



A view of the 95 Express Lanes construction. The lanes will be completed by the end of 2014.

Expect HOV Lane Closures

Construction of 95 Express Lanes continues.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Drivers planning on using Interstate 95 to get to their vacation destination, or even just to get to work, should prepare for overnight and weekend HOV lane closures from Washington, D.C. to Dumfries as construction of the 95 Express Lanes continues.

That's according to Susan Shaw, Megaprojects Director for VDOT, who announced July 10 that construction of the 95 Express Lanes is more than 80 percent complete.

"We try to make every effort to minimize impact and keep traffic moving," Shaw said. "We do understand that this is a very heavily used corridor. We're trying to use the times when traffic volumes are the

lowest."

Construction will be completed by late 2014 and will be opened to traffic by early 2015.

"While the final phase of construction may be less visible to drivers than in the past, the 95 Express Lanes Corridor remains an active work zone, in which the safety of drivers and workers are our top priority," Shaw said. "Now more than ever, it is important for the traveling public to use caution when traveling through our work zone. When you see the orange cones and barriers, slow down for your own safety and remember that there are people working on the other side." The 29-mile system of express lanes will require all drivers to purchase an E-ZPass or E-ZPass Flex in order to use the lanes. This includes those who are driving alone, in a carpool, a slug, or in a vehicle with a clean fuel plate. The E-ZPass Flex will allow those who are traveling with three or more people to experience a toll-free trip.

Construction in the final phase of the project, which runs from Stafford County near Garrisonville Road up to 395 near Edsall Road, is focused on installing tolling and traffic management devices.

"We have over 950 tolling and traffic management devices that we need to test, and we need to test them in the field and also back at the Express Lanes operation center," said Walter Lewis, the project director for Fluor-Lane 95.

Up to 1,500 workers will be on the construction site working to finish the lanes between now and the end of the project.

"To keep our workers and fellow I-95 drivers safe, we ask drivers to support orange cones no phones by putting down their cell phones



Susan Shaw, Megaprojects Director for VDOT, speaks about changes and updates on the 95 Express Lanes.

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Celebrating 60 Years

Wesley United Methodist Church invites community to help celebrate on Sept. 7.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

For its members, Wesley United Methodist Church is more than just a building to visit on Sundays. It's a home, with people that are friends, said long-time church member Audry Pomerening.

"This church is a very supportive place. They helped me when my son passed away. It's really a big family," said Pomerening, who started attending the church in 1966.

Church members are spreading that network of support to the community while celebrating the church's 60th anniversary this year.

On April 17, 1954, founding members chartered the church and met at the old Mount Vernon High School. Two years later, the building located just off Route 1 on Richmond Boulevard was constructed.

The church, now remodeled and with a new organ, acts as a centerpiece for many in the Mount

Vernon community.

"The church is a focal point in lots of people's lives," said Charles Anderson, who has been a church member since 1974. "Reaching out to the community has been the focus of our church since it was founded."

Since 1954, Wesley United Methodist Church has done its share of community outreach. From a Honduras shoe program to Meals on Wheels to hosting hypothermia shelters in their fellowship hall, church members recognize the importance of helping those in need in the Mount Vernon area.

"As Christians, we are called to serve and help others," Anderson said.

Most of the church's 300 members live within a five-mile radius of the church, making it a close-knit environment.

"This church is full of life," said Lydia Rodriguez, who became pastor at Wesley three weeks ago.

The church is located on what used to be George Washington's Muddy Hole Farm, which mem-

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Audry Pomerening and Judy Ferreira, members of Wesley United Methodist Church, make prayer shawls. The church is celebrating its 60 years of ministry with a celebration on Sept. 7.

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The Annandale Brass took the stage at Grist Mill Park to perform "A Slice of Americana" on Friday evening, July 11. The Annandale Brass is comprised of NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra members and additional musicians supported by the Reunion Music Society.

Reunion Music Society's next concert, "Jazz with Strings: A Tribute to the Recordings of the Great Charlie Parker," will be on Sunday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Richard J. Ernst Cultural Center, Annandale Campus, Northern Virginia Community College, 8133,

Little River Turnpike, Annandale. All tickets available at the door.

"The orchestra will perform a tribute to alto saxophonist Charlie Parker and the landmark recordings he made with Mercury records in 1949 and 1950 accompanied by a string orchestra. Members of the orchestra will be joined by Herb Smith, alto saxophonist and NOVA-Annandale professor of jazz studies, and the Chris Johnston Trio. The program will highlight the original arrangements of the recordings including such standards as "Just Friends," "Summertime," "Laura," and "I'm in the Mood for Love."



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE

Guests gather on the grass to listen to the concert by the Annandale Brass last Friday evening at Grist Mill Park in Mount Vernon.



Lauren Ray, Luis Reyes, Michael Lee, Betsy Staiaki, Gio Galvan, Diego Rodriguez and Jamie Anderson enjoy a picnic dinner at the Mount Vernon Nights concert on Friday evening.



Roger Whitworth on the French horn.



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Board Elects Chairman, Vice Chair

PHOTOS COURTESY FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Tamara Derenak Kaufax and Ted Velkoff elected to lead school board.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District) and Ted Velkoff (at-large) were elected chairman and vice chair of the Fairfax County School Board on Thursday night, July 10, following an abstention from some members in the election of chairman. Both will serve in their positions for one year.

"Ms. Derenak Kaufax has served the Lee district well and is also a team player for the greater good across the county," said Ilryong Moon (at-large), who served as chairman of the school board for two years. "One thing is for sure — she is not afraid to speak out."

Derenak Kaufax is the owner of Altamat Marketing Solutions and has been a School Board member since January 2012. She is the parent of a sophomore and a 2013 graduate of Fairfax County schools.

Derenak Kaufax said the board is one with "many challenges" but a lot of passion.

"I want us to be the best board ever. I will respect your opinions, as I think you know I have while working as the vice chair.

"I will work to keep everyone informed — sometimes you may not like what I say, but I will keep us moving forward in a strategic way," Derenak Kaufax said at the meeting.

Dan Stork (Mount Vernon) nominated Sandy Evans as vice chair of the school board, while Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill) nominated Ted Velkoff for the position. Velkoff won the position with seven votes.

"He thinks outside the box a lot," Hynes said. "He's also shown tremendous leadership on the budget."

Velkoff has also served on the school board since January 2012 and was this year's chair of the budget committee. He is the parent of two Fairfax County graduates and previously served as Chantilly High



Tamara Derenak Kaufax (Lee District)



Ted Velkoff (at-large)

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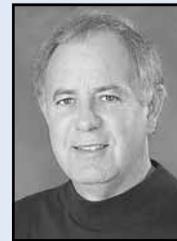
"When I look back a year from now, what will I have seen? I want to look back and see that in my role here as vice chairman, that I've helped to bring some balance and have tried to build bridges to represent fairly the views of everybody that's on the board and to offer my best advice to the chairman and to the superintendent, and communicate fairly and equally to everyone," Velkoff said.

Kaufax was elected chairman with seven votes, while five members abstained from voting because of what they explained was a "brokered deal" for the position of vice chair.

The same seven votes from Tamara Derenak Kaufax, Pat Hynes, Ryan McElveen, Illryong Moon, Kathy Smith, Jane Strauss and Ted Velkoff gave Ted Velkoff the majority as vice chair. Sandy Evans, Megan McLaughlin, Patty Reed, Elizabeth Schultz and Dan Storck voted for Sandy Evans for vice chair.

Some School Board members said they didn't know Velkoff was running for vice chair until hours before the vote.

"Until last night, Mrs. Smith was the other candidate for vice chair, and she withdrew. We were in a 6-6 deadlock. We couldn't break it. At 3:30 this afternoon, I got a phone call from Mr. Velkoff saying that he was a candidate for vice chair," said Elizabeth Schultz (Springfield).



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Police were notified after bank security personnel noticed unidentified men placing skimming devices on the drive-thru ATM at the SunTrust Bank at 6052 Burke Commons Road on July 6. The three suspects were described as white men, in their 30s and one carried a pizza box. After further investigation, police determined ATM skimming devices were also placed on SunTrust banks at 6126 Rolling Road on June 28 and 29 and 9400 Richmond Highway on

June 6.

Banking personnel have identified affected customers; however police remind the public that this crime is on the rise and that they should continue to check their bank statements closely for any discrepancies. Police also urge the public to closely look at ATMs when they are making financial transactions. The skimming devices may appear on machines and may be affixed loosely to machines with tape. Contact bank personnel and police immediately.

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Wesley United Methodist Church Celebrates 60 Years

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bers take pride in remembering.

