

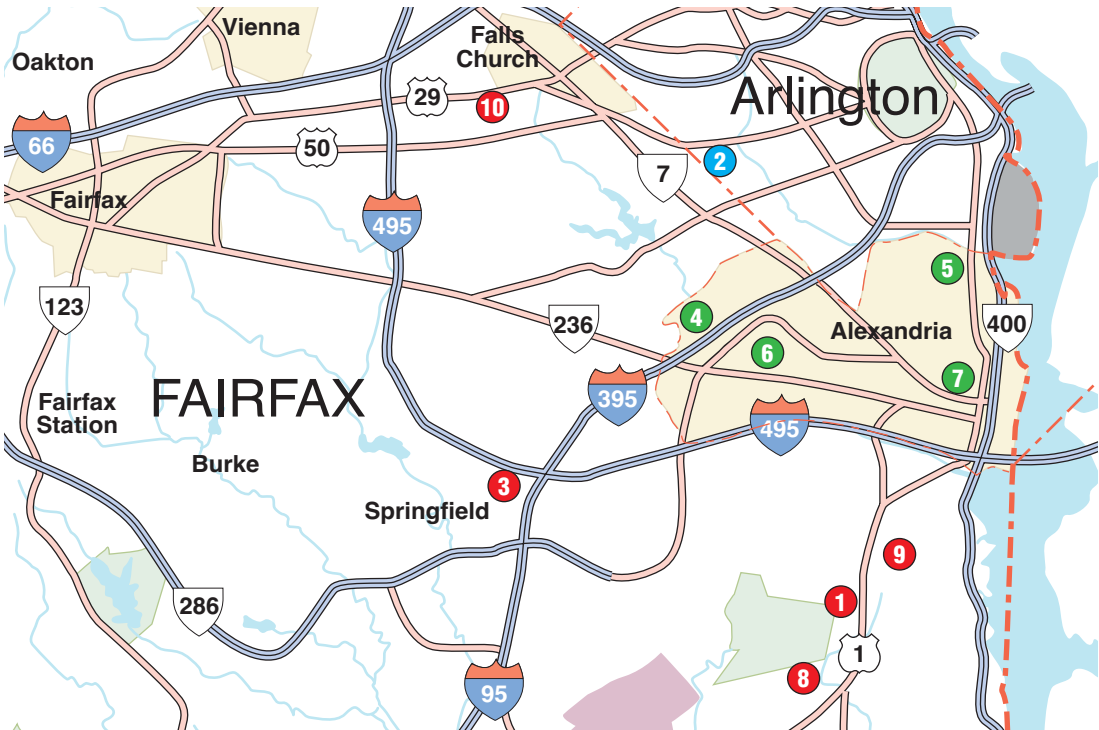
Poverty in the Classroom

Pockets of low-income students scattered through Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

When Carla Castro-Claire was approaching the age when she would soon attend Kindergarten, her mother became increasingly concerned about Hybla Valley Elementary School. She wasn't sure it was safe for her daughter, and stories were circulating through the neighborhood about elementary school students being suspended for having drugs. Then, one day, she learned about a robbery that happened at the 7-Eleven on the corner. The robbers hid at the school to evade police. "It was known to be a bad elementary school," said Castro-Claire. "It has the lowest test scores, and there was a lot of crime in the neighborhood."

"In a lot of ways, government is more responsive to those who have than to those at the bottom."
— Del. Scott Surovell (D-44)



	Division	School Name	Principal	Free or Reduced Price Lunch	Performance English	Math	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
1	FCPS	Hybla Valley ES	Lauren Sheehy	89.32%	59%	62%	5%	15%	77%	2%	1%
2	APS	Carlin Springs ES	Corina Coronel	86.32%	61%	69%	9%	10%	70%	6%	6%
3	FCPS	Lynbrook ES	Mary McNamee	86.05%	54%	45%	13%	3%	77%	5%	2%
4	ACPS	William Ramsay ES	Rosario Casiano	85.44%	60%	50%	6%	26%	54%	11%	3%
5	ACPS	Cora Kelly Magnet ES	Brandon Davis	81.91%	71%	80%	1%	34%	59%	6%	0%
6	ACPS	Patrick Henry ES	Ingrid Bynum	81.86%	47%	51%	6%	49%	33%	8%	4%
7	ACPS	Jefferson-Houston ES	Rosalyn Rice-Harris	81.66%	41%	50%	1%	67%	20%	10%	2%
8	FCPS	Mount Vernon Woods ES	Pamela Simpkins	79.88%	52%	53%	8%	29%	59%	2%	1%
9	FCPS	Bucknell ES	Timothy Slayter	79.09%	52%	42%	5%	15%	77%	2%	1%
10	FCPS	Graham Road ES	Tamara Ballou	77.66%	71%	83%	11%	14%	66%	9%	1%

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Her mother decided that Hybla Valley was not safe enough for her, choosing another school several miles away. Since that time, she said, the school has improved. It has new security measures, and the test scores have improved. Her sister now attends the school, and her mother heads the parent-teacher association. Nevertheless, the school struggles with poverty. According to a statewide database of poverty in the classroom, Hybla Valley has the highest rates of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch in Northern Virginia. "We have a sense of urgency at all times at this school," said Hybla Valley Principal Lauren Sheehy. "At another school, we may not need as much skills and as much energy to get the job done. But here we need 110 percent at all times, and that's what drives us every day."

POVERTY SPREADS across the classrooms of Northern Virginia by ZIP code, with poor neighborhoods logging the highest percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Among all schools in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax County, Hybla Valley has the highest. Almost 90 percent of students qualify, making it one of the highest poverty schools in the region. And even though Arlington County has a reputation of being a wealthy enclave, Carlin Springs Elementary comes in a close second. More than 86 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced price lunch.

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Hollin Meadows Gala Raises More Than \$40,000

Annual Partnership Neighborhood Gala funds STEM at school.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Since talk of budget cuts began in 2010, the Hollin Meadows Partnership for Science and Math has been hard at work raising money to sustain key STEM resources at the school. Funds are raised every year for Hollin Meadows, a science and math focus school, to provide a STEM resource teacher, a STEM resource lab, an outdoor education coordinator, 14,000 square feet of gardens, and more.

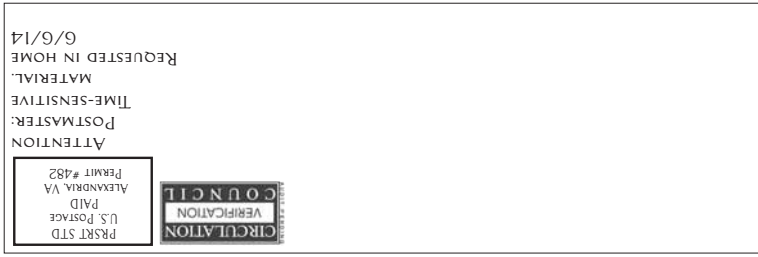
"We formed five years ago as a result of budget cuts in Fairfax County that cut the funding for our science and math focus programs," said Diane Moery, the organization's chair. Every year since the programs were put on the chopping block, the partnership has been hosting an annual gala to raise money for the programs. "We know it's a good program, lots of people out there that say it's a good program, but we recognize that Fairfax County had to make budget cuts," she said.

