, poetry can be instrumental in a child's development. "Rhyme is a great way to encourage word play in younger children," said Vaughan. "With older students, it can be the basis of a more sophisticated structure for a poem. Many poems are wonderful sources of figurative language, creating rich images in the reader's mind. They can be powerful examples that encourage children to use language in creative and unexpected ways."

Poetry that is written for children is often rich in rhymes. "Rhyming is a wonderful way to develop phonemic awareness," said Tyffany Mandov, Lower School reading specialist at Norwood School. "Phonemic

awareness, or the ability to recognize and manipulate distinct sounds, is the earliest step in learning to decode words."

"The brain loves rhyme and rhythm and children will naturally want to read and reread poems with their parents and caregivers," said Karapetkova. "The more young children learn to enjoy reading and language, the more likely they are to continue that love throughout their lives."

**READING POETRY TOGETHER**, especially funny poems, and asking a child to guess the rhyming word is a way of reinforcing phonemic awareness and introducing letter patterns, said Mandov. "Playing rhyming games is another fun way for pre-

**"Without realizing it, students hear poetry and think deeply about sounds and structures in sentences. As a result, they become better readers, thinkers, and writers."**

— Blake Howard, English teacher,  
The Potomac School, McLean

school and kindergarten children to reinforce these skills. While driving in the car, try a rhyme chain. Ask your child for a word that rhymes with cat. Perhaps your child will say 'bat.' Then you give a word that rhymes with bat and continue rhyming back and forth. See how many rhymes you can make."

"A good way to encourage children to cre-

ate their own poetry is to devise alternate lyrics to the tunes of familiar songs, an easy activity that can be incorporated into bath time, car trips or even a way to pass the time while waiting in line," said Fleming.

Karapetkova played similar games with her children. "These games are a favorite way to pass our time waiting in line or sitting in the car," said the Arlington mother of two. "We start with a word — simple words with lots of rhymes for younger children and more complex words for older children — and see how many rhyming words we can come up with. We might also start with a word on a billboard or a word from a product while we're shopping at the supermarket."

Poetry games that give children an opportunity to fill in the blank with a rhyming word are another way for parents to bring out their children's inner poets. "You start a poem and let them fill in the rhyming word," said Karapetkova. "For example, 'Star light, star bright, first star I see \_\_\_\_.' Both of my children also enjoy memorizing nursery rhymes and poems, and these nurture a deep appreciation of language and meaning."

Karapetkova says two of her family's favorite poets are Shel Silverstein and Langston Hughes. She encourages her children to try writing their own poems as well. "We often collaborate and write them together," she said. "I might give a suggestion about how to start a poem, or about a topic to write on, and I might also suggest possible rhymes if they get stuck. My daughter, who is 4, makes up nonsensical rhymes about random things that come into her mind and my son, at 9, likes to write poems that are playful and humorous. I let their interests guide what they write."

Ward says poetry games for children of all ages are plentiful. "There is certainly nothing wrong with those poetry refrigerator magnet kits," he said. "My wife and I used to carry on a running game of 'fridge laureate.'"

Word salad is another fun way to explore the possibilities of poetry. "Put a single word on a strip of paper, and, when you have enough strips, shake in a hat and pull them out randomly," said Ward. "The 'poem' that results will have an odd beauty and rhythm. Today, I'm sure there's an app for that."

Ward believes poetry enables older students to explore the possibilities and play of language. "Gwendolyn Brooks said that 'poetry is life distilled.' It is also language distilled, and a good poem allows us to see the deep bones of language clearly," he said. "A prepositional phrase may take on new character and nuance when a student substitutes another word for the object of the preposition. There is a great shade of difference between 'down the pond' and 'down the mere.' As we develop our noses for poetry, we become more nimble users of language. We become better."





**Eryk Williamson and the T.C. Williams boys' soccer team will face South County in the Conference 7 championship game on Thursday, May 22.**

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**T.C. Williams senior Wilson Miezán scored a goal for the Titans during their Conference 7 semifinal victory over Annandale on May 20.**

## Martinez's Clutch Save Sends TC to Championship Game

**Titans beat Annandale in penalty-kick shootout.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**C. Williams goalkeeper Edgar Martinez stood subdued on the field at Parker-Gray Stadium while those around him celebrated his game-winning save.

While Martinez appeared relaxed, the atmosphere prior to his clutch play was anything but calm.

