



The Christ Child Project shoppers regroup beyond the check-out lines as their selections were purchased on Sunday morning.

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The Christ Child Project

Matthew Boehm raised his arms to show his mom the Spider Man action figures he picked out from the toy section at Target on Sunday, Nov. 16. Meanwhile Ethan Quill and John Jex were searching for a winter cap and gloves. Madeline Quill with a dollar left to spend settled on a giant bubble wand.

Nearly two dozen children and their parents from Christ Church participated in the annual Christ Child Project shopping trip on Sunday morning. Jessica Hughes, the 6-8 grades Sunday School teacher at Christ Church described the program: "The Christ Child Project is a long-standing mission of Christ Church to assist low-income families of Alexandria purchase Christmas gifts for their children. Each year, families are chosen and registered with the help of Alexandria Social Services, including Head Start, the public housing community and similar programs serving low-income families in our city. More than just providing gifts, the Christ Child Project empowers the selected families to choose the gifts they want to give their loved ones. Through donations, volunteers stock the temporary 'store,' and these fami-

lies are invited to come and shop for their children's gifts at reduced prices."

This year again, middle and high school students signed up to be the shoppers. The students broke into groups of two or three with \$100 to spend on gifts for a child their age. After the shopping was completed, the gifts were bagged and stowed in car trunks.

Contact Melanie Gray at 703-549-1450 or mgray@historicchristchurch.org for more.



With \$1 left to spend, Madeleine Quill selects a giant bubble wand.



Caelan Wommack chose a doll and games as gifts for a child her age.

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Matthew Boehm shows his mom two of the action figures he picked out in the toy department of Target.

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'I Wanted A Better Life'

Civil Rights pioneer
Greene dies at 100.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

When Nelson Greene Sr. came to Alexandria in 1953, blacks were the target of racial discrimination, schools were segregated and a poll tax was required to vote. Undeterred, Greene set about building a business while steadfastly working behind the scenes to combat the Jim Crow laws that characterized the city.

"I can't even begin to describe Massive Resistance," recalled Greene during a 2010 interview for Living Legends of Alexandria. "It was awful. With Jim Crow, blacks lived a second hand life. It was hard for whites to reposition after slavery and look on us as citizens, not slave people."

Greene was referring to the zealous effort by Virginia Sen. Harry F. Byrd Sr. (D) and others to counter the 1954 Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education through what was known as the Southern Manifesto.

"In the 1950s – for political reasons – a group of us started the Secret Seven, to make things better for black people," Greene said of the FBI-dubbed group of African-American activists. "I don't like politics but I wanted to make the community better."

Greene's efforts helped facilitate the desegregation of Alexandria schools in 1959 and the integration of city job opportunities in the '60s. He went on to become the first African American appointed to the Alexandria Redevelopment

and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and only the second black to serve on City Council since Reconstruction. On Nov. 13, 2014, the pioneering Civil Rights leader died at the age of 100.

Born May 20, 1914 in Danville, Va., Nelson Enoch Greene graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. in 1941 with a major in economics and a minor in chemistry. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943, Greene served in World War II and Korea, achieving the rank of Major in the Artillery.

In 1949, he graduated from the

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Nelson Greene Sr.

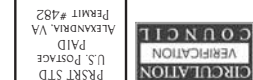
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Nelson Greene Sr., his son Nelson Jr. and granddaughter Nina were honored at the 2013 Senior Services of Alexandria Generation to Generation Gala.

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Iron Ladies Keep Fighting

The Supreme Court of Virginia has agreed to hear the appeal in the Alexandria waterfront litigation. Two years ago, Old Town residents April Burke, Beth Gibney and Marie Kux filed a lawsuit against the city challenging the waterfront plan. In a decision announced Nov 6, the court said that it will hear arguments that challenge the dismissal of their case.

The three women, who've come to be known locally as the "Iron Ladies", were challenging an Alexandria City Council zoning change that permitted the construction of hotels on the Alexandria waterfront and increased the building height limits.

"The city short-circuited protections for property owners," said Bert Ely, co-chair of the Friends of Alexandria's Waterfront civic activist group. "Hopefully it will get the city to reconsider their approach to these issues. We're asking the Supreme Court to tell Alexandria to play by its own rules. With this appeal granted, everything is in a state of suspension."

The suspension Ely referred to was the freeze on the construction plans of a hotel at Duke and South Union streets and the redevelopment at South and North Robinson Terminals.

"We'll continue to see where it goes," said City Attorney James Banks. "We're continuing to litigate matters and we'll get to the facts."

— VERNON MILES

South Jordan Street Flooding

In the wake of last week's flooding at South Jordan Street, Ali Ahmed from the Wakefield-Tarleton Civic Association was left with some questions that he went to City Council to answer. When a main water line managed by Virginia American Water burst, it flooded the nearby sewer and caused extensive damage to 14 residences in the neighborhood.

"The leak was discovered around 4:30 a.m. [Virginia American Water] didn't arrive to shut off until after 7 a.m. The first folks to respond were the Alexandria Fire Department," said Ahmed, but the firefighters that arrived said that there was nothing they could do to stop the flooding. "Are fire department personnel trained to shut off the water? Are they not authorized? If they are trained but not authorized, can this be changed?"

While the council understood local residents' frustrations, some reiterated that the job of stopping the flood was that of Virginia American Water, not the fire department.

"Our responsibility to make sure all of our utilities act responsibly and timely to all emergencies," said Mayor William Euille in response, but he also said that the city did not want its staff to disrupt the operations of those utility companies.

This answer did not satisfy everyone on the City Council.

"Fire department is there and they can't do anything?" Del Pepper asked. "People's basements are filling with sewer water and they are left waiting and waiting."

— VERNON MILES

Juveniles Arrested for Burglaries

The Alexandria Police Department has arrested two juveniles in connection with several burglaries of local residences.

Police arrested a 16-year-old male and 17-year-old male, both of Washington D.C., on Nov. 3, for the burglary of a residence in the 300 block of S. Lee Street. During the course of investigation, detectives learned that the suspects were responsible for at least four more residential burglaries in the city dating back through September.

The juveniles were each charged with larceny with the intent to distribute, possession of burglarious tools, and conspiracy to commit burglary. One juvenile was charged with four counts of burglary, and the other was charged with five counts of burglary. More charges may be pending as the investigation continues.

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- ❖ Nov. 3: 300 block of Queen Street
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- ❖ Sept. 19: 300 block of E. Nelson Avenue

Anyone with information about these burglaries is asked to call Sergeant Vince Jones of the Criminal Investigations Section at 703-746-6808.



The Alexandria Public School quick facts

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Preparing for Next School Budget

Alexandria Public Schools staff meet with local community to discuss the future of the budget

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

At a public forum on the Alexandria City Public Schools' (ACPS) Budget, parents and local citizens split into groups and were asked what programs were needed for the children. Most had several immediate answers. One parent came prepared with list of programs. But when the topic turned towards how to get the revenue for those programs, the room was a little more silent. The general consensus at more than one of the small groups was that it was a lot easier to identify the problems than it was to find solutions.

The public forum for the 2016 ACPS budget on Nov 12 gave the community a chance to interact with the school system's leadership team. Dr. Alvin Crawley, superintendent of schools, began the evening by outlining the budgetary process. The next major stage in this cycle will be Crawley's presentation of the proposed 2016-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget on Dec 4. The School Board votes on whether or not to accept the budget on Jan 15, 2015, and then the approved budget is taken to the City Council Jan. 29.

"When we finish each budget, we have a short window of time before we start thinking about the next budget," said Crawley. "This isn't a seasonal activity; it is something that happens throughout the year."

According to Stacey Johnson, chief financial officer for ACPS, the school's 2015 operating budget is \$235 million, a 3.3 percent increase over the 2014 operating budget of \$227 million. ACPS also had an additional \$10.9 million from grants and special projects, a decline of 5.7 percent from \$11.6 million. Eighty percent of the school's total budget comes from the City of Alexandria. Johnson highlighted literacy and mathematics as two of the school system's highest academic priorities. Additionally, Johnson said the schools are working to implement targeted intervention for "gap groups," defined by the National Education Association (NEA) as student groups that

scored below average on standardized testing.

"Test score gaps often lead to longer-term gaps," reads the statement on the official NEA website, "including high school and college completion and the kinds of jobs students secure as adults."

Parents and local citizens identified overcrowding as one of the major concerns that needs to be addressed. Between 2013 and 2014, school enrollment grew by 594 students, exceeding to projections of the Long Range Educational Facilities Planning Committee by 46 students, 7.7 percent of the new student population. Next year, ACPS expects enrollment to increase by more than 500 students, and will need an increase in facilities and teachers.

One of the upcoming projects to alleviate capacity is a feasibility study on Patrick Henry Elementary School. ACPS has three options: to demolish the old building and construct a new school that would include a middle school, redesigning the interior to eliminate the empty space, or something in between the two. If the building were torn down, ACPS Public Relations Specialist Helen Lloyd says the students at the school would likely be relocated to the Lee Recreation Center. The feasibility study for the new Patrick Henry school will be completed and presented to ACPS in April.

ACPS recently tore down Jefferson-Houston Elementary School and replaced it with school for Kindergarten through 8th grade. The school is currently projected to be 91 students under its maximum capacity of 447 students by the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

"The middle school is under capacity, the 8th grade is currently very small," said Lloyd. Currently, the entire 8th grade consists of 15 students, each of whom opted into the new school. While Arlington has shifted its school boundaries to accommodate the construction of the new school, Lloyd says the School Board is not considering boundary changes. "By 2020, all classrooms will be filled to capacity at Jefferson-Houston."

There are 2,284 budgeted employees in ACPS for the 2014-2015 fiscal school year and 2,339 budgeted employees for 2015-2016. Of those, the biggest increase is in licensed teachers: from 1,127 in the 2014-2015 budget to 1,167 in the 2015-2016 budget.

Increased pay for that staff was one of the primary needs identified by the parents and local citizens. During the 2014-2015 school year, ACPS did not provide any salary increases. The one other recurring

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Local Public Defenders Make Their Cases Abroad

Lecturing on criminal defense in the Bahamas.

BY HARRY M. COVERT
GAZETTE PACKET

Regardless of the crime, when it comes to defendants everyone gets an attorney. Not every citizen has the where-with-all to hire a lawyer. This is where public defenders and court-appointed advocates come in mighty handy.

An Alexandria four-member team, specialists in defending accused indigent citizens, has proven records of success and they are in demand to teach their practices around the world.

At the invitation of The Eugene Dupuch Law School in Nassau, the Bahamas, attorneys Paul Pepper, Christopher Leibig, Joni Robin and Jasmin Mize lectured on criminal defense in America and taught law school classes.

Interest in these legal counselors

follows previous visits but centers on facts that during the current year there have been 92 murders in the Bahamas and many of the defendants needed expert defense teams.

The Virginia attorneys spoke of the American jury trials, the jury selection process and discussions of sensitive criminal defense issues.

"Unfortunately, they [the Bahamians] do not have an automatic right to counsel for anything but the most serious crimes," Leibig said. "The 92 murders in 2014 are in a country with less than 400,000 population."

There is a major problem in finding proper indigent criminal defense.

Tonya Galanis, principal of the Dupuch law school, and Clive E. Guy, senior tutor and course director, run a legal aid clinic. This clinic tries to "fill in the gaps."

During the October visit, of major interest among the law students was the Michael Brown case in Ferguson, Mo., police shootings in general and the death penalty.

Pepper, a former navy jet fighter



Paul Pepper lectures.

pilot, has been a member of the Alexandria Public Defenders Office for 19 years. He is currently chief deputy to Chief Public Defender Melinda Douglas.

His experience includes trying every variety of criminal cases. As the chief deputy public defender Pepper manages the team of lawyers, training and handling jury trials almost constantly. He has served as adjunct professor of law at American University Law School.

Leibig is managing partner and leads the international study program. He is managing partner of the Law Office of Christopher



At left, Joni Robin addresses law students. With her are Paul Pepper, Jasmin Mize and Christopher Leibig.

Leibig and handles solely criminal cases, including death penalty cases and serious felony offenses throughout Virginia.

Leibig served 10 years in the Alexandria public defender's office.

Joni Robin was a member of the public defender's office for nine years before starting her own firm. Robin handles serious felony case and is a frequent lecturer.

