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From left: Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) celebrates with Dan Storck and Paul Krizek, unofficial winners of the Democratic primary for Mount Vernon supervisor and 44th District representative to the House of Delegates, respectively.

Victors Emerge from Primary

Krizek for 44th District, Levine for 45th, Dan Storck for supervisor.

By Tim Peterson
The Gazette

fter polls closed at 7 p.m. and results from precincts started to trickle in over cell phone, Mount Vernon High School Senior Catherine Ming grabbed a marker and began filling in turnout charts hung on the walls of a former clothing store that's been the joint headquarters for the campaigns of Paul Krizek for 44th District delegate, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) for 36th District senator and Dan Storck for Mount Vernon supervisor.

She doesn't have the gratuitous sunburn of the pavement-pounders to show for her work on the day of Virginia's Democratic primary. The intern for Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) spent the day inside phone-banking.



Mount Vernon High School senior Catherine Ming (center) writes down precinct voting results as they're relayed over the phone.

"It's overwhelming," Ming said of the whole campaign experience, particularly election day. Ming started working for Surovell four years ago on his campaign for delegate.

As the scales began to tip in Krizek's and Storck's favors, Ming said, "It's great to see the hard work pay off. I have respect for the opposing candidates and their staffs, knowing the effort they're putting in."

Around 8:17 p.m., Krizek's challenger for the 44th District Delegate seat Justin Brown entered the room. He strode confidently up to Krizek, the two shook hands and exchanged a few words as Brown conceded the race and congratulated the winner.

"This is the way politics should be," said Mount Vernon resident Bethany Peterson. "Brown is a class act: He left his supporters and came in person"

According to unofficial results from the non-profit Virginia Public Access Project Virginia Department of Elections, Krizek won with 3,013 votes (68.06 percent) over Brown's 1,414 (31.94 percent)

"It was a good, clean race," Brown said afterward. "It was good for the district, competition is a good thing. Now I'm ready to support Paul."

Storck was the last candidate to arrive at the event. He was met with applause and a thunderous chorus of "Happy Birthday." "This is the best birthday ever," Storck said later.

When it was clear Storck and Krizek had taken the lead in their respective races, they joined Surovell on a small podium at the back of the room. Surovell had publicly endorsed both candidates.

"There's a changing of the guard going on in the area," Surovell said. "I had to think long and hard about who would be a good person to step up. There's a lot of folks in need down here. I

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Supervising Public Safety

First meeting since 2011 includes packed agenda and full house.

BY MARY KIMM
THE GAZETTE

Swanson.

he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee, chaired by Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), met on Tuesday, June 9 for the first time since June 2011. Since then, there have been six officer-involved shootings in Fairfax County, including the August 2013 shooting death of John Geer. Police handling of the communications and investigation of that shooting led to the formation in March 2015 of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

All 10 members of the Board of Supervisors were in attendance, including Penny Gross, who excused herself after about 75 minutes saying: "I'm a little preoccupied today," to laughter. Gross (D-Mason) faced the first primary election challenge of her career, winning with 56 percent of the vote over challenger Jessica

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

In a discussion of FCPD proposal to implement body cameras for all patrol officers Police Chief Edwin Roessler described cameras as "another step to total accountability." Cameras "capture officer's actions whether they are good or bad ... technology to hold ourselves accountable," he said,

"This is for public trust and transparency," said Deputy County Executive David M. Rohrer.

But the draft policy and procedures accompanying Capt. Robert Blakely's presentation did not list transparency or accountability among the purposes of the body cameras.

Purposes listed included: to capture criminal events and provide evidence of those events in court; to document crime scenes; to document victim, witness and suspect statements; to act as a deter-

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Party To Mark Huntley Meadows Park at 40

he Friends of Huntley Meadows Park organization is hosting a party to celebrate the park turning 40, as well as the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Friends organization and 25th anniversary of the Friends of Historic Huntley organization.

Following the annual meeting of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, a reception is scheduled with food and drinks, then a walk to the park Boardwalk and speeches from honored guests. The program is advertised to conclude with a "sunset frog symphony on the Boardwalk."

The meeting and celebration are scheduled to begin Saturday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Huntley Meadows Park Norma Hoffman Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd in Alexandria. For more information, call 703-768-2525 or email friendsofhmp@gmail.com.

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Learning about Mental Illness by Hearing 'Voices'

Police officers undergo Crisis Intervention Training.