As they knit blankets for the church's Prayer Shawl Ministry, which are given to members in need, Pomerening and Judy Ferreira, who is head of the 60th anniversary committee, talk about all of the good things going on at their church. "There are a lot of different people in all stages of life, in all different conflicts and situations. We hope the church can remain active in making a difference," Ferreira said. In addition to its charity and social justice outreach, the church hosts a preschool, summer camp, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Members like Anderson, Ferreira and Pomerening have stayed at the church so long because they truly feel like it's a supportive place.

"My kids did a lot of activities with other kids here when they were in high school. Now they're in their 40s, and they still talk about it," Ferreira said. Members invite the community to celebrate the church's impact on the community on Sept. 7 with a special service at 10 a.m., followed by a picnic and outdoor activities.



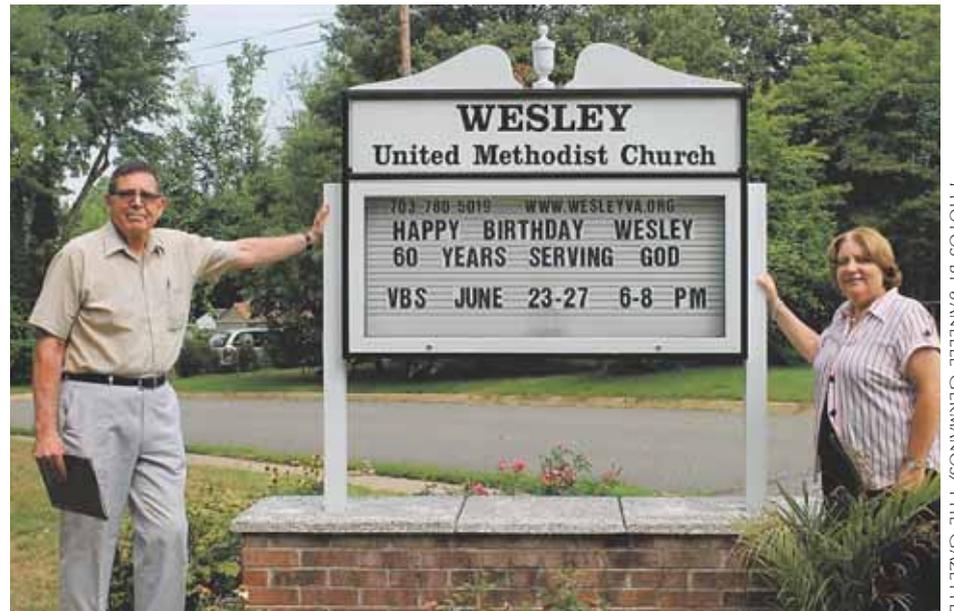
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Wesley United Methodist Church is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. This photo, taken on April 17, 1954, shows the charter Sunday group that worked to start the new church.



Wesley United Methodist Church has been serving members of the Mount Vernon community since 1954.

Charles Anderson and Lydia Rodriguez, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, are celebrating the church's 60 years of serving God and the community.



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Expect HOV Lane Closures This Summer

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while traveling through the 95 Express Lanes work zone. No phones, no text and no distractions," said Kevin Ginnerty, director of project delivery for Transurban.

The almost \$1 billion public-private partnership, which according to VDOT will make travel in the area faster once opened, began in August 2012. Six new bridges, four flyovers, three widened bridges, and 15 bridge and ramp repairs are included in the project.

"We know that this work is going to cause some unavoidable delays with the lane closures, and it can be frustrating for drivers. But we are making sure that the closures that we have are necessary to keep the traveling public and the work crews safe," Shaw said.



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Walter Lewis, the project director for Fluor-Lane 95, speaks about what to expect in the final months of construction of the 95 Express Lanes.



Kevin Ginnerty, director of project delivery for Transurban, talks about the new tolls that will be put in place when the 95 Express Lanes open in early 2015.

OBITUARY

James Milton Higgins

Alexandria native James Milton Higgins died on July 7, 2014, after a hale and hearty 90 years of life. He leaves to mourn his wife of 24 years, Cobina Christley Higgins of Alexandria, and his son, Jeffrey Kent Higgins of Pensacola, Fla. He also leaves his brother, Richard Higgins, with wife Lucy, of Callao, Va., and his niece Bonnie Higgins Bailey of Alexandria. Jim is beloved by many more — his step-daughters Gwen (John) Rinehart, JP and Hillary, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Luanne (Dean) Johnson, Perry and Wren, of Marietta, Ga., and other nieces and nephews. Jim is also sorely missed by his dear New England in-laws, and many long-time friends at Belle Haven Country Club.



at George Washington High School in Alexandria, graduating in 1941. He spent four years in the Army Air Corps, and came home to complete a master's degree at Benjamin Franklin School of Accountancy. Throughout his life he enjoyed many sports activities. He found he even enjoyed bowling, tennis and golf. He was privileged to become a referee for local prep and college basketball games. Baseball was probably his forte, resulting in his induction into the Greater Washington Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame. Jimmie credited The Boy's Club with nurturing his interest and abilities, and eventually he coached some youth sports there.

Jimmie's wish is that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alexandria Boys' and Girls' Clubs. The family plans a Celebration of his Life later this fall.

He was preceded in death by his sister Evelyn Nuckols, and brother Robert Higgins. Jimmie excelled at track, baseball and basketball

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school year. Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines will be provided to children at approved sites throughout Fairfax County. To find a location, contact the FCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 703-813-4800.

small number of people have been contacted. If a Groveton graduate of '64 and interested in attending next September's reunion email contact information to GHS64@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Shredding Event. 8 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Mount Vernon Road. Residents may shred up to five boxes of personal documents per household. No business documents. Free. For details

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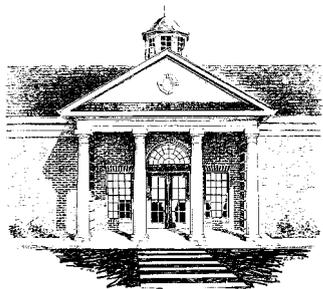
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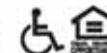
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Save a Little, Help Others Prepare for School

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies is a good reminder to donate supplies and dollars for children who need help preparing for school.

Virginia's tax holiday on school supplies and clothing is Aug. 1-3, and it makes sense to take advantage of the savings, and to spread the wealth around.

During this three-day period, school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item, and clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item, will be exempt from Virginia sales tax.

There are some items that do not qualify, for example digital school supplies. See <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/> for more details.

When you are buying school supplies for your family, buy extra to donate to local families who are not able to afford to do the same.

In Fairfax County, just under 50,000 students are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced price meals at school.

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In Fairfax County, local nonprofits, Fairfax County Public Schools and corporate partners are collecting school supplies and backpacks.

Monetary donations and backpacks are being accepted by eight local nonprofits and through local Apple and Northwest Federal Credit Union Branches, as well as online at <http://collectforkids.org/donate/> through Sept. 2. Last year the drive provided supplies for nearly 20,000 students. A \$10 cash donation goes a long way.

Collect for Kids Program runs through Sept. 2. Monetary donations can be accepted any time.

Donate money at www.collectforkids.org. Donations of backpacks are also being accepted at every Apple Federal Credit Union and Northwest Federal Credit Union branch in Fairfax County and at any of the affiliate charitable organizations, including Cornerstones, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Our Daily Bread, Koinonia, United Community Ministries and others.

For more, see the Collect for Kids website at <http://collectforkids.org>.

Donate in Arlington

Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing is holding its annual backpack drive to provide more than 250 backpacks to children in low to moderate income families to help them have a successful start to the new school year.

Donations needed include: New backpacks in all sizes, spiral or composition notebooks, binders, loose-leaf and graph paper, sharpeners, #2 pencils, blue, black and red pens, pocket folders, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, glue sticks, school scissors, whiteout and erasers. Contact Liz McElwee at lmcelwee@apah.org or by calling 703-851-3635.

Donate in Alexandria

Alexandria Public Schools are asking for help to ensure every child in Alexandria starts the first day of school with a backpack and school supplies. Donations are needed by Aug. 19.

Supplies needed include: Backpacks, spiral notebooks, wide-rule filler paper, three-ring binders, two-pocket folders, subject dividers, pencil boxes/zipper pouches, scissors/glue/rulers, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, colored pencils, crayons, highlighters and tissues.

Celebrating Huntley Meadows Wetland Restoration

BY CHARLES SMITH

On May 10, more than 60 people gathered on the boardwalk at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria to celebrate the recently completed wetland restoration project.

This project was the culmination of over 20 years of dedication and support by dozens of people. It is a triumph in and of itself, but it also provides insight and emphasis on the need to commit funding to manage our natural resources.

Natural resources can also be considered natural capital: living organisms; non-living components, such as air, water, and soil; the ecosystems they form; and the services they provide. In the highly modified ecosystems of the 21st century, natural capital is not self-sustaining and requires human investment to keep it healthy and so that we can continue to receive the ecosystem services and quality-of-life benefits it affords us. The Huntley Meadows wetland restoration project is a great example of investment in natural capital.