Jasmin Mize is senior public defender in Alexandria. She also handles serious felony cases. In

2013 Mize handled the trial defense of the biggest sex-trafficking case in the Alexandria's history.

Her experience has led to lectures abroad on trial techniques and the American jury trial system. She has conducted seminars in Santiago, Chile and Beirut, Lebanon.

During the Nassau visit, the teams took part in teaching law school classes, television and radio appearances and a public town hall meeting about criminal justice.

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problems noticed by the groups was the lack of science classroom facilities. Dr. Elizabeth Hoover, chief technology officer for ACPS and one of the moderators at a small table of parents and local citizens, laughed as she insisted to Crawley that she did not tell her group to say that.

The next part, where to cut in the budget or how to raise money, was a bit more difficult but no less necessary.

"Sometimes things aren't working and we need to talk through that process," said Johnson. "We know that we rely on our taxpayers, so every decision has to be a prudent one."

Private-Public partnerships were the most brought up idea, followed by internal audits. Overall, many groups said that parent advocacy and more transparency from ACPS could make City Council more likely to meet the School Board's budgetary requests. Cassandra Ford, a local resident, said the focus needed to have two fronts.

"Our group looked at revenue generating as well as cost savings," said Ford. "The two go hand in hand."

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Caring for Animals

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

A loud meow hangs in the air as the brown tabby struggles against the small needle inserted in his hind leg. Deidre Seifried, animal care technician, says, "This blood test is part of the intake procedure that also includes vaccines if necessary, inserting a microchip and a 'snap detail' physical exam. It starts with the mouth, nose and goes all the way to the end of the tail.

"Looks like the ear is a little sensitive; it seems irritated," she observes as the cat twitches this ear back and forth to avoid the cotton swab. She says, "I don't know if this one is a stray or surrender."

Meg Price, the veterinary care coordinator at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria Shelter who is helping with the cat, is also recording all of the results in a computer database. The animals receive vaccines if needed and a behavioral evaluation with behavioral modification if necessary. People want to know if a pet is good with children or if they get along with other cats or dogs. The animals receive two physical examinations, one when they come in and one before adoption so they can see if anything has changed.

Seifried moves to the "healthy hold" that is lined three-deep high with cages where cats are waiting to move up front to the adoption area. She thoroughly scrubs out the empty cage, puts in a new food and water bowl, removes the old blanket to send to the laundry. "This is for the next cat." Each cage has a chart which has times and dates of food, water, litter change and some of the spaces have yellow stickers with notes. "Grain free," "Staff Only." Seifried says, "This one hiding inside the box is skittish, possibly feral." Upfront in the Ready for Adoption section, the visitors can walk inside the cages so they can meet the cats up close.

At any one time the shelter can have up to 100 cats and 60 dogs plus a number of small animals such as rabbits, turtles, parrots, chinchillas, and fish. Seifried has been at the Alexandria Animal Shelter since May 2013 and was trained on the job. "I was



Deidre Seifried checks the ear during a routine physical exam, one of two the animals get before being put up for adoption.

an engineer," she said, "and then I worked in construction. But I adopted my dog, who had come from a puppy mill, and I decided to help animals." She added that her dog has come a long way in two years from hiding in another room to sleeping on her bed.

As she moves by the kitchen stacked high with cans and bags of food and a super size jar of peanut butter, she picks up a large rubber Kong. "We can put peanut butter inside the rim of this toy, and it takes the dog a while to chase it around and eat it." Out in the hall a pile of laundry is waiting to be washed and returned to cages. "That's my job, too, but the volunteers help a lot."

At the end of the hall she contemplates a stack of pillows, blankets, pet toys and cans of food.

"That's for me later this afternoon — to put the donations where they go." She points to a large white board mounted on the wall with responsibilities by day and by hour. A medical transport person hurries down the hall to take a dog to a contract vet for a special procedure.

Barking in all sizes greets Seifried as she opens the door to the public dog area with rows of large cages lining both sides. "The dogs have a wonderful support from volunteers," she says. "They take the dogs out for a walk, have enrichment activities where they try to teach the dogs things — even some play groups to help with some behavior." And each dog has access to a dog run on the outside through a door in the back of his cage. As she walks down the aisle of dogs, she points to Ben, a tricolor mix beagle with a proud sign on his cage, "I have just been adopted." Across the way is an empty cage. "Yup, that's La Fonz. He just left last night." Seifried says a lot of people come in and get depressed. "But the upside is that the animals are living somewhere where they are well taken care of."



Deidre Seifried takes a blood sample during the intake procedure at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria Shelter on Eisenhower Avenue while Meg Price helps with the procedure.



The kitchen is loaded with stacks of canned cat and dog food, litter and enormous jars of peanut butter used to put in toys for dogs to play.



Freestyle Love Supreme co-creators Thomas Kail and Anthony Veneziale, Pivot President Evan Shapiro and FLS performer Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Improv on TV

**From theater
To cable.**

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE
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GAZETTE PACKET

Former Alexandrian Thomas Kail had his first brush with the media while on an Alexandria youth league soccer team. The first mention of Kail's name in newsprint was in the Alexandria Gazette Packet after he scored a crucial goal for his rec team. Now, Kail is no stranger to the press. The Tony Award-nominated producer sees his name weekly on the small screen. On Oct. 16, Kail's brainchild, "Freestyle Love Supreme," an improv-based television show, premiered on the cable channel Pivot TV.

"It is a half hour long," Kail said. "At its core, it is an improvised comedy hip-hop concert with storytelling within it. It is all created instantaneously though; nothing is written. The show is two-thirds live performance, filmed in front of a live studio audience, and then one-third of it happens on the streets of New York City."

Executive producer and co-creator of "Freestyle Love Supreme," Kail said seeing his work come together on the small screen for the first time was thrilling and rewarding, and he looks forward to more episodes on Friday nights through the fall and winter.

Since "Freestyle Love Supreme" started as live theater production more than 10 years ago, Kail knew the TV show would have fans, but he was still excited by the viewer turn-

out.

"It was exciting to see how old fans of the stage show embraced this new TV version," Kail said. "I think we captured the spirit of the group. I was also delighted to see how many people found us for the first time."

Kail said even though he has lived in New York City since 2001, he will never forget where he came from. Kail's interest in drama was first piqued in a high school drama class at Washington D.C.'s Sidwell Friends School. While a student at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, his love of the theater really developed, in spite of an unrelated course of study.

"I was studying American history and then I had a friend — Anthony Veneziale — who pulled me into the theater in college," Kail said. "I didn't study theater formally, but I would go to work in the student-run theater from 7 p.m. until midnight, on the other side of campus with my friends."

The television show began as a theater production more than 10 years ago. He developed the show along with some of his college buddies, including Veneziale.

"I started Back House Productions with three of my pals from Wesleyan University, in 2001," Kail said. "We started making things constantly, some which were never heard from again, some that made it out of our lab into the world. One of the things we worked on was 'Freestyle Love Supreme.'"

Veneziale said he still remembers the day he and Kail started toying with the idea that would ultimately bloom into

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Bench to Bedside

Collegiate inventors show off cutting edge technology at Alexandria conference.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

At his table at the Collegiate Inventor's Conference, Keith Hearn from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology had a variety of plastic objects on display next to a bowl full of oranges. Each of the objects — an iPhone case, a swatch of paint, a computer part — had been made from the extract from the same oranges he had on display and they were all biodegradable. According to Hearn, the potential for citrus rinds as a replacement source for plastic was endless.

"Each of these industries is projected to be an \$80 billion market by 2017," said Hearn, pointing down at the plastic objects on display. "Medical, biomaterials, engineering plastics, green paint coatings..."

The Collegiate Inventor's Conference, held at the Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, was packed full of young inventors showing off their accomplishments to guests and judges, all vying for evening's gold medal prize and the money for further research that came with it. The competition this year was hosted this year by Michelle Lee, the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the USPTO, and Steven Sasson, inventor of the digital camera.

"It is a big thrill for us to meet these outstanding young people," said Sasson, "and to learn from them about all of the new technologies they're working on and to see



Katherine Cagen shows her invention, Ferrotouch, in action.

their passion for what they do."

The Collegiate Inventor's Conference is one of three programs hosted by Invent Now, Inc. to promote modern scientific invention and innovation. The group also hosts the National Inventor's Hall of Fame and Camp Invention, where elementary school students can learn about engineering and scientific discovery. According to Monica Jones, vice president of operations and marketing for Invent Now, the goal is to help students along every step of that process. The children at Camp Invention ideally pursue science to the Collegiate Inventor's Conference and one day wind up in the National Inventor's Hall of Fame.

"Every single year we do this, starting back in 1990, the [inventions] get better and better," said Jones. "They're more innovative and they keep going. It's really helping society, every single one."

Hannah Paulin, the vice president of development for Invent Now, said she's already seen a huge impact from their work.

"Started in 1990, this conference worked to recognize collegiate inventors to help them continue to develop these inventions," said Paulin. "Holding it in the main hall of the PTO makes a huge impact."

Paulin pointed to inventors like Steve Katsaros as one of their organization's success stories. Katsaros was a winner at the Collegiate Inventor's Conference in 1995 for a bike rack he developed. Currently Katsaros is the CEO and founder of Nokero, a company that

markets the solar light bulb he invented.

The first place award for in the undergraduate category went to a team from University of Wisconsin-Madison for Spectrom, the first 3D printer to print in color. The award came with \$12,500 and a \$4,000 advisory prize the group plans to use to invest in their start-up company.

The first place graduate award, along with \$15,000 and a \$5,000 advisory prize, went to Katarzyna Sawicka from the Stony Brook University for her Immuno-Matrix. Her device was a patch, like a Band-Aid, that used nanofibers to administer a vaccine through the skin. This allows vaccines to be spread without contact through blood and, being stored in a small patch, allows them to be transported and stored more efficiently than with traditional vaccines.

"This is unbelievable," said Sawicka. "I was an undergraduate, sitting where you guys were sitting, 10 years ago. I had come up with a material that I was the only person to see the potential for. Probably the hardest thing was sticking to it

because it took me all of my graduate career to develop the material to be used as a vaccine everywhere in the world, without the need for an injection."

The development process was difficult, but Sawicka says she's glad she saw it through.

"It's a difficult position, being in a lab all the time," said Sawicka. "You have no life outside the lab, or your life consists of all of your colleagues and eating free food whenever it's available. Classwork happens between those great moments."

Next to Hearn's bowl of oranges, a team from Columbia University displayed a model of a human leg with a knee replacement.

"When there's an infection present, the space in the knee is flooded with white blood cells," said Elsa Swanson, one of the four members of the team that would take third place in the undergraduate category that night. "This is the best biomarker for infection after total knee replacement. Often times people who have infections don't display symptoms until it's already too late to save the implant with antibiotics so they have to remove the implant and treat them, it's a really invasive procedure."

Swanson pointed out a small metal band her team had put on the side of the replacement. Their invention measured the white blood cell count in that space and would emit an infrared light if it exceeded the threshold for the patient, indicating that an infection was present. This would allow doctors to give the patient antibiotics and heal the transplant without the invasive procedure.

Katherine Cagen from Harvard University displayed Ferrotouch, an invention that would allow touch screens to form braille or raised images. At her table was a bottle with a pool of iron nanoparticles that reacted to magnetic touch to form small bumps.

"Every screen; an ATM, a phone, TV, touch screen, they're all blank boxes for someone who's blind," said Cagen. "Ferrotouch could attach to an ATM and let you feel what's on the screen."

In five or 10 years, the flexible optical display might allow for technology like virtual keyboards. Cagen developed her invention on less than a \$500 budget.

"There was a little bit of a struggle," Cagen admitted, "there's some duct tape and twine in there."



Mitch Barneck holds up a device that uses violet light to eliminate 99.99 percent of bacteria in a catheter without damaging human tissue.

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Katarzyna Sawicka (left), first prize graduate winner and inventor of a patch that distributes vaccines, with Steve Sasson, inventor of the digital camera.

Greene

FROM PAGE 1

Renuard School of Mortuary Sciences in New York City. After working in funeral homes in Danville and Martinsville, Greene relocated to Alexandria. He opened Greene Funeral Home on Franklin Street, where he lived with his wife Gloria and their two sons, Nelson Jr. and Terry Franklin.

For the next 60 years, Greene dedicated himself to improving the community.

"Nelson Sr. was the first black Democratic candidate to run for Council," said Lynnwood Campbell, who served as campaign manager when Greene was elected in 1979. "We knew we had an uphill battle just to win the primary. The big question was 'how do we get a black undertaker elected?' We decided to never mention the fact he was black or an undertaker. We just said he was a businessman."