Following a wild end to regulation and four scoreless 5-minute overtime periods against Annandale, Martinez ended a penalty-kick shootout with a save, giving the

top-seeded T.C. Williams boys' soccer team a 1-1 (4-3) victory over the No. 5 Atoms in the Conference 7 tournament semifinals on Tuesday in Alexandria.

TC held a 4-3 advantage after four rounds of PKs. Annandale goalkeeper Erick Estrada kept the Atoms alive with a save in the fifth round, but Martinez's save on the following attempt assured the Titans of a trip to Thursday's conference championship game.

"I had to do what I had to do," Martinez said.

Martinez's save was an exciting end to a hectic final 30 minutes of action.

After T.C. Williams failed to convert numerous first-half scoring opportunities, the Titans finally got on the scoreboard in the

75th minute when Wilson Miezán found the back of the net, giving the Titans a 1-0 advantage. Miezán would receive a yellow card for celebrating the goal on the track with several of his teammates.

card. Martinez had to come off the field, meaning TC backup goalie Andres Avila-Riano suddenly was facing a pivotal penalty kick after spending the first 79 minutes of the match on the bench.

Avila-Riano managed to save the PK from Annandale's Diego Cabrera, but Cabrera played the ricochet and put the ball in the net, tying the score at 1.

Despite the emotional swing in Annandale's favor, TC held on through four 5-minute overtime periods and won the PK shootout.

TC head coach Martin Nickley praised his goalkeepers for their clutch performances.

"We are fortunate we've got four really

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**"It's their fortitude, their strength as a team. These guys have been set to task all year long. We've had a really good season. Fortunately, we've experienced some ups and downs so we've figured out ways to battle back."**

— T.C. Williams boys' soccer coach Martin Nickley

In the final minute, with TC on the verge of victory, the referee called Martinez for taking down an Annandale player in the box and issued the Titans goalkeeper a yellow

## Bishop Ireton Girls' Lax Knocks Off SSSA to Win State Title

**Cardinals also won WCAC championship this season.**

**B**ishop Ireton girls' lacrosse coach Rick Sofield said during the season that his team's focus was winning six games in May — the number of victories it would take to bring home a WCAC title and a VISAA state championship.

On May 17, the Cardinals earned the sixth and final victory to complete their task — and it was a memorable one.

No. 2 seed Bishop Ireton defeated No. 1 St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 9-7 in the VISAA Division I state final at Collegiate School in Richmond. Ireton had never beaten St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, which is considered

one of the top programs in the nation. History, however, didn't stop the Cardinals from limiting the Saints to one second-half goal en route to the state title.

"We reinforced the message we've been delivering all year: You don't need to make big plays to win big games," Sofield wrote in an email. "You need to make little plays and lots of them. Making the right pass, taking the right angle on our slides, fighting for draws, picking up ground balls, boxing out — one or two individuals making a couple of big plays doesn't win championships, but everyone making little plays all over the field will."

Ireton senior Kendall Cunningham scored a team-high three goals against the Saints. Kayla Duperrouzel and Kelly Mathews each had two goals and one assist. Charlotte

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**The Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team defeated St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 9-7 on May 17 to win the VISAA state championship.**

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## SPORTS

**The T.C. Williams girls' freshman 8 pose on the medal stand. Members of the frosh 8 include (from left): Emily De-Bodene, Sierra Arnold, Caroline Hill, Lily Warden, Katie Murphy, Reed Kenny, Olivia Anthony, Anissa Ashraf and Elizabeth Roda.**



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## Bishop Ireton Wins State Title

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Sofield had one goal and three assists, and Kelly Larkin finished with one goal and an assist.

Goalkeeper Olivia Cole had three saves and Amelia Cole had one save.

Earlier in the season, Rick Sofield spoke about the desire to test the Cardinals by scheduling quality opponents. On Saturday, Ireton faced one of the best.

"We want to compete and test ourselves against the best teams in the country," Sofield wrote. "That's how you become the best you can be: by learning how to compete against great teams. St. Stephen's & St. Agnes has been the premier program in our area, if not the entire U.S., for decades. They're right down the road from us. What coach wouldn't want a chance to test their players against such a great team?"

Charlotte Sofield, Luzik, Mathews and Natalie Irwin earned first-team all-state honors. Larkin and Duperrouzel were named to the second team. Rick Sofield was named Coach of the Year.

For the WCAC, Charlotte Sofield was named Player of the Year and Rick Sofield

was co-Coach of the Year. Mathews, Irwin and Olivia Cole received first-team honors, and Larkin, Luzik, Duperrouzel and Maggie Lohrer were named to the second team.