Since its opening in the 1970s, a growing number of people discovered Huntley Meadows and fell in love with the resources there. Impacts in the 1980s, including siltation from upstream development and the threat of a road being placed through the park, galvanized supporters such as Norma Hoffman (for whom the visitor center is named) into protecting the park from human impacts. Meanwhile, the park master plan and resource management plan anticipated the need not only to protect the park's natural resources, but to manage them to maintain their health and support the many species, especially diverse over-winter-

ing and breeding bird populations for which the park came to be known nationally.

To do this, the Fairfax County Park Authority led by then Park Manager Gary Roisum began exploring options for managing the central wetland in 1992. A detailed report was prepared by a consultant which not only assessed the current condition of the wetland, but provided a list of potential management options. The wetland changed through the 1990s, as evidenced by lower overall plant diversity and a drop off in bird breeding activity. Droughts in 2002 and 2005 and a corresponding let up in beaver activity resulted in the wetland drying up during those years, and there was significant public concern.

In 2006, a park authority staff team was formed to begin planning the restoration project. This process was complicated by the complexity of the project, as well as permitting and funding issues. In 2012, Wetlands Studies and Solutions Inc. was contracted to design the complex system of berms, pools and structures necessary to manage the wetland.

Final funding for project construction was approved as part of the 2012 park bond, and construction began in summer 2013 and was completed in winter 2014. Ultimately the project cost \$3 million and took 22 years to come to fruition.

Despite the significant investment, much work remains. Just like buying a house or car, once you make the investment, you have to pay for the maintenance and upkeep. For Huntley Meadows, restoration planting, wetland monitoring and management of the water levels began in Spring 2014. Paid and volunteer staff as well as many partners will continue to

be involved in the management tasks necessary to ensure that the resources at Huntley Meadows remain healthy and supportive of the animal species for which the management goals were designed. As I stated numerous times during the project to fellow team members Park Manager Kevin Monroe and Natural Resource Manager Dave Lawlor, Huntley is the panda. It is the big, lovable resource that everyone gets. Everyone can see the value of the site. It is as clear as hummingbirds fighting for territory over the boardwalk or hundreds of over-wintering ducks cackling in the wetland or thousands of southern leopard frogs calling so loudly that you cannot hear anything else.

"We grieve for what we know, so, since we don't know the flora, we unknowingly and unnecessarily allow 'progress' to destroy it." - Aldo Leopold, from A Sand County Almanac.

People know Huntley Meadows. They have loved it and stood up for it for decades. But there are thousands of Huntley Meadows out there. Places with important natural capital that requires our attention and investment. Most of these places don't have the support that Huntley Meadows does. They are not the panda. Not every site requires a \$3 million investment; nor could we afford it. But we need to be aware of the resource needs and the common issues affecting natural areas. For most sites there is an ongoing need to protect them from direct and indirect human disturbances, browsing by over-abundant white-tailed deer which remove the native plants on which everything else relies, and non-native invasive species which out compete and directly impact our native species.

To address these larger issues all of us need

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to be aware and supportive and to participate in resource management. Volunteer efforts are often essential to protect and sustain preservation, but are rarely sufficient to complete long-term management. There is a need for trained professional as well as volunteer staff to define and assess the resources, determine their condition and what is impacting them, formulate plans and implement them. This requires an investment of private and public

resources. We need not only to celebrate the success of the Huntley Meadows wetland restoration project, but to emulate it. We must use this example: get people to know the resource and see their value, garner support, protect our natural resources, and fund the staff and projects necessary to plan for its management and carry out those plans. This is the investment necessary to maintain the natural capital that sustains and enriches us.

The writer is a member of the Virginia Native Plant Society, Prince William Conservation Alliance, and Friends of the Potomac River Refuges.

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area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or www.mybands.com.

Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share valuable information, caregiving tips and concerns throughout the Alzheimer's journey. There is a meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 703-359-4440 or 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information. Visit www.alz.org/nca.

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Area Nonprofit Guides Entrepreneurs to Start-Up Success

BY MARY AGEE
PRESIDENT AND CEO
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For many working poor, the challenges of conquering the barriers to education, childcare and transportation are too great to overcome. Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS), the nonprofit known for providing food and shelter, health and dental access, and Head Start programs for more than 36,000 local residents a year, also is working to alleviate poverty with its innovative entrepreneurship program.

One of the organization's clients, Roberto Lopez, was formerly a biologist and agronomist consulting with UNESCO in his native Nicaragua; but took a job with the maintenance staff of a public institution when he

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moved to Virginia. Like many immigrants, his degrees were not valid in the U.S. and his lack of English skills limited his job prospects. Throughout the repetitive days of monitoring scrubbing and sweeping (and even with a subsequent promotion to manager), Roberto dreamed of a way to apply his biology and agronomy knowledge to start a business. He slowly formed a plan to grow vegetable and herb gardens for the residents of Virginia, optimizing the garden according to light, soil quality, space and plant combinations. To move the idea from concept to reality, Roberto needed guidance and capital.

That is when he visited the Hispanic Entrepreneurship Program of Northern Virginia Family Service. The program provides integrated, long-term support for the economic success of Hispanic entrepreneurs.

Their business consultants guided Roberto through licensing, business planning, and most importantly, obtaining capital.

NVFS is an approved trustee of Kiva Zip, a program launched by Kiva.org to crowdfund microloans with 0 percent interest. Once NVFS helped Roberto develop a solid business plan, the agency endorsed him on KivaZip.org. Roberto's profile shared the details of his qualifications and his business idea. NVFS' endorsement described why Roberto would achieve success and pay back the loan responsibly. From there, people from Northern Virginia – and around the world – began to crowdfund his loan. With as little as \$5, nearly 50 individuals showed their support for Roberto and lend to his business. Many will stay involved as potential customers, business advisers and brand ambassadors.

In Roberto's case, the metrics of a traditional bank loan would have immediately disqualified him as a borrower. Banks have to rely on time in business, credit score, collateral, available cash and other factors that a new business created by a new, low-income immigrant will not have. Kiva Zip, on the other hand, relies on trustees like NVFS who vouch for the borrower's character and business plan. NVFS currently ranks as the top Kiva Zip trustee in Virginia and #9 in the country, boasting a 100 percent repayment rate from its borrowers.

"I see tons of entrepreneurs like Roberto who are extremely well-educated with bright business ideas. They are challenged to learn English, computer skills, and a new culture while often stuck in unskilled, low-paying jobs," reflected Adrienne Kay, coordinator of NVFS' Hispanic Entrepreneurship Program. "Through our partnership with Kiva Zip, I'm thrilled that we can create



Roberto Lopez

more opportunity for these entrepreneurs and hopefully more jobs in Northern Virginia."

Roberto's business quickly became a reality. Ladybug Landscape, LLC, now serves two embassies in D.C. and dozens of residents in Northern Virginia. This past year, he created two full-time jobs and two part-time jobs. From Roberto's first Kiva Zip loan of \$4,000, he invested in efficient landscape equipment and in his webpage (www.ladybuglandscapellc.com). After fully paying his first loan, Roberto returned to fundraise on Kiva Zip for an \$8,000 loan to build out his truck to hold more plants and equipment.

"Roberto's experience mirrors that of so

many entrepreneurs in the U.S. and around the world. People who have the passion and the plan, but who lacked just a little bit of capital to get their ideas off the ground," said Premal Shah, president of Kiva. "Through crowdfunding their loans, we can begin to fill the lending gap and be a part of their journeys of success."

"I was so inspired by everyone who believed in my business," Roberto said. He now volunteers as a guest speaker for NVFS business planning classes and aspires to become a trustee himself for entrepreneurs in his home country of Nicaragua.

Find out more about NVFS' latest Kiva Zip endorsements here: <https://zip.kiva.org/trustees/294>

Small Acts of Kindness Evidence of the long-lasting effects of kindness to others in daily life.

BY JOAN BRADY

A foster child alumni recently told me that what helps her to keep moving forward are the happy memories she has stored in her heart. Curious, I asked if she would share a few with me.

Each of her examples represented a time that someone was simply kind to her. And her list, after 22 years in and out of foster care, is depressingly short.

Last Sunday, I was doing some early evening weeding, when my beagles started barking like crazy. I looked up to see a man peering through my garden gate.

I didn't recognize this older, mustachioed gentleman in his shorts and t-shirt. And I guess I should have been a little nervous as he brazenly walked through the gate.

But ever since we filled in our swimming pool to plant vegetables and berries, we get the occasional looky-loo, interested to see the pool-turned-garden.

He seemed friendly enough calling out a



Joan's Garden, created by filling in the former swimming pool.

warm greeting as he approached. He said he had been wanting to come by and see me as I "had always been so nice to him."