The strategy of focusing on name recognition paid off for Greene, who finished first in the primary.

"Many people had no idea Nelson Sr. was black until his picture appeared on the front page of the Gazette," Campbell recalled. "But there were also many people that knew Nelson Sr. from his work in the community and as one of the founding fathers of Senior Services of Alexandria."

In addition to City Council and ARHA, Greene served on the Alexandria Planning Commission and was a Charter Member of



Nelson Greene Sr., seated at right, was among the honorees at a reception in September commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. In front with Greene is Ferdinand Day. In back are Connie Ring, Gwen Menefee-Smith, Patsy Ticer, Mayor Bill Euille and Melvin Miller.

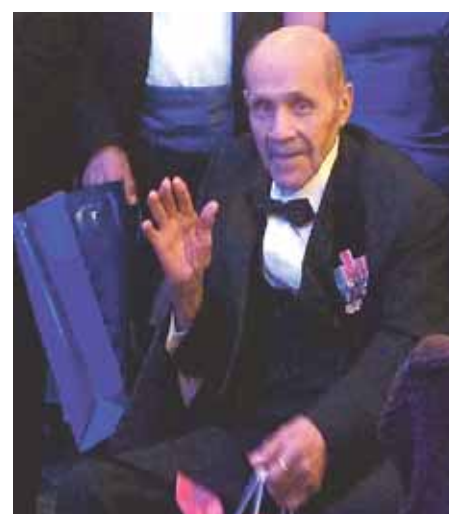
Inova Alexandria Hospital's 1872 Society. He was active in a variety of organizations including the NAACP, Elks Lodge #48, the Departmental Progressive Club and Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and member of the historic William Thomas American Legion Post 129.

"Many people only get to read about their heroes," said Campbell, a schoolmate of Terry Greene and close family friend for more than 50 years. "Nelson Sr. was one of

my heroes and I am thankful I had the opportunity not only to work with him but to laugh with him on many occasions."

Greene was a devoted member of Meade Episcopal Church where he served as Junior and Senior Warden. He taught math as a substitute teacher at Parker-Gray High School and was a member of Omega Psi Phi since 1938.

Greene and his wife, Gloria Kay Greene, were married for 72 years until her death earlier this year on Feb. 15. He is survived



Nelson Greene Sr., shown in 2013, died Nov. 13 at the age of 100.

by his sons Nelson Jr. (Donita) and Terry; grandchildren Nina, Nelson III "Chip" and Derrick; nieces, nephews and numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Nov. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Chapel, 322 N. Alfred St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. at Callaway Chapel at Episcopal High School, 1200 N. Quaker Lane with interment to follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St.

"I've been very lucky," Greene often said of his many achievements. "Many people were brainier. I just wanted a better life for me and my family."

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OPINION

Why Shop Small? Shop Large Locally

Small business Saturday isn't enough; don't wait until then, and don't stop after that.

There is a joy to shopping in local stores at the holidays, to participating in community traditions and celebrations, to walking along a sidewalk with the streets decked out for the holidays, to being greeted by someone likely to be the owner of the store, to finding gifts that are not mass-produced.

One way to be sure holiday shopping comes with some holiday spirit is to do a portion of your shopping in some of the area's locally owned stores. There is special holiday ambiance available by shopping in the heart of a community that is decked out for the season. Small retail shops are part of defining any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them. A small business owner pays attention to every detail in his or her busi-

ness in a way that is otherwise unmatched.

We all benefit when local stores thrive, when local business districts beckon. An effort to support locally owned businesses has resulted in the recognition of Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, also called Shop Small. This year that day is Nov. 29.

EDITORIAL

Locally owned retail shops, services, restaurants depend on vibrant local communities to thrive, and communities depend on those businesses as well. Most small, locally owned businesses invest in community, helping to transform our towns and communities with a sense of place.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active in fundraising for local charities, advocating for improvements, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organiz-

ing holiday events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores, face tough challenges right now. Competition from big box stores and online sellers makes the holiday shopping season all the more important to locally owned retailers. But local families will literally spend millions of dollars to shop and exchange gifts during the next month, spending tens of millions of dollars in a variety of places.

Everyone will do some of their shopping at the mall. Everyone will do some shopping online. Many will answer the call of the big box. But local shoppers should be sure to save some shopping time and dollars for local stores. Spend some time shopping in your own community, and also plan an excursion to a nearby town to check out the local businesses and holiday spirit there.

The Gazette Packet is participating in Shop Small 2014, email sales@connectionnews-papers.com to find out more.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bullies in High Office

To the Editor:

I am beginning to wonder if our small, deep-in-debt city is taking on the smarmy political patina of Chicago or, worse, of Detroit. The bullies running Alexandria, foremost Mayor Euille and council member Justin Wilson, have recruited another member to their cabal: School Board president Karen Graf.

To this cabal of elected officials, she brings a fine Chicago style. The

recent T C Williams football field lighting feasibility study she funded, with your money, was worse than the quintessential Chicago study commissioned some years ago. Although their respective focus was different, their similarities are striking. For example, the Chicago study, like Ms Graf's, occurred during the reign of an imperial Democratic mayor who, like our mayor, believed that his vision was better than everyone else's.

And, like Ms. Graf's study, the Chicago feasibility study was a wasteful use of public money that

produced a preordained finding. Get this: The Chicago study, for \$90,000, revealed snow shovels are the best way to remove snow. Ms. Graf's feasibility study was less costly but no less a travesty. Her study concluded putting lights on T.C. Williams' football field would illuminate it at night.

Night lights at T.C. Williams have become the latest manifestation of what's wrong in Alexandria. You would think that of all people, Ms Graf, would be pulling out all the stops to improve the academic achievements of the thousands of students in our scho-

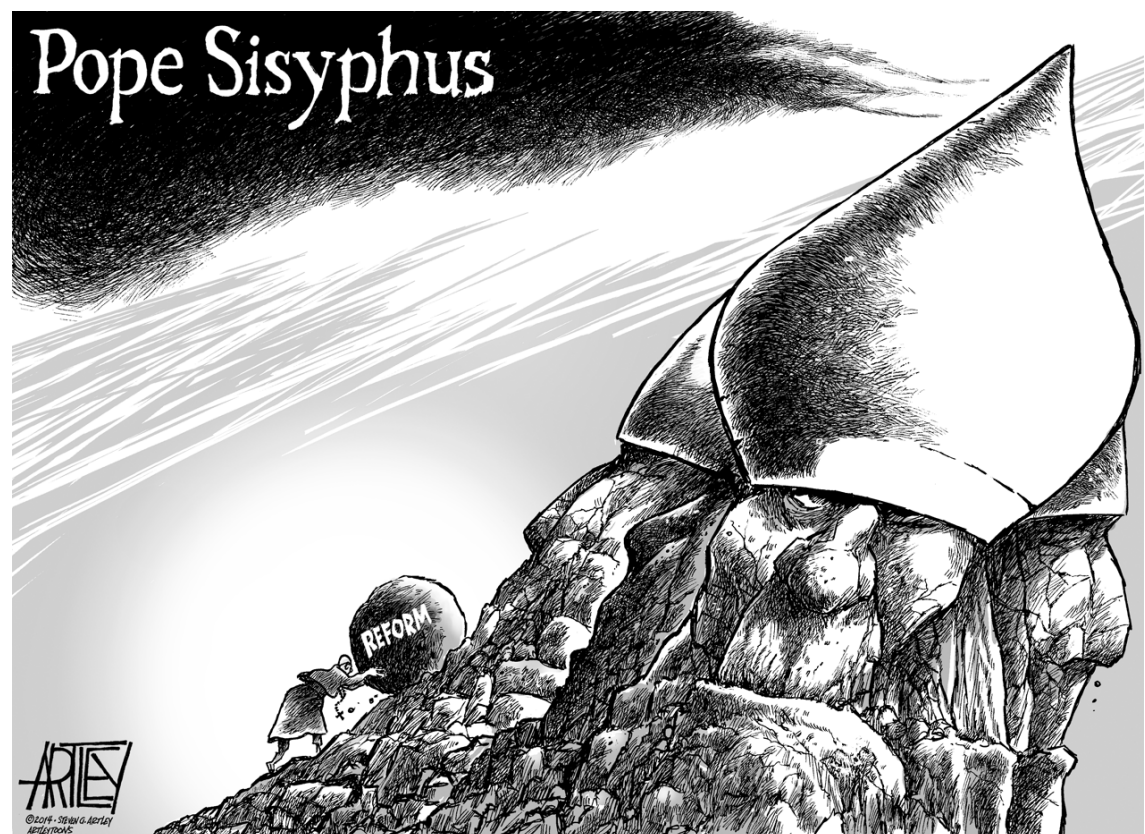
lastically challenged school system. Instead, she is cleaving to the mayor who wants to make night lights at T.C. Williams his legacy.

Opposing him, Mr. Wilson and Ms. Graf is the much abused Woods community whose homes are cheek to jowl to the T.C. Williams football field. In the pre-civil rights era, members of this venerable African American community were paid pennies on the dollar to vacate their homes so the city could assemble enough land on which to build T.C. Williams and its football field.

To salve the wound from being forced from their homes, this historically disrespected community was promised the T.C. Williams athletic field would never be lighted. Now, years later, we have another mayor who wants to run roughshod over the Woods community. Underscoring his ambition, he declared in a recent city council discussion about night lights at T.C. Williams, "Agreements are meant to be broken."

Astounding remark, I agree. But this time, the long bullied African American Woods community, which dates to the civil war era, is standing their ground. If you want join them, then at least send an email or letter to the mayor, Justin Wilson and to Karen Graf insisting they keep night lights off T.C. Williams athletic fields. Don't let these bullies triumph anymore. And if you are an attorney, especially one connected to the NAACP, the Woods community wants your counsel.

Jimm Roberts
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Red Kettle Campaign

Salvation Army Red Kettle coordinator Christine Towne, center, meets Nov. 10 with Alexandria Citadel Lieutenants Kelsey and Nathan Bridges, American Legion Post 24 volunteer coordinator Henry Dorton and board chair Walter Clarke to review logistics for this year's Red Kettle Campaign. The annual fundraising campaign began Nov. 7 and will run through Dec. 24. "We are out in the community six days a week and will be in full swing beginning on Black Friday," Towne said. Alexandria donation sites include Giant and Safeway grocery stores, Starbucks Coffee and the Farmers Market in Old Town and the Dairy Godmother in Del Ray. Online donations can be made at www.virginiasalvationarmy.org.



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SCHOOL NOTES

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

Browne Academy honored America's veterans in a student-run celebration featuring speakers, musical performances, and special presentations. The event was attended by the entire student body, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.

Emceed by **James Ebron** and **Matthew Lettieri** (grade 7), both of whom have family members serving in the military, the celebration began with a welcome from Head of School Peggy Otey and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by students in fourth grade.

A rendition of "Grand Old Flag" by the preschool was followed by the featured speaker, Lt. Col. Michael D. Gayle (retired), who spoke about the history of Veterans Day and service to one's country. He concluded his speech by asking all those

who have served or are serving in the military to stand and be recognized. The veterans received a standing ovation from the audience.

Performances followed and included "America" by the advanced guitar ensemble; a saxophone solo of "Star Spangled Banner" by **Leila Gbelia** (grade 5); "Yankee Doodle Dandy," a song and dance number by the junior choir (grades 2-3); and "This Flag We Fly" by the concert choir (grades 5-8), featuring solos by **Toi Howard** (grade 8) and **Rachel Driscoll** (grade 6).

Three eighth grade students, **Hailey Chauncey**, **Ian Penny**, and **Sydney Jackson**, then read original essays and poems considering the theme, "What Patriotism Means to Me." The event concluded with second graders presenting homemade bookmarks to all the veterans and students with family members in the military as a thank you for their service.



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Adrienne and Joel Robert Cannon pose with their shelter dog Lucy. Joel Cannon served as a volunteer Santa at the photo sessions for many years.

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SCHOOL FOR DOGS

Pets To Line Up with Santa

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET
AWLA

Come early December, a few well-chosen volunteers at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) will put on a fake beard, hat and a bright red suit and head over to the Olde Towne School for Dogs in Old Town Alexandria to take a shift as Santa for some of the area's most treasured pets.