Instead of saying goodbye to the program, the organization takes matters into their own hands. Each year, it raises between \$50,000 and \$75,000 to completely fund the program. Right after the program was first cut, the group was able to raise \$95,000. But, it's gotten a little bit more complicated over the years. "Fundraising is always hard," Moery said. "When the government shut down, it got a little tight." Even though it's been difficult, this year's gala, which took place

on May 31, has so far brought in a net profit of \$40,000 for the organization. The garden is a great resource for students, says Hollin Meadows PTA President Mary Paden. Many

of the children at Hollin Meadows, a Title I school, have no idea where their food actually comes from, she says. "The garden is a great place for

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Two Million Dollar Primary

Former lieutenant governor raises \$1.1 million; his competitors combined raise \$1.4 million.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Campaign finance documents released in the final days before the June 10 primary show the seven candidates in the primary to replace long-time U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) have raised almost \$2.5 million. Former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer leads the pack with \$1.1 million, three times as much as his closest competitor.

"Don Beyer is clearly the favorite," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "He may not win it with a particularly large plurality, but he's the favorite to win."

Skelley said the dynamics of the campaign changed when Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) dropped out of the race and endorsed Beyer, which he said was a turning point in the campaign.

Along with the name recognition he has as a result of owning several car dealerships in Northern Virginia, Beyer has more than \$350,000 cash on hand heading into the final days of the primary. As candidates prepare for the final push toward primary Elec-

candidate	contributions this period	total contributions	expenditures this period	total expenditures	cash on hand	debt
Don Beyer	\$446,652	\$1,115,150	\$742,271	\$960,888	\$351,371	\$200,000
Lavern Chatman	\$107,445	\$385,642	\$251,855	\$326,864	\$69,058	\$20,000
Bill Euille	\$99,737	\$314,309	\$254,842	\$295,905	\$18,404	\$0
Adam Ebbin	\$112,516	\$291,107	\$138,012	\$200,955	\$88,122	\$0
Patrick Hope	\$82,184	\$258,718	\$148,744	\$196,545	\$72,173	\$10,000
Mark Levine	\$14,933	\$87,741	\$172,207	\$195,737	\$292,753	\$400,000
Derek Hyra	\$9,080	\$35,129	\$12,080	\$23,609	\$11,470	\$1,575

SOURCE: FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

tion Day, June 10, that money may give Beyer an edge.

"The real question is does Beyer perform below his dollar totals and does somebody like Adam Ebbin punch way above his weight," said Quentin Kidd, professor at Christopher Newport University. "What this is really going to come down to is whether Beyer outdistances everyone else so much that even if he punches below his weight he still wins."

CANDIDATES HAVE NOT been shy about throwing money at their own campaigns. The largest amount of self-financing comes from radio personality Mark Levine, who loaned his campaign a total \$400,000. Although Levine raised only \$88,000, he theoretically has \$293,000 cash on hand. But he would only need to raise the money if

he spends it. Former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth, who dropped out of the race, loaned his campaign \$330,000. He raised about \$57,000 and spent about \$80,000, which means most of the loan can be written off.

"Oftentimes when candidates loan money to the campaigns and they lose, they forgive the loans to their own campaigns," said Stephen Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington.

"If candidates feel it necessary to loan money to their own campaigns, it isn't a big difference from a gift. They are probably not going to be able to generate the kind of enthusiasms necessary to pay themselves back."

Several other candidates also loaned money to their campaigns. Beyer loaned his

campaign \$200,000. Former Urban League of Northern Virginia president Lavern Chatman loaned her campaign \$20,000. And Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) loaned his campaign \$10,000. Whichever candidate is successful in the primary will be able to continue raising money heading into the November general election. The six candidates who are unsuccessful, though, will have a much harder time raising money for a lost cause.

"The short term strategy seems to be to loan yourself money to demonstrate your own commitment to your own campaign and that you at least have the ability to put some of your own money into the campaign," said Kidd. "But unless you can follow that up with other big fundraising, I just don't know that it gets you very far."

The Fixer

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

When Mame Reiley decided a young guy by the name of Jim Moran could knock off an incumbent congressman, people thought she was crazy. U.S. Rep. Stanford Parris (R-8) had been in Congress more than a decade, and he had the kind of financial support that the mayor of Alexandria could only hope to assemble. But Reiley knew it could be done, and she put together a dream team to make it happen.

"Like everybody else, I thought she was crazy," said Susan Kellom, former chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "We thought he would lose and then he would be branded a loser and it would ruin his chances to do it again when he has a more solid district in 1992 after redistricting. But Mame said it could be done."

More often than not, Reiley has political instincts that were right. And even when they weren't, she went after her goals with such force that people knew to join forces or get out of the way. She advised former governors Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, served on the Democratic National Committee, led its Women's Caucus in 2003 and was a superdelegate pledged to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in 2008. She also served a decade on the Metropolitan Airports Authority. Reiley died this week. She was 61.



Mame Reiley and newly elected U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8).

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"I loved Mame," Moran said in a written statement. "She was an indomitable force of personality and determination, always loyal, always committed to the principles of fairness and compassion."

MARY ANNE "MAME" REILEY was born on Christmas Eve in Newport News. She grew up in Mount Vernon and attended St. Mary's Academy in Old Town Alexandria. She got her start in politics in the third grade, when she encouraged her classmates to tell their parents to vote for John Kennedy. The nuns wrote on her report card that her grades would be better if she spent as much time studying as she spent on politics.

"She tried to talk me into running for lieu-

tenant governor several times," said state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36). "She could be fiercely loyal to those who were with her, and you didn't want to cross her because she would remember."

That was one thing that everybody — political friends and foes — knew about Mame Reiley. You crossed her at your own peril. If you fell on her bad side, she would find a way to make things difficult for you. Maybe it was her Irish Catholic background. Or maybe it was just calculated sense of political gamesmanship. Whatever was behind that sense of loyalty, it seemed to many to be like a force of nature.

"If you really rubbed Mame the wrong way, she would forget your name," said Ellen Qualls, who met Reiley when they worked on the Warner inauguration in 2002. "She would assign you a new name that would be a slight deviation your actual name, and when people would correct her she would say, 'Oh whatever.'"

AFTER MAKING a name for herself in that legendary 1990 race, Reiley became Moran's chief of staff and launched a storied political career that spanned several generations of Virginia politics. Sometimes she was on the winning team, like when she helped Mark Warner and Tim Kaine waltz into the Governor's Mansion. Other times were not as successful, such as the time she worked on former Gov. Doug Wilder's failed presidential bid and the un-

successful gubernatorial primary of Del. Brian Moran (D-45), the congressman's younger brother.

"She always had my back," said Jim Moran. "I'll miss her dearly."

Despite battling cancer, Reiley was able to attend the Alexandria Democratic Committee's tribute to the congressman last month. The event featured speeches from many of the veterans of the 1990 campaign who have gone on to have their own storied careers over the years, including communications consultant Joe Trippi.

Speaking to the crowd from her wheelchair, she told a story about how the campaign became concerned about yard signs that were missing. So she set up a camera to catch the culprit. Turns out it was Moran himself.

"She will be widely missed," said Democratic Party of Virginia Chairman Dwight Jones. "But her legacy of integrity, hard-work, and tenacity will never be forgotten."

She is survived by three siblings, Rex Reiley, Elizabeth Reiley and Barney Reiley. Services will be Tuesday, June 10 at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria, followed immediately by a reception at adjacent Creedon Hall.



Mame Reiley as a young woman.

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Poverty in the Classroom

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duced price lunch.

“Arlington, like most suburbs, has very segregated schools although nobody wants to talk about it,” said Fred Millar, whose children attended Arlington Public Schools. “When you draw school boundaries to effectively insulate the wealthy students, that’s class warfare.”