I wracked my brain, trying to recall this man who seemed so familiar with my dogs, my garden and me.

"Whenever I have seen you over the past years, you always asked about my wife. I wanted you to know," he said, voice shaking, "that she died."

In that moment, I realized that this is a man I have known for many years. A man I didn't recognize without his PETRO uniform. A man whose name, I could not come up with, without the helpful stitching that adorns his work shirt.

We met, he and I, just after my husband and I moved into our house, over 13 years ago. Concerned about the potential environmental hazard our in-ground oil tank presented, we decided to remove it.

There was a bit of drama during the removal process when the backhoe severed the main power line into the house (a bit of a utility-marking snafu).

The fairly large explosion was followed by a realization that we had knocked out the electricity. The guys couldn't continue until the Fire Marshal arrived and I couldn't work until electricity was restored. So, the group of us (two from PETRO, Fred-the-Beagle and I) bonded over pizza and the long wait for the Fire Marshal and Domin-

ion Power to arrive.

I think it was then that he told me about his wife's illness. We didn't speak every time he came to fill our new oil tank. But occasionally we would see each other, exchange a few pleasantries, and I would ask about his wife. There were ups and downs over the years, but mostly downs.

We both cried a little, as he told me that she had passed last month. And that it was very hard. While he does have friends, every night he returns to an empty house. He didn't want to have a drink. He didn't want to sit for a while. He just wanted me to know.

As he walked slowly to his car, head bowed, I turned back to my weeding and considered life's small interactions and their impact.

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Just minutes from Old Town this fabulous classic Colonial is in premier setting on gorgeous 1/2 acre corner lot just steps from River, bike path and all the Parkway amenities. Many features include sunroom, expanded kitchen with dramatic informal dining area, hardwood floors, 4BR, 3.5 baths, thermal windows, finished lower level, and oversized 2 car side load garage. Best price for large home in this prime location! **OPEN SUN 7/20, 1-4! GW Pky S, R-River Farm; R-Beatty.**



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Spacious Updated Home—Bargain Price!
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9014 Buckner Rd
\$535,000
Million Dollar Taste—\$500,000 Budget!
Stunning opportunity—nothing like it in price range! This fab property has everything—brand new kitchen with custom cabinets, granite, stainless appliances & gas cooktop. 3 new baths, new windows & doors, stained hardwood floors, fin LL; 2 fireplaces, & covered parking. Gorgeous setting fronting quiet street overlooking Mt Vernon Country Club. **OPEN SUN 7/20, 1-4! GW Pky S; past Estate; R-second Old Mill; R-Buckner Road to perfection! Owner/Agent**



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Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012
ALEXANDRIA / Townes at Cameron Parke \$499,000
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Chris White 703.283.9028
Alex / Stafford Landing \$615,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4
Motivated seller has priced for quick sale. Classic 4BR Colonial Excellent condition with 3 finished levels, updated BAs and kitchen, thermal windows, covered parking, huge covered deck, hardwoods and hardwood under carpet both levels. Gorgeous level lot.



Christine Vanderhyde 703.309.2829
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6213 ARKENDALE RD This Belle Haven home is a must see. Comprehensive, high-end renovations provide for spacious BR, comfortable living space and ample room for entertaining or just relaxing with the family. Elegant fixtures/ upgrades thru-out and more!



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7830 MIDDAY LN A summer retreat - pool and a 2 room pool house or studio/office with A/C and storage. Main house has large updated kitchen - heated floors in kitchen, living and dining rooms, slate floors, newer W/D. Large master bedroom. Gas fireplace. Fenced yard.



Mary Bourke 703.906.5825
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Traditional Colonial featuring 4BR plus bonus room, 3.5BA and 2-car garage. 9 ft ceilings on first floor and cathedral ceiling in foyer. Main level bedroom. Handicapped accessible bath. Large eat-in kitchen and much more.



Inderjeet Juman 703.472.8804
ALEXANDRIA \$324,500 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4
5501 INDEPENDENCE CIR 2BR / 2.5BA, 2 level, 1,296 SF end TH condo, backs to green area. Updated kitchen / baths, hardwoods. Fenced back yard with brick/slate patio. Storage. Plenty parking. Pool / tennis. Great location - near I-395, shops, trails, DC and more.



Cindy Nelson 703.965.7562
ALEXANDRIA \$699,900 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4
14 E MASONIC VIEW DR Totally renovated! Updated kitchen has new cabinets, SSA, granite, and baths, fresh paint, new flooring and fixtures. 2BR/2BA + den rambler with fully finished large walkout LL in Rosemont Park. Just blocks to Braddock and King St Metros.



Sara Rothwell 703.472.5289.9750
ALEXANDRIA \$379,000
Spacious master bedroom with sitting area, remodeled kitchen with SSA, family room with wood-burning stove, replacement double-paned windows, and large bedroom on LL. Large screen-in porch and lower level deck. Fully fenced backyard. Close Ft Belvoir - more.



Catherine Parker 703.627.5688
LORTON \$399,999 www.7619fallswood.com
Colonial home has 3BR/2.5BA. Large living room with built-in shelves and sliding glass door to deck overlooking woods. Separate dining room. Large Master suite. Kitchen has breakfast area. Family room has sliding glass door to deck/fenced backyard. Close to Ft Belvoir.



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STAFFORD / Somerset Landing \$435,000
Over 4,500 sq ft, 5BR/3.5BA, cul-de-sac, 2-car garage, open kitchen, family room walks out to deck. Sun roof off kitchen. Finished lower level walks out to patio. Formal living and dining room.

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South Meadows Garden 2BR / 2BA 1 Assigned
Inderjeet Juman 703.472.8804
- 2477 Windbreak Dr \$1,850**
Mt Vernon Square Townhomes 3BR / 2.5BA 2 Assigned
Martha Deal 703.622.6797
- 2957 Huntington Grove Sq \$2,700**
Huntington Grove Townhouse 3BR / 3.5BA 1 Frpl 1 Garage
Laura Biederman 202.309.1350
- 1939 Shiver Dr \$3,000**
Hollin Glen Detached 6BR / 4BA 2 Frpl 1 Garage
Janice Allen 703.509.0906
- 4313 Granada St \$3,199**
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Financial Education for College Students

Local experts offer budget tips to keep students out of debt.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

As the summer wanes, many recent high school graduates are preparing to head to college. For those who are living away from home for the first time, this means newfound independence. But that freedom brings responsibility — especially when it comes to money.

From student loans to credit cards, the financial maze can be filled with debt-traps and money pitfalls. A recent financial literacy assessment of 15-year-old students by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development shows that one in six lacks basic financial literacy skills.

That leaves approximately three years for them to learn about money management before leaving home. And that education is key: financial education is the best way to develop sound money management skills, say financial advisors.

Taking a financial education class is an

option. The Northern Virginia Urban League offers a financial literacy workshop series with Fairfax County Human Services and Fairfax County Homeownership & Relocation Services.

“College students can learn everything from understanding a [credit] score and avoiding credit traps to banking and money management,” said Vickey King of the Northern Virginia Urban League.

“College is not the time to live the lifestyle of your dreams,” said Rachel Powell of the Northern Virginia Council for Economic Education at George Mason University’s Center for Economic Education in Fairfax. “College courses, room, board, books are all costly. You can expect to be poor in college, and if you use the many resources your college makes available to you in exchange for all the fees you are required to pay, you can expect to be fed, safe and reasonably comfortable.”

THE FIRST STEP in financial literacy for college students is taking a personal money inventory. “Know before you go how much money you’ll have available from your income or allowance,” said Powell. “Will your folks be making regular contributions to your survival or are you on your own?”

Make a budget that includes all expenditures, including luxuries like frozen yogurt

or coffee or movie tickets. Put some money aside for emergencies; even \$5 per week will add up over time.

Online tools can help college students organize their finances and track their spending and savings patterns. Alexandria-based financial planner Mark Friese recommends mint.com, which categorizes spending, and bettermoneyhabits.com, which offers videos clips on how to budget better.

“Many people, especially teens and young adults, are surprised when they look at their entire spending picture because they haven’t ... had to make the money they spend,” said Friese. “They just don’t know the value of a dollar until they are lining their own wallets with their own money. So the big picture tools that highlight spending and savings habits are helpful.”

Know the difference between needs and wants: “Don’t buy what you don’t need,” said Powell. “Cold medicine — yes. The latest movie on DVD — no.”

Open a checking and savings account at a bank located close to campus, one that offers products and services for students, advises Powell.

“Don’t accept accounts that require minimum balances or charge fees,” she said. “Shop around for the right bank.”

AVOID USING CREDIT CARDS for im-

mediate gratification and focus on building a high credit score for the future, said Friese. “That score, that number, will be more important and reap greater rewards than any grade or SAT score ever was or could be,” he said. “If you build and maintain a good credit score, you will be rewarded time and time again with preferred lending rates.”

