



Sweet Challenge

Cheered on by his teammates, Christian Abenes takes Sweet Frog Yogurt franchise owner Angelo Stevens challenge to arm wrestling for a free yogurt at the annual Mount Vernon - Lee Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 27, on the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital grounds.

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Tougher Tests,
Tough Results

Local schools
receive warnings
from the state.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

“Test scores do not define our schools. They never have and never will,” said Mount Vernon District School Board member Dan Storck.

Earlier this month the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) released accreditation results based on student performance in the 2013-2014 school year. The ratio of Fairfax County Public schools receiving full accreditation to those not making the grade dropped from 94 percent a year ago to 89 percent.

Schools have three ways to meet “Annual Measurable Objectives” (AMOs) based on Standards of Learning (SOL) testing in English, Math, History and Science. The VDOE sets benchmark point values that can be met using the most recent year’s scores, a three-year average or reducing failure rate by 10 percent from the previous year. If a school doesn’t meet the requisite number of objectives (75 percent of students passing reading and writing, 70 percent for math, science and history, and a graduation standard for high schools) it gets a warning.

Schools then have three years to improve from the warning status before VDOE steps in to help. In Mount Vernon, West Potomac and Mount Vernon high schools, as well as numerous elementary schools, all got the warning status. In Springfield’s Lee district,



Mount Vernon District School Board member Dan Storck believes schools will make good on their track record and respond fully to the more difficult SOL tests.

Forestdale and Lynbrook Elementaries received warnings as well.

Educators and administrators in both districts point out that while the scorecards are a serious issue, they don’t tell the full story.

“It’s really a snapshot,” said Lee District School Board member Tamara Derenak Kaufax, “and doesn’t always reflect the progress of individuals in the classroom.”

“I don’t make any excuses, we don’t as a school,” Lynbrook principal Mary McNamee said. “Although these tests are very important, we know what’s best practice. We’re not teaching to the test, we’re teaching to the students’ learning needs.”

Individual schools and the VDOE have continued to make changes to improve the effectiveness of testing and, ultimately

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Charlottesville police are still looking for second year University of Virginia student and West Potomac High School alumna Hannah Graham. The 18 year old was last seen and heard from early in the morning on Saturday, Sept. 13 around Charlottesville's Downtown Mall.

Last week on Wednesday, Sept. 24, nearly 1,000 friends and supporters of Graham met in the West Potomac high school cafeteria for an evening candlelight rally.

Just prior to the rally, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo announced 32-year-old Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr, the man charged with abducting Graham "with intent to defile," had been arrested in Galveston, Texas.

Initially, Graham's case had only resembled the disappearance and death five years ago of 20-year-old Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington.

But in a statement released Monday, Virginia State Police said that Matthew's arrest "provided a significant break in this case with a new forensic link for state police investigators to pursue."

Police in Charlottesville have expanded their search for Graham around the region and asked residents to check their own properties for unfamiliar tire tracks, gates that have been tampered with, open sheds, items of clothing or cell phone cases.

They're continuing to urge anyone with information or who may have seen anything out of the ordinary to call an anonymous tip line at 434-295-3851. The Virginia State Police can be reached at 434-352-3467.

— TIM PETERSON



The WP high school band arrives in the cafeteria to perform one of Hannah's favorite songs by Elvis.



The cafeteria lights up with virtual candles as a minute of silence is observed at the conclusion of Wednesday evening's Celebration of Hope for Hannah.



A band member is consoled after the Wednesday night candlelight vigil for Hannah.



Former classmates and teammates Tori Bolger and Jane Orleans take a moment after sharing memories about Hannah at the vigil.



The program and Starbursts, Hannah's favorite candy.

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Activities director Aaron Helmick asks everyone gathered to take a moment and have a Starburst candy, Hannah's favorite.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 2

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states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

MONDAY/OCT. 6

Public Discussion. 7-8:30 p.m. at Sherwood Hall Regional Library. An open discussion of the relationship between police and the community. There will be several speakers but most of the time will be left for public comment and questions. No registration or RSVP required. Contact Louis Meyers at Doclbm2@aol.com or

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WEDNESDAY/OCT.8

Coffee Social. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2511 Sherwood Hall Lane. Learn about aging in place and volunteer opportunities. Call 703-303-4060 or visit info@mountvernonathome.org for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 9

Meet the Candidates. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6432 Fort Hunt Road. Meet 8th Congressional District candidates Micah Edmonds (R) and Don Beyer (D). A full

breakfast buffet will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m. Program begins at 8:30 a.m. \$25 per person for Chamber members and their guests; cost \$35 per person, non-chamber. Visit mtvernon-leechamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/october-business-breakfast-1351.

Public Meeting. 6-8 p.m. at the South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will continue to explain the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis project. Visit www.Route1MultimodalAA.com for more.

Pesticide Discussion. 7:30-9 p.m. at

Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A discussion will be held about pesticides such as neonicotinoids and their effect on pollinators. Visit www.vnps.org/potowmack for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

School Open House. 9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

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NEWS

Schools Miss State Standards

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teaching and learning. But that process has had growing pains and mismatches.

Over half a decade ago, the state made SOLs more difficult. There was an adjustment period but within two to three years, all Fairfax County schools were fully compliant, according to Storck.

"We've been so successful historically at doing just that," he said, "our track record would show we'll make that happen."

FOR THE 2011-2012 school year, the math tests became more difficult again. Questions required more critical reading and comprehension. Nardos King, principal at Mount Vernon High School, said her students' math scores dropped from 85 to 53 percent after taking the new test that year.

"We had to build those skills back up," she said, "and pay attention to the new standards. Math dropped across the county, across the state. But ours were a little bit more significant."

King brought in an instructional math coach for Mount Vernon's teachers, as well as getting teachers to work in collaborative learning teams where across subjects they would share their lesson plans to help students.

In one year, Mount Vernon's students improved 11 percent in math. That was still below the 2012-2013 standard so the warning wasn't lifted. However King is optimistic: "Our team is strong and working really hard to continue the trend of improvement."

A MAJOR CHALLENGE facing the Mount Vernon and Lee schools with warnings is the disproportionate percentage of their students receiving free or reduced meals and coming to school with English as a second language (ESOL).

Across Fairfax County, Storck said, 27-28 percent of the schools' populations is economically disadvantaged. West Potomac High School is at 40 percent. Mount Vernon is 53 percent. Kaufax said Forestdale nearly matches those numbers, while the poverty rate at Lynbrook is about 90 percent and the ESOL is 74 percent.

"Sadly it's a function of education of the child coming in," said Storck, "what they have to start with. Many of these kids just don't have much in the way of education."

"They come with limited literacy in their own language," said Kaufax. "No pre-kindergarten experi-



Mount Vernon Principal Nardos King has already seen 11 percent improvement in math performance since bringing in a dedicated instructional coach.

ence. Some speak no English."

These students, though not without potential, require more time and resources.

"My educators tell me it takes three to five years coming to the system at that level to get up to speed at optimal levels," Kaufax said.

Fairfax County Public Schools spokesman John Torre said "This year, the added cost per ESOL student is \$3,454."