By Samantha Tkac The Gazette

airfax County Police officers gathered Monday, June 8, at the Criminal Justice Academy, to listen to the voices in their heads.

Each officer wore earphones that emitted a cacophony of seething whispers, spitting remarks, and anxious pleas. The exercise was intended to mimic auditory hallucinations, one of the prevalent symptoms of schizophrenia.

This was the first of many courses being held this week, as officers from around the county worked to gain certification in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). According to the 2015 Human Services Committee survey, 476 of the 1,336 Fairfax County police officers have completed CIT coursework. The training focuses on how to approach and accommodate those with mental illness — a population that makes up 50 percent of Fairfax County Adult Detention Center inmates, according to the 2013 Sheriff's annual report.

The 20 officers spent 45 minutes sitting at desks, attempting to complete basic activities while listening to the voices and the CIT coordinator Thomas von Hemert. Von Hemert barked orders at the officers, made snide remarks during their progress, and mocked them as they stumbled to answer simple questions. "People with mental illness are treated like they're dumb, they're retarded, they're ignorant, they're disregarded, they're disrespected," von Hemert



Tom von Hemert, CIT expert, discusses mental health training issues with Chief of Police Edwin C. Roessler Jr. during a class break.

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said afterward. During the session, the officers experienced what it was like to feel helpless.

The activities included simple math, word and puzzle problems, and reading short articles to recite back information. They were also asked to fill out a hospital information sheet, to know exactly how difficult forms can be when distracted by severe mental activity. As time went on, the consistency of correct responses and the confidence of the officers began to waver. One of the last activities was for the class to write down the words to the national anthem. No one could recite the full song. After a few faulty attempts from the students, von Hemert concluded, "Play ball." Onlookers standing beyond the desks broke out in nervous laughter. Most all of the training officers stayed silent.

ness are treated like they're dumb, they're retarded, they're ignorant, they're disregarded, they're disrespected," von Hemert sion eased throughout the room, triggering

a change in von Hemert's demeanor as well. His features softened as he apologized, "If I came across as unprofessional, rude, obnoxious, or like a jerk ... I hope you don't think that's who I am. Why do you think I took on that persona?"

One officer replied, "Because that's how they're [people with mental illness] are treated."

Yes, people with mental illness are treated like that all the time, von Hemert said, "not just with officers, but with doctors, with nurses, with teachers our community treats people with mental illnesses with that kind of disregard and distaste."

Von Hemert asked the officers for feedback on their experience. Officers said they felt physically ill, exhausted and angry. "It made me nauseous," admitted one officer. "I just couldn't function like that," said another. One officer held up his palms, "My heart is still pounding, my hands are still clammy."

Another officer said, "I could almost see myself doing anything to make that stop."

"That was for 45 minutes. Can you imagine having that for hours, for days, for weeks, even years? It's exhausting," said von Hemert. Von Hemert advised officers to slow their approach down when dealing with a person with mental illness, reminding officers of how hard and frustrating it was to complete the tasks they were given: "So, if you think that you're dealing with somebody with mental illness, and you say 'listen, I need for you to sit over there, fill that form out, give it to that secretary, and bring it back to me' — you lost them."

Von Hemert gave an example of how to verbally approach those in crisis, placing an emphasis on slowing down, "I need you to focus on my voice. I'm here to keep you safe. ... Are you hearing voices? I need you to listen to my voice."

Thomas Gadell, PFC, has worked for the FCPD for 11 years. When asked what he knew about schizophrenia before Crisis Intervention Training, he responded, "Before I went through Crisis Intervention Training, schizophrenia was just a word to describe somebody with mental illness. It didn't really have specific meaning or an understanding that came with it as to what they experience." CIT was "eye-opening. It really gives you a perspective of what they go through and allows you to feel empathetic toward their situation and put yourself in their shoes instead of [schizophrenia being] a word that doesn't mean anything."

The hope is that once officers understand what it is like to be afflicted with these symptoms, they can work better one-on-one with people who show signs of mental illness on the street.

"One step at a time," von Hemert told the officers. "You're looking for success here."

Nearly Half a Billion for Schools, Fire, Police

New police station in South County area could mean faster response times in a growing area.

> By Ken Moore The Gazette

oters will decide in November on nearly half a billion dollars in bond sales for schools and public safety projects. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized the referendum on the two possible bond issues at its last Board meeting, Tuesday, June 2.

If approved by Fairfax County voters, \$151 million would be available to renovate five fire stations, build a new police station and animal shelter in the south county area, plus renovate several police facilities.