“Loans are available for all the expenses you cannot pay for through gifts, grants and scholarships. Be aware that money borrowed must be repaid and the interest [accrued] is the cost of the rental of those funds,” said Powell.

In fact, the Department of Education reports that 10 percent of U.S. college graduates default on student loans so only borrow money as a last resort.

When it comes to financial aid, take time to do research, and don’t underestimate the availability of college scholarships. Friese points to a study from scholarships.com, which shows that billions of dollars in scholarship funds go unawarded every year.

“Take advantage of the opportunities out there,” he said. “Don’t assume that scholarships are only for top scholars or athletes because many scholarships start with GPA requirements of 2.5 or less. Start looking as early as sophomore or junior year and apply as soon as you qualify.”



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School Psychologist of the Year and Jim Annicchiarico Award-winner Honored

The Fairfax Association for School Psychology, an organization of Fairfax County Public Schools School Psychologists that advocates for the mental health needs of children and families in the county, held its annual Celebration Banquet on May 29.

At the banquet, FASP honored the School Psychologist of the Year, Jennifer Metcalfe Spears, M.A., who has been with the school district for more than 23 years. This award is presented to a school psychologist recognized by their peers for “consistently demonstrating high standards of practice and exemplifying an unwavering commitment to the needs of students, families and staff in FCPS.” Spears is the chairperson of the district-wide Depression Awareness and Suicide Prevention workgroup, is a school representative for the “Community of Solutions,” a community-based group dedicated to sharing ideas of how to help teens deal with adversity and build resiliency and is an integral part of the mental health team in the Comprehensive Services Site at Woodson High School.

At the Celebration Banquet, Dr. Larry Sutton was also honored as the recipient of The Jim Annicchiarico

Award, which perpetuates the legacy of a former director of School Psychology Services who was revered for his caring and empathy personality, his concern for his colleagues and his commitment to integrity and dedication to providing quality mental health services children and families.

This year’s honoree, Sutton, worked as a school psychologist with FCPS before his retirement in 2008 after 32 years of service. Locally, Sutton was invited to and continues to serve on the advisory board for the Joe and

Fredona Cartlan Center for Community Mental Health in Mount Vernon.

Regionally, he has been involved with the Virginia Academy of School Psychologists for over a decade, including as the

Northern Virginia representative and more recently as the VASP president. Additionally, at the state level, Sutton has worked closely with Dr. Ellen Goldberger and other school psychologists to advocate with legislators regard-

ing the importance and necessity for school psychologists and their services in the schools.

The Celebration Banquet was held at Brion’s Grille and attended by almost 80 guests, including the director for FCPS Intervention and Prevention Services, Dr. MaryAnn Panarelli; the coordinator for School Psychological Services, Dr. Dede Bailer; the coordinator for School Social Work Services, Sue Elman, and school psychologists from throughout the county.



Jennifer Metcalfe Spears receives her honor from Fairfax Association for School Psychology President Dr. Doug Lipp.



Dr. Larry Sutton Dr. Sutton receives his award from Fairfax Association for School Psychology President Dr. Doug Lipp



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ONGOING

Marcelo Novo. Through July 20. Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. An art show with acrylic paintings on maps and stamps. Free admission, Parking \$2/hr. Visit <http://culturecapital.com/> for more.

Civil War Sundays. Sundays through July 27, 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria through exhibits and artifacts. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4388 for more.

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

"Water." Through Aug. 3., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artists derive inspiration from water, the sea, lakes, rivers, taps, clouds, rain, snow, ice, the elemental liquids of life. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Francie Hester: Symbolic Spaces. Through Aug. 3. Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 4-6 p.m. Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Art exhibition, Symbolic Spaces, shifts from a linear, mathematical piecing together of sequences to examine time as infinite, fluid, without discrete beginning or end. Free. Visit nvfaa.org for more.

The Adventure. Through Monday, Aug. 4. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Studio 21. David Althuf constructs intimate dreamlike worlds and architectural structures with his paper relief and 3D works. Free. Visit www.theaterleague.org, or call 703-683-1780.

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. 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.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

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.

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.

Robots: Art With Light and Motion. July 22-24, 10 a.m.-noon. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Combine vibrating motors and LED lights with a variety of sculpture materials. \$120. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/ for more.



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Will Reddy of Blue Ridge Botanicals sells fresh herbs to Ellen Bradley of Alexandria at the Old Town Farmers Market in September 2013. The Old Town Farmers Market operates Saturdays, 7 a.m.-noon, year round in Market Square, 301 King St. Free parking is available in the Market Square garage during the Saturday hours of the Farmers Market.

FOOD & DRINK

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. 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. Visit www.4mrmkt.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. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.

Art and Mindfulness. July 23 and 30. 7:30-9 p.m. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Meditation for adults. \$50 for two meetings. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/labyrinth.htm for more.

Puppet Studio. 10-11:30 a.m., July 29-31 at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Students will explore a variety of puppetry techniques to create their own unique characters. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org to register or find other art classes.

Etiquette Camp. July 28-Aug. 1. 1-3 p.m. at Tiny Dancers, 621 S. Washington St. A camp that will add a twist to etiquette training. \$250. Visit www.tinydancers.com or call 703-358-5580 for more.

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-Thursday, 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.

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/classsummer14.htm for more.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions through Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. Visit www.mvctt.org to register.

Cool Yoga. Wednesdays, through Aug. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Outdoor yoga classes. Free. Call Maureen Clyne at 703-967-8884 or visit www.prasadayoga.com for more.

Metropolitan School of the Arts Classes. 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. The Metropolitan School of the Arts will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 8. The studios offer beginner and advanced instruction in a variety

of different dance forms, including tap, jazz, ballet, Pointe, Irish dance, contemporary, acting, combination classes, hip-hop or theatre as well as piano and guitar lessons. Registration is available online at www.metropolitanarts.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 17

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jonah Tolchin & the Lonesome Angels open; Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin & The Guilty Ones perform. \$29.50. Visit www.jonaholchin.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Rock Concert. 7 p.m. Alley Cat Restaurant, 2 South Whiting St. Rock band Messenger performs with special guest One Shot Finch. Benefits United Community Ministries Agency. \$10 suggested donation. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Owen Danoff to open for

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Edwin McCain. \$29.50. Visit www.owendanoff.com or www.birchmere.com for more.

Summer Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Mount Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park presents Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellys. Free. visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Music and Dance. 2 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Classical guitarist Mark Charles Smith plays an afternoon of music featuring various dance accompaniments. Family friendly. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035 for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30 p.m. lesson, 7-9:30 p.m. open dancing at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Couples and singles welcome, DJ provides music. No smoking or alcohol, bring your own refreshments. \$5-\$12. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941 for more.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Alexandria's Fuse Box plays as a special guest for The Gypsy Sons with Duffy Kane. \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door. Visit www.ticketfly.com/ purchase/event to buy tickets.

Washington Balalaika Society. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Balalaika Society, which performs music of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe will present Peter Omelchenko, domra virtuoso from Moscow. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Children admitted free. Visit www.balalaika.org or call 703 549-0760 for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19-SUNDAY/AUG. 31

Art Exhibition. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artist Steven Walls will show "Transient States," a solo exhibition, at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. On Thursday, Aug. 14 there will be a reception from 6-8 p.m. and an artist talk at 7 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery/ for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 20

Cupcakes. 10 a.m.-8p.m. at Occasionally Cake, 8859 Richmond Highway. The store will be handing out one free cupcake per person, no purchase necessary, and will donate 50 percent of sales that day to Metropolitan School of the Arts youth scholarships. Free. Call 703-647-9638 of visit www.occasionallycake.com for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Wind Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Live Music. 4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Nasar Abadey — drummer, composer and founder of the jazz group, Supernova. \$15. Visit www.meadechurch.org for more.

Open House. 6-9 p.m. at Historic Mount Vernon Chapel, 2000 George Washington Memorial Parkway. An evening of music and inspiration. Free. Visit www.facebook.com/mountvernonvastake/events for more.

Concert and CD Release. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Grace Griffith, Marcy Marxer, Al Petteway and more for a Grace Griffith tribute concert. \$25. Visit www.seamaid.org/grace/index.html, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Call 703-768-6700.
Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Call 703-339-4610.
John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call 703-971-0010.
Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-765-3645.

ONGOING

Guess the Books. Try to identify the book by looking at pages in a jar and win a prize. In two-week rounds through Aug. 30, in the young adult fiction area at Sherwood Library.

Teen Scavenger Hunt. Search for clues and test library knowledge, through Aug. 30 at Sherwood Library.

Nanowriyer Writers Group. Inspired by National Novel Writing Month, a group meets to explore new avenues of writing fiction and non-fiction. 1 p.m. the first and third Saturday of the month at Sherwood Library.