Although the 10 highest-poverty schools in Northern Virginia are spread out across the region, one area has a cluster of high-poverty schools. Southeast Fairfax County has three of the highest poverty schools hugging the Route 1 corridor. Three of the elementary schools here make the top 10 list of high poverty schools: Hybla Valley, Mount Vernon Woods Elementary school and Bucknell Elementary School. Critics say these neighborhoods fall through the cracks because they don’t have the kind of money and clout enjoyed by areas with wealth and power.

“In a lot of ways, government is more responsive to those who have than to those at the bottom,” said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). “Why does every planetarium in the county work except the one at Carl Sandburg? Why do we still have a huge Head Start waiting list? Why do we still have a big childcare waiting list?”

TEST SCORES show that students at high-poverty schools often struggle to meet state and federal standards. One of the highest poverty schools in the region is Jefferson-Houston in the City of Alexandria, where test scores have been so low for so long that state leaders are poised to orchestrate a takeover. When classes begin this fall, the newly created Opportunity Educational Institution is expected to seize control of the school, which serves Kindergarten through eighth grade. The institution, which was created by former Republican Gov. Bob



Hybla Valley Elementary School has a series of trailers behind the school, which has been steadily growing in population in recent years.



Hybla Valley Elementary School Principal Lauren Sheehy greets students in the hallway.

McDonnell, is targeting six schools in Virginia. Jefferson-Houston is the only school in Northern Virginia, although city leaders in Alexandria are hoping that a lack of organization and funding will derail the takeover, although frustrated parents say Alexandria leaders have demonstrated they are unable to transform the school.

“I think it’s a good idea for new people to step in and take over,” said Bea Porter, whose grandson attends the school. “The local school system has failed Jefferson-Houston for too long.”

According to salary data received in a Freedom of Information request, teachers at high poverty schools often receive lower pay than their counterparts at other schools. In many cases, that’s because teachers at high-poverty schools are fresh out of school

and looking to enter the profession. Many transfer to wealthier neighborhoods, where teaching students can pose fewer of the challenges related to poverty. The average pay for a Kindergarten teacher in Fairfax County, for example, is \$61,000. The highest Kindergarten teacher salary is \$99,000 at Fort Belvoir, and the lowest is \$45,000 at London Towne Elementary.

The average Kindergarten teacher salary is higher than the average Kindergarten teacher salary at Hybla Valley, Lynbrook, Mount Vernon Woods, Buckness and Graham Road.

“We have this mythology of equality,” said Jon Liss, founder of Tenants and Workers United. “But the reality is that there has been a resegregation because of the overlap of race and class.”

BEHIND HYLBA VALLEY is a series of trailers — sometimes called portables — where students gather in temporary structures. Schools with the most number of trailers tend to be at high poverty schools, although school officials also use them at some schools with low rates of poverty such as Haycock Elementary School and Clermont Elementary School. Critics say the village of trailers behind Hybla Valley is an indication that Fairfax County Schools is not willing to invest the kind of resources here that might go to a school where parents would lobby School Board members for a new wing of classrooms.

“The value of education is not equal,” said Alma Lopez, parent of four children at Hybla Valley Elementary School. “If you compare students in McLean to students in Hybla Valley, it would be obvious that the level of education is better in McLean.”

The principal says that the school has always needed trailers, even after a two-story addition gave the school 17 more classrooms. Before she came to Hybla Valley, Sheehy was assistant principal at Lynbrook Elementary School, another high poverty school. Like many of the teachers and staff at Hybla Valley, Sheehy says that she feels called to work with students in need.

“It really is a calling. It’s a real passion, and I feel really proud to be at the school and proud to support the students here,” said Sheehy. “Our teachers embrace it, and they acknowledge that there are more challenges here than at other schools.”

Hollin Meadows Gala Raises More Than \$40,000



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them to get their hands dirty,” Paden said. “They all get so excited.”

One of the most enjoyable parts of the garden, Paden said, is every November when the students eat the lettuce they planted earlier in the year for Thanksgiving school meal.

The income disparity that is present in Mount Vernon and along the Richmond Highway Corridor make this program even more important, Paden said, and she hopes it will soon spread to other schools.

“It’s important to start these types of pro-

grams early,” she said.

Moery hopes that similar programs will extend through the school pyramid, such as an extension of the program at Carl Sandberg Middle School.

The partnership also is looking for businesses and corporations in the community to sponsor the program.

“If we can engage them in STEM early, they will hopefully bring those skills back to the Mount Vernon district,” Paden said.

Although parents like Paden and Moery admit that raising the funds each year can be difficult, they are thankful to be involved with a school like Hollin Meadows, and recognize the benefits of the program. Both praise the work of Jen Finnegan, the outdoor classroom teacher, principal Jon Gates, and others involved with the program. Michelle Obama visited the school back in 2009, praising the STEM resources and garden.

“It’s a really unique program,” Paden said.

From left: Jennifer Lipner, Brandy Falk (auction chair), Meredith Braselman, Sue Bernstein, Diane Moery, Liz Mulvaney, Cameron Curtis (gala chair), Joanne Martinez and Eileen Gorman (host) at the Hollin Meadows Partnership Neighborhood Gala.



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Saira Euceda of Bryant High School is the recipient of this year's The Jeff Todd Memorial Scholarship. She will be attending Northern Virginia Community College in the fall.



Abby Power, one of the recipients of a scholarship from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, is a student at Hayfield Secondary School and will attend the University of Virginia.



Eliana Nash, a student at South County Secondary School, received a scholarship from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. She will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall.

Area Students Presented with Scholarships at River Farm

Scholarships presented by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce has awarded seven students with college scholarships this year. The students were honored for their achievements next to the Potomac River at River Farm on June 3.

From National Honor Society to Future Business Leaders of America to Latin club, the scholarship recipients are not only smart, but active in their schools. All will be attending college this fall and are majoring in a business-related field.

Of the seven students awarded, four will be attending the University of Virginia. This includes West Potomac High School students Madison Daley and Katharine Genuario.

Daley is planning to major in commerce and minor in economics and Chinese.

"Hopefully one day, I'll be able to start my own international consulting firm," Daley said.

Genuario said she will major in biomedical engineering and minor in engineering business.

"A lot of engineers get their MBA, because it helps them manage engineering forms, so eventually I'd like to get my MBA too," she said.

Abby Power from Hayfield Secondary School will also be attending the University of Virginia, and plans to major in marketing.

"I plan to start my own kind of advertising firm and have some big-name companies like Nike and what-not underneath me," she said.

Eliana Nash, a student at South County High School, said she will major in international business and minor in Spanish at the University of Virginia.

The recipient of the Jeff Todd Memorial Scholarship was Saira Euceda, a student at Bryant High



From left: Troy Clark, Abby Power, Madison Daley, Saira Euceda, Katharine Genuario, and Eliana Nash are recipients of this year's scholarships from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and were honored for their hard work at River Farm on June 3. Also receiving a scholarship is Euginia Mensah.

School who will be attending Northern Virginia Community College to study radiology. She said when she first started high school, she didn't speak any English.

"I never thought I was going to be at this gorgeous place speaking to such generous people," she said. "I am very, very grateful from the bottom of my heart."

Troy Clark will be attending James Madison University in the fall, where he will major in busi-

ness administration and accounting.

"I'm actually excited about being an accountant," Clark said, prompting laughter, and then applause from the audience.

Euginia Mensah from Edison High School also received a scholarship from the chamber. She will be attending the University of Mary Washington.

The scholarships were provided by the chamber's education part-

nership, which has provided scholarships worth over \$141,000 to local high school students.

"The annual Chamber Golf Scholarship Classic provides the major source of funding for the Education Partnership. Through the generous donations and the hard work of our members, funds are raised to provide these scholarships," said Sean O'Connell, president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.