Public Safety Bonds

Merrifield Fire Station \$8 million Reston Fire Station \$13 million Penn Daw Fire Station \$10 million Woodlawn Fire Station \$10 million Edsall Fire Station \$10 million South County Police Station and Animal Shelter \$30 million

Heliport \$13 million Police Tactical Operations Facility

(Pine Ridge) \$24 million Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & K9 \$10 million

Franconia Police Station \$23 million

The \$310 million school bond would renovate nine elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools, along with funding an addition to South Lakes

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Supervisors Authorize Bond Referendum

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High School and plan a new Northwest County area elementary school.

The Fairfax County School Board adopted its own resolution on May 7, urging the Board of Supervisors to authorize the bonds.

FIVE AGING fire stations, Merrifield, Reston, Penn Daw, Woodlawn and Edsall, would be renovated with \$51 million. The stations range in age from 36 to 48 years, and require the replacement of major systems "which have reached the end of their useful lives," according to Fairfax County documents. "These stations do not meet the current operational requirements of the Fire and Rescue Department."

Renovations will expand equipment bays to provide adequate space for current apparatus and current station staffing requirements, including bunk rooms and locker facilities for male and female personnel.

new animal shelter and police station in the South County area; renovate Franconia District Police station; do construction and renovation for the police heliport, K9 Center and several other facilities.

The new police station would create smaller cov-

"This is a critical need given the significant current and future population growth in the area," according to county documents. "A new station will allow the department to organize smaller patrol areas and decrease response times throughout the county."

Fairfax County has highest credit rating possible for any government, and this means bonds sell at low interest rates.

This plan, including the proposed fall 2015 referendum was approved as part of the FY 2016 - FY 2020 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

The school bond sales will be maintained in the \$155 amount of The county will issue a pamphlet about the bonds to **THE POLICE** would use \$100 million to build a be mailed to all county households in the fall.

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'Spandex in the Narthex' Raises \$30,000

Aldersgate event in support of Micheli family.

By Amy J. Hurd

pandex in the Narthex, a fundraising event held May 31, gave church and community members a way to show their support for Aldersgate Church's associate pastor Jason Micheli as he faces a rare blood cancer.

Micheli, an avid runner, often would stop in at the church wearing running attire — short shorts or spandex with a bandana or "do rag" on his head.

Congregation members were encouraged to "dress as Jason would" for the Spandex in the Narthex Fun Run/Walk; the race course took runners and walkers from the church to the Micheli home in the Waynewood neighborhood, and back.

A sponsor donated red race do

rags for all participants. Middle school student Jackson Culver, who was confirmed by Rev. Micheli last year, created the design on the do rags.

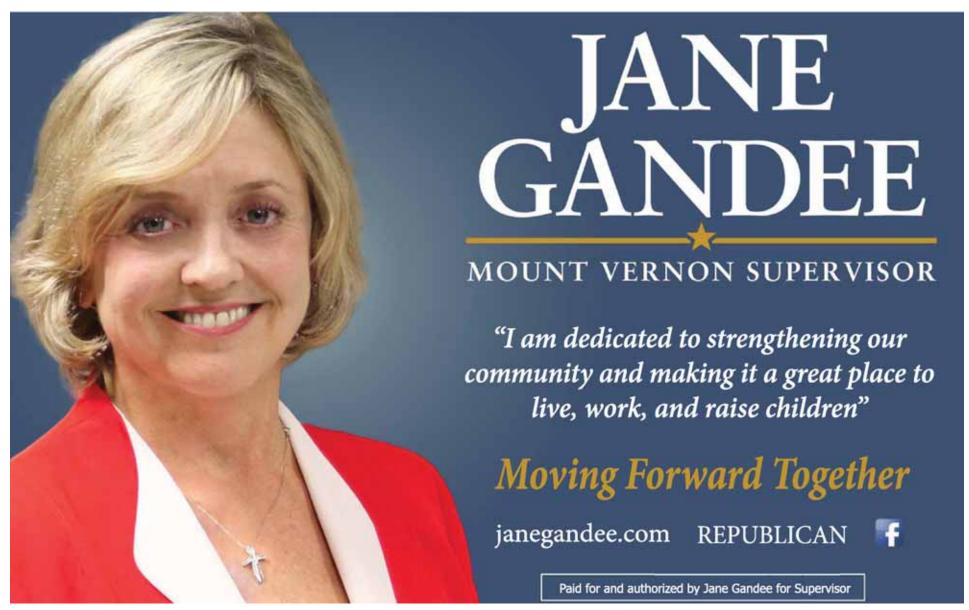
About 600 people participated in the Fun Run and even more attended worship. Micheli, who is on medical leave, came to worship services and addressed the crowd.