FOR STORCK, a big part of that is getting away from "mastery-level standardized testing." He said the board's unanimous objective is "to really broaden how we assess kids, so it's not a bubble test, but truly the kind of test they're going to get in life."

The elementary schools have put a major focus on early learning, trying to set the students up for future success. "We've opened nine pre-k classrooms," said Kaufax. "Lynbrook now has three headstarter classrooms."

In a statement Torre said Saratoga Elementary, as well as Lynbrook and Forestdale students, "have benefited from the implementation of early education programs such as Head Start/FECEP, Bridge to K (a summer program for students entering kindergarten that prepares them for school) and summer jump start programs for students in grades K-6 that operate in tandem with our FCPS Summer Extended Learning Time (SELT)."

Principals, School Board and PTSA members also recognize the need to involve families and communities surrounding schools to help students be successful.

In addition to supporting West Potomac's efforts with funding a second day running a late bus, PTSA president Karen Corbett Sanders said they're trying to think of new ways to work with local businesses and the large retiree population around the school.

"We should be getting stronger business partnerships with the schools," she said. "They could provide mentorship opportunities as well as financial support."

At Lynbrook, McNamee bolsters after school tutoring and mentoring with parent ESOL education and a program called Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool and Youth (HIPPPY). "It shows our children their families are focused on learning," she said.

"We're really dedicated to the success of each and every one of our students," said Kaufax. "Our efforts are immense, and these schools are doing amazing things."



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Tilting at Voting Booths

Suzanne Scholte fighting for human rights, recognition in 11th Congressional District.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

First in a series of District 11 candidates' profiles.

Suzanne Scholte knows she has her work cut out for her. "This isn't a race anybody's thinking is worth looking at," she said at a meet and greet event in Montclair last weekend. "I think it was described as 'Quixotic.'"

The Republican candidate opposing incumbent Gerry Connolly for Virginia's 11th district representative seat was dressed in a grey suit with a colorful silk scarf draped around her neck. A hint of sweat glistened on her brow, perhaps due in equal parts to the warm afternoon in late September and the "crazy" schedule of campaign events she's undertaking: This was the second of three for the day.

"I have the disadvantage," said Scholte. "I'm not a politician, I've never held a political office. I'm trying to do everything I can to be everywhere I can, talk to everybody I can."

The meet and greet took place at the home of Janet Gorn, a state department employee and president of the Kings Highway Republican Women's E-Club. Since she's known Scholte, Gorn has been impressed by "her sincerity, her energy and that she really wants to make a contribution to not only a local community, but to our country."

SCHOLTE, a wife and mother of three young men (two are graduates of J.E.B. Stuart High School and active duty military, and one attends Immanuel Christian School), has been going door to door, visiting a different church, synagogue and mosque every Sunday, and holding town hall meetings. And at every turn, she's trying to solicit communication and feedback, whether for or against her.

"We don't screen who comes," said Kelley McLean, who has worked with Scholte on the North Korea Freedom Coalition, a non-partisan human rights advocacy group Scholte founded, and currently chairs, in 2003. "First we have commenting, then open the floor up for questions. We've had people yelling at her and she says, 'That's great, tell me.'"

When Scholte decided to run for Congress, she asked McLean to come along as her coalitions director and assistant.

"At first I thought my job was going to be scary," McLean said. "I thought I was going to be that 'body person' that if someone doesn't agree with them I'm supposed to

From left: Ann Juliano of Bristow, Suzanne Scholte of Falls Church and Janet Gorn of Montclair enjoy the late afternoon sun at a campaign event in Gorn's back yard.



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

pull her away from it. She's not like that. She says 'No, I want to talk to that person. Let's talk, sit down, see what we can work out.'"

Despite not holding office herself, Scholte has spent plenty of time around Capitol Hill. She was the youngest chief of staff on the Hill while Ronald Reagan was in office and as president of the non-profit Defense Forum Foundation for almost three decades, coordinates that group's nonpartisan Congressional Defense and Foreign Policy Forums in Washington.

"What motivated me to run is that my work has always been about working across party lines to get things done," Scholte said.

Though she was born in Connecticut, Scholte's family moved to Virginia when she was very young. She's been a resident of northern Virginia since the '70s and graduated from Loudoun County High School.

Her previous work, and that of the Defense Forum Foundation, focuses on promoting strong national defense, freedom, democracy and human rights abroad. In particular, Scholte has spent considerable time and effort working to liberate people

Bio

Candidate: Suzanne K. Scholte

Political Party: Republican

Current Position: President, Defense Forum Foundation

Born: June 13, 1959, Norwalk, Connecticut

Residence: Falls Church

Spouse: Chadwick R. Gore

Children: Chester (26), Christian (24) and James (14)

Education: B.A. English, minor in Fine Arts, College of William and Mary; Honorary Doctorate of Education, Koshin University, Pusan, Republic of Korea

Additional Organizations: Honorary Chairman, Free North Korea Radio; Vice Chairman and Founding Board Member, Committee for Human Rights in North Korea; Chairman and Founding Member, U.S.-Western Sahara Foundation; Board of Directors, Christian Solidarity Worldwide-USA; Executive Committee, Susan B. Anthony List.

in North Korea and Western Sahara.

Various human rights organizations rank those populations as some of the most persecuted people in the world.

"She's the lady that, if she sees something's on fire, she's going to go do whatever it takes to go put it out," said McLean. "She runs towards it."

Q&A with Suzanne Scholte

Q: What do you think are your top three accomplishments in your humanitarian work?

A: The continuous Defense Forum Foundation, started in the 1980s, raising awareness of Islamofascism, China cyber attacks, the vulnerability of our electric grid, all kinds of issues. I can say I've had Ted Cruz's staff and Nancy Pelosi's staff at my programs.

Getting passage of the North Korean Human Rights Act. That was unanimous, working with Democrats and Republicans.

Having people understand there is a pro-West Muslim democracy that has been established in Western Sahara. I've been very much involved with getting the recognition of their cause in Congress. I've had to battle against a huge lobby effort by the



Suzanne Scholte

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Moroccans.

Q: If you're elected, what be would your top three priorities as a congressman?

A: Fixes to health care, trying to correct the problems that have been created by the Affordable Care Act.

Pushing to reverse the Sequester cuts. It's just going to get worse; we're going to get more and more vulnerable.

Meeting our commitments to our fellow workers and to our veterans, being able to preserve the benefits that we've promised them.

Q: Give our readers three reasons they should vote for you on Election Day.

A: I will be a servant to the people of this district. I'm not running to be a politician, I would term limit myself right away.

I will work across party lines. Some of my Democrat friends are already talking about things that we can do that could really help.

I would be very reflective and understanding of people who live in this district. The family I rescued out of North Korea, who are now citizens, northern Virginians: No one understands the importance of having a government that serves you, that you don't serve, like they do.

"She's strong and courageous," said Bill Card, the chairman of the Prince William County Republican Committee. "She's faced down dictators, she can certainly face down her peers in Congress when she gets there."

It was working with members of both parties in Congress that helped Scholte get the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 passed. "That was a classic example of what you can do when you want to get things done," Scholte said. "I compromised with my Democrat friends."