Katharine Genuario, a student at West Potomac High School, received a scholarship from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall.



West Potomac High School student Madison Daley will be attending the University of Virginia in the fall. Here, she is honored for receiving a scholarship from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.



Troy Clark, a student at Mount Vernon High School, will be attending James Madison University in the fall. He was honored on June 3 with the Ourisman Outstanding Student Scholarship presented by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

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Email announcements to 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.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

A **Democratic Primary Election** will be held Tuesday, June 10, in the 8th Congressional District to choose the Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. This primary is open only to voters who live in the 8th Congressional District. The final day for in-person absentee voting is Saturday, June 7 at 5 p.m., and the deadline to return a mailed-in absentee ballot is Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. In-person absentee voting is available at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, now through Friday, June 6, 3:30-7 p.m., and Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Absentee voting is also available at the Fairfax County Government Center, Thursday June 5, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday June 6, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturday June 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Traffic delays and congestion may be experienced on Saturday due to the Celebrate Fairfax event. Call 703-222-0776.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA SENIOR OLYMPICS

Registration for the senior olympics will open in mid-June for the 10 day of competition from Sept. 13-24. Events include track and field, tennis, handball, dominoes and more. Registration is \$12 which covers multiple events. Participants must be 50 by Dec. 31, 2014. Online

registration opens July 1 at www.nvso.us. Call 703-228-4721.

THRIFT STORE MOVE

Due to **United Community Ministries' Back Porch Thrift Store** moving to a new location by early July, there are special donation instructions for the month of June. Now through Monday June 16, the store will not be accepting any donation drop-offs or picking up large donations. Beginning Tuesday, June 17, donations will be accepted at the new location at Sacramento Shopping Center on a limited schedule of Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Once the new location opens, donation hours will resume as usual Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Free Dentistry Day. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reflection Dental, located at 6546 Little River Turnpike. Those in need and without dental insurance in the Alexandria community may receive either one free cleaning, filling or extraction. Patients will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Call 703-256-3313 or visit www.FreeDentistryDay.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

Parenting Workshop. 6:15-7:45 p.m. at the United Community Ministries Bryant Early Learning Center, 2709 Popkins Lane. In partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools, a free parenting workshop, "How to Talk So Kids will Listen" will be held at the United Community Ministries Bryant Early Learning Center. Anyone with preschool-aged children is welcome

to attend. Light refreshments will be provided, and child care is available. RSVP by June 9 to Courtney Perry, UCM Child Development Specialist, at courtney.perry@ucmagency.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Health Screenings. 4-8 p.m., at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Free heart health screenings for high school students. Visit www.ryanlopynski.org.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 19-20

Mental Health First Aid. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help people learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Fairfax County Extra School Day. The Fairfax County School Board has voted to add a day to the end of the 2013-14 school calendar as a makeup day for a missed day due to weather. This is the last day of the 2013-14 school year.

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

NOVA Registration Closes. Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's 16-week fall semester and the first 8-week term

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that a brief fireworks display will take place as part of a private event at George Washington's Mount Vernon on the following date:

Saturday, June 7,
between 9:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. (5 minutes)

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OPINION

On Voting in the 8th

Vote this week at your convenience in person
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Chances are that if you are a registered voter in the 8th Congressional District, your mailbox has been letting you know that many candidates are running in next week's Democratic primary.

The 8th Congressional District is currently represented by retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, and seven candidates are running for the right to replace him. There is no runoff, so even if the top candidate gets considerably less than 50 percent of the vote, he or she will move on as the Democratic nominee in November, facing Republican Micah Edmond. Given the voting history in the 8th district, the Democratic nominee will most likely move on to serve in Congress.

(Our region is losing its two longest serving members of Congress to retirement, Moran and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). Voters in the 10th Congressional District will choose between Republican Barbara Comstock and Democrat John Foust in November.)

The 8th Congressional District includes all of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, plus parts of Tysons, McLean and Vienna to the north, Springfield, Lorton and Mason Neck to the South.

Candidates include Don Beyer, Lavern Chatman, Mark Levine, Patrick Hope, Adam Ebbin, Bill Euille and Derek Hyra. Three other names will appear on the ballot even though

the candidates have withdrawn from the race because they withdrew after the ballot was printed/set.

Election Day is Tuesday, June 10, and regular polling places will be open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Voters who qualify to vote absentee can vote in person early until June 7. But be sure to vote by primary Election Day, June 10.

Anyone who might working and commuting for 11 of the 13 hours polls will be open on Election Day, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., qualifies to vote absentee. You can vote absentee if you are: a student or spouse at an academic institution, absent on business, absent for personal business or vacation, unable to get to the polls due to a physical disability or illness, a caretaker of a confined family member, a precinct election officer, have a religious obligation or conflict, active duty uniformed service or merchant marine or a dependent, regularly employed outside the U.S. or a dependent, and several other special circumstances.

In Arlington, vote absentee-in-person at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, through Saturday, June 7; weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

In Alexandria, vote absentee-in-person at the Office of Voter Registration & Elections, 132 North Royal Street #100 through Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections>



In Fairfax County, two options:

❖ Fairfax County Government Center, Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 323, Fairfax, through Friday, June 6, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

❖ Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, through Friday, June 6, 3:30 - 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Read extensive previous coverage about the candidates at

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/Representatives/VA08/>

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com.

EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't Rush into Medicaid Expansion

To the Editor:

John Glaser's letter "Bottom Line To Help or Not" in the May 22-28, Mount Vernon Gazette responds to my letter urging thorough consideration of data before expanding Medicaid to avoid problems because of money shortage and not establishing short and long term systems that will help instead of hurt those intended to help. John Glaser attempts to justify his position based on not so sound programs. For example, he contends similar arguments were used by those who opposed Social Security as are used today to delay Medicaid expansion.

The Social Security system is going broke, according to published reports, unless it is fixed. Party politics and scare tactics are used by politicians to prevent the system from being fixed to the detriment of those now on Social Security and future eligible persons. This program is a good ex-

ample of why long-term considerations must be considered before expanding Medicaid.

John Glaser takes issue with my comment that Obamacare is a disaster and he attempts to justify Obamacare is not a disaster by stating that 12 million people have enrolled. But, he doesn't state how many actually have insurance and not merely enrolled. And, what is the cost now compared to before Obamacare for those who have been fortunate to get new insurance? Also, the promises made by the President "If you like your plan, you can keep it," "If you like your doctor you can keep your doctor" and the cost to a family will be reduced by \$2,500. None of those are true.

I heard on TV a number of people, including those who supported Obamacare, whose insurance was cancelled because of Obamacare complain that their insurance premiums have doubled or tripled, their deductibles have increased substantially and they no longer can keep their own doctor as promised by President Obama. One person said that he now has to travel 50 miles to go to a hospi-

tal whereas before Obamacare he could go to a local medical facility.

If Obamacare is so great, as John Glaser believes, why were over 2,000 waivers granted including the state of Nevada that Harry Reid represents as a U.S. senator and principal proponent of Obamacare? Also, why are members of Congress and their staff and the President exempt? And, why does President Obama continue to favor those who politically support him, e.g. unions, the most recent example, by providing exemptions or subsidies? President Obama and all those exempt from Obamacare should voluntarily give up the exemption and sign up

for Obamacare to show their total support for it. Further, Obamacare has 21 taxes including a 3 percent tax on medical devices. How does such a sick tax help those in need of medical devices help them?