For 22 years, the dog school and pet-supply store has hosted professional photography sessions with Santa to benefit the AWLA, which operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter. Pet owners line up with their companion dogs, cats, rabbits, birds and even snakes to capture a shot of their loved ones perched on Santa's knee — as many as 300 animals each year.

"We move a pet through the process every five minutes for two and a half days," said Carlos Mejias, owner of the Olde Towne School for Dogs. Timed with Alexandria's annual Scottish Walk parade, people come from all over the region, pets in tow. The animals, especially the dogs, don Christmas bows, hats, jackets, antlers or blue Hanuk-

kah scarves as their owners entertain visions of them on their holiday cards or computer screen savers. "Most of the animals are cooperative," said Mejias, who is in charge of posing them after they land on Santa's lap. "It gets a little crazy when we try to get two or three dogs to look cute at the same instant. And it's pretty impossible to get an expression out of a rabbit."

Patience is the most important quality in a volunteer Santa, Mejias said. "The costume is really warm," he said, "and you can have animals biting you or urinating on you and trying to jump out of your arms."

One Santa who had patience in abundance was Joel Robert Cannon. Cannon, who died in 2012, served as a volunteer Santa for many years and never seemed to tire of it, even as emphysema robbed him of his breath. "Joel was always very jolly. We sometimes had difficulty pulling animals away from him," Mejias said. "He'd be cuddling a dog and just didn't want to let go."

Note: This year's photo sessions will be Dec. 5, 6 and 7 at the Olde Towne School for Dogs, 529 Oronoco Street. Call 703-836-7643 to schedule an appointment. All proceeds benefit the AWLA.



A serene Siamese is flanked by two canine pets as they pose with Santa at the Olde Towne School for Dogs.



Carlos Mejias, owner of the Olde Towne School for Dogs, poses a pet with Santa at the annual holiday photography session. The pet photographs benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

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Toasting Alexandria

Ruthie Apelt, Mary and John Heiden, Mary Sparks Sterling, Victoria Kilcullen and Dennis Apelt at the annual Historic Alexandria Foundation wine tasting party and silent auction on Saturday evening, Nov. 15 at the Atheneum. Wine was selected by Grape+Bean and accompanied with hors d'oeuvres from A Thyme & Place. Proceeds from the event benefit the Historic Alexandria Preservation Fund. For more information visit www.historicalexandriafoundation.org.



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An Evening of Service

Event spotlights 20th anniversary Volunteer Alexandria Awards.

Alexandria volunteers and friends gathered at the Patent & Trademark office for the 20th anniversary awards salute to volunteers on Nov. 6. Val Hawkins, CEO and president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership was the 2014 recipient of the Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Achievement Award. Hawkins was served on the board of directors of Carpenter's Shelter since 1999 and has assisted with fundraising efforts for the shelter. He was instrumental in starting the Carpenter's Cook Off, one of the shelters largest fundraisers.

Marya Fitzgerald, Jim Walsh and Donald White were all chosen as recipients of the Joan White Grassroots Volunteer Service Award. Marya Fitzgerald, a retired Fairfax County school teacher has volunteered for the past 11 years at Alexandria Archaeology as a docent, newsletter editor and public face of the organization. Jim Walsh, a retired information technology professional has volunteered the past few years with SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now). Walsh keeps the computer systems at SCAN running, secure and efficient by regular monitoring of the system on location or by remote access. Alexandria volunteer firefighter Don White serves as secretary for the volunteer department. He serves as the department's unofficial historian. He recently joined the Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps and has been the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) representative to the Alexandria Citizen Corps Council since 2011.

T.C. Williams student Yahya Yaziji was awarded the Youth Volunteer Service Award for his participation on the Leadership Council of the Alexandria Campaign on



SCAN executive director Sonia Quinonez, Joan White Grassroots Volunteer awardee Jim Walsh, Mayor Bill Euille and Volunteer Alexandria executive director Marion Brunken.

Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP). He is also an active member of both ACAP's Keep It 360 & Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) Above the Influence Clubs (ATI) at T.C. Williams High School. In addition to the awards presentation, guests bid on items in a silent and live auction. Doing a little fundraising on his own, Hawkins accepted a wager from Lee Fifer, Peter Lunt, Fred Sachs, David Speck and Nick Carosi to wear a plaid shirt as part of his attire to receive the Marion Van Landingham Lifetime Achievement Award. In return for wearing the plaid shirt, each of the five men would donate \$1,000 to the Carpenter's Shelter.



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Val Hawkins and Marion Van Landingham. Hawkins was the 2014 recipient of the Marion Van Landingham Lifetime Achievement Award.



Joan White Grassroots Volunteer awardee Marya Fitzgerald.



David Speck and Kerry Donley announce the second live auction item, 10 dozen glazed doughnuts from Krispy Kreme delivered by the Donley and Speck wearing the Krispy Kreme hats.



Board President of Volunteer Alexandria and co-chair of the awards reception Frank Fannon congratulates the 2014 awardees.



Emergency Management Coordinator for the Alexandria Health Department Cyndi Lake introduces Alexandria Volunteer Firefighter Don White. White was a recipient of the Joan White Grassroots Volunteer award.



Liz Salter, Suzanne Bethel and John Porter take the stage to introduce the 2014 Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Achievement awardee Val Hawkins.

Liz Salter, John Porter, Suzanne Bethel, Val Hawkins, Mayor Bill Euille and Marion Brunken

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Why Does Alexandria Celebrate Birthday of George Washington?

BY JOSEPH SHUMARD
CHAIR, GEORGE
WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Generations of Americans from every corner of this country revere George Washington as the Father of his Country.

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

THROUGH SATURDAY/NOV.22

Blanket Drive. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at City Hall, 301 King Street, Market Square Lobby, on weekdays, and at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The drive ends at noon on Nov. 22. The goal is to fill several shipping containers for a relief agency in Turkey. Blankets will go to refugee families who have fled Iraq and Syria. Drop off new or gently used blankets (cleaned and folded; no sheets, please) to City Hall or Beatley Central Library. Visit helpsyrianrefugees.us.

COAT DRIVE

The Fund for Alexandria's Child invites the public to help children in foster care or at risk of abuse or neglect keep warm this winter through the annual Fall Coat Drive, Oct. 1-Nov. 26. Donations of coats, hats, scarves, and gloves will help ensure that all Alexandria children can stay warm during the cold months. Individuals can donate through The Fund wish list on the Fall into Giving website or by purchasing items elsewhere and dropping them off or having them delivered to: Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, Attn: Community Resources Program, 2525 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. Call 703-746-5663 or email thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov.

HOLIDAY GIVING

The Christ Child Project opportunities for involvement include: adopting a child/children, shopping for gifts, pricing at the store, and working during the store hours. Food elves are needed for the Ingathering of Gifts, Sunday, Dec. 7 and for volunteers working in the store on Dec. 12. To volunteer, contact Carolyn Carbaugh, cscarbaugh@verizon.net or call 301-292-2102. Visit www.HistoricChristChurch.org.

Holiday Sharing Sponsors Wanted. The Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) invites the public to help make the 2014 holiday season brighter for the most vulnerable community members – low-income families, foster children, and elderly and disabled residents – through the annual Holiday Sharing program. Contact Suzanne Kratzok at 703-746-5663 or holidaysharing@alexandriava.gov for more.

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His service as presiding officer of the constitutional conventions, as commander-in-chief of the revolutionary army, and two terms as the first President of the United States distinguish Washington as an important national leader. But why should the citizens of Alexandria look upon him as a hometown hero? Why have our residents cel-

brated his birthday for more than 230 years?

His favorite place on earth was certainly Mount Vernon Estate but the City of Alexandria was the community to which he had the closest ties. Washington's family contributed a great deal to the founding of Alexandria. Washington himself worshiped at Christ Church and served as a vestryman, he surveyed the city as young man, and he owned property in the city and contributed in many other ways to the Alexandria community. In short, Washington was important to Alexandria because Alexandria was important to Washington.

Thanks to the foresight of organizations like the Masonic Fraternity, the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution some of the history of Washington and Alexandria was preserved. Today our historic properties and our close association with George Washington make our city an important tourist destination and generates millions of dollars for our local economy every year.

Washington's contributions to Alexandria are more that just cur-

with the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Resources to support the 24th annual Holiday Sharing program. The program provides new, unwrapped gifts and toys for children ages 1 to 13 in the Alexandria community. Groups are encouraged to hold parties or happy hours as enjoyable ways to get friends and co-workers together to donate. To participate, groups can create their own collection bins or have them delivered by a volunteer. To view a list of items needed and where to drop them off, visit www.volunteeralexandria.org and click on the Holiday Volunteering tab. Volunteers are still needed to sort and distribute gifts on Dec. 19 and 20. Visit www.volunteeralexandria.org. To sign up for a collection bin, email Marion Brunken at mbrunken@volunteeralexandria.com.

Toy Drive. Runs through Dec. 12. The Weichert family of Companies

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sory and his importance to the character of the city cannot be exaggerated. It is fair to say that Alexandria would not be what it is today without him.

It is not too soon to make plans to be part of the 2015 Celebration. You are invited to take part in all events throughout February. They include the largest parade celebrating the birth of George Washington in the USA, the oldest 10-K Race in the Alexandria, the recreation of a ball originally attended by General and Mrs. Washington, a restaurant competition, a walking tour of some of the more than 140 places in Alexandria associ-

ated with George Washington, a symposium, a ceremony honoring our veterans and active duty military (after all Gen. Washington was our first veteran), a free tour of many of our historic properties, and a live revolutionary war battle reenactment in the style of the 18th century. We are challenged to raise funding for these events and I will speak more about that in my next article. For now, I hope you visit our website at www.washingtonbirthday.net and find out more. And I hope that you will plan to be part of the celebration of the 283rd birthday of George Washington.

Bio

Originally from the San Francisco Bay area, Joseph Shumard came here to join the staff of Alexandria National Bank and spent the next 30 years in the banking profession. He subsequently joined the staff of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce as membership director and later as president. He now serves as vice president of Sales Lab, Incorporated.

Shumard came to Alexandria in July 1976, appropriately enough on July 4th as the nation celebrated its bicentennial. He may be best known as the guiding spirit and organizational director behind Alexandria's George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, which he joined in 1994, becoming its chairman in 1999.

He is also involved with Alexandria's American Legion Post 24 and the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, known as Washington's Fire Company, which he now serves as president. He is a "Living Legend" and serves on the board of Living Legends of Alexandria. Additionally, he is actively engaged with volunteer organizations such as Volunteer Alexandria, First Night Alexandria, and MidAtlantic Erg Sprints.



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MedStar PromptCare and MedStar Medical Group offices are now open in the Bradlee Shopping Center.

MedStar Opens Alexandria Centers

MedStar held a grand opening at its new est location in the Bradlee Shopping Center on Monday, Nov 10. Located in the Bradlee Shopping Center, MedStar converted the site vacated by Blockbusters into two medical facilities that include a prompt care and medical group offices. MedStar PromptCare, an urgent care center, provides medical treatment for illnesses and injuries that are not life-threatening. Hours for MedStar PromptCare are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The adjacent office, MedStar Medical Group offers primary care and sports medicine services. The hours for MedStar Medical Group are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facilities are located at 3610D King St.

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MedStar PromptCare medical director Dr. Ed Kimlin and Dr. Justin Mullner talk with a visitors at the grand opening.

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MedStar PromptCare medical director Dr. Ed Kimlin, MedStar PromptCare center administrator Nancy Luna and Dr. Justin Mullner greet visitors to the newly opened healthcare facilities in the Bradlee Shopping Center.



PHOTO BY JOHN BORDNER

Anticipation

Construction work continues at 100 King St. in Old Town where UK-based Carluccio's will open its first U.S. restaurant and market later this year. The brain-child of noted UK celebrity chef Antonio Carluccio and his wife Priscilla, the Italian eatery will combine a 125-seat full service restaurant and café with a market selling imported Italian products from small, family producers.

BUSINESS NOTES

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

Jeffrey D. Morgan, FASAE, CAE has been named chief executive officer of the Club Managers Association of America, based in Alexandria, following unanimous approval by its board of directors. With more than 6,500 national and international members, CMAA is the largest association for club managers in the world. Morgan was selected from nearly 200 qualified candidates and begins his tenure in October.

Special Use Permits submitted to the City of Alexandria made public the opening of Alexandria's only hand crafted donut shop later this year. Located at 804 North Henry Street in Alexandria's historic Parker Gray neighborhood, **Sugar Shack** is slated to open in late 2014. The shop will join Lost Dog Café as tenants in the retail portion of the Belle Pre Apartment building.

Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, a full-service wealth management, financial services and investment banking firm headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, opened a new office in Alexandria in

August. Janney will initially relocate a core group of financial advisors from its Washington, D.C. office to help launch the new location, as well as recruiting new financial advisors from the Alexandria area. Members of the Alexandria office include Robert J. Benson – First Vice President/Wealth Management (Branch Manager); Michael R. Slaymaker, CFP® - Vice President/Wealth Management; and Elizabeth Miller – Registered Private Client Assistant – all members of The Old Dominion Group. In addition, Thomas A. Graham – Senior Vice President/Wealth Management and his assistant, Paul DeRosa – Registered Private Client Assistant, are also now located in Janney's Alexandria office.

Living Legends of Alexandria welcomed two new board members.

Cynthia (Cindy) Savery first lived in Alexandria in the late '80s. She moved to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1987 where she worked for the local Public Radio station, KNPR in membership, fundraising and special events. Missing the east coast and D.C. area she moved back in 1991 and has called Alexandria/Del Ray home ever since. Over the next

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PEOPLE

Co-creating Cable TV Show

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"Freestyle Love Supreme."

"In some ways, it started when Tommy and I were driving to Des Moines to help a fellow Wesleyan student make their thesis film and we got caught in a terrible storm around two in the morning," Venezia said. "We were both exhausted from driving for 16 hours and we had to stay awake. I put on Daft Punk's Around the World b-side remix and told Tommy that he had to tell me a story over the beat."

In 2004, Back House Productions, along with other producers, Jon Steingart and Jill Furman, began putting on live shows in New York City. They also took their show on the road, traveling all over the world with "Freestyle Love Supreme."

"We performed live in festivals all over the world, going to places like Australia, Edinburgh and Montreal," Kail said. "Then a few of us in were involved in 'In the Heights,' so we took a break from 'Freestyle Love Supreme' from 2007 to 2009."

"In the Heights" is the Broadway musical that Kail directed and garnered a Tony Award nomination in 2008. The success and fan following that he earned from "In the Heights" and from other award-winning productions inspired him to give his improv-based "Freestyle Love Supreme" another run.

"It reinvigorated us and we started performing the stage show again," Kail said. "In 2010, we also started making videos with the website, College Humor, and on our own. We got introduced to Pivot in 2013, and we have been developing it with them for about a year now."

Venezia said that from the first few New York City productions of "Freestyle," was just a matter of time before it became a television show.

"We did a bunch of live shows in and around New York City and people really liked the show, so we got to travel and do the show a bunch around the world,"

Venezia said. "After that people were like, 'Well, can you turn it into a TV show?' We've been working on that for a long time. It's really difficult to capture improvisation in such a way that it feels authentic on the small screen, but I'm happy to say that I think we found a really interesting way to marry long form improvisation and television in this show."

Kail also said he is thrilled to be working with Pivot, and believes the channel is the perfect forum for the show. Pivot is a cable television channel whose programming targets millennials.

"Pivot is a really dynamic and appropriate fit for 'Freestyle,'" Kail said. "Our show can make the every day occurrence into a song. The idea of that sort of creative transformation will hopefully inspire people to feel like we can all elevate the everyday happenings of the world."

Kail said the TV show is a half hour long, and through its first season will visit many of the boroughs of New York City. He said even for himself, a producer, it is a blast to watch the show and the cast of characters performing.

"There are seven people on stage, two musicians, four singers and one guy who does beatboxing," Kail said. "I am happily off-camera and I think the world is better for that. It is a joy to share this with more people and watch these guys do their magic tricks on television. My job to try and capture that magic."

Kail said what he loves most about his career is that it isn't all that different from what made him happy as a kid sprinting the soccer fields of Alexandria. "It's the same dynamic on my soccer team as a kid as when I am making a show," Kail said. "My responsibility to make sure everyone is moving fluidly in the same direction."

"Freestyle Love Supreme" airs at 10:30 Eastern and Pacific Times on Pivot TV. It will also be available on iTunes.

MILITARY NOTES

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

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Komla W. Ahligo** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Ahligo earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the brother of Willie Collins of Alexandria. The airman is a 2014 graduate of Annandale High School.

U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Daniel Lewis** graduated from

basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Lewis earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Richard and Kathy Lewis of Alexandria; and the brother of Matthew Lewis of Chantilly, and of Katie Luong of South Riding. He is also the grandson of Joyce Lewis of Belmont, N.C., and of Joan and Ralph Kuhnel of Ocean Isle, N.C. The airman graduated in 2008 from Mount Vernon High School.

General John H. Tilelli Jr., USA (Ret), outgoing chair of Military Officers Association of America board of directors,

and MOAA President Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret), presented the MOAA Military Family National Service Award to former Sen. Elizabeth Dole and several Community Heroes Awards to eight groups and individuals who have exemplified selfless service to the wounded military and veterans' populations.

Civilian award recipients are: **Brendan O'Toole**, a former Marine Corps sergeant and founder of The Run for Veterans; and **Leah Hernandez**, a caretaker, military spouse, and member of the Fort Belvoir Caregivers Support Group.

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Gadsby Tavern Museum Society member Danny Smith appears as Father Christmas in Gadsby Square during the 2013 Scottish Walk festivities.

44th Scottish Walk

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., partners with the Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria to host the annual parade. The iconic Scottish Christmas Walk Parade takes place on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m., when more than 45 Scottish clans dressed in colorful tartans will parade through the streets of Old Town, joined by pipe and drum bands from around the region, as well as terriers and hounds. More events Friday and Saturday include a Taste of Scotland (Dec. 5), Deck the Halls with Santa (Dec. 5), Heather and Greens sale (Dec. 5-6), Holiday Marketplace (Dec. 6) and the Campagna Center's Holiday Designer Tour of Homes (Dec. 6). Free for parade, holiday marketplace and heather & green sales; \$110-290 or Taste of Scotland; \$35 for Designer Tour of Homes; \$20-\$35 for Deck the Halls with Santa. Visit www.scottishchristmaswalk.com for more.



A group of Scottish Highland dancers practice their dance steps before heading off down the 2013 parade route with the Washington Scottish Pipe Band of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington.

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8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. A post-performance celebration with ballet dancers and Land of Sweets' fare: includes live music, photos with the characters and autographs. This is a seated event, with eight per table, pre-assigned according to time of reservation and party size. \$25 per ticket. www.metropolitanarts.org

WEDNESDAY/NOV.26-SUNDAY/DEC.28

Broadway Christmas Carol. Runs through Dec. 28 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Enjoy the show Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

Hangout with Santa (and Mrs. Claus). 1-5:30 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria. Storytelling will begin at 4 and 5:30 p.m. Santa will lead a sidewalk parade, playing his bagpipes, up to the Christmas tree lighting in Market Square. Cocoa, coffee and cookies will be available for purchase as well as a full menu for those wishing to dine. www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/events.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28 -TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon

Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 5-6

Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade, 9 a.m. onwards at Campagna Center, 418 South Washington St., Alexandria. Tour historic Old Town homes decorated for the season, wander through a marketplace full of unique seasonal gifts, purchase greenery for your holiday decorations, enjoy fine Scotch at the Taste of Scotland, and take in the sights and sounds of the unique Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. Proceeds will benefit educational programs that provide vital pre-K education, after school programs, tutoring and mentoring, family support services and English classes, all serving 1,700 Alexandrians daily. For schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit www.scottishchristmaswalk.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983

A Soldier's Christmas at Carlyle House. Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle

House, 121 N. Fairfax St. The Christmas event will feature reenactors from the First Virginia Regiment, as well as costumed interpreters from historic Carlyle House who will highlight colonial life in Alexandria during the holidays at the time of the American Revolution. Visit carlylehouse.org.

Holiday Open House. 4-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. During the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Holiday Open House, artists will keep their studios open late for visitors to find handmade gifts. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Boat Parade. 5:30 p.m. near the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy the 15th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/holidays for more.

Holiday on the Avenue. 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon and E. Oxford avenues. Discover the holiday spirit with a visit to Del Ray for the annual holiday tree lighting and a special appearance by Santa Claus, who will lead carols and sit for photos with children. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Holiday Concert. 7 p.m. Convergence, 180 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Exciting holiday concert featuring the Alexandria and George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorales. Free. www.encorecreativity.org

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

Nutcracker in a Nutshell, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, Old Town Alexandria. Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria and Lorton will present their pint-sized, 30-minute version of the Nutcracker

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ONGOING

Mount Vernon Virtual Tour. Website users can now transport themselves to George Washington's Mount Vernon in a click of a mouse or touch of a screen through a new virtual tour. Featuring 29, 360-degree panoramic images, more than 200 points of interest, and dozens of in-depth videos highlighting architectural details, objects and anecdotes, the tour recreates the experience of being at the estate in an unparalleled way. www.mountvernon.org/virtualtour

Tavern Toddlers. Weekly open playtime continues every Monday throughout holiday season, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, North Royal Street, Alexandria. Caregivers, toddlers (walkers through 3 years) and visiting relatives are welcome to play, read, dance and color in the historic ballroom. No reservations required. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are \$3. A three-visit pass costs \$18. On Monday, Feb. 16 Tavern Toddlers will be closed due to President's Day. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242

Post-photography: Beyond the Print. Through Nov. 30. Public reception Thursday Nov. 13, 6-9 p.m. In a new Target Gallery exhibition, 31 artists experiment with alternative applications of traditional photographic images through a variety of work in wood, glass, fabric, and other media. torpedofactory.org/event/post-photography.

Young at Art. Through Nov. 21 at 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.

Multiple Exposure Gallery. Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic,

personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Runs 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.

Photography Exhibit. Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating images. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.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.

"Beyond the Board" Art Exhibit. Through Feb. 22. Prudential PenFed Realty, 4900 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans' presents "Beyond the Board." A portion of artists' sales go to the PenFed Foundation, supporting active military families, veterans and their families. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/gww/ 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 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

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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 pm. 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.

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Sewing Classes. Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Saturday, Nov. 22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm to register.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Retrosessionists Comedy Improv. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Enjoy an evening of improv comedy along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 21-22

Oliver! The Musical. 3 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Dickens' classic, family-favorite 19th century tale follows Oliver's adventure through London's underworld of pickpockets and ruffians, to the truth about his past. \$12. www.mvct.org

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Proposed Chinquapin 50-meter Pool Kick-Off Event. 6 p.m. Chinquapin Recreation Center, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Featuring USA Swimming National Team Member Andrew Seliskar who will talk to young swimmers and families about his career and the importance of supporting swimming and building 50-meter pools. Seliskar will also take questions from the audience and sign autographs. Email alexandriaaquatics@gmail.com.

Period Inspired Banquet. 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Celebrate an evening with retired President Jefferson, played by Colonial Williamsburg's Bill Barker. The evening will feature a period inspired banquet, English country dances, live music, dessert collation and a cash bar. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

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Land of Sweets Tea. 2 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center, Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. A post-performance celebration with ballet dancers and Land of Sweets' fare: includes live music, photos with the characters and autographs. This is a seated event, with eight per table, pre-assigned according to time of reservation and party size. \$25 per ticket. www.metropolitanarts.org

Music in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Navy Band Chamber Music Series will feature Stravinsky's Octet for Winds as well as other traditional and modern music for woodwinds and brass. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music

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ENTERTAINMENT



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Santa lights the Del Ray Holiday Tree and residents pose for photos.



Children gather close to the stage during the singing of holiday songs led by The Rainbow Lady Kate Moran at Del Ray's 2013 holiday celebration.