THE LAW lays out specific ways for the United States to help North Korean refugees. Scholte's role in its passage and her continuing advocacy work has helped her earn a number of humanitarian accolades, including the 2008 Seoul Peace Prize and 2013 Order of Diplomatic Service Sungnye Medal, the government of South Korea's highest award for a non-Korean.

Kang Seo is an external relations associate and translator for Free North Korea Radio, and has worked with Scholte as "a mouth for her to speak Korean" each time the candidate has visited Seoul over the past three years.

"The impression I got was she loves people a lot, she cares," said Seo. "Whether you know them or not, it doesn't matter. Any time she meets with people, she wants them to engage with her, talk with her. She wants to listen to their stories. That kind of thing attracts people."

What friends and colleagues of Scholte describe as her "personable," "sincere" and "energetic" nature, Seo said has helped Scholte affect Koreans on their own human rights issues.

"She's the one that brought ourselves back to engage with that problem," said Seo. "Her concern and her heart actually surprised me the most when I first met her."

Q: How would you show off northern Virginia to an out-of-town friend?

A: Restaurants! We have so many great ones. What kind of food do you want? Japanese, Bolivian, we have such a diverse culture.

Q: Tell us something you think people would find surprising about you.

A: I've taught kindergarten Sunday school since 1994. Everything I need to know I can learn from kindergartners, what's really true about life, just caring about other people. It's just a natural thing with children.

Q: Who are some of your heroes?

A: Ronald Reagan believed that you had to speak the truth, speak out, call things for what they are. He brought people together and gave them a vision. Another is Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. He's a happy warrior, somebody who's positive in articulating what's happening in the face of horrific anti-Semitism.

Q: How you do relax, off the campaign trail?

A: Watching my youngest son play football with the Annandale Bulldogs. And watching the Redskins, because I don't want to bother anybody, I'm not going door-to-door, making any phone calls. The one time I feel guilt-free is during a Redskins game.



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TUESDAY/OCT. 14

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

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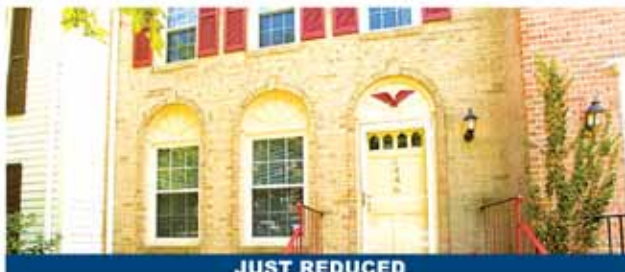
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OPINION

Does Change in Voter ID Laws Matter?

More than 22,000 active voters in Northern Virginia are without the required ID.

For the current election, new, more stringent voter identification laws are in effect.

Taken together, more than 22,000 of Northern Virginia's close-in voters right now do not have the photo identification now required to vote in the coming election. While there are simple ways to get an identification card for Election Day, so far, only a handful of voters have done so.

In Fairfax County, 13,247 of the county's 672,756 active voters do not have the photo identification they will need to vote on Election Day.

In Alexandria, 2,729 of the City's 85,671 active voters do not have the photo identification they will need to vote on Election Day.

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In Arlington, 6,348 of the 140,255 active voters do not have the photo identification they will need to vote on Election Day.

These numbers are analysed by the State Board of Elections, and include voters who do not have a match in the DMV data, and also are not designated as military, overseas or federal only voters, who do not have an active Federal Postcard Application or Annual Absentee application, and who have voted or registered since and including the last presidential election.

Across the Commonwealth, 93,117 active voters also lack photo ID from DMV or the other likely sources.

When you consider that in the last election, Virginia's Attorney General was elected by a margin of 165 votes out of more than 2 million votes cast, these numbers are staggering. There is no evidence of voter identification fraud on any scale that requires potentially disenfranchising tens of thousands of voters. Because Northern Virginia is the most populous part of the state, the impact is also greatest in our area.

Here are the "acceptable" forms of identification. "Valid" is defined as a genuine docu-

ment, bearing the photograph of the voter, and is not expired for more than 12 months: Valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; Valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; Valid United States Passport; Other government-issued photo identification cards; Valid college or university student photo identification card, must be from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; Employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; or a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card obtained through any local general registrar's office.

Voters arriving to the polls without photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

If you or anyone you know might need identification to vote, the process is simple. Contact your local board of elections and go apply for your ID card. There is help in place to transport voters who need help getting there.

In order to vote on Election Day, you must be registered at your current address no later than Oct. 13, 2014. You can check your registration status online by going to www.sbe.virginia.gov.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ensure MVCCA Represents Community

To the Editor:

Jay Spiegle's letter to the editor "Oppose MVCCA Bylaws Change" that was published in the Sept. 25-Oct. 1, 2014 Mount Vernon Gazette is correct that changing the existing by-laws as described in his letter would "...render the MVCCA insignificant." The following is a little background to help understand why the proposed by-laws change should be rejected.

Many years ago, as president and representative of a local citizens association, I attended my first Mount Council of Citizens Association's (MVCCA) meeting that was chaotic and non-productive. The MVCCA co-chairs were arguing with one another and it was obvious that the issues being discussed were not the MVCCA's membership positions. Also, few associations were in attendance. I learned also that MVCCA was the proponent for the positions advanced by the Mount Vernon supervisor. In effect, a voice for the supervisor and not the people that MVCCA was supposed to represent. I expressed dismay and urged that we work together as a team for the benefit of the Mount Vernon community.

After I became an MVCCA co-chair, my three proposals designed to make MVCCA representative of the Mount Vernon community were adopted by the MVCCA members. The first and most important was a by-laws change to prohibit supervisor-appointed MVCCA members in

policy-making roles from serving as MVCCA co-chairs, board members or committee chairs. This change was to remove possible conflict of interest between MVCCA's allegiance to supervisors and Mount Vernon community. Second, the MVCCA was required to publish agreed upon MVCCA position resolutions in the Record, the monthly MVCCA publication to citizen associations, one month and vote on the resolution the next month unless the timing of the government vote on any proposal would not allow such delay. That would allow local citizen association members to consider the MVCCA position before the final vote. Thirdly, a Bylaws change requiring the committee chairs to be supported to the extent that if the committee resolution was substantially changed or rejected by the board in the opinion of the committee chair, both versions of the changed resolution or the rejected resolution would be published in the Record for the member associations to consider and be involved in the final decision. After all, the chairs and their committees are the backbone of the MVCCA in developing positions on issues that affect Mount Vernon community. These three changes went a long way to make MVCCA representative of the Mount Vernon community.

After a few months of adopting the changes described above, the citizen Association membership began to grow and our meetings were full of citizen's association representatives and others.

If the current proposal to change the MVCCA by-law requirement that appointees on policy-making government entities cannot also serve

as MVCCA co-chairs, board, and committee chairmen is passed, MVCCA will again become a voice for the supervisor's positions and not representative of the Mount Vernon community.