Cunningham, Christine Macey, Brittany Dolan and Susan Morad garnered honorable mention.

After finishing the regular season with a 14-4 record, Ireton defeated Paul VI and Holy Cross to reach the WCAC championship game. The Cardinals beat the Falcons 17-7 on May 12 to capture the conference title.

Ireton opened state tournament action by beating No. 7 Norfolk Academy 19-6 in the quarterfinals on May 13. Three days later, the Cardinals beat No. 3 Collegiate 9-8 in the semifinals before knocking off St. Stephen's & St. Agnes the following day.

"This selfless group of girls played as a team and won as a team," Rick Sofield wrote. "We weren't successful because of one or two or even three or four girls. We were successful because 30 players bought into the same goal and sacrificed to achieve it. It wasn't an accident."

— JON ROETMAN

## Girls' Freshman 8 Capture Bronze

### Three other Titan boats advance to finals.

**T**he T.C. Williams crew team traveled to Philadelphia this past weekend to compete in the Stotesbury Cup Regatta.

More than 5,000 athletes and 965 boats competed in this year's race. The Titans rose above the pack, with five boats advancing out of the stormy time trials on Friday and four boats competing in the elite finals on Saturday afternoon.

Leading the way for T.C. Williams was the girls' freshman 8, who followed up on the state championship they won two weeks ago in Virginia by capturing the bronze medal in Philadelphia. The girls won the medal by sprinting down the 1,500 meter Schuylkill River course with a time of 4:40.28, just over a second behind the runner-up crew from Holy Spirit (N.J.) and just off the pace of the crew from Saratoga (N.Y.), who came in first.

Members of the T.C. girls' freshman 8 include: coxswain Elizabeth Roda and rowers Anissa Ashraf, Olivia Anthony, Reed Kenny, Katie Murphy, Lily Warden, Caroline Hill, Sierra Arnold and Emily De-Bodene. The frosh 8 are guided by T.C. crew head girls' coach Patrick Marquardt.

The Frosh 8 were not the only Titans who succeeded in advancing to the finals at Stotesbury. Also racing for the championship on Saturday was the T.C. Williams boys' varsity 8, who posted one of the best times in Friday's time trials and finished as the fifth-fastest boat in the event. Members of the boys' 1V include: coxswain Spenser Gilliland and rowers Ben Blakeslee, Sam Zickar, Nate Conrad, Noah Stewart, Rodrigo Robles, Carter Weitekamp, Greg Montenegro, and Tyler Souza. The varsity 8 is guided by coach Pete Hearing.

Also advancing to the finals at Stotesbury was the T.C. girls' varsity 8, who joined their

counterparts on the boys side by not only posting one of the best times in the time trials on Friday, but by finishing as the fifth fastest boats in Saturday's final. Members of the girls' 1V include: coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Maria Junstiniano, Claire Embrey, Katie Pickup, Kyra McClary, Amelia Bender, Harper Jensen, Maeve Bradley and Giulia Pastore. The girls' 1V are guided by coach Jaime Rubini.

The T.C. Williams boys' lightweight 8 advanced to the finals at Stotesbury as well and finished the competition as the sixth-fastest boat in the race. Members of the lightweight 8 include: coxswain Brianna Zuckerman and rowers Angelo Leitner-Wise, Calvin Heimberg, George Waskowicz, Toavina Ratolojanahary, Sarin Suvasasai, Alex Psaltis-Ivanis, Perry Connor and Preston Tracy. The lights are guided by T.C. crew boys' head coach Pete Stramese.

The time trials on Friday were raced in a steady downpour that left the Schuylkill filled with debris and a treacherous current on Saturday. Rather than cancel the remainder of the competition, organizers shortened it instead — eliminating the semifinal races in the morning and having the fastest six boats of each time trial advance directly to the finals that afternoon. As a result of this change, the T.C. Williams girls' second varsity 8, who posted the ninth-fastest time in their time trial and would have advanced to the semis, were eliminated from the competition.

The girls' 2V will have another chance at a medal this coming weekend, however, when — along with the rest of the T.C. Williams crew team — they take to the water at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta, which will be held this Friday and Saturday on Mercer Lake in West Windsor, N.J.

## Titans Beat Annandale

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good goalkeepers," Nickley said. "We saw Andres come in and save the one coming off cold from the bench and then Edgar comes in and matches it."