We should learn from past actions and avoid catastrophes, as stated above, to occur by rushing to expand Medicaid. So let's be deliberate and do the best we can to establish an effective Medicaid expansion system instead of rushing to score political points. Those who may qualify for Medicaid deserve no less.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

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Board Honors Lords and Ladies

The 2014 Lords and Ladies of Fairfax were recognized in front of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 3, and presented with certificates honoring them for their dedication to their communities. This tradition, which began in 1984, coincides with the Celebrate Fairfax Festival, which takes place this year June 6-8.

The Mount Vernon District honorees are Mary Porter and Col. Gregory D. Gadson.

Porter makes the Mount Vernon community a better place to live through A Better Plate and Real Food for Kids, where she is working with Fairfax County Public Schools to encourage them to serve healthier food. Through this role, she also works to educate children and families about making health decisions.

"I was very much surprised when I found out I received this award," Porter said. "I am stunned and very humbled."

Porter, who is also president of the PTA at Hollin Meadows Elementary School, a member of the Advisory Board of Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and a member of Fairfax County Public School's Health Advisory Board, said she loves living in the Mount Vernon District. "I love Mount Vernon and I love Hollin Meadows," she said.

Gadson is the garrison commander of Fort



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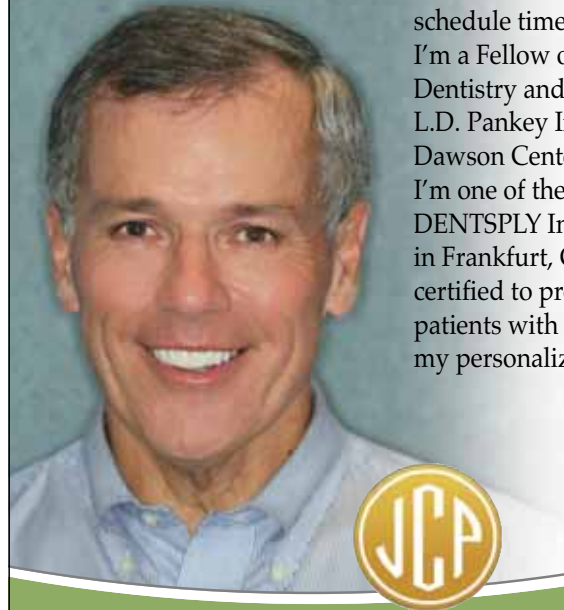
Mary Porter

Belvoir and has worked to strengthen the relationship between the base and Fairfax County. Gadson has served in active duty in every major conflict in the last 20 years, including Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also appeared in the 2012 movie "Battleship." Gadson is described as an inspiration and his leadership has led to an improvement in Fairfax County's relationship with Fort Belvoir.

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The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2020. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at 800-367-7623. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

OPINION

Myths About Medicaid Expansion

By SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



As the deadline to pass a budget approaches, Virginians will likely hear that state government could shut down because of a stalemate over expanding Virginia's Medicaid program as encouraged by the Affordable Care Act. I would like to clear up a few misconceptions.

Myth #1 – Virginia's Medicaid Stalemate Is a Partisan Dispute

There have been media reports that the Medicaid expansion fight is a Democrat-versus-Republican battle. It is not.

Three Republican state senators have proposed a compromise to use private insurance to expand Medicaid, similar to Republican proposals in Arkansas and Indiana. All but one of Virginia's 52 Democratic legislators have indicated they would accept this, but the Republican leadership of the House of Delegates has refused to accept this compromise.

Medicaid expansion has been accepted or proposed by the Republican governors and legislatures of Arizona, Ohio, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Utah and it is not a partisan issue. Similar to the federal government shutdown last fall, Virginia's budget is stalled because the conservative wing of the Republican party is battling moderate Republicans and Democrats.

Myth #2 – Medicaid Expansion Costs State Taxpayer Money

The federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost of Medicaid expansion in the first few years phased down to 90 percent in the out years. This means about \$5 million per day from the federal Government and over \$750 million has been lost through today by failing to act.

Multiple experts project Medicaid expansion will save Virginia taxpayers about \$200 million per biennium because the federal government will pay 90-100 percent of the cost of prison healthcare, charity healthcare at university hospitals (e.g. the University of Virginia and the Medical College of Virginia), community service board programs (mental health), free clinics and other Virginia-taxpayer funded programs.

Medicaid expansion will also create 30,000 new jobs which generates additional tax revenues for the state as those workers earn and spend money.

Myth #3 – Virginia's Medicaid System Is Rife with Fraud

Virginia's Medicaid Fraud unit (MFCU) recovered a little over \$11 million of roughly \$8 billion spent by the state last biennium. This means that fraud in Virginia's existing Medicaid program is less than two-tenths of one percent. While the MFCU has taken the lead on several national fraud cases such as national

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Clearing Up Misconceptions

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drug settlements, that does not equate to widespread fraud in Virginia's system.

Myth #4 – Medicaid Expansion Can Be Resolved Outside the Budget Process

In the five years I have served, major Virginia Medicaid reforms have been legislated in the state budget instead of separate legislation. For example, Medicaid managed care, which is a system under which private health care plan covers and manages patient care, was authorized in the 2011 budget. In 2013, we created the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission (MIRC) to approve changes and expand Medicaid.

Medicaid expansion must be included in the budget because it would free up about \$200 million of taxpayer dollars — funds that must be reappropriated to schools and public safety now, not in 12 months.

Also, aside from precedent, the House Republican leadership has shown no support for expanding Medicaid. Separating expansion from the budget is like starting a negotiation after the contract has been signed.

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Myth #5 – The Federal Government Can “Bait and Switch”

Several legislators have stated that once Virginia commits, the federal government could reduce its share from 90 percent to 50 percent, leave Virginia taxpayers “holding the bag” and locked into to a more expensive program. This is misleading.

The federal government sent Governor McAuliffe a letter stating that Virginia is free to withdraw from a Medicaid expansion at any time. Second, the U.S. Supreme Court specifically held that requiring states to expand their Medicaid programs is unconstitutionally coercive. Some people apparently cannot accept the U.S. Supreme Court as sufficient authority.

In previous columns and on my blog at scottsuovell.blogspot.com I have written about the importance of Medicaid to people's health, health care facilities, long-term care and our society in general. Medicaid is an important health insurance program for many reasons and it would be a tragedy for our state to leave this gaping hole in our health care system.

It is an honor to serve as your state delegate. Feel free to email me at scottsuovell@gmail.com at any time.

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Healthy Cooking with Children

Local foodies say cooking with children can establish a lifetime of healthy habits.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

From creating dough for freshly baked bread to squeezing lemons for a neighborhood lemonade stand, Michael Roll enjoys spending time in the kitchen with his children transforming ordinary food into nutritious culinary creations, particularly during the summer. He says that when parents cook healthy meals with their

“The more ‘from scratch’ and processing raw food at home a child can see through their parents, the better understanding the child can develop in terms of what makes food healthy and unhealthy.”

— Michael Roll

children they model behavior that can last a lifetime.

“The more ‘from scratch’ and processing raw food at home a child can see through their parents, the better understanding the child can develop in terms of what makes food healthy and unhealthy and where our food comes from,” said Roll, director, Department of Culinary Arts and Food and Beverage Management at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington.

“These are fundamental things that can easily be lost in our very time-crunched worlds and long grocery store aisles of prepared and over-processed foods.”

Farmers markets can offer a goldmine of inspiration for creating nutritious summer meals. “[They] bring us seasonal, fresh produce, grown close to home,” said Christine Wisnewski, an instructor at Culinaria Cooking School in Vienna. “In contrast to the mad dash into the supermarket the rest of the year, the more relaxed summer schedule also gives us the chance to really look around and broaden our food horizons.”