I urge all those involved to reject the vague by-law change as explained in Jay Spiegel's letter and retain the existing by-law provision that has served the MVCCA many years to require the MVCCA to be representative of the Mount Vernon community and not become an exclusive voice for the supervisors. Supervisor positions will be supported if they meet the requirement of the Mount Vernon community. It is up to you MVCCA representatives to make sure that MVCCA represents the people. Vote "No" on the proposed by-laws change.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

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NEWS

Calling for Heroin Problem Update

“Heroin is here, it’s on our doorstep, it’s in our communities and it often goes unnoticed,” said District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).

Citing a 163 percent rise in heroin overdoses in northern Virginia between 2011 and 2013, Herrity proposed a motion to the Board of Supervisors last week, asserting the County Executive report back to the board on the just how bad the heroin problems in Fairfax County are and how they could be dealt with.

“This problem ranges through all demographics, it doesn’t have a face,” said Herrity, “and for that reason often goes unnoticed until it’s too late.”

The motion also added discussion of heroin and synthetic marijuana product K2 Spice to the agenda at the meeting of the public safety committee meeting. As of press date, there isn’t one scheduled.

“Having a conversation about the two things together is a good thing,” said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay about addressing heroin and K2 Spice, “the new emerging problem police have identified.”

“The county needs to be forceful in addressing it,” said Braddock District Supervisor John Cook.

Spokesperson for the Fairfax County Police Department Lucy Caldwell said they planned to have people attend an Oct. 2 summit in Charlottesville on dealing with community heroin use.

— TIM PETERSON

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 16-17

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

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Free Caregiver Seminar. 3-4:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Support Group. 6:30-8 p.m. at Bryant Alternative High School. Fairfax County is providing free Support Groups for Kinship Caregivers. Call 703-324-5447 for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

Food Day Event. All day event at Mount Eagle Elementary School, 6116 N Kings Highway. Real Food For Kids (RFFK), the parent advocacy group working to improve school food in Fairfax County Public

Schools, will hold its fourth annual event. Visit www.realfoodforkids.org for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 27

Caregiver Seminar. 7-8:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Learn about the basic skill it takes to become a caregiver. Free. Call 703-339-4610 for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

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3BR/2BA brick single family home with great bones ready for your modern upgrades. Excellent location! Lovely landscaped front and back yards. Drive way with off-street parking. www.brianandjery.com



Martha Deal 703.622.6797
ALEXANDRIA / Oakbrooke \$679,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4

1405 OAKBROOKE AVE \$200K+ worth of improvements! Lovingly maintained and freshly painted 4BR/3BA home with huge master suite addition! New roof, new HVAC, renovated kitchen with granite, stainless, cherry cabinets. Hardwoods, deck, slate patio and walkway.



Franki Roberts 703.898.0840
ALEXANDRIA \$615,000 OPEN HOUSE 1 - 4

7830 MIDDAY LN Take another look! Back on market with complete redol. Painting completely redone! Lovely 2-level home with quiet country feel, open flow. Fenced in yard, in-ground pool with pool house/studio. ML master bedroom. Separate laundry. 4BR/3BA



Mary Bourke 703.906.5825
FALLS CHURCH \$924,900

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.



Pia Taylor 301.661.9974
ALEXANDRIA \$639,000

Conveniently located center hall Colonial with 3 finished levels and oversized 2-car garage just minutes from Ft Belvoir/Old Town/DC. Designed for entertaining, gourmet kitchen, family room, formal living/dining rooms, LL rec room. 4BR/2.5BA



Ruth Guirard 703.609.3343
ALEXANDRIA / Wellington Estates \$465,000

JUST LISTED! Good things come in small packages! Rambler with updates, screened porch, garage. Newer vinyl windows, plantation shutters, wood-burning fireplace. Newer gas furnace and electric CAC. Bus at your front door. Waynewood Elementary School.



Christine Vanderhyde 703.309.2829
ALEXANDRIA / Belle View \$259,000

Wow! Fabulous renovated first floor 2BR/1BA including totally new open kitchen with dishwasher and more, bath with marble floor tile, new HVAC, new bamboo floors, new interior doors and elegant picture molding. Laundry and storage unit in same building. Must see!



Mary Lou Sage 703.851.5441
ALEXANDRIA / Mt. Vernon \$560,000 OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4

8909 BORDEAUX ST Brick split level located on 5 acre lot with 4BR/3BA. LL has a kitchenette ("in-law suite") with private entrance. Large kitchen has SSA, island, family room with exposed brick plus door to patio. Beautiful organic flower garden with stone walk ways.



Kim Muffler 703.282.7739
ALEXANDRIA / Wilton Woods \$549,000

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ONGOING

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.

“Metamorphosis” Juried Art Exhibit. Runs Friday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Nov. 2, Thursday noon-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon-9 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m. Reception Friday, Oct. 3, 7-9 p.m. Del Ray Artisans Gallery. Transformative art embodying ‘change’. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Art Display. Through Oct. 5 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College. Electronic Aesthetics by sculptor Eric Celarier and painter Glen Kessler will be on display, and viewing is free and open to the public. Open Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Exhibition of New York. Through Oct. 12 at 105 N Union St. studio 312. View work by French impressionist Danny Conant and Shadow Series by E. E. McCollum. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 2-9 p.m. Call 703-683-2205 for more.

Hacking Objects of Desire. Through Oct. 19 in the Target Gallery. Norwegian Sámi artists Joar Nango, Silje Figenschou Thoresen, and Sigbjørn Skåden examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism.

Saving Mount Vernon. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Through My Eyes. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 1:30 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join people from Washington’s world as they go about their daily activities, making several stops along the way. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 6 at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Showcased inside the historic Gilpin house built in the 1790s, the gallery is highlighted by its original fireplaces, signature rust-colored walls and beautiful open skylight. Sunday and Monday, noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Contact Jessica at 703-739-9326 or info@principlegallery.com for more.

Play. Runs Oct. 10-25. 8 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Fort Hunt Road. Agatha Christie’s “Murder on the Nile” will be presented. Visit www.acctonline.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 26 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 101 Eisenhower Ave. “All Creatures Great and Small” is an animal themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of each sale. Monday-Thursday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon-5

p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA for more.

National Treasure Tour. Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of “National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets.” \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 31 at at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: “Three Artists, Three Visions” will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed for more.

October-long Star-Spangled Banner Exhibition. George Washington’s Mount Vernon has partnered with Maryland Historical Society to display Francis Scott Key’s original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center in commemoration of the poem’s bicentennial. The exhibition of the manuscript will be surrounded by panels describing Mount Vernon at the time the poem was written. A day of activities focused on the manuscript and its connection to Mount Vernon will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Art Exhibit. Runs from Oct. 9-Nov. 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. “Beyond the Edge” Contemporary Portraits by Leslie Nolan Reveal will be on display. Call 703-683-1780 Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Photography Exhibition. Friday, Oct. 10 through Sunday, Nov. 9. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. “The Man in the Bowler Hat” is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. Runs from Friday, Nov. 7-30. “Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show” art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com for more.