Genealogy Tutoring. One-on-one session with a genealogy volunteer using library online resources at Kingstowne Library. Call for an appointment, 703-768-6700.

Internet and Computer Training. One-on-one session with a technology volunteer at Kingstowne Library. Call for an appointment, 703-768-6700.

THURSDAY/JULY 17

English Conversation. 2 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. A conversation group for adults learning English.

Storytime and Rhyme. 2:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Storytelling, music and movement with Wolf Trap teaching artist Kofi Dennis. All ages; register each child and adult separately.

Internet and Computer Training. 6 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Thirty-minute session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills, and navigating the Internet. Call for an appointment, 703-768-6700.

English Conversation. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. A conversation group for adults learning English.

Evening Storytime. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome.

Martha's Poetry Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. The poetry of Eavan Boland.

Book Discussion Group. 7:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Call branch for title, 703-971-0010.

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Just Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Stories for children of all ages.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. A conversation group for adults learning English to practice together.

Wag a Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Register to read aloud to Bella, a reading therapy dog. Ages 5-12.

eBook Workshop. 1 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Get eBook questions answered; bring your eBook reader and library card.

Storytime and Rhyme. 2:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Storytelling, music and movement with Wolf Trap teaching artist Kofi Dennis. All ages; register each child and

adult separately.

MONDAY/JULY 21

A to Zoo. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Stories and activities for ages 3-5 with adult.

Children's Science Center Mini Lab. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. The Children's Science Center will conduct four hands-on, science-based activities on animals, aeronautical engineering, creative engineering and forensic science. Ages 6-12.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Stories, songs and fingerplays to encourage early literacy. Age 2-5 with adult.

Read to the Dog. 2-3 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog for a 15-minute session. Ages 6-12; registration required.

Professor Parsnip's Lab. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. The Professor mixes food, science and fun in this Bright Star Theatre production. All ages; register each child and adult separately.

TUESDAY/JULY 22

Microsoft OneNote: Capturing Thoughts and Ideas. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Collect information and make it easier to retrieve it. Must know how to use the mouse and keyboard.

Internet and Computer Training. 8 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills, and navigating the Internet. Call for an appointment, 703-768-6700.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 23

English Conversation. 10:15 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. A conversation group for adults learning English to practice together.

Children's Science Center. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. The Children's Science Center will conduct four hands-on, science-based activities on animals, aeronautical engineering, creative engineering and forensic science. Ages 6-12.

Fun for 2s and 3s. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Stories and activities for ages 2-3 with adult.

Movies for Kids. 2 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Call 703-768-6700 for film title. Ages 6-12. Refreshments provided.

American Giants of Science. 2:30 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Meet America's most famous inventors and see them come to life onstage with Bright Star Theatre. Ages 6-12.

Erik Dobell: Mind Invader. 2:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Erik Dobell is a psychic magician who reads minds, moves objects telepathically and predicts the future, or does he? Door prize drawings.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

Internet and Computer Training. 6 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Thirty-minute session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills, and navigating the Internet. Call for an appointment, 703-768-6700.



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Peter Omelchenko, domra virtuoso from Moscow, will be playing with the Washington Balalaika Society on Saturday, July 19. The Washington Balalaika Society is a community-based orchestra of more than 50 musicians that regularly performs the music of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe under the direction of Conductor Svetlana Nikonova. The concert will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, with an artist reception following. The Lyceum is located at 201 S. Washington St. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 703-549-0760 or visit www.balalaika.org for more information.

www.dcwaraof1812.org or
www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

MONDAY/JULY 21

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 22

Legal and Political Aspects of the Civil War. 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St. Part of a monthly lecture series on the American Civil War. Admission is free but space is limited. Call 703-746-4554 or visit www.historialexandria.org for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

Theater. 7-9:30 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. "A Midsummer's Night Swing." Reservations required. \$15. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com for more.
Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Time for Three performs. \$29.50. Visit www.tf3.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 25

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Sonny Landreth with special guest Jimmy Thackery. \$29.50. Visit www.sonnylandreth.com, www.jimmythackery.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.
Happy Hour. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Historical celebration of John Gadsby's 1808 move from The City Tavern to Baltimore. \$10 for two drink tickets, food available for purchase. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 25-27

Muster the Militia Weekend. Alexandria Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, the Lyceum and the Carlyle House. Includes museum tours, War of 1812 exhibits and a special one-day only Alexandria War of 1812 walking tour. Tours leave from Market Square, corner of King and Fairfax streets, every half hour. Visit

SATURDAY/JULY 26

Christmas in July. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union St., and Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to Union Street for Christmas in July. There will be storytelling, cookies, photos, facepainting, sales at The Christmas Attic and drink specials at Union Street Public House. Free. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com or contact Dina Ramsted at info@unionstreetpublichouse.com or 703-548-1785.

SUNDAY/JULY 27

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianists Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector perform Chopin piano concertos. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.
Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. HAPA performs. \$29.50. Visit www.hapa.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 28

Live Music. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Bluegrass band Lindsay Lou & the Flatbellies. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 31

Harry Potter's Birthday. 5-9 p.m. at The Apothecary Museum, 107 Fairfax St. A tour of the museum as if it were a part of the "Harry Potter" universe. \$6. Advanced purchase recommended. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/EventPurchase.aspx> to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY/AUG. 1

Monty Python. Pre-reception, 7 p.m., show, 8 p.m., post-reception after, at The Little Theater, 600 Wolfe St. A fundraiser for the Pentagon Visitor Education Center, showing "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Suggested \$40 donation to The Pentagon Memorial Fund. Contact

Tina McCrea at Tina@thelittletheatre.com, or call 703-683-5778 x1.

Kenny G. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$65. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

Artisan Gallery Reception. 7-9 p.m. at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Seven artists present "Board and Beyond." Gallery is open through Aug. 31 after opening reception. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. A violinist, violist, cellist, clarinetist and pianist perform music by Darius Milhaud. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

TUESDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 5-31

Multiple Exposures Gallery. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Fine art photography exhibition. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 7

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.
Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with Jay Hayden and V. Rich. \$25. Visit www.jworldrecords.com, <http://vrichmusic.com>, or www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

AUG. 5 THROUGH SEPT. 7

"Fire." Through Sept. 7. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St. The artists' imagination is "fired" by heat, flames, burning, passion, fiery tempers, anger, explosive situations, camp fires, BBQs, and fireflies to name just a few possible interpretations. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Buster Poindexter (aka David Johansen). \$29.50. Visit www.facebook.com/officialBusterPoindexter/ or www.Birchmere.com for more.
Cirque du Soleil. 8 p.m. at National Harbor. Cirque du Soleil performs "Amaluna." One hundred percent of proceeds from ticket sales go to support The Campagna Center. \$120. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/amaluna for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

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.

Hometown History Bus Tour. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Franconia. The Franconia Museum will be holding a bus tour traveling from the museum and ending with refreshments at Nalls Produce. \$25. Call Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or Don Hakenson at 703-971-4294 for more.

Jane Austen Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. This 1790s era ball will

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SUNDAY/AUG. 10

Family Day. 1-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 138 N. Royal St. Explore the magic of history with a tour of the tavern. Adults: \$5; Children: \$3. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Cellist Philip Wolf and pianist Stephen Bertino perform Grieg and other short pieces. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 12

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dick Dale. \$29.50. Visit www.dickdale.com or www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Victor Wooten Band performs. \$35. Visit www.victorwooten.com or www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 14

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Zombies. \$45. Visit

www.thezombies.net or www.birchmere.com for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Angaleena Presley. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 17

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.

3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clarinetist Kristen Sheridan performs with piano accompaniment. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/AUG. 18

Call for Participants. 6:30 p.m. at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. A practice and performance project with dogs and owners. Rehearsals Mondays, Aug. 18, 25 and Sept. 8, performance is Wednesday, Sept. 10. Free. Email janefranklindance@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Live music. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents folk singer/songwriters Al Petteway and Amy White. Tickets \$15-\$18. Discounts available for Focus members. Visit www.focusmusic.org, or contact Herb Cooper-Levy at 703-380-3151 or herb@focusmusic.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S.