Del Ray Lights Up for the Holidays

The annual Holiday on the Avenue will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6. 6-9 p.m. Discover the holiday spirit with a visit to Del Ray for the annual holiday tree lighting and a special appearance by Santa Claus, who will lead carols and sit for photos with children. The celebration continues with an evening stroll down Mount Vernon Avenue, which will be illuminated by thousands of candles called "luminarias." In the true spirit of the holidays, the community will be collecting items such as canned goods, diapers and towels for the Carpenter's Homeless Shelter. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

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Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Time Jumpers, featuring Vince Gill, Dawn Sears, Kenny Sears and Ranger Doug Green. \$59.50. Visit www.thetimejumpers.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

DJ Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria. With DJ Dabe Murphy. Music of the 1930s, '40s, '50s and some contemporary surprises. \$6. 703-359-9882 or www.gottaswing.com

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26-SUNDAY/DEC. 28

Broadway Christmas Carol. Runs through Dec. 28 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Enjoy the show Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 7-9 p.m. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

Hangout with Santa (and Mrs. Claus). 1-5:30 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria. Storytelling will begin at 4 and 5:30 p.m. Santa will lead a sidewalk parade, playing his bagpipes, up to the Christmas tree lighting in Market Square. Cocoa, coffee and cookies will be available for purchase as well as a full menu for those wishing to dine. www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/events.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28-TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon

Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas for more.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1-3

Amalia's Fancy by Will Artley. 6:15, 7:00 and 7:45 p.m. Tres Hermanas, 4580 Duke Street, Alexandria. Chef Will Artley is teaming up with his friend Travis Hester to pay homage to his mom with Amalia's Fancy, a pop-up experience featuring dishes that highlight his Mexican heritage and global travels. The fixed-price menu will include 11 dishes, \$75 including tax. Beverages and gratuity are extra. Reservations are required and can be made at www.roughindustries.com/collections/amalias-fancy

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria. \$10. A night of swing dance fun with music by with Hot Buttered Nuggets. www.gottaswing.com or 703-359-9882.

THURSDAY/DEC. 4

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone perform. \$45.00. Visit peternoone.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 5-6

Live Music: Dar Williams. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dar Williams, honoring the 20th Anniversary of "The Honesty Room." \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.darwilliams.com.

Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade, 9 a.m. onwards at Campagna Center, 418 South Washington St., Alexandria. Tour historic Old Town homes

decorated for the season, wander through a marketplace full of unique seasonal gifts, purchase greenery for your holiday decorations, enjoy fine Scotch at the Taste of Scotland, and take in the sights and sounds of the unique Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. Proceeds will benefit educational programs that provide vital pre-K education, after school programs, tutoring and mentoring, family support services and English classes, all serving 1,700 Alexandrians daily. For schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit www.scottishchristmaswalk.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983

A Soldier's Christmas at Carlyle House.

Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. The Christmas event will feature re-enactors from the First Virginia Regiment, as well as costumed interpreters from historic Carlyle House who will highlight colonial life in Alexandria during the holidays at the time of the American Revolution. Visit carlylehouse.org for more.

Holiday Open House. 4-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. During the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Holiday Open House, artists will keep their studios open late for visitors to find handmade gifts. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Boat Parade. 5:30 p.m. near the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy the 15th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of

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Lights. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/holidays for more.
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Holiday Concert. 7 p.m. Convergence, 180 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Exciting holiday concert featuring the Alexandria and George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorales. Free. www.encorecreativity.org
Dance in the Gallery: A Demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Northern Virginia branch, presents a demonstration of social dancing of Scotland. www.nvfaa.org

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

Nutcracker in a Nutshell, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, Old Town Alexandria. Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria and Lorton will present their pint-sized, 30-minute version of the Nutcracker for younger audiences, along with a breakfast. Tickets are \$38 for children, 10 and younger, and \$48 for adults. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org for tickets.

"Advent Cantata." 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. Presented by New Dominion Chorale, works by Benjamin Britten and Thomas Beveridge. General admission \$30; \$25 seniors; \$5 students, children; \$20 groups of 10 or more. Free parking. Call Margaret Volpe at 703-442-9404, visit www.newdominion.org or email info@westernpresbyterian.org.

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MONDAY/DEC. 8

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PHOTO BY LAURA MANN

'Nutcracker' in a Nutshell

Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria and Lorton will present their 30-minute version of the "Nutcracker" for younger audiences, along with a buffet brunch on Sun., Dec. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Old Town Alexandria. Tickets are \$38 for children, 10 and younger, and \$48 for adults. Go to www.metropolitanarts.org for tickets. Seats will be assigned for this event in tables of 10 according to reservation time and party size.

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT



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Past holiday shops drew hundreds of gift seekers.

Holiday Shop Returns

The day-long Holiday Shop at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church will be open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the new commons annex as well as the chapel, the Hollin Hall mansion, and the grounds of Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. MVUC's Holiday Shop features 50 hand-picked artisans; Country Kitchen with homemade chutneys, cakes, pies, cookies, breads, cheese balls and jellies; Betty's Boutique with gently used decorative household items; and the Jewelry Shop with estate jewelry. A quilt made by the MVUC quilters called “mountain dreams” will be raffled off near the end of the day. Lunch can be purchased on site. Call 703-765-5950 or see www.mvuc.org.

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TUESDAY/DEC. 9

Santa Will Visit. 1-3 p.m. at CVS, 1636 Belle View Blvd, Alexandria. Guests will receive a free photograph with Santa and goodies. Call 703-768-7044 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 13-14

Historical Candlelight Tour. Saturday, 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, 3-6 p.m. at various locations in Old Town. This holiday event blends chocolate and history through special tastings, seasonal decorations, period music and tours highlighting chocolate through time. Visit www.historicalexandria.org for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Civil War Christmas. Noon-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visitors will meet a Civil War-era Santa at this family-fun holiday event exploring how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. Visit apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

Holiday Concert. 8 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org for more.

Nutcracker in a Nutshell. 3 and 7:30 p.m. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria campus, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. A condensed version of the classic holiday ballet performed by The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to any of the performances for the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots program. Tickets are \$25 and are available in advance at www.thecenterforballetarts.com or 703-273-5344. Tickets will also be available at the door.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Colonial Favorites. 2-4 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Colonial English Handbell Ringers will return with their annual concert at the Lyceum, featuring a group of 12 performers. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 20

Christmas Illuminations. 5:30-9 p.m. Sip hot chocolate while watching fireworks over the Potomac. This is a limited capacity event. Advance ticket purchase is suggested. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$20 youth (6-11), children five and under are free. Visit MountVernon.org for more.

Orchestra. 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents “Holidays in Paris.” Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

MONDAY/DEC. 22

A John Waters Christmas. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon

Ave. \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 22-24

Breakfast with Santa. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St., Alexandria. Have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus before they take off for the big night. \$10 per child (age 0-12) and \$15 per person (age 13+) includes a continental breakfast, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and tax. Tickets required. Limited amount for every seating. Reservations www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/breakfast.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 31

First Night Alexandria. Events take place throughout the day at numerous venues around the City of Alexandria. Visit www.firstnightalexandria.org for more.

Live. 8 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch Seldom Scene, Bumper Jackson and The Hello Strangers perform. Tickets \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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Second Thursday Live: The Aloha Boys. 7 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. \$10 admission. The Aloha Boys have played Carnegie Hall, The Birchmere and The Kennedy Center. They bring the warm aloha spirit on a cold day. www.nvfaa.org

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Transportation Improvements in I-395 Corridor

How constriction will affect Seminary Road and Mark Center.

By Mike Salmon
Virginia Megaprojects

Construction has increased in the Mark Center area this fall as the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) works to improve transportation in the western part of Alexandria. Four major areas of concentration include the I-395 auxiliary lane; the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) ramp to Seminary Road; the Seminary Road bridge over I-395; and a new pedestrian bridge. These four project elements are underway simultaneously and when completed, they are designed to ease the traffic to and from the Mark Center, and improve the transition of the traffic from the 95 Express Lanes, which end just south of Duke Street.

In early October, a large crane was moved into place that is the work horse to rebuild the Seminary Road bridge over I-395, place beams for the HOV ramp, and place more beams for the separate pedestrian bridge north of Seminary Road.

I-395 NORTH AUXILIARY LANE – A new lane is being added on I-395 between the northbound on-ramp at Duke Street (Route 236) and the northbound off-ramp

I-395 Corridor

Estimated Project Costs
HOV Ramp - \$60 million
Auxiliary Lane - \$20 million
Total - Approximately \$80 million



PHOTO BY TREVOR WRATON/VDOT

This ramp from I-395 North to Seminary Road will improve the ability of motorists to access Seminary Road. The ramp was rebuilt as part of the new auxiliary lane on I-395 North, which is scheduled to open by the end of 2014.

at Seminary Road. This 0.8-mile auxiliary lane will ease congestion where motorists enter and exit I-395. It is expected to be open in December, in conjunction with the 95/395 Express Lanes, a 29-mile tolled lane project that ends just north of Edsall Road.

At Sanger Avenue, a connecting road between Beauregard Street and North Van Dorn Street, a bridge span to support the additional lane on I-395 is scheduled to be complete in November.

I-395 HOV RAMP – In August, the foundation was put in place and pilings were erected to support an HOV Ramp that will link the I-395 HOV lanes to Seminary Road over the highway. When completed in 2015, this will be a more direct route for commuters and buses to access the Mark Center, as well as a route to the City of Alexandria via Seminary Road. There will be a traffic signal at the intersection of the ramp and Seminary Road. During construction, there will be occasional lane clo-

sures on I-395 during off-peak travel times, and the pilings will be driven into the ground during the overnight hours to minimize disruption.

This HOV Ramp will enable buses and other transit vehicles to access the Mark Center from the HOV lanes, instead of exiting onto the traffic on I-395 south of Seminary or traveling to the Pentagon and back-tracking on I-395 South back to the Mark Center.

SEMINARY ROAD BRIDGE – In coordination with the HOV Ramp link to Seminary Road, crews are rebuilding the bridge over I-395 one span at a time. In early October, one eastbound and one westbound lane was closed, the traffic was routed to the outer lanes while the median was removed and the east and westbound sides were divided. In late October, both the eastbound and westbound lane was shifted to the westbound span while the eastbound span is dismantled with the 150-foot crane. This bridge is scheduled to

be completed in fall 2015.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE – To provide safe bike and pedestrian access on Seminary Road across I-395, VDOT is also building a new pedestrian bridge just north of the Seminary Road overpass. The new bridge will stand-alone and use part of the current pedestrian ramp. Crews have completed drilling and over the next few weeks, will be placing concrete and bridge columns. When the beams are placed between piers over I-395, there will be lane closures but this will be done in the overnight hours.

Meeting about Pedestrian Bridge

The Virginia Department of Transportation will host a public information meeting regarding the replacement of the Seminary Road (Route 420) pedestrian bridge Thursday, Nov. 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Francis C. Hammond Middle School Auditorium, 4646 Seminary Road in Alexandria.

A presentation will be made from 7 to 7:30 p.m., with a question and answer session to follow immediately.

Citizens are invited to learn about:
❖ Schedule and duration of temporary closures of the Seminary Road pedestrian bridge
❖ Implementation of a safe, alternate pedestrian route, access and crossings
❖ Details on the work and improvements being made for the new stand-alone pedestrian bridge and replacement of Seminary Bridge

The pedestrian bridge replacement is part of the \$76 million I-395 HOV Ramp and Auxiliary Lane project. The 0.8-mile auxiliary lane on 395 connecting the northbound on-ramp at Duke Street (Route 236) to the northbound off-ramp at Seminary is scheduled to open by the end of the year. The reversible HOV/transit ramp at Seminary is scheduled to open in late September 2015.

For more information, visit the www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/i-395_hov-transit_ramp.asp

BUSINESS NOTES

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22 years, Savery worked at various associations in Washington, D.C. and Alexandria; for five of those years at The Phillips Collection in the development department. Since retiring in 2013, she has remained active in the art community volunteering at the Smithsonian Castle and the American Art Museum. Recently she used her experience to help with the Art Uniting People art exhibition. Savery is a graduate of the University of Nevada.

Belinda (Billie) Morin has worked as an analyst at the National Institutes of Health for more than 14 years providing advice and evaluation for various government programs. For the past seven years her responsibilities have focused on diversity recruitment in the biomedical research workforce. She is currently chair for the Washington D.C. Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives. Morin graduated from George Washington University with a B.S. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and an M.A. in Neuropsychology. She is an adjunct faculty member at George Mason University teaching physiological psychology.