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



‘Under the Canopy’

Arts on the Horizon, a theatre company for children ages 0-6 in Northern Virginia, presents “Under the Canopy.” Imagine a theatrical world designed especially for babies and young toddlers to enjoy, inspired by the wonders of the rainforest. Whistling flowers, a clacking caterpillar, and brightly colored umbrella birds await. “Under the Canopy” is a 20-minute, interactive, nonverbal show geared for children 0-2 (and their 3-4 year old pals). At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Oct. 1-3 and Oct. 5, at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for children and adults and can be purchased at the door on the day of the performance. Call the box office at 703-967-0437. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for more.

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. Owners of 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.

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.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington’s Mount

Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park’s entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Creating and Portraying a Living History Character. This four-part workshop taught by an experienced first-person interpreter will demonstrate how to research and develop a first-person character, select appropriate period clothes, offer practice sessions in character, and provide an opportunity (and goal) to step out onto the “stage” during Gadsby’s Tavern Museum’s 2014 Candlelight Tour Program. Meant for beginners, participation in all four classes is recommended. Classes are held at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street 2-4 p.m. on Sundays, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. Cost is \$40 for the series, \$12 per class as space allows; tickets must be purchased in advance either through the online shop at <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or by calling 703-746-4242. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Pottery Classes. 1- 4 p.m. at Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try It classes Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

Sewing Classes. Introduction to Machine Sewing for Kids. Sewn Collage for Kids: Thursdays through Oct. 23, 4:15-5:45 p.m. or Saturdays through Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm to register.

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.

THROUGH NOV. 21

Young at Art. Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Photography Exhibit. Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. Gallery Hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and 2-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. E.E. McCollum will be showing images from his “Shadow Series” and Danny Conant will be showing “French Impressions.” Visit www.dannyconant.com or www.eemccollum.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 5-OCT. 5

Electronic Athletics. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening reception is Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. Schlesinger Center, Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. Exhibit of artwork by Eric Celarier and Glen Kessler. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/calendar.html for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Euge Groove performs live. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.eugegroove.com.

SEPT. 9-OCT. 14

Art Gallery. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. In “Architectural Interpretation,” artists create fiber art inspired by architecture. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 25-OCT. 5

Arts on the Horizon. 10:30 a.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Imagine a theatrical world designed especially for babies and young toddlers to enjoy, inspired by the wonders of the rainforest. Whistling flowers, a clacking caterpillar, and brightly colored umbrella birds await. Under the Canopy is a 20-minute, interactive, nonverbal show geared for children 0-2 (and their 3-4 year

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old pals). Performances are Sept. 25-26, 28, and Oct. 1-3, 5. Tickets are \$5 for children and adults and can be purchased online at www.artsonthehorizon.org or at the door on the day of the performance. Call the box office at 703-967-0437.

THURSDAY/OCT. 2

Ford Evening Book Talks. 7 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Ave. A book talk that features authors and historians discussing their latest books about George Washington and the nation's founding era. Space is limited and registration is required. Free and open to the public. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 3

Senior Services Oktoberfest. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. This event will support Senior Services programs and services. Space is limited. Call 703-836-4414, ext 10 or visit www.seniorservicesalex.org for more.

Fall Block Party. 6-9 p.m. Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco will host the festival in the courtyard, pulling in market vendors for a night time pop up market. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/soil-soul-tickets-12666821805 for more.

Art on Tap. 7-10:30 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center. Sample the creative combinations in a take home Art on Tap beer tasting glass and vote for your favorite and the end of the event. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/art-on-tap-tickets for more.

Free Concert. 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Reed Quintet, featuring members of the Concert Band will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

The Hope Grows Gala. 7 p.m. Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield. Rising Hope's annual fundraising dinner, dance and auction. Visit www.risinghopeumc.org for more.

Civil War Wine Dinner. 7 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Five course meal with wines from Gray Ghost Vineyards. Visit <http://shop.alexandriava.gov> or call the museum at 703-746-4242.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 3-5

Wine Festival. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Live music and a view of the potomac while sampling wine from 16 Virginia wineries. \$38 per person Friday and Sunday and \$44 on Saturday. Fruit and cheese boxes are \$26. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Survive the 5 — 5K Run/Walk. 7:30 a.m. at Cameron Run Trail. The ART of Driving is an award winning educational awareness program for teen drivers and parents. All proceeds will go to educational programs and an annual college scholarship fund. Call 703-968-0975 or visit www.theartofdriving.org for more.

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mount Vernon Ave. This annual festival includes more than 300 juried artists selling handmade wares across ten blocks along with four stages for live entertainment. Visit www.artontheavenue.org for more.

Gardening with Spring Bulbs. 10 a.m.-noon. Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. VCE Master Gardeners of Arlington and Alexandria will present a program on Gardening with Spring Bulbs. Topics covered will include what to plant, which bulbs

are less attractive to squirrels and other wildlife, how to select and store the bulbs until planting time. Free. Advanced registration is required. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com for more.

Concert. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum(, 201 South Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association's free Summer Chamber Series extends to fall, adding one more concert. Visit www.wmpamusic.org for more.

Concert. 8-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Jennifer Scott, mezzo-soprano and pianist, presents vintage songs from around the world in jazz quartet. Tickets \$20. Call 703-746-4994 for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

Woodrow Wilson Bridge

Marathon. 7 a.m. Starts at Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and ends at National Harbor, Md. Packet pick up Oct. 3, 4-8:30 p.m. and Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the U.S. Patents and Trade Office, 600 Dulany St. Minimum age is 13. Half marathon: \$105, for military: \$95. 6K: \$45, For police, fire and EMTs: \$40. After Aug. 31, prices will increase by \$10. Visit register.wilsonbridgehalf.com for more.

Wreathlaying Ceremony at Washington's Tomb. 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Listen to brief remarks about Washington's legacy and its impact on saving Mount Vernon during the War of 1812. A performance of The Star-Spangled Banner will take place while the wreath is laid at the tomb of George Washington. Part of the Star-Spangled Banner exhibition. All activities included in admission: \$18/adult, \$9/child, children five and under free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

A Musical Tribute Celebrating the Star-Spangled Banner. 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Robert H. & Clarice Smith Auditorium at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Early American music expert David Hildebrand performs authentic music of the War of 1812. Hildebrand sings and plays upon period guitar, fretless banjo and a variety of flutes. Part of the Star-Spangled Banner exhibition. All activities included in admission: \$18/adult, \$9/child, children five and under free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St. Take in the 1860s and many more archaeological sites during the Civil War at this museum. Call 703-746-4399 or visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org for more.

Archaeology Month Celebration. 2-4 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Celebrate Virginia Archaeology Month in the Alexandria Archaeology Museum. Visit torpedofactory.org/event/curiosities-a-multi-studio-event for more.

First Person Workshop. 2-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 105 North Royal St. This class is meant for beginners wanting to develop their inner historical character. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Scholarship Benefit Concert. 3-4:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Suzuki Association of the Greater Washington Area presents a Scholarship Benefit Concert. All proceeds will assist students who would otherwise be unable to afford music lessons. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Member Appreciation Party. 6-8 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Join now at the Supporter level or

above and be a guest at Cocktails in La Zona Rosa. Enjoy a night of wine tasting, live music, and enter a drawing for great prizes. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 6

'Fore' the Kids Golf Tournament.