Washington St. Bassonist Aaron Goler and pianist Stephen Bertino perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 28

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen and Carlene Carter perform. \$29.50. Visit www.chrishillman.com, <http://herbpedersen.com>, www.carlenecarter.net or www.birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

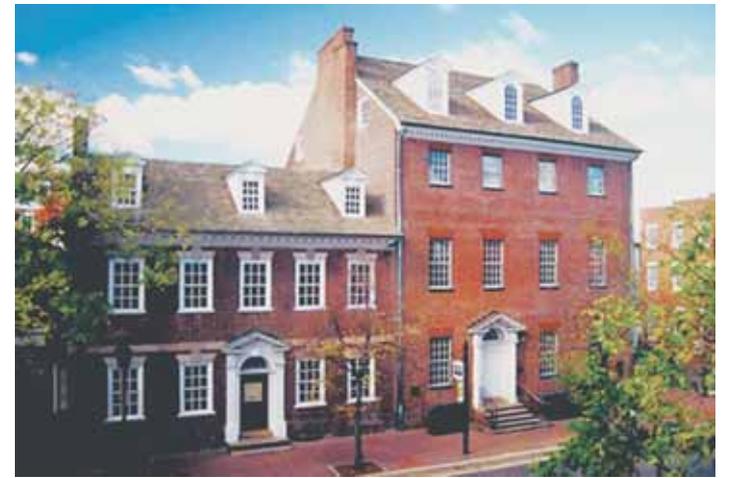
Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Larry Graham and Graham Central Station. \$69.50. Visit www.larrygraham.com or www.birchmere.com for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Wreath Laying at the Grave of Robert Allison, Jr. 10 a.m. at Old Presbyterian Meeting House Cemetery & Columbarium, 600 Hamilton Lane. As part of the official British Challenge, help honor the Veterans of the War of 1812 by marking the graves of those who fought throughout the cemetery. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

Crickit Match. Noon-6 p.m. at Jefferson Cricket Field, Potomac Park, Washington, D.C. Team Alexandria will be taking on Team Britain as part of the British Challenge and memorial of the War of 1812. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

U.S. Navy Band Concert. 3-4 p.m. at Market Square, 300 King St. The US



Muster the Militia Weekend

On Saturday, July 26, visit multiple locations around Alexandria to learn about and commemorate the War of 1812. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, The Lyceum and the Carlyle house, museum tours and exhibits are open for free from 1-5 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1865 will also be offering walking tours leaving from Market Square every half hour. Find out why the War of 1812 was significant to Alexandria and better understand our country's history. Visit <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=8681> for more.

Navy Band will be holding a concert as part of the British Challenge and memorial of the War of 1812. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

Honors Ceremony. 4:30-5 p.m. at Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes St. There will be an honors ceremony as part of the official British Challenge featuring the Continental Color Guard with Fife and Drum. Seating opens at 4:15 p.m. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

Bill Kirchen. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

Yacht Race. 11 a.m. at Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St. As part of the official British Challenge Team Alexandria (Old Dominion Boat Club) will take on Team Britain (British Defence Staff, UK Embassy) in a Yacht Race. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

Signature Event. Noon-5 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Waterfront Park will be transformed into a festival to commemorate the events of the War of 1812. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

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Opposite Sides of the Road

Candidates for Senate divided on funding Virginia roads.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Washington is on the road to creating a short-term fix for funding the nation's highways, kicking the can down the road and handing the problem to the next Congress. That means voters will have the final say when they cast a ballot in this year's hotly contested race for Senate, a contest that features three candidates with sharply different perspectives on how to handle the \$100 billion shortfall over the next six years.

Democratic incumbent Mark Warner supports public-private partnerships as a way to raise new revenue, an approach that includes a bipartisan proposal to leverage private capital known as the Bridge Act. Republican challenger Ed Gillespie says revenues for roads could be raised from offshore energy exploration, an approach that Republicans say Democratic President Barack Obama has blocked. Libertarian candidate Robert Sarvis says the federal government should get out of the business of funding highways altogether, leaving the role of funding surface transportation to the states.

"This is an issue that voters should care about," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's



Ed Gillespie



Robert Sarvis



Sen. Mark Warner

something of daily importance that could impact voters directly, whereas it's harder sometimes to draw a direct connection between immigration policy or certain aspects of health-care policy."

One aspect of the debate all the candidates agree on is that revenues from the gas tax are on the decline, and as automobiles become more efficient the government continues to receive less money. One solution is to raise the gas tax, a proposal supported by Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). But neither Corker nor Murphy are up for reelection this year.

Gillespie opposes raising the gas tax, and a spokesman for Warner says he does not support the proposal currently before Congress to raise the gas tax.

city. "So it's something voters should consider when they go to the polls in terms of what this means to the taxpayers of Virginia."

THE HIGHWAY TRUST Fund was created during the Eisenhower administration in 1956, when the Highway Revenue Act created a new tax of three cents per gallon. In January 1983, Republican President Ronald Reagan signed a bill that increased the gas tax to nine cents a gallon. A few years later, Republican President George H.W. Bush increased it to 14 cents a gallon. Then Democratic President Bill Clinton increased the gas tax to 18.4 cents a gallon, which remains the current rate. That brings in about \$34 billion a year even though the current transportation bill includes about \$50 bil-

lion in infrastructure spending.

"Despite months of debate, lawmakers have failed to act," said BlueGreen Alliance executive director Kim Glas in a written statement. "The job market is steadily improving but the threat that Congress will let the Highway Trust Fund go bankrupt looms large."

Conservatives in Congress have questioned the role the federal government should play in surface transportation. Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) introduced legislation that would eliminate the 20 percent of the trust fund that is not spent on roads. And Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) wants to create a fund for emergency transportation projects paid for by repatriating overseas capital back to the U.S. The Libertarian candidate takes those arguments a step farther, saying the federal government should get out of funding surface transportation altogether.

"It just creates graft and corruption and inefficient use of resources," said Sarvis. "The federal government should not be channeling billions of dollars of taxpayers dollars through the federal bureaucracy to the states."

THE TWO MAJOR party candidates both

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\$2 Million Gift

New Inova Mount Vernon Hospital CEO Deborah Addo (left) applauds announcement last month of a \$2 million gift from Mount Vernon area resident Jeffrey Veatch (center) to expand and renovate the Emergency Department at the hospital. The community's donations and Veatch's matching funds will help to increase the actual size and number of treatment rooms from 20 to 35. In addition, some of the treatment rooms will be built specifically for children. The waiting room also will be expanded and a children's play area will be added.



Mount Vernon area resident Jeffrey Veatch (at podium) explains how his gift of \$2 million will nearly double the amount of emergency rooms and include more child-friendly amenities in the Emergency Department at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Veatch is a co-founder and former co-CEO of Apex Systems, Inc., an information technology staffing and services firms. Veatch and his business partners recently sold the company to On Assignment, where he currently serves on its board of directors.

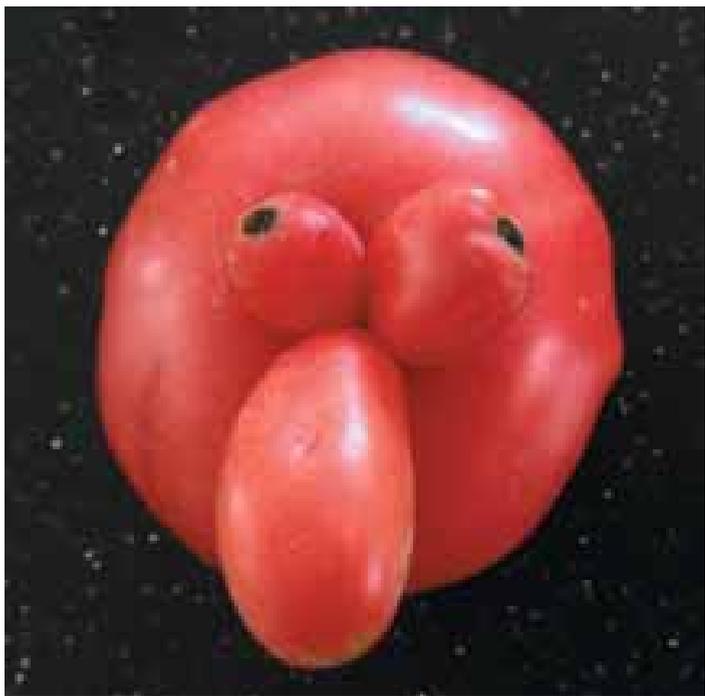


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What a Face

Beata Gruszecka of Hollin Hills picked this tomato on Friday, July 11. She calls the tomato "Elmo."

Dental Associates to Support Give Kids The World

Dental Associates of Northern Virginia, with six locations in Northern Virginia, has partnered with Give Kids The World, and named their joint initiative "Smiles for Hope." Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will be fundraising for Give Kids The World throughout the year in support of its "Smiles for Hope" initiative.

Throughout the month of August, Dental Associates of Northern Virginia will be donating a portion of the proceeds from all children's sealant and adult oral cancer screening procedures to Give Kids The World. To learn more about this program, or to schedule a child's sealant procedure or oral cancer screening procedure to help support this initia-

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Annual Chamber Golf Classic Gives Away a Car

There was a lot of excitement at the 16th Annual Chamber Golf Classic on May 28 when John Hetrick sank a hole-in-one on the 16th hole at Laurel Hill Golf Club and won a 2014 Jeep Compass from Ourisman Chevrolet, Jeep, Dodge.