More than \$30,000 was raised through entrance fees, sales of food and fun run bracelets, and sponsorships and individual donations. Contributions will continue to come in through June 15 at www.aldersgate.net/spandex. All funds will go to the Micheli family to assist them with expenses not covered by insurance.

The core coordinating team of Aldersgate volunteers who put together this event included Megan Gianchetta, Ashley Crute, Jen Price, and Sue McConville as well as the local band, Close2Home, and the Baxter and Henderson families who prepared the food.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church is located at 1301 Collingwood Road.



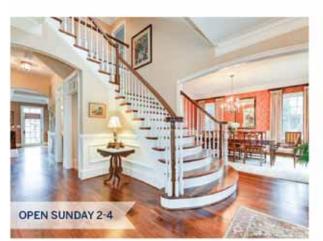




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Business

Wegmans' New Store Opens Sunday

By the time Store Manager Mike Dempsey opens Wegmans' newest 126,000 sq. ft. supermarket in Hilltop Village Center (corner of Telegraph and Beulah) on Sunday, June 14, he will have built a team of 550 employees.

Dempsey had been a store manager previously, at the Lake Manassas Wegmans in Gainesville and the Potomac Wegmans in Woodbridge.

This store will be the first in Virginia to include The Pub, Wegmans' casual dining restaurant that serves freshly prepared seasonal foods and a selection of craft beers, food-friendly wines, and seasonal cocktails. There is also the Market Café with a selection of prepared foods and indoor and outdoor seating for 300.

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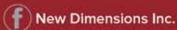
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OPINION

Someone Who 'Walks the Walk'

To the Editor:

This year Mount Vernon is fortunate to have an accomplished candidate for supervisor who provides an attractive alternative to the "same-old, same-old" politics that has dominated our area for so long. The exciting news is that Jane Gandee, long-time owner of a successful business on

Richmond Highway, current vice president of the Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, and inspirational leader in many civic and charitable endeavors within our community, received the Republican nomination for Mt. Vernon su-

Jane's business leadership over

30 years with Service Masters has brought permanent and well-paid jobs to our community, employing hundreds directly and indirectly. She has provided her workforce with real opportunities for advancement and helped our economic situation along the Route 1 corridor. Jane and her husband Greg have lived in the area for 30 years, raising two children. Jane knows firsthand what it takes to run a successful business and raise a family in Mt. Vernon. Like many of us, she is tired of the lack of progress, the bureaucratic gridlock that faces all of our citizens and the decline in our schools.

She is an advocate for all citizens, including our children, and will help our community to thrive again. As vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, Jane also knows the local leadership, and has demonstrated the temperament and skill to bring people together to solve problems

and achieve success. LETTER Jane is a breath of fresh air and truly "walks the walk." She is

> brilliant, dedicated, caring and results-oriented, and I ask everyone to join me in giving her our full support. It is past time we have

new ideas in our community, and someone with the experience to get Mount Vernon District moving forward again.

I have known Jane for years, and I can attest that she will make a great Supervisor.

It is time for us to Move Forward Together — and Jane Gandee is the right person to lead Mt. Vernon into a successful future.

Let's not settle for the same-old, same-old. Our community deserves more.

Jay McConville

Mt. Vernon

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THURSDAY/JUNE 11

The State of Education. 8-9:30 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce welcomes Chris Braunlich, Chair of the Virginia Board of Education and Karen Garza, Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools. Learn more about what's happening with Virginia schools. \$25 for chamber members and their guests; \$35 others, includes admission and breakfast buffet. Event sponsorships available for \$150 and \$250. Visit http://mtvernonleechamber.chambermaster.com/ events/details/june-biz-breakfasteducation-1636 to register.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Office Hours. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway and 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Fairfax County School Board Member Dan Storck will host Saturday Community Office Hours, Contact Dan Stork at dan.strock@fcps.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center in Alexandria

needs a licensed beautician, a social companion and a Spanish-speaking social companion. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria needs a Ballroom Dance Instructor and an Italian Instructor. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Mount Vernon At Home is a nonprofit organization that relies on volunteer time to assist older adults aging in place in their homes. Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores and home technology to name just a few. No minimum number of volunteer hours are required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or e-mail

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For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions:

The Kingstowne Center for Active Adults needs instructors for Mosaic Art and Jewelry Making.