Registration 9:30 a.m., shotgun start 11 a.m. at International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. All proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Club programs for underprivileged, at-risk youth in Fairfax County, including academic enrichment, athletics, health and wellness, character and leadership development, the arts, and career development. Individual golfers, \$250; foursomes, \$900. Includes greens fees, cart, driving range, post tournament awards dinner, boxed lunch, contests, raffles, prizes, live and silent auction. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/forethekids2014> for more. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Amir Capriles at amir.capriles@microsoft.com or 703-362-6970.

TUESDAY/OCT. 7

Open Rehearsal for New Singers.

7-9 p.m. at West Potomac High School Choir Room, 6500 Quander Road. Southside Singers is a new community choir looking for voices, just in time for the holiday season. Ability to read music and choral experience is helpful but not required. Visit www.facebook.com/SouthsideSingers for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Macy Gray: The Way Tour 2014. \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

The Murray Hill Show. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 9

Free Concert. 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band "An Evening of Music for Brass Quintet," with the Blue 82 Brass Quintet, featuring members of the Concert Band will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

Live Music: Bob Schneider. 7:30 p.m. at the birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Bob Schneider. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500 for more.

Photography Exhibition. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html

SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Stay Active 10K and 5K. 10K starts at 8 a.m., 5K starts at 9 a.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Benefits the effort to eliminate homelessness in the community and chance for some great physical activity. \$30 participation fee. Free parking. Visit <https://runsignup.com/rockandstroll> for more.

Rock and Stroll to End Homelessness. 8 a.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Six nonprofits throughout Northern Virginia, will

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10:30 am; 12:00 Noon; 2:00 pm (en Español); 6:30 pm

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come together to host the event, which includes a 10K/5K timed run, 1K Fun Run/Walk as well as a festival of activities for all ages as a way to raise awareness and funds to support those at risk. Visit runsignup.com/rockandstroll for more.

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.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Phil Vassar. \$45. Visit www.philvassar.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Wreath Laying Ceremony. 11 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Ceremony and program presented by Black Women United for Action's. Free to the public. Visit www.bwufausa.org for more.

Walking Tour. 1-2:30 p.m. Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Explore Alexandria's firefighting history on the "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting History" tour. Participants learn about volunteer firefighting in Alexandria, three devastating fires and five volunteer fire companies. The tour begins at the Friendship Firehouse, goes east of Prince Street and returns to Friendship via King Street. For ages 10 and older. \$6 for adults, \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, space is limited. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net

Concert. 7 p.m. Church of St. Clement, 1701 North Quaker Lane. Focus Alexandria presents Anne Hills in a CD release concert for her new

recording "Tracks." Admission is \$18, \$15 for advance sales and members. Visit www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php or call Herb Cooper-Levy, venue host.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Whispers perform. \$75.00. Visit www.thewhispers.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Beginner Halloween Cookie Class. 10 a.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Take this class to learn how to decorate spooky cookies from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit www.lacuisineus.com for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 13

Lani Hall: In The Mood. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/OCT. 14-15

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jake Shimabukuro "2014 Uke Nations Tour." \$45.00. Visit <http://jakeshimabukuro.com> or www.Birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

Open Rehearsal for New Singers. 7-9 p.m. at West Potomac High School Choir Room, 6500 Quander Road. Southside Singers is a new community choir looking for voices, just in time for the holiday season. Ability to read music and choral experience is helpful but not required. Visit

FOOD & DRINK

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, through 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, through 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.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as 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.

www.facebook.com/SouthsideSingers for more.

"All Mozart" Benefit Concert. 7:30 p.m. Schlesinger Concert Hall on the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St.. The NOVA Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Mark Whitmire. The program will include Mozart's Solemn Vespers of the Confessor, K. 339; Concerto No. 10 for two pianos, K. 365/316a, with Christine Hagan and David Hagan, pianists; and the violin Concerto in G, K. 216 (Movement 1), with Sean Ganous, violin. Free admission for NVCC

students, faculty and staff with NOVA ID and for anyone under 18. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and are available by calling 703-845-6097 or emailing mwhitmire@nvcc.edu

WEDNESDAY/OCT.15

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at the historic Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St. Alexandria Civil War Sesquicentennial lecture series will begin with a presentation titled, "The Paradox of Robert E. Lee" by author R. David Cox. Call 703-746-4554 or visit www.historicaalexandria.org for

more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Members Preview Fall Book Sale.

4-8:30 p.m. Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street. \$10 memberships available at door. \$3 or less, unless specially marked. Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

Evening of Music. 8 p.m. at Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-String Ensemble presents "An Evening of Music for String Ensemble," featuring members of the Air Force Strings. This concert is free and open to the public. Contact 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

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SATURDAY/OCT. 18

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NOVEMBER

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4.

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DECEMBER

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Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Raven's Night 2014 'Sci-Fi Phantasm.' \$25. Visit www.ravensnight.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Concert. 7 p.m. Celebration Center for Spiritual Living, 2849 Graham Road, Falls Church. Focus Falls Church presents Jennifer Cutting, Andrew Dodd and Lisa Moscattello, of Ocean Orchestra. Admission is \$18, \$15 for advance sales and members. Visit www.focusmusic.org/venue_alexandria.php.

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Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An Evening with Andy McKee. \$25.00. Visit

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Intermediate Halloween Cookie Class. 2:30 p.m. at La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St. Venture beyond decorating a pre-cut cookie shape and learn how to draw shapes on a cookie, create more intricate designs and fashion layering effects with royal icing from Katrina Tines. The cost of the class and materials is \$120. Visit www.lacuisineus.com.

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Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Marshall Tucker Band. \$45. Visit www.marshalltucker.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band. \$25. Visit www.johnjorgenson.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. The Yacht Haven Garden Club will be presenting their 31st annual fashion show. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. Contact Terra at admommy@verizon.net or 703-340-4555 for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

Brewing History. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A

special beer dinner, brewing demonstration and private mansion tour. Learn more about how beer was brewed in early America. \$95. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Steep Canyon Rangers. \$29.50. Visit www.steepcanyon.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Special Halloween Tour. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. For one night only, Alexandria Colonial Tours will end its special Halloween tour in the very room where one of Alexandria's most mysterious women became a ghost. Visit www.alexcolonialtours.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Historical Tour. 9 a.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Step back in time to John Carlyle's 1780 Funeral. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Capturing an American Icon. 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to area of the estate no available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Walking Tour. 1-3 p.m. Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St. The "We've Been Burned: Alexandria's Firefighters During the Civil War" walking tour will explore firefighting during the Union occupation. Tour four of the five firehouses and learn what happened if there was a fire in the occupied city. For ages 10 and older. \$6 for adults, \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, space is limited. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-26

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Enjoy autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treating, 18th-century dancing demonstration, and straw bale maze, and more. Included in estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 26

Fall Fun. Noon-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. There will be pumpkins for sale and decoration, a photo booth for children and parents to pose for spooky pictures, pony rides, moon bounces, a cake walk and lunch is included. Call 703-765-6118 for more.

Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. This parade has historically attracted thousands of participants. Adults, children and dogs are all welcome to join. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Concert. 4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Lane. New Dominion Chorale and Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will open its 24th season with a performance of G. F. Handel's pastoral opera, "Acis and Galatea." Call 703-442-9404 or visit www.newdominion.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Laurie Anderson 'Language of The Future.' \$39.5. Visit www.laurieanderson.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Bark or Treat Halloween Canine Cruise. 7 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St.

The Potomac Riverboat Company invites guests with costumed-pup in tow to cruise around the Potomac River on this 40-minute ride to Halloween tunes. Halloween doggie treats will be provided, as well as a photographer to capture the morning's festivities. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com for more.

Book Talk Program. 7-8:30 p.m. Martha Washington Branch, 6614 Fort hunt Road, Alexandria. The program is to promote a community outreach through American literature with a new released book about the Middle Eastern affairs. Call 703-768-6700.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Annual Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the hospital at their Annual Fashion Show. General admission is \$50. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853 for more.

Trick-or-Treat. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join the costumed cast for the opportunity to trick-or-treat in the historic area. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gerald Albright. \$35. Visit www.geraldalbright.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.



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Mount Vernon - Lee Chamber Celebrates Community



Members of the Mount Vernon Varsity Football team were publicly acknowledged for their continual volunteer work within the community.



Shashank and Naresh of Dishes of India in the Belle View Shopping Center offer servings of Chicken Biryani, a boneless chicken cooked with basmati rice with spices and herbs.



Society President and Founder of the Gum Springs Museum Ronald Chase offers information to visitors at the annual chamber community day event.

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LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE



Mount Vernon High School head football coach Barry Wells is flanked by two of his assistant coaches, his dad, Barry Wells Sr. and his brother Roscoe Gunning.



Thomas Kennedy ascends higher on the climbing rocks as his sister Mary Katherine tries to catch up.



Young children play on the small zoo moonbounce at the chamber Community Day celebration.

Event Sponsors

Sponsors of the event included: Burke & Herbert Bank, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Mount Vernon Voice, Paul Spring Retirement Community, Scott Surovell, Rent-All Center.com, United Community Ministries, United States Homeland Investigations Inc., Servicemaster Restore and Cameron Rush graphic design + marketing.



From left: Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce members Melissa Wood, Holly Doherty and Melinda Sigal helped make the second annual Celebration! Mount Vernon and Lee event a success.



From left: Mount Vernon School Board member Dan Storck, CSM Scott Guillory, Ashley Behrens (USHII and MVL Chamber of Commerce) and Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Col. Michelle Mitchell standing with the renewed Army Community Covenant.

Celebrating Good Times

Mount Vernon and Lee community event returns for second year.

Julie Divine's daughters are scrambling up a rock wall in the middle of the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital grounds. The Fort Belvoir resident and Army wife said a friend sent her a Facebook invite to the second annual Celebration! Mount Vernon and Lee community party, held Sept. 27.

"It's a great day, lots to do," said Divine. "We got the kids IDs. I'm entertaining girls today."

The event was organized by the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce and featured lots of activities for children including an inflatable slide and the rock wall,

live performances from community groups like the West Potomac High School Orchestra and Terry's School of Dance, food vendors and an expo of booths with local businesses.

"Our area hasn't had a community event, we need one," said Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce executive director Holly Doherty. "We just wanted people to have fun and meet these great businesses. Everything's free."

Doherty said the number of businesses and community groups participating was about twice the size of last year.

— TIM PETERSON



Fairfax County police and Alexandria-based United States Homeland Investigations (USHII) collaborated to make ID cards for children. With the child's photograph, fingerprint and vital statistics, parents can use the cards to help police act faster if the child ever goes missing. (Top, from left) FCPD MDS Wayne Kennon, Ashley Behrens (USHII and MVL Chamber of Commerce), Kiley Sheehy (USHII); (bottom, left) PFC Mary Munday, and (right) PFC M.R. Walker.



Dan Convery (left) of Mount Vernon and Jesse Robinson (right) of Fairfax were out meeting people for Burke & Herbert Bank.



The George Mason Patriot and cheerleaders roamed the festival entertaining children and adults. (Back, from left) Freshman Belle Therriault, sophomore Kylie Haymaker, The Patriot, senior Shannon Sturgeon. (Front, left) Demetrius Langley, 6, and Zanetta Langley, 5, of Alexandria.



Alumni of West Potomac High School make up the vocal ensemble Southside Singers. They performed on the Celebration! Mount Vernon and Lee main stage at noon on Saturday, Sept. 27.

PHOTOS BY
TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Top Chef for Seniors

Retirement community residents choose Sunrise Signature Chef.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Grace Delaune nibbled on striped bass and quinoa salad, pondering the flavors and textures of each dish. Myke Hammaker savored the miso cod and spinach. The two women weren't simply having lunch. They were judges at the Senior Eats Nutritional Challenge in Fort Belvoir last week. "The food challenge was a lot of fun and the food was excellent. Every dish was beautifully displayed and cooked perfectly," said Hammaker. "It was hard for the judges to pick the best dish although I picked the Miso Cod with Spinach because it really stood out as a fantastic dish."

"The five selections were just outstanding.

It was very difficult to pick the best dish, although my favorite was the Striped Bass with Quinoa Salad," added Delaune.

The winning recipe was Miso Cod with

Spinach. During the competition, which was sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living headquartered in McLean, Va., and held at The Fairfax, a Sunrise community, five of the company's top chefs prepared their healthiest dishes, making use of only fresh, local ingredients. A panel of Sunrise residents judged the chefs' creations. One of the goals of the competition was to break negative stereotypes about the quality of food served in retirement communities.

"All of our finalists did an incredible job creating meals that could rival our country's top restaurant chefs," said Tim Whelan, vice president, Dining Services for Sunrise. "We constantly look at ways to provide more variety for our residents to enjoy, and the Nutritional Challenge is a great way to add unique, healthful dishes to our menus."

The chefs were judged on their ability to meet Sunrise's Signature Dining criteria, which includes using fresh, seasonal ingredients. After the competition chefs and residents discussed the recipes

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— **Tim Whelan, vice president, Dining Services for Sunrise**

Winning Recipe: Miso Cod and Spinach

Miso Brushed Cod with Sautéed Spinach, Serves 6
by Floyd Stephen, Brighton Gardens of Dunwoody

1 1/2 lbs cod filets, 4 oz each
6 tbsp olive oil
3 shallots, peeled / minced
3 garlic cloves, peeled / minced
1 1/2 lbs shiitake mushrooms, stemmed / julienned
1 lb stemmed fresh spinach
1 1/2 cups chicken stock
1/4 cup miso paste

❖ Steam the fish for 7 minutes, until internal temperature reaches 145°F for 15 seconds.

❖ While the fish is steaming, heat the olive oil in a sauté pan over medium heat. Add the shallots and garlic. Sauté until soft. Add the mushrooms and cook until the liquid evaporates. Add the spinach and sauté for 1 minute to wilt. Turn off the heat and set aside.

❖ Bring the stock to a boil in a separate pot. Whisk in the miso paste. Simmer for 5 minutes.