Hetrick was playing with the foursome sponsored by PBMares LLP CPAs when he hit a 9-iron over the water.

The ball bounced about 15 feet from the hole and rolled smoothly into the cup. Hetrick received not only the Jeep but also a standing ovation from all the golfers at the awards dinner.

With a full field of 30 teams, tournament first place was awarded to Walker's Grille with players Sam Misleh, Jason Musleh, Jack Evans and Supervisor Jeff McKay.

Second place went to Belvoir Federal with George Ksenics, Brad Johnson, Steve Day and Mike McDaniel. Third place was won by First Command Financial Planning with Allen Johnson, Kurt Langenwaller and Danny Currie. Cash prizes were awarded to all players.

Individual contest results were Putting Contest winner, Michael Bennett, Ourisman Automotive Group; Closest to the Pin on Hole #4, Tien Prompol, ServiceMaster Restore; Closest to the Pin on Hole #11, Dan Hampton, John Marshall Bank; Men's Longest Drive, Steve Day, Belvoir Federal Credit Union; Women's Longest Drive, Megan Budnik, GJB Engineering; Hole-in-One Contest, John Hetrick, PBMares LLP.

The chamber's Golf Classic is the main fundraiser for the chamber's scholarship fund which awards scholarships to local high school seniors pursuing further education in a business-related field. Since 1998, more than \$140,000 has been given to help students with their education.



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John Hetrick stands by the 2014 Jeep Compass he won from Ourisman with a hole-in-one on the 16th hole at the 16th Annual Chamber Golf Classic.



First Place at the 16th Annual Chamber Golf Classic went to Walker's Grille with Jason Musleh, Sam Misleh, Jack Evans, and Supervisor Jeff McKay.



Tournament Chairs Rick Genuario Sean O'Connell, and George Ksenics congratulate individual contest winners John Hetrick, hole-in-one; Megan Budnik, women's longest drive; Steve Day, men's longest drive; Dan Hampton, closest to the pin; Randy Bennett, putting contest; and Tien Prompol closest to the pin.

Candidates for Senate Divided on Funding Virginia Roads

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believe that the gas tax is a dwindling source of revenue, and neither candidate supports raising it. Instead, Warner and Gillespie have seized on alternatives sources of revenue in a way that reveals something about their priorities and legislative style. As governor, Warner supported public-private partnerships such

as rail to Dulles. Now that he's in the Senate, he hopes to use his background as a venture capitalist to forge a solution to the funding crunch facing the nation's roads.

"We need to acknowledge that the current funding mechanism — the gas tax — is a declining source of revenue, and that means everyone will have to bring some new ideas to the table," said Kevin Hall, spokesman for Warner. "That should include

Sen. Warner's Bridge Act, a bipartisan proposal that will leverage more private capital to jumpstart work building and modernizing our country's infrastructure."

On the Republican side, Gillespie responded to a question about the Highway Trust Fund by blasting Democrats for presiding over an economy when gas prices have gone up so dramatically.

"We need to increase accountability in

how transportation funds are spent, give states more say in spending decisions, and identify a stream of revenue to fund our transportation infrastructure projects for the long-term," said Paul Logan, a spokesman for Gillespie. "One such revenue source could be new revenues from offshore energy exploration, which this administration has consistently blocked."

Pierson-El Ready To Compete Against the Best

Versatile football star to play slot receiver, return kicks at University of Nebraska.

During his four years as a member of the West Potomac varsity football team, DeMornay Pierson-El helped the Wolverines capture a share of the 2011 Patriot District championship as a sophomore receiver, led the team to a play-off berth as a junior running back in 2012, and kept West Potomac competitive as a senior quarterback in 2013.

Q AND A He also played defensive back and returned kicks along the way. As a senior, he earned second-team all-state honors as a defensive utility player.

No matter where Pierson-El lined up, he was a threat to score when he touched the ball. The recent West Potomac High School graduate will test his talents at the Division I level as a slot receiver and kick returner for the University of Nebraska.

Pierson-El recently participated in a Q and A via email with The Gazette.

Q: What made Nebraska the right fit for you?

Pierson-El: The atmosphere, the people that help you on and off the field, and how the coaches will use me all over the field.

Q: You played for two head



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coaches at West Potomac. Your friend and UNC quarterback Caleb Henderson transferred to Lake Braddock after your sophomore seasons. You played multiple positions. What was it like dealing with so much change?

Pierson-El: I kind of became used to it, I guess you can say. I never let it take my focus from the bigger picture or let it affect my game. Things had to be done and in life you had to adjust, so it was just a part of growing up. Whatever was my task, I made sure it was done — didn't matter if it was from either coach. Whatever needed to be done, I had to do it.

Q: Which position was your favorite to play?

Pierson-El: I have two favorite positions

DeMornay Pierson-El played three different offensive positions, defensive back and special teams during his four varsity seasons as a member of the West Potomac varsity football team.

I like to play: DB and WR.

Q: What is your favorite memory of playing high school football?

Pierson-El: My favorite memories of high school were practicing with friends and winning the districts sophomore year. Just walking on the field with my band of brothers every Friday night to do the thing we love most.

Q: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?

Pierson-El: If I could go back and change one thing, I would have worked harder to make the [Washington Post] All-Met team.

Q: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Pierson-El: Playing the best of the best is what I'm looking for, and performing on a big stage.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Pierson-El: My favorite music artist is Tupac. I just like his music a lot.

Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Pierson-El: My favorite movie is "Space Jam." I like Michael Jordan and the Looney Tunes.

Q: What is your favorite food?

Pierson-El: My favorite food is my mom's chicken. Nothing's better than your mother's cooking.

Q: What is your favorite hobby outside of football?

Pierson-El: My favorite hobby is probably basketball.

Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Pierson-El: The farthest I've traveled from D.C. is Las Vegas a few summers ago.

Q: Did you follow the World Cup? If so, for which team(s) did you cheer?

Pierson-El: No, not really. It was on a lot around campus, but if I had to pick a team, I'd pick U.S.A.

— JON ROETMAN

FHYAA Names Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarship Winners

Clare Spitnale and Darien Pickett were named the winners of the 2014 Jackson Casey Memorial Scholarships, according to The Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association.

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

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

Applicants were required to have participated in an FHYAA sport at some point in their career. Applicants came from eight area high schools and represent 20 colleges from coast to coast.

"Interest is certainly growing in this scholarship from year to year," said Robert LaGow, FHYAA board member and administrator of the scholarship contest. "That makes it harder on our judges, too. We produce some very impressive student-athletes in Fort Hunt."

Spitnale, a West Potomac graduate, is headed to James Madison University. She participated in Fort Hunt softball, cheerleading, lacrosse and basketball. She also served as a basketball coach.

Pickett, a West Potomac graduate, is headed to Grand Canyon University. He participated in Fort Hunt football, baseball, basketball, lacrosse and rugby.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Kelsea Shanley, an educator at Carl Sandburg Middle School, has been selected to participate in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute.

Jackie Beckwith, a rising junior at Gettysburg College, is one of 25 interns working for C-SPAN's national, highly competitive internship program.

She is interning in C-SPAN's political programming department.

Beckwith is working toward a degree in political science and economics and plans to graduate in May 2016.



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Sean Casey, father of Jackson Casey, presents scholarship awards to Clare Spitnale and Darien Pickett.

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NOVA Registration Closes. Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15. Visit www.nvcc.edu or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

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Registration for the senior olympics is open for 10 days 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hollin Hall Senior Center is looking for a DJ ballroom and dance instructor. The Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. **The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** is looking for social companions for participants on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. and front desk volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Located at 8350 Richmond Highway. For these and other volunteer opportunities call 703-324-5406 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

Fairfax County needs **volunteers to drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs a volunteer assistant from 11 a.m.-noon. on Tuesdays to assist with activities and on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs Spanish speaking interpreters, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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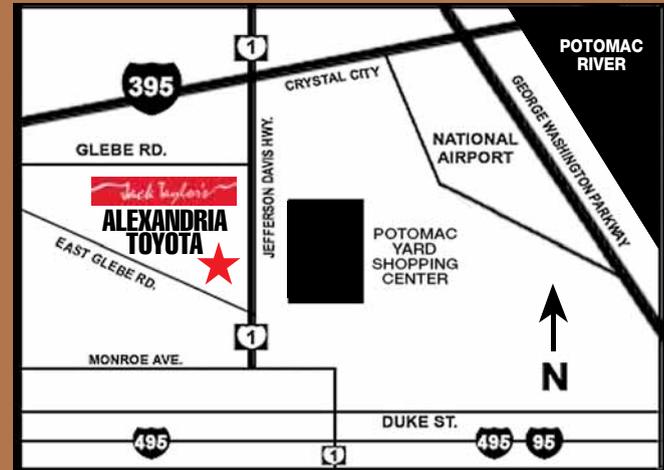
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