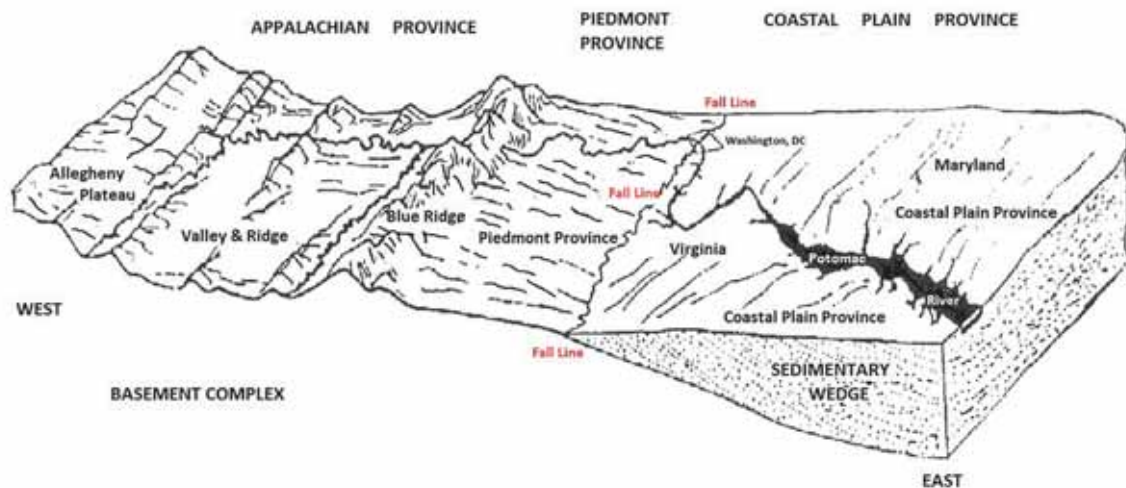
Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing, not-for-profit photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's recent history makers. Visit www.alexandrialegends.com for more.

Andrew F. Palmieri, a real estate partner at Saul Ewing LLP, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Alexandria-based The Campagna Center.

Michael Harper joins Blue Chip Tennis Academy as director of Junior Performance and is responsible for the continued development of the junior performance pathway, from 10 & under to High Performance. Previously the director of Junior Tennis for the Tennis Center at College Park, Harper received recognition from the Tennis Industry Association (TIA) in the fall of 2013 as one of the top 30 individuals in the industry under the age of 30 and has been featured in Racquet Sports Industry magazine.

Harper has served the tennis industry in several capacities over the past decade from private performance and high school varsity coach, to USTA tennis service representative, schools trainer and sectional board member. He has attended, helped to organize, and been a speaker at several industry conferences, and has served as a volunteer with the Special Olympics and various community outreach programs. He maintains professional level certifications from both the PTR and USPTA and carries the designation of Global TIA Cardio Tennis Master Trainer. Harper was a 4-year Division 1 scholarship athlete and is a 2006 graduate of Morgan State University. He still enjoys playing and holds a USTA rating of 5.5.

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia (Habitat NOVA) relocated its ReStore Alexandria to the City of Alexandria with a two-day grand opening event. On Friday, Sept. 19, local leaders joined Habitat NOVA staff and board members for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the store's new location at 869 S. Pickett St. ReStore Alexandria is one of two home improvement re-sale shops that Habitat NOVA operates to help support its mission to provide affordable home-ownership opportunities to hard-working families in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church. Habitat NOVA's ReStores are open to the general public. Learn more at www.habitatnova.org.



The Coastal Plain physiographic province is the result of the erosional sediment from the Appalachians. For over 180 million years sediment has washed down rivers both ancient and modern and deposited in the ocean. These layers eventually built up a wide, gently sloping plain which extends from the "fall line" at the edge of the Piedmont province to the edge of the continental shelf. Since the Coastal Plain was formed after the plates collided and after much of the subsequent spreading of the Atlantic Ocean basin, it is considered the trailing edge of the American plate.

PEOPLE



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Ceramic artist Susan Greenleaf and other artists and volunteers work with children at the 'clay experience' tables at the Art Safari.

19th Annual Art Safari

“Can you find the owl painting, the lizard sculpture, and what kind of lizard is it, what color is the dinosaur, in ‘Cathedral Gaggle’ how many geese do you see?” These were just a few questions on the Art League Gallery Scavenger Hunt at annual Art Safari last month in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Children and their parents were invited to create origami treasure boxes, build a papier-mâché life-sized dog, make a bottle cap

necklace, play with wet clay, paint a picture at the open easel station, and learn the crayon resist technique and relief printmaking while working with studio artists. Alexandria Archeology staff and volunteers offered visitors the opportunity to create their own sketches and learn to identify 19th century Alexandria potters from the designs on stoneware pottery. The event was sponsored, in part, by UpCycle Creative Reuse Center.



Potter Klaudia Lebin demonstrates throwing a pot on the wheel.

Church Celebrates Ministry of Rector

On Sunday, Nov. 23, at the 10 a.m. service, the Rev. Pierce Klemmt will preach his final sermon at Christ Church, Alexandria, before retiring. Following the service, there will be a reception celebrating his 20 years as Rector of Christ Church including presentation of gifts and the revealing of his portrait.

Klemmt, a graduate of Yale Divinity School, came to Christ Church by way of Springfield, Mo. He was installed as the 27th Rector of Christ Church on April 28, 1994. During his 20 years of ministry, his accomplishments include:

- * Engaging with other local leaders to bring a comprehensive set of services to the neediest in the community through the Lazarus Ministry.

- * Overseeing the acquisition of the Ross Building and the building of the Fowler

House and McMurray Commons facilities to provide a home for Youth Christian Education.

- * Working for social justice in the community, the nation, and across the world with specific emphasis on welcoming Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Bisexual members to the church and fighting for greater gender equality.

- * Partnering with the Lilly Foundation and other church communities to begin the Ministry Resident Program which produced numerous future leaders in the Episcopal Church.

Klemmt and his wife Tuke plan to remain in Alexandria after his retirement from Christ Church.

Christ Church, located at 118 N. Washington St. in Alexandria, is home to 2,400 parishioners.



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Virginia managing broker Susan Hensley with Chelle Gassan, Heidi Jerakis and Candace Moe.

Beasley Opens Alexandria Office

Beasley Real Estate held a grand opening reception at their new office in Old Town Alexandria last month.

With headquarters in Washington D.C. and an office in Bethesda, the Old Town, Alexandria office is the company's third office in the metro area.



Washington D.C. interior designer Ruth Gorland and Beasley Real Estate director of Marketing and Communications Uyen Nguyen. Gorland designed the interior of the new Alexandria office.



Beasley Real Estate founder, principal broker and managing partner Jim Bell and associate broker Jennifer Goff in the Old Town office at 130 S. Union St.



Candace Moe, Chelle Gassan and Heidi Jerakis.

The Beasley Virginia managing broker Susan Hensley.



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
Tara Nappi and Josh Gwilliam of Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria, share information with parents at The Exceptional Schools Fair.



Murriel Jeddlicka (left), admissions director of Oakwood School in Annandale, was on hand at The Exceptional Schools Fair to share information with parents.

An Exceptional Education

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Maureen Kleinman wandered from booth to booth, speaking with representatives from schools that cater to students who have special needs. She asked questions about each school's resources and environment.

"I have been home schooling my daughter for 5 years," said Kleinman, an Arlington mother. Her daughter is 11 years old and her son is 9. "I want to find a school where my daughter's educational needs will be met, but also where her social and emotional needs will be met."

Kleinman was one of hundreds of local parents who attended the eighth annual

Exceptional Schools Fair. The event is considered a clearinghouse for the region, a place where parents of children think and learn differently (regardless of their disability) can come and find the schools that are right for their children.

More than 30 schools from the mid-Atlantic region sent representatives to show what their schools have to offer and answer questions from parents. The event was held at American University in D.C., November 16.

The fair was founded by Bekah Atkinson, director of admissions at the Sienna School, to provide a resource for parents whose lives literally changed overnight, or the moment they learned their children have a special need. The fair is a forum for parents to explore educational options for their children. Atkinson is clear, however, that it is not a

forum for diagnosis or advice, but simply a helpful resource for parents who are facing an unknown future for their children, educationally, financially and emotionally.

"We have families coming from all over," said Tara Nappi, director of teacher education and curriculum development at Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria. "They are looking for a place where their children feel safe."

EVENT ORGANIZERS described the fair as an empowering day for parents who may feel isolated by their child's diagnosis.

"The Exceptional Schools Fair is a moment for families to see and learn that they

have options; that they are not, in fact, isolated; that there are professional educators who are passionate about what they do in their school," said Atkinson.

"Whether [the need] is academic or social, it's so incredibly important that you work with professionals who understand your child and who are willing to collaborate with other professionals like speech therapists, occupational therapists and psychologists," said Lois McCabe, head of school for the Diener School in Potomac, Md.

For more information on schools that were part of The Exceptional Schools Fair, visit www.exceptionalschoolsfair.com.

Education on Wheels

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

When Chris Sexton noticed her 10-year-old son was having educational difficulties, she searched for ways to help him. She found a solution in what she calls a "magic school bus." The bus driver, and teacher, was Anne Thomas of Alexandria.

"Ms. Anne's 'classroom' is like the magic school bus," said Sexton. "It looks like a sunny summer day from the outside and the inside is reminiscent of the most fun playhouse any child has ever seen."

The educational service is known as Ms. Anne's Class. Thomas' "classroom on wheels" is actually an RV she drives to the homes of students who need academic assistance. Thomas provides 70-minute sessions either once or twice a week. Each session gives individualized academic support in areas where the student's parents and teachers feel he or she needs extra help. This

Open House

Monday, Nov. 24, Ms. Anne's Class will be at the Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, from 3-4:30 p.m. Visit www.MsAnnesClass.com or call 703-622-1018.

may include working on specific individual education plan goals and objectives or even other goals the parents feel are important.

Ms. Anne's Class currently serves students in grades kindergarten through fifth in Alexandria, Arlington and Falls Church.

"Instruction during each session is geared towards the child's specific needs," said Thomas. "While all students' sessions use a positive, engaging and multi-sensory approach to learning, each child's session may look different from another's because each session is designed around the child's goals, learning style and areas of strength."

Thomas, who comes from a family of educators, wanted to help students using a creative, home-based mobile classroom. "Not

Mobile classroom brings tutoring to students.

only do I get to continue to have a classroom, the RV provides a unique, specialized learning environment that is both a fun and calm setting for learning," she said.

Parents say their children are fascinated by the concept.

"My son couldn't wait to go inside and loved every minute," said Sexton. "Ms. Anne's approach is very gentle and firm and specific to the child. She assesses immediately what works. As a mom, I noticed the educational benefits from the very beginning. But the most memorable part was watching my son wave wistfully as Ms. Anne pulled away, knowing he couldn't wait for next week's visit."

Thomas holds bachelors' degrees in special/general education and psychology from Wagner College in Staten Island, NY. She taught special education for more than eight years in public and private schools. She worked as both a self-contained special education classroom teacher and a special edu-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MS. ANNE'S CLASS
Anne Thomas drives a classroom on wheels to tutor students who need academic assistance.

cation resource teacher at Taylor Elementary in Arlington. Additionally, she was a classroom teacher at The Diener School, a special education elementary school in Potomac, Md.

Thomas not only offers services for children after school, but also noon-3:00 p.m. for families who home school. Ms. Anne's Class also hosts supervised homework clubs for second and third graders and fourth and fifth graders.

ODBC Select Crew Dominates in Final Races of Season

The Old Dominion Boat Club select crew finished the season with a commanding victory for the women's first 8 and strong performances for all of the ODBC boats at the Head of the Occoquan Regatta on Nov. 1-2. ODBC rowers also took second and fifth places in the youth singles category. ODBC boats competing at the same time at the Head of the Hooch Regatta in Chattanooga, Tenn., faced cancelled races because of an early winter storm, but the women's lightweight boat competed on the final day, taking sixth place.

The Nov. 1-2 Head of the Occoquan Regatta, with more than 100 club, high school, and collegiate crews from around the Washington metropolitan area and the mid-Atlantic region, is the largest local race of the fall rowing season. Against this competitive field, ODBC once again stood out, bringing home three medals.

Leading the way for the Old Town-based crew was the ODBC women's first 8, who won the gold medal by covering the course with a time of 14:52.52, 33 seconds ahead of the next boat. This victory was the sec-



ODBC women's select crew first 8 win the gold medal at the Head of the Occoquan Regatta on Nov. 2. The ODBC first 8 has won every local race for the past two years.

The ODBC crew put in other strong performances at the Head of the Occoquan. T.C. Williams High School senior Kyra McClary earned second place in the women's youth singles with a time of 23:03.24, and junior Amelia Bender took fifth place, with a time of 23:25.99.

The ODBC crew fourth 8 also won a medal, placing fourth in the women's youth eight lower boat category, with a time of 17:38.27. This boat includes coxswain Camila Cardwell, Hope Parsons, Grace Vannatta, Cleo Lewis, Shelby Pierson, Tess Moran, Kirsten Emblom, Charlotte Carey and Rachel Sedehi.