Offering children a wide selection of fresh food and a chance to make their own selections broadens their culinary horizons. “In my experience, kids are more willing to try something new if they are given the opportunity to choose that new item themselves,” said Wisnewski. “Challenge them to choose one new thing a week. ‘One week have them look for the most beautiful fruit or vegetable they can find at the market, next week have them find the ugliest. You might all be surprised with how that experiment plays out. The kids will gain exposure and you will gain experience. You were always curious about kohlrabi anyway, right?’”

Roll encourages parents to approach cooking with an attitude of enthusiasm. “Baking chocolate chip cookies, even with my 6 year olds was fun because measuring flour, sugar, learning how to crack an egg were all exciting things for them,” he said. “Licking raw batter and tasting warm cookies didn’t hurt, but at 11, my son could prob-

ably make passable cookies without any help. My family’s passion for cookies is why.”

COOKING TECHNIQUES and the tasks children undertake in the kitchen should be age appropriate, said Roll. “For the really young, nothing beats funny shapes, layering yogurt and fruit and granola in a clear glass is magical to a child,” he said. “For the older, make baking a chemistry lesson

on baking soda [or] why flour in bread makes such a different product than flour in pancakes.”

Roll added, “I think that starting simple helps, too. Chicken broth, chicken, carrots, celery and pasta, with some seasoning still makes the best cold remedy there is. A child can peel a carrot. A child can test the doneness of pasta, a child can learn that a little salt is great, no salt is bland, and too much salt is a disaster.”

With a little planning, parents can create delicious and healthy fare with their children that is hands-on, but safe. “Letting kids help cut fresh fruit for fruit salads is a great summer dish, said Beth Szymanski of Tiny Chefs, a culinary academy with locations in Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, Sterling, Ashburn, Reston, Herndon, Centerville, Va., and Potomac, Md. “Kids love to help cut food and having them use lettuce knives lets



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Students at Tiny Chefs Culinary Academy learn to prepare healthy meals.

them really help out in the kitchen while keeping them safe.”

Szymanski adds that there are simple short cuts to create substantial, low-maintenance meals. “Use an already cooked rotisserie chicken to create a chicken salad or pasta salad in the summer time to keep the kitchen cool without having to turn on the oven, plus the kids love to help shred and cut up the chicken,” she said.

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Plymouth Haven Baptist Church Pastor Steve Foss congratulates Harry Davis.

Davis Retires after 50 Years

Friends at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church pay tribute.

BY BJ SMITH

Few of us at age 19 are able to forecast very far where we might be in five or 10 years. So it was with Harry Henry Davis, who at age 19 was working as a grocery delivery boy at a local market in Hollin Hall, south of Old Town Alexandria.

A church member of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church who used the market approached Davis to ask if he might be interested in a custodian position at the church. Davis was driven about a mile down Fort Hunt Road to the church, and was introduced to then Pastor Charles Nunn.

Nunn approved his hiring after a short time, and on April 12, 1964, Davis began what was to be the job of his life, 50 years of dedicated service to the same employer, and memories of friends, pastors and families who came and departed during his time with the church. Davis officially retired on May 30.

Davis and his wife, the former Dee Beam, were married in September 1979. They have two children, Derek and Marisa, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The grandchildren, Rashad, Rasheem, and Raman were often seen with Davis at the church on Saturdays, and from a young age through their teens attended Vacation Bible School as students and later as helpers. The great-grandson, also Rashad, who Davis refers to as his pride and joy, has followed suit and is a student in the

Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool. His wife is a retiree from government service following 29 years in several organizations.

On May 13, the Plymouth Haven Baptist Church family joined with many of Davis' close friends, family members, and community members to commemorate his 50th year with the church, and to celebrate his retirement. Three of the 11 pastors Davis served with attended, including Nunn who hired him 50 years ago; the Rev. Doug Farmer who now operates a youth camp at Shenandoah Springs, and the Rev. Steve Foss, current pastor. Several letters from those who were unable to attend were read and presented to Davis with best wishes and prayers. His kindness, reliability, and help

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Harry Davis, grandson Rasheem, and great-grandson Rashad address the gathering.

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Torpedo Factory artist Rachel Kerwin works on a mural. The Torpedo Factory Art Center is celebrating its 40th anniversary this summer.

‘Fitting in with the Community Around Us’

Torpedo Factory Art Center celebrates 40 years.

BY KARA COLEMAN
THE GAZETTE

The doors to the Torpedo Factory Art Center slide open as visitors come in to see artists at work in their studios. Rachel Kerwin is one of those artists. Wearing earbuds and concentrating with each stroke, she paints a mural that she hopes connects the Factory to its visitors and the surrounding community.

“I was thinking a bit about who uses the building, how I see the building fitting in with the community around us,” Kerwin said. “Lots of kids come here; lots of adults come here. So I was thinking about how you really see the whole range in this building, from people that know absolutely nothing and just wander in, to people who are die-hard excited about art.”

The mural encompasses the art center’s entry facing the waterfront and came about because of an open call from the Torpedo Factory Board. The board wanted a new

mural on the walls in that space, and Kerwin jumped at the opportunity to paint it.

“That space is the literal connector of the vibrancy inside the factory to the vibrancy of the waterfront,” she said. “[I wanted] something that kind of draws in the public and can also tell them a little bit about who we are and what’s inside this building.”

Kerwin’s design for the mural begins with a simplistic idea, like paint-by-number, then morphs into an abstract design and finally a more detailed picture. The piece recognizes that the Torpedo Factory welcomes anyone who is interested in art on any level. The building is home to several different classes and serves as studio space for artists to work and sell their art.

THE OFFICIAL UNVEILING of the mural will be held June 12, 6 p.m., and is part of the Torpedo Factory’s 40th anniversary celebration that is continuing throughout the summer.

When Alexandria native Clara Beyer wandered in to the Torpedo Factory on Monday afternoon, she had no idea that the art center was commemorating 40 years, even though she was part of its history. “I grew up in Old Town and took classes here when I was a kid,” said Beyer. “I took drawing and ceramics with the Art League.”

Beyer’s friend Nicole Cacoza, of Wash-

ington D.C., said that Monday’s visit to the Torpedo Factory was her first. “We were walking down the street and Clara said, ‘We have to go in the Torpedo Factory! I used to go there when I was a kid!’” she said.

One person who is hoping to inform visitors about the Torpedo Factory’s history as an art center is art historian and curator Roman Petruniak, who has pieced together an exhibit in the Target Gallery about the past 40 years. The exhibit is an interactive gallery that features

hanging posters, a chest of tools, a collection of books, and what Petruniak described as a “cabinet of curiosities” — drawers containing quirky stories about the Factory’s history.

“I enjoy digging through local art histories, so the Torpedo Factory became a wonderful case study for me,” he said. “For the 25th anniversary of the Factory, Marian Van Landingham, the founder, collected a series of stories about the first 25 years of the in-

stitution and put together a book. I’ve just been so fascinated by it.”

The interactive gallery features a seating area that encourages visitors to spend time in the exhibit and learn about some of the memorable moments in the Factory’s history, from a stolen piece of art

work in the late 1970s to a headline written by a D.C. art critic at the art center’s launch. Visitors are encouraged to contribute their own information about the Factory’s history to the exhibit, which opened

Sunday as the Alexandria Community Art Library.

“Sometimes, generating resources for artists can be just as creative a process as what the artists then do with those resources,” Petruniak said. “In that sense, this exhibition really celebrates art work, but with a focus on the work. The Torpedo Factory is a place for the working artist. Living and sustaining a creative life; that’s what it’s all about.”