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❖ The Hollin Hall Senior Center needs a DJ, a ballroom dance instructor to teach a class on Thursday afternoons, and an Italian

The Gum Springs Senior Center needs a Spanish teacher.

Volunteer Advocates for Nursing Home & Assisted Living Residents needed throughout Northern Virginia. Contact the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/

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call 703-324-5861, TTY 711. Volunteers needed in Fairfax

County to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Respite Care volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Emmy Thompson at 703-324-7404, TTY

Maura.Thompson@fairfaxcounty.gov **NOVA Long-Term Care**

Ombudsman is in need of volunteer advocates for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Northern Virginia. Contact lisa.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5861 to volunteer or for more information.

ONGOING

The Mount Vernon Estate has released "The Winter Patriots," a video presentation about George Washington crossing the Delaware River on Christmas Day 1776. Download for \$4.99 or watch the film for free at mountvernon.org/ winterpatriots.

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Lafayette's historic voyage and role in the American

Revolution. For more information on tours and pier-

News

Supervising Public Safety

From Page 1

rent for purposes of officer safety; to reduce unreasonable and/or false complaints against officers; to provide training and "performance mechanism to ensure the professionalism of all officers."

Cost estimates were \$4 million for startup and acquisition with ongoing operating costs of \$4 million a year.

Estimating that cameras could capture an hour of video for each 8-hour shift for each officer, Blakely pointed to the need for massive data storage of more than two petabytes of data annually. That's more than 20,000 terabytes. Costs include the addition of eight-to-10 positions including a redaction specialist and three Freedom of Information clerks. And three "might not be enough," Blakely said.

Some jurisdictions "had to take action to block certain aspects of FOIA because the demands were so high," Blakely said. Not all video would be subject to all the provisions of FOIA, he said.

Roessler told the cautionary tale of the early days of dashboard cameras in patrol cars which included VHS tapes, complicated chain of custody issues and a suspension of the program while the technology matured.

"The moral to this is, 'Nothing is simple,'" said Chairman Sharon Bulova. "This is complicated."

POLICE COMMISSION

Michael Hershman, chairman of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission reported to the committee that the commission is undertaking a large scope of work in a short time frame, using five subcommittees: Use of Force; Communications; Mental Health; Investigations and Oversight; and Recruitment and Vetting. There are 35 members of the commission, plus an additional 25 members of subcommittees.

In addition to reviewing internal policies and data, the commission is looking at other localities, reading independent reports, and reviewing best practices.

"We're trying to do a better job of being transparent and sharing information," said Bulova.

"We have a commitment to finish and give you recommendations in October, and we will be doing that," Hershman said.

It's a complex, emotional topic, and there are differences of opinion among members of the commission, he said. But "the disagreements we've had have been very civil."

"It's very possible there will be majority findings and minority findings when we bring our report to you."

Supervisors pressed Hershman to hold additional public forums in other parts of the county, including Mount Vernon, Reston and Culmore.

"This is a large county, this is a long-term issue," said Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). "I would like to know that we are going to put it to bed as best we can with new policies and procedures."

Hershman responded: "Let me say this about putting this to bed once and for all ...

it's healthy to review the state of policing every several years. It's a never-ending process."

Gross asked whether Hershman was comfortable with diversity on the commission.

"We weren't satisfied with the diversity ... of the commission," Hershman answered. "No, I'm not comfortable. But we have worked very, very hard, and we're not stopping, at every turn we reach out."

John Cook (R-Braddock) cited recent statistics indicating that at least 25 percent of people shot by police in the U.S. were people with mental illness: "I want to make sure that we are looking at that issue as a national phenomenon."

All meetings of the Police Commission and subcommittees are open to the public, and the documents and data gathered by the commission are available online. See http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ policecommission/ for schedule and materials.

CRISIS INTERVENTION/PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAIL

The committee heard about police department goals to train 100 percent of its officers in crisis intervention, and efforts to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails.

The new Community Services Board facility, the Merrifield Center, was built to accommodate a 24-hour drop-off for people with mental illness instead of having police take them to jail, but more money and resources will be needed to implement that, said. Tisha Deegah, executive director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

Cook pointed to an 80 percent recidivism rate for people with mental illness who were incarcerated, vs. a 20 percent rate with diversion to treatment, and the economic cost associated with that.