The ODBC boys' first 8 placed seventh in its category of 32 boats, with a time of 14:35.64. The ODBC select men are guided by head men's coach Audrey Shankles.

The performance at the Head of the Occoquan followed a strong showing the previous weekend at the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta in Philadelphia. The 2014 Regatta hosted hundreds of rowers and about 40,000 spectators. The ODBC women's first 8 took sixth place (out of 47 boats) in the women's varsity contest, with a time of 14:40.44. The men's first eight took 15th place (out of 49 boats), with a time of 13:37.11.

These regattas capped an outstanding season for the entire ODBC select crew team. With 82 athletes on the team, this year's ODBC select crew is one of the largest in memory.

The athletes – who are drawn from such area high schools as T.C. Williams, Bishop Ireton, West Potomac, J.E.B. Stuart, and McLean – are guided this fall by head girls' coach Patrick Marquardt, assistant girls' coach Jaime Rubini, head boys' coach Audrey Shankles, and assistant boys' coach Gracie Barbara. The ODBC select crew team is sponsored by the Alexandria Crew Boosters in conjunction with the Old Dominion Boat Club.

SPORTS BRIEF

BI Football Loses to Benedictine in VISAA Final

The Bishop Ireton football team lost to Benedictine 23-7 in the VISAA state championship game Nov. 15 at Benedictine College Preparatory in Richmond. The teams were tied at 7 heading into the fourth quarter. The Ireton defense had three players finish with double-digit tackles. Nigel Bullard had 19, Josh Ammon finished with 14 and Bernie Hayes III totaled 13.

Cardinals receiver Drew Smith caught five passes for 33 yards and a touchdown,

giving him 56 receptions for 1,022 yards and 16 touchdowns in 12 games.

Quarterback Joe Dickinson completed 15 of 32 passes for 118 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions. For the season, he completed 60 percent of his passes for 2,629 yards, with 27 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Bishop Ireton finished the season with an 8-4 record, including a 26-0 victory over Saint John Paul the Great on Nov. 8 in the state semifinals.

and consecutive win for ODBC in this category at this regatta. It was also the fourth victory for the women's first 8 this year. The women also took first place at the Head of the Potomac on Sept. 28, the Occoquan Challenge on Oct. 5, and the Occoquan Chase on Oct. 12.

The victory solidified them as the fastest women's boat in the area this fall. The women's first 8 has won every local race for the past two years.

Members of the ODBC select crew girls' first 8 include coxswain Brooke Teferra and rowers Jessey Willis, Kyra McClary, Maria Justiniano, Kaela Wilbur, Amelia Bender, Mia Cleary, Maeve Bradley and Maura Nakahata. The first 8 is guided by ODBC coach Jaime Rubini.



T.C. Williams senior Reece Belcher signed with Syracuse for lacrosse on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the high school. With Reece is Scott Belcher Coach Michael Mulherin, athletic director Steve Colantuoni, principal Suzanne Maxey and Terri Belcher.

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T.C. Williams senior Rejoice Spivey signed with North Carolina A&T State University on Friday, Nov. 14. Rejoice will play basketball for the university and receive a full scholarship. With Rejoice is TC assistant principal Kennetra Wood, Coach Kesha Walton, principal Suzanne Maxey and Rejoice's father Sean Spivey.

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SPORTS

TC's Girma Places Sixth at States

T.C. Williams senior Anteneh Girma got off to a strong start at the VHSL state meet and was out near the front of the pack one mile into the 6A boys' race.

While Girma ran with the title contenders Nov. 15, he simply couldn't maintain his pace.

Girma placed sixth at Great Meadow, finishing with a time of 15 minutes, 36 seconds. Girma's effort garnered all-state honors, but the Titan harrier later admitted his approach was flawed.

"It wasn't my strategy [to start fast], I just got a good start to put me in the front and I just stuck there," Girma wrote in an email. "I wasn't running smart because every distance runner knows you should be relaxing and conserving your energy so you don't die out like I did."

Lake Braddock senior Alex Corbett won the individual title with a time of 15:08. Fellow Bruin Kevin Monogue finished runner-up with a time of 15:19, followed by Cox's Jonathan Lomogda (15:21), Chantilly's Ryan McGorty (15:26) and Westfield's Johnny Pace (15:28).

"I can't be mad," Girma wrote, "because sixth place is better than seventh place."

Lake Braddock won the team title with a score of 41, followed by West Springfield (92), Chantilly (105), Oakton (124), Robinson (146), Cosby (177), Ocean Lakes (181), Washington-Lee (201), Forest Park (209), Stafford (230), Riverbend (237), and



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams senior Anteneh Girma placed sixth in the 6A boys' race at the VHSL state meet Nov. 15 at Great Meadow.

Cox (250).

Girma will compete in the Foot Locker South regional on Nov. 29 at McAlpine Park in Charlotte, N.C. to see if he can earn a spot at nationals. From there, it's on to track season and trying to decide which college to attend.

Girma finished fourth at the Conference 7 meet Oct. 30 at Burke Lake Park, and placed second at the 6A North region meet Nov. 5.

— JON ROETMAN

TC Gets Its First Hall of Fame

The Alexandria City School Board remembered the Titans when it approved 20 nominees for the first-ever Alexandria City Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 13.

The honorees will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at halftime at the game between Parker-Gray (T.C. Williams) and Hoffman-Boston (Wakefield) on Friday, Dec. 5.

Gerry Bertier of the '71 Titans football team, three-time Olympic team rower Walter Harry "Chip" Lubsen Jr. and Earl Lloyd, the first African-American player to play in the National Basketball Association (NBA), were among the first alumni to be officially recognized for their contributions.

Lloyd, whose jersey is still worn by the captain of the basketball team for the Parker-Gray game and whose name is given to the high school's court, became the first African-American player in the NBA on Oct. 31, 1950, when he played for the Washington Capitols against the Rochester Royals.

Bertier is best known for his portrayal in the Disney movie, "Remember the Titans" which tells the story

of the 1971 Virginia State Championships in high school football. His skills on the field and his exceptional high school grades won him scholarships to numerous schools, including Alabama and Notre Dame. He was named National Prep School Football Player of the Year and received All American honors. After the conclusion of the 1971 season, Bertier, captain of the 1971 team, was involved in a car accident that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Despite this injury, however, Bertier remained an active athlete who went on to win gold Paralympic medals in the discus and shot put. He was killed in another car accident 10 years later but his name continues to be associated with raising funds for spinal cord injury rehabilitation and research.

Olympic silver medalist Lubsen also graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 1971. He was part of the American men's eight that won the silver medal at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. He also participated in the men's eights at the 1976 Summer Olympics and was named to the 1980 team, which didn't compete due to the U.S. boycott.

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Obituary

Florence Stanek

Florence Stanek, 90, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Mother Angeline McCrory Manor. She was born July 29, 1924, in LaSalle, Illinois to the late Michael and Catherine Pietrzak. She spent most of her life in Riverside, Illinois. Preceded in death by sisters Katherine and Delores Pietrzak and brother Michael Pietrzak. She is survived by sons Greg (Suzanne), of Columbus, and Christopher (Dana) - Alexandria, VA.; grandchildren Lisa Babcanec and Carrie Ferri; great grandchildren Lillian Babcanec and Anna Ferri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Mother Angeline McCrory Manor, 5199 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43213, where a private service for the family will be held Friday, November 21. Condolences can be left at www.HillFuneral.com

OBITUARY



Darlene Ruth Snider, 94, of Jackson Springs, NC, passed away on November 11, 2014 at Pinehurst Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in Heard County, GA March 14, 1920 to the late Joseph and Birdie Cook, attended Troop County High School, and completed Business School in Lagrange, GA. In 1942 she relocated to Washington, D.C. where she began working for the Federal government in support of the war effort. While in Washington she completed professional training as a runway model at the Phyllis Bell Modeling School. For many years she worked in that capacity for Woodward and Lothrop, the Hecht Company, and other major department stores in the city. In April 1944 she married M. Wayne Snider, who had moved to the area from Greencastle, Indiana to work for the Department of Defense. They relocated to Alexandria, VA, where they had their only child, June. During Mrs. Snider's 30 year career with the Federal government, she worked with distinction for the Coast Guard, Army and Internal Revenue Service. She was an avid dog lover and always had at least one dog, normally a Chihuahua, until she entered assisted living in 2007. Mrs. Snider was an active member of Trinity Methodist Church and enjoyed volunteering, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a descendant of an officer who fought in the American Revolution as well as several Civil War participants.

Mrs. Snider was predeceased by her husband, six half brothers, and one half sister. She is survived by her daughter, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many cousins.

Funeral services will be held in Alexandria, VA with interment at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Humane Society, Best Friends, Doris Day Foundation or any other animal rescue organization. Online condolences may be made at www.bolesfuneralhome.com

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Operation Christmas Child. Runs Nov. 17-24. Churches, businesses, warehouses and homes across Alexandria are being transformed into collection spots for Operation Christmas Child. Area collection sites hope to collect thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes from individuals, families and groups for needy children. A full list of Alexandria's collection locations can be found online at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Toy Drive. Runs through Dec. 15 at Sheehy Honda of Alexandria, 2434 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Drop off new, unwrapped toys to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Call 703-660-0100 for more.

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Proposal to Name Park in Memory of Nancy Dunning. The Del Ray Business Association forwarded a proposal to name the park parcel at 2802 Mt. Vernon Ave., located at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth avenues, "Nancy Dunning Garden." More than 25 years ago when "The Avenue" was boarded up buildings with very few shops, Nancy Dunning, known as the "Queen of Del Ray," saw a different Avenue and dedicated her life to see it blossom and thrive. The public is invited to provide comment on the proposal via email to jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, subject line: Nancy Dunning Garden, or by mail to RPCA, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. The City Council will receive all comments received or postmarked by Friday, Nov. 28. Contact Jack Browand, Division Chief, at 703-746-5504 or jack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

Fort Ward Park Research Project. Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Office of Historic Alexandria seeks public assistance in finding photographs documenting gravestones at Fort Ward Park before 1980. Archaeological investigations have recently confirmed locations of at least 40 unmarked graves. These gravesites post-date the Civil War fortification for which the park is named, and are associated with a significant African American community known as "The Fort" that developed at the site after the Civil War and remained until the park was created in the 1960s. Visit www.historicalexandria.org. Those who may have such photographic evidence of gravestones in Fort Ward Park may email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Services Resume. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Queen of Apostles Church, 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria. St. Martin de Porres Center offers senior and job placement programming Monday through Friday at the parish. The programming, operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, was temporarily suspended after a fire damaged the center's main location. Email Kathryn Toohey, ktoohey@ccda.net.

Public Meeting. 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning will host a meeting to discuss the content of the Del Ray Residential Architecture Pattern Book. Contact Al Cox at 703-746-3833 or preservation@alexandriava.gov.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

Job Fair Skills Exchange/Volunteer Festival. 9:30 a.m. at 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Agudas Achim Men's Club offers sessions on interviewing, improving decisions, and writing resumes among others. Volunteer groups. Open to all. Call 703-998-6460 for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 24

Event. 7:15 p.m. at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Agenda Alexandria presents "Playing with Fire" with Interim Alexandria Assistant Fire Chief Dwayne Bonnette, Patrick Evans, President of the Black Fire Service Professionals of Alexandria and Tom Soapes, President of Notice. Contact Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or at agendaalexandria@aol.com for more.

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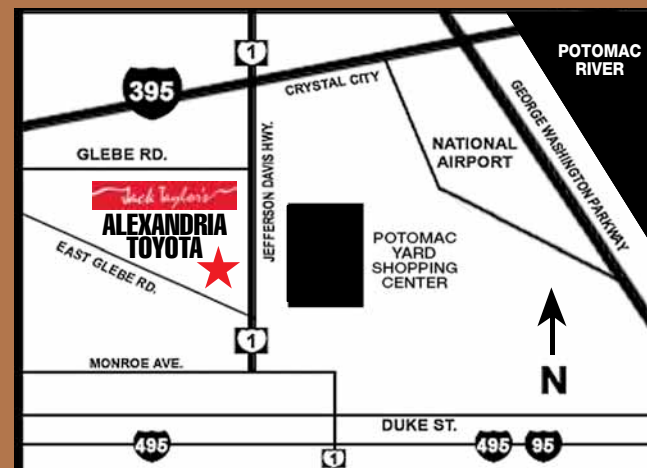


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