Details

Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Thursday, June 12, 6 p.m., there will be an unveiling of Rachel Kerwin’s mural, “Coloring Outside the Lines,” with guest speaker Mayor William D. Euille. That will be followed by a public reception for the Alexandria Community Art Library with a curatorial presentation by Roman Petruniak at 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 21, at noon, there will be a public art workshop. With the guidance of local artist Charles Robertson, visitors will learn the art of wheat paste and have the opportunity to decorate some of the TPAC’s communal spaces.

CALENDAR

Email announcements to 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

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.

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. June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. 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 or call 703-967-0437.

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.

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.

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. 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 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.

Art Exhibit. “Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013” art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington

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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 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.

Beyond the Battlefield Exhibition. Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. through June 30. Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the House features a new exhibit on Civil War medical care with a hospital room setup. \$3. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

Photography Exhibit. Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. June 24-Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

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.

Blue Star Museums. More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

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.

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 for more.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road.

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 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 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.

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 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 www.4mrmarket.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 for more.

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 for tickets.

George Washington's Mount Vernon 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, 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 for more.

Singing. 7:30-10 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes

Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

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 or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-74605414 or claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov.

Preschool 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.

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.

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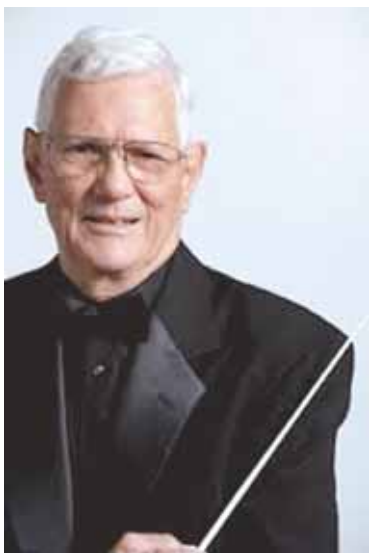
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Ulysses S. James will conduct the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic's season finale June 8.



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Olivia Haijoff and Marc Ramirez of marcolivia will perform Arthur Benjamin's "Romantic Fantasy" with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Sunday, June 8, at T.C. Williams High School.

WMP Concludes Season June 8

Lyceum Summer Music Series on tap.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Selections from Bela Bartok, Arthur Benjamin and George Gershwin will highlight the season finale performance of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Sunday, June 8 at T.C. Williams High School.

"Every single musician, guest artist and conductor has his or her own reason for choosing music," said WMP Conductor and Music Director Ulysses S. James. "As a conductor, I choose music that I would want to listen to myself and program concerts that will be exciting for me, the orchestra and the audience alike."

The centerpiece of the June concert will be Bartok's "Concerto for Orchestra," a work that James said he has admired since he first heard it in the 1950s.

"Every time I hear it or work with it I am awed by the freshness of the sound," James said. "It is never simple but always makes sense."

For the second selection, James' longtime friends

Olivia Haijoff and Marc Ramirez, of marcolivia, suggested Arthur Benjamin's "Romantic Fantasy for Violin, Viola and Orchestra."

"As soon as I heard it, I knew immediately that it would be wonderful for both the audience and the orchestra," James said. "The music is truly romantic, in the tradition of tonal, melodic and romantic music. I know that it will be well received by all, especially with Marc and Olivia performing."

For the WMP finale, James chose Gershwin's "Catfish Row," the original suite from "Porgy and Bess."

"I love the music, and get quite choked up when I hear it," James said. "I performed this with the orchestra many years ago and could not resist performing it again."

Following the June 8 finale concert at T.C. Williams, the WMP will kick off its Summer Chamber Music Series Sunday, June 15 at The Lyceum in Old Town. Now in its 24th year, the Chamber series features small ensembles and soloists in a series of free weekly concerts held through September.

Tickets for the Sunday, June 8 "Bartok, Benjamin and Gershwin" concert are \$20 (18 and under admitted free) and may be purchased online or at the door at T.C. Williams High School. The performance begins at 3 p.m. Visit www.wmpamusic.org for more.

CALENDAR

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.

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 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.

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 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 to register.

Stop Motion Animation and Cartooning. Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/classessummer14.htm for more.

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Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. Concert, "A British Invasion," will feature the music of popular British bands such as The Beatles and Rolling Stones. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

Shopping at Talbots. 6-8 p.m. Talbots of Alexandria, 601 N. Washington St. Talbots is donating 10 percent of pre-tax sales on merchandise for the evening to the Yellow Ribbon Fund. Call 703-684-0392 for more.

Live Music. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/Inn for more.

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.

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.alexandriawebs.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. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

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. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Croquet Day. Noon-3 p.m. Hensley Park, Alexandria. Come enjoy a day of croquet, lawn games, food and drink with the whole family. Proceeds go to SCAN's abuse and neglect prevention service. To register and for more information go to www.scanva.org.

Youth Arts Festival. Noon-4 p.m. George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. The largest youth arts festival in Alexandria showcasing visual and performance artists throughout the city. Family friendly with interactive arts booths. Visit <http://arhaevents.wordpress.com/2014/03/21/youth-arts-festival-scene/> for more.

History Unleashed. Noon-4 p.m. The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Programs and activities highlighting the roles of animals in the history of the house and in Alexandria. Children's activities available and shelter animals will be up for adoption. \$4-\$6. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or www.alexandriaanimals.org for more.

D-Day Commemoration. 2:30 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. WWII re-enactors, visit a recreated WWII Navy Recruiting Center, dance

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SUNDAY/JUNE 8

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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 www.wmpamusic.org or contact wmpa@earthlink.net or 703-799-8229.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

Herbal Medicine Workshops. 7-8 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. A series of workshops, "Herbal Medicine and Stress: Past and Present." Professional therapeutic herbalist Lin Porter teaches how herbs were and still are used to relieve stress-related symptoms while exploring practical options for controlling stress in modern life. \$8 per person, reservations required. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-3852.

Genealogy Workshop. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Listen to stories about scandals, scamps and evil-doers and learn how to find them in your own genealogy. Led by a professional genealogist and citizen archivist. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Old Town Days: Celebrity Impersonators Showcase. 7:30 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. A 90 minute review of the world's top female legends with a Las Vegas/Atlantic City feel featuring impersonations of Tina Turner, Beyonce and more. \$20-\$30. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform sailor songs from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org.

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6:30-8 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 21, 105 N. Union St. "Figural Fine Lines" is Susan O'Neill's art inspired by human form. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

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Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Scott Kurt performs, opens for Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes. Visit <http://scottkurtmusic.blogspot.com>.

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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 for more.

Rainforest Reptiles Alive. 11:30 a.m. at 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. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com.

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.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd. Alexandria. John and Sarah Flynn perform. \$18 general, \$15 in

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War of 1812 Boat Tour. 7-10 p.m. Leaves from the Potomac Riverboat Company's dock near 205 The Strand. Enjoy a river cruise of the Potomac that highlights significant sights along the way. Tickets include a dinner buffet and open bar. \$75. Visit shop.alexandria.gov or call 703-746-4242 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Father's Day Barbecue. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. "General Washington" poses for photographs and talks about his role as husband and father of the country. Learn about 18th Century distilleries, watch the 16 foot water wheel in action and enjoy a barbecue. \$9-\$30. Contact 703-780-0011 for more or to make barbecue reservations.

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SPORTS

WP Softball Beats Fairfax In Region Quarterfinals

Wolverines Miller, Williams hit back-to-back home runs.

BY TOMMY VALTIN-ERWIN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac softball team had been dominant at home all season, losing just twice during the 2014 campaign. The Wolverines gave up an average of just two runs per game at home while scoring more than eight.