❖ Divide the spinach mixture evenly between serving dishes. Place fish on top of the spinach. Spoon miso sauce over fish. Serve immediately.

used, nutritional needs of seniors and the role that eating healthfully can lead to better cognitive functioning, memory and heart health.

"Our goal... is to give our residents delicious and nutritional food with real variety



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Residents of Sunrise Senior Living served as judges during the Senior Eats Nutritional Challenge in Fort Belvoir.

each day," said Lawrence Quaye, Executive Chef at The Fairfax.

None of the five chefs who made it to the finals competition were from the Washington, D.C. region. The winner Chef Floyd Stephen of Dunwoody, Georgia, was named the Sunrise Signature Chef and received \$1,000.

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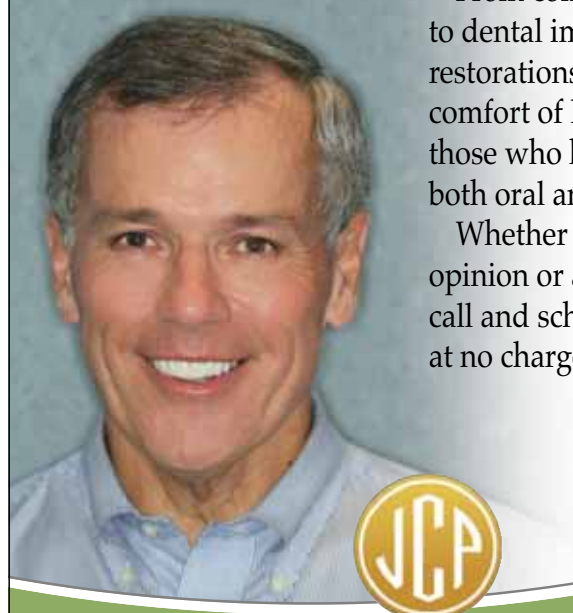
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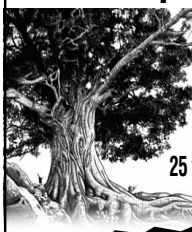
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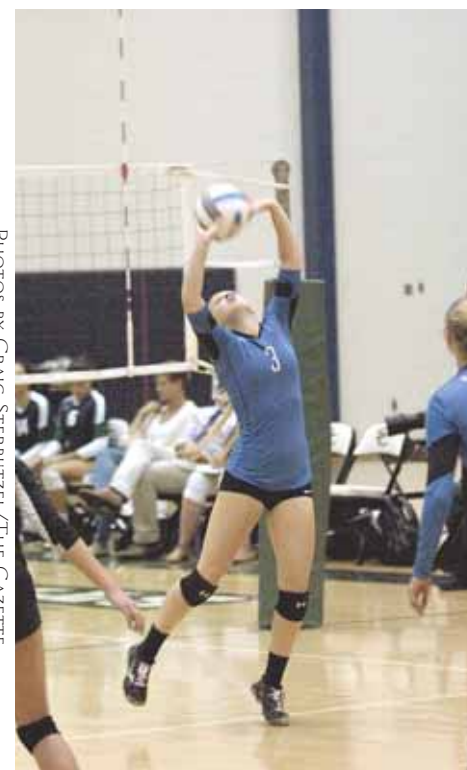
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West Potomac's Jessica Dorn (14) and Emilyne Danielson (3) go up for a block against South County's Gabrielle Hall during Tuesday's match at South County High School.



West Potomac's Emilyne Danielson sets the ball during Tuesday's match against South County.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE GAZETTE

SoCo Volleyball Propels Past WP

Junior middle hitter Dorn leads Wolverines with six kills.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

With South County comfortably ahead in the third set of Tuesday's match against West Potomac, Stallions senior Cathy Scaniffe sent a serve over the net. The ball sailed

through the air, drilled a Wolverine player in the face and fell to the floor, giving the Stallions an 11-3 lead.

It was that kind of night for both teams, as South County put forth a dominant performance behind the service line and West Potomac never had a chance.

The South County volleyball team defeated West Potomac 3-0 (25-7, 25-12, 25-12) on Sept. 30 at South County High School. The Stallions totaled 16 aces and showed the necessary improvement to satisfy head coach Trista Barnhart.

"We did not serve so well the last match, so we worked on that specifically in practice," Barnhart said. "The girls knew they had to come out here and prove to me what we did in practice would relay [to the

match], which they did. I was really proud of what they did."

Freshman defensive specialist Cassidy Ragunas, junior libero Brooke Birch, junior defensive specialist Kori Thomas and Amber Ragunas each had three aces for South County. Senior outside hitter Scaniffe and senior middle blocker Rachel Snare each had two.

Jessica Dorn led West Potomac with six kills. Maxine Clifford, Kathryn Panagopoulos, Sydney Nixon and Emilyne Danielson each had one kill for the Wolverines.

The loss dropped West Potomac's record to 5-4. The Wolverines, led by head coach Bob Lombardi, will host Stuart for a Dig Pink event at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac Football Improves to 2-3

The West Potomac football team defeated Oakton 27-20 on Sept. 26, improving its record to 2-3.

The Wolverines had dropped two straight before beating the Cougars.

West Potomac has a bye this week. The Wolverines will travel to face West Springfield (3-2) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.

Mount Vernon Football Falls to Stuart

The Mount Vernon football team's search for its first win of the season continues as the Majors lost to Stuart 21-10 on Sept. 26, dropping the Majors' record to 0-5.

Mount Vernon has a bye this week. The Majors will travel to face Washington-Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.

MILITARY NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

Army Pfc. **Tre Hughes** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Hughes is the son of Kristen Hughes and stepson of Patrick Hyman and a 2010 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

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Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) was elected Caucus Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

Training Corps cadet at Marshall University, Huntington, WVa., has graduated from the Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Cadets usually attend this course between their junior and senior years of college, and they must complete the course to qualify for commissioning. Harris is the father of Adrien Harris of Alexandria and a 2011 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

Surovell was elected in 2009 to represent the 44th District in Fairfax County.

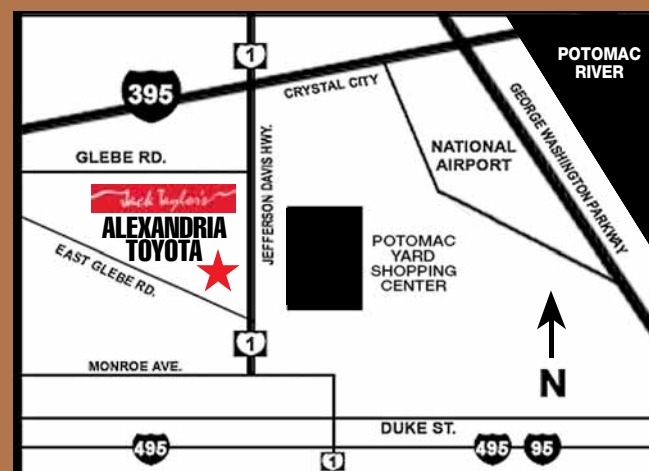
He previously served as House Democratic Campaign. Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) resigned the Caucus Chair position in late June citing professional obligations.

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