TC controlled the match early, creating countless first-half scoring opportunities, including numerous corner kicks. The Titans failed to put one in the net, however, and Annandale seemed to gain momentum in the second half.

"You could just see it in the faces [of the Titan players]," Miezian said. "People were starting to get a little down, but coach told us just to stay in there and that's what we tried to do."

After an afternoon of hard work, Miezian finally put the Titans on the scoreboard.

"It was a really good lift," he said.

The lift was short-lived, however, as the Titans had to overcome another opportunity for an emotional letdown.

Eryk Williamson, Kevin Nunez, Kevin

Ortez and Miezian converted their penalty kicks during the shootout.

"It's their fortitude, their strength as a team," Nickley said. "These guys have been set to task all year long. We've had a really good season. Fortunately, we've experienced some ups and downs so we've figured out ways to battle back."

TC improved to 12-2 on the season and will face No. 7 South County in the conference championship game at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 22. South County, which finished the regular season with a 2-9-2 record and in last place in the conference standings, knocked off No. 2 West Springfield 2-1 in the quarterfinals on May 16, and beat No. 6 West Potomac 1-0 in the semifinals on Tuesday.

"It's going to be fun," South County head coach Erich Gunderman said after the Stallions defeated West Potomac.

"We're the underdogs coming in, but maybe it'll be our time."

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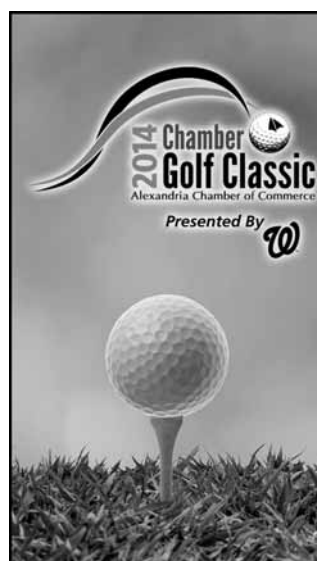
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The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The DGCD was prepared pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's General Conformity Regulations (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart B), and addresses air emission impacts associated with the Project.

The EA and DGCD are available for review and comment. The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA with the DGCD to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; libraries in the Project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA with the DGCD has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public viewing on the FERC's website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA and DGCD are also available for distribution and public inspection at:

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## LETTERS

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bottom when a council member, there for the entire public session-discussion-vote, told me he'd voted for the ordinance expiring October 2014. What he voted for was an ordinance expiring October 2015.

3 – Finally, the revised Ordinance was posted electronically on the city site, around 5 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, staff put out only the rejected version. The ordinance before council was absent. One citizen noted, when handed the rule for the first time, standing at the speakers podium, perhaps the city expected speed-reading.

The bottom line: staff deliberately misinforms the public; legal issues surface under keen questioning; proposed law can go forward without the report of a city-appointed group, appropriate commissions, and boards; the city manager's office lacks oversight and transparency; and some council member(s) don't know what they vote for.

Critically, residents are being disenfranchised in a premeditated, and relentless way. This episode confirms that staff is running the city, and councils' heads may be somewhere else. We're grateful to Vice-Mayor Silberberg and Councilmen Chapman for pushing back.

Kathryn Papp  
Alexandria

## Thank Those in Military Service

To the Editor:

For some, Memorial Day meant a week-end of shopping, catching sales, BBQ cook-outs and gatherings of families, friends and neighbors.

The red, white and blue Old Glory speaks volumes in honoring our men and women in uniform who preserve the freedom so many hold so dearly and close to heart. Many gave their lives for our country and deserve our thanks.

My way of saying thanks is to write about the rock in my neighborhood with a special meaning. At the Veterans Memorial Walkway along the bike path of the 500 block of South Columbus Street and Wilkes Street sits this rock with a plaque that reads: "Dedicated to the City of Alexandria and Alexandria's Veterans' Organizations on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, 1979, in honored memory of the deceased Alexandria Veterans of all the United States wars. Their service in war and peace contributed greatly to the welfare of their fellow citizens. Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Mayor; Robert L. Calhoun, Vice Mayor; Donald C. Casey, Councilman; Margaret B. Inman, Councilwoman; Nelson E. Greene, Sr., Councilman; James P. Moran, Jr., Councilman; Carlyle C. Ring, Jr., Councilman.

"In honor of all our veterans and men and women in uniform who have served and fought for our country, let them not be forgotten."

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