It shouldn't come as a surprise, then, that West Potomac's bats were hot during a 7-1 home victory over Fairfax on June 2 in the 6A North regional quarterfinals.

First baseman Raven Williams got things going in the bottom of the first inning with a bases-clearing triple, giving West Potomac an early 2-0 lead. Pitcher Jayne Orleans

drove Williams home later in the inning with a sacrifice fly.

With a 4-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth, third baseman Annabelle Miller crushed a two-run home run to extend the Wolverines' lead to 6-1.

"When you're playing quality teams when you get to this level, anytime you can add insurance runs it makes a big difference," West Potomac head coach Craig Maniglia said. "It's hard to come back against dominant fielding and quality pitching when the runs keep going up against you. It's big."

In the very next at bat, Williams drove a solo home run to left field to secure the victory for the Wolverines.

"It was really great," Williams said of the back-to-back home runs. "Everyone was just so intense, but we stuck together and got it done."

The West Potomac defense, anchored by Orleans, dominated the game, giving up just one run on seven hits.

"All year our defense has been our



Members of the West Potomac softball team celebrate with Raven Williams, top center, after Williams hit a home run during the Wolverines' region quarterfinal victory against Fairfax on Monday.

strength," Maniglia said. "We put the ball in play and don't give up runs and it plays pretty well."

West Potomac advanced to the regional semifinals, where the Wolverines faced South County on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline.

The loss marked the end of a strong season for the Fairfax Rebels, who finished with a final record of 15-8.

"This was the best season our team's had in years, so I'm proud of these girls," Rebels coach Matt Hoffert said after the game. "They played a great game Friday night

[against Centreville], but sometimes you're two different teams."

The bright spot for the Fairfax offense was second baseman Kiana Sherlund, who was 2-for-3 on the night and drove in the Rebels' lone run in the third inning.

Despite her best efforts, it wasn't enough to overcome the dominant Wolverines offense.

"[West Potomac] came out ready to play; there's not much you can do when they're smoking it like that," Hoffert said. "They're a great team, and hopefully we see them move on in the playoffs."

West Potomac Boys' Soccer Reaches Region Semifinals

Wolverines beat Oakton, lose to Washington-Lee.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac boys' soccer team entered the 6A North region tournament as the No. 3 seed from Conference 7 following a sub-par performance against South County in the semifinals.

The Wolverines would quickly turn things around.

West Potomac knocked off Osbourn Park, the No. 2 seed from Conference 8, 2-0 in the opening round of regionals on May 28. Two days later, the Wolverines upset Conference 5 champion Oakton, 2-1, in the

quarterfinals.

On Tuesday, West Potomac faced Conference 6 champion Washington-Lee in the semifinals. The Wolverines overcame a slow start to tie the match at 2-all entering halftime, but the undefeated Generals proved too strong.

Washington-Lee defeated West Potomac 4-2 on June 3 in Arlington. W-L sophomore Maycol Nunez scored three goals for the Generals, including the game-winner in the 62nd minute. W-L senior Rommel Romano added an insurance goal in the 69th minute.

The loss ended West Potomac's season, while Washington-Lee advanced to the region final and secured a state berth.

"We didn't do well in the conference semifinals, at all, and they picked it up and just started playing," West Potomac head coach Andrew Peck said. "... We played three of the best teams in Northern Virginia [during the region tournament] and knocked two of the three out. We gave these guys a run for their money, it just came to the very end and they put the ball in the back of the net and we couldn't. We had some chances, but they pulled it out, made it happen."

Nunez scored a pair of first-half goals to give W-L a 2-0 advantage. After West Potomac forward Bright Somuah hit the post with a shot, midfielder Nelson Flores scored, cutting the Wolverine deficit to 2-1 in the 30th minute.

Moments before halftime, defender Daniel Damiani found the back of the net on a free kick from 50 yards out, putting the ball over the head of W-L goalkeeper



West Potomac midfielder Nelson Flores (6) scored a goal against Washington-Lee during the 6A North region semifinals on Tuesday.

Bright Somuah (23) and the West Potomac boys' soccer team reached fell one win shy of qualifying for the state tournament.



Julian Esquer-Perez.

"The last 10 minutes [of the first half], you could just tell they ramped it up and were ready to go," Peck said. "... The guys just came back and kept fighting. With

about 20, 15 minute left [in the match], you could just tell they were still pushing and we were starting to get a little gassed."

West Potomac finished the season with an 8-5-2 record.

SCHOOLS

25th Annual West Potomac Spring Show Opens Thursday

The 25th annual West Potomac High School Spring Show opens Thursday, June 5, at 5 p.m. in the Springbrook Auditorium. This year's show is a celebration of songs that received nominations for Grammys, Oscars and Tony Awards and the 25th anniversary of Ernest Johnson as choral director at West Potomac. More than 100 students at West Potomac and the pyramid schools are participating in the musical and dance

concert. The show is directed by Ernest Johnson and choreographed by Gennifer Difilippo.

Additional performances will take place Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, at 7 p.m.

Tickets: Adults - \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door.

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Advance tickets can be ordered through: <https://tix.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?domain=westpotomacchoirs>

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Chorus director Ernest Johnson confers with choreographer and dance instructor Gennifer Difilippo during Monday afternoons dress rehearsal for the upcoming Spring Show at West Potomac High School.



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Program Development and Implementation: Effectively implement and administer programs, services and activities for drop-in members and visitors; Monitor and evaluate programs, services and activities to ensure safety of members, quality in programs and appearance of the branch at all times. Prepare periodic activity reports.

Supervision:

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Letter of interest and resume to Wonhee Kang at wkang@bgcgw.org



Program Director

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington/Fairfax Region Plans, implements, supervises and evaluates all programs and activities provided in program areas, such as Education, Special Education, Social Recreation, Arts & Crafts, and Physical Education. Prepare Youth for Success: Identify needs of the children and youth in the demographic area in line with the Club's strategy and the outcome targets that have been established; Ensure program quality by monitoring and evaluating program achievement against target goals, recommending modifications that respond to member needs and interests; Planning, organizing and implementing a range of program services and activities for drop-in members and visitors; Recommend the development of service area programs; and promote and stimulate program participation.

Administration and Management: Manage administrative systems by registering new members and participating in their club orientation process; Recruit, train and manage assigned volunteers and staff; provide ongoing feedback; and identify and support development opportunities; Manage facilities and ensure a productive work environment, maintaining an inventory of all program equipment and supplies in good order. Recommend requisitions, as necessary; controlling expenditures against monthly supply budget. Letter of interest and resume to Wonhee Kang at wkang@bgcgw.org

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-Werner Heisenberg



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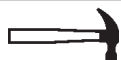


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Harry and Dee Davis at the cake cutting.

Harry Davis

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were also noted by representatives of the Alexandria Garden Club, Quarterly Quilters, and Piano Recital whose gatherings are at the church.

The master of ceremony, retired Col. Les Gilbert, led the gathering through numerous personal accounts, humorous and serious, of experiences with Davis. One story about Davis' cars brought to mind the daily caravan of slow-moving vehicles stuck behind his 1970 Buick as he proceeded to and from work on Fort Hunt Road, with Redskins flags flying from the roof above the windows. He drove that car for over 340,000 miles.

A pictorial presentation of Davis' life from beginning to near present was a highlight, and was followed by presentations of departing gifts from the community, the church, and the Properties Committee.

Davis has lived in Alexandria his entire life, and has attended Zion Baptist Church since childhood. He has been on the board of deacons for more than 40 years.



Harry Davis and his 1970 Buick.

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