Hudgins expressed frustration that the same goals were in place for mental health reform in 2007, but the resources have not accompanied the goals. "We actually substituted the jail for mental health services," she said.

Rohrer said that the resource shortage wasn't just on the part of county funding, but also state funding and choices made by hospitals to close beds that could serve people with mental illness in crisis. Many nights every week, for example, officers are dispatched to deliver as far as Salem or Norfolk where a bed is available for treatment, tapping critical police resources, but also putting the person in crisis and that person's family in greater difficulty, Rohrer and

POLICE & FIRE GAMES opening ceremonies for the nearly 10,000 registered athletes from around the world, are about two weeks away, and organizers appeared before the committee with enthusiasm and a small amount of trepidation. Opening ceremonies will be Friday, June 26, at RFK stadium, including lighting of a cauldron and a flyover. Tickets to the opening ceremonies are free, available at http://fairfax2015.com.

Athlete's Village, the social hub for the games, will be in Reston, with major venues around the county.

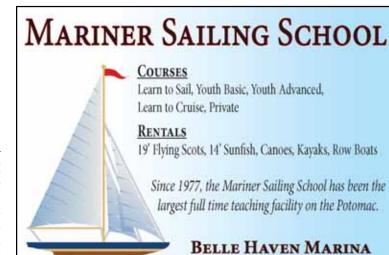
The public can attend any of the 1,600 medal events in more than 60 sports at more than 50 venues for free, no tickets required. See http://fairfax2015.com/schedule

More than 5,800 volunteers have signed up to fill some of the 18,000 shifts, said Bill Knight, executive director of Fairfax 2015. There are more than 930 medical volunteers.

Closing ceremonies will be at Wolf Trap, Sunday, July 5.

The committee also heard plans to develop legislation on animal cruelty that would include regulations on dog tethering. Currently the county can enforce state laws.

Disclosure: Mary Kimm is a member of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission.



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Whitney, Hutchens Engaged

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Miss Whitney is the sister of Sara W. Wolford, of Manassas Park, Va. She is also the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Betty Ann Hughey of Asheville, N.C., and Mr. William Whitney of Lady Lake, Fla. She is the niece of Ronda and Dennis Davis of Asheville, and David and Kristi Jones of Black Mountain, Melanie Curtis of Warrenton, Va., Pamela McPherson of Yorktown, Va., Chip

Carr of Ashburn, Va., and Julian Carr of Marblehead, Ma.

Mr. Hutchens is the brother of Andy Hutchens, the grandson of the late Mr. James and Mary Lou Hutchens and the late Mr. Ed Jones and Mrs. Heloise Greene, all of North Wilkesboro, N.C.

Miss Whitney and Mr. Hutchens are both graduates of Appalachian State University. Her degree is an MA in clinical counseling with an emphasis in music and art therapy. She is currently employed at Caldwell Community College as a counselor.

Mr. Hutchens' degree is a BS in computer information systems and he is employed at Boone Bike and Touring as the service manager.

A July 2015 wedding is planned and they will reside in Boone, N.C.



New Graduate

On May 22, Colin Amerau, a 2010 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, was presented a Bachelor of Science degree by Vice President Joe Biden in graduation ceremonies held at the United States Naval Academy, and was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. Following graduation, Amerau will attend the Navy Supply Corps School in Newport, R.I. for extensive training prior to assignment to the Fleet. While at the Naval Academy, Amerau was a member of the Navy Football Team.

News



Members of the McLean High School Gay Straight Alliance were among those on hand as the Board of Supervisors designated June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in Fairfax County.

Taking a Stand for Future Generations

County boards, high school students tackle "civil rights issue of our era."

> By Ken Moore The Gazette

atherine Reed of Equality Virginia thanked McLean High School jun ior Darrell "DJ" Valdez for the effect he will be have on the future, and on all civil rights.

"If it wasn't for courageous people willing to stand up for the next generation, believe me, it'd be a lot harder for all of us," said Reed. "It's been 26 years of hard work to get where we are today."

Valdez will be the president of McLean High School's Gay Straight Alliance next year.

"Even in an area as progressive as McLean, it still feels as if our voice isn't heard. It means a lot that you would voice this for us and with us. We are very grateful," Valdez told the Board of Supervisors.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors designated June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in Fairfax County with a proclamation issued on June 2, 2015 in the Fairfax County Government Center.

"Fairfax County has a diverse LGBT community that includes people of all ethnicities, religions and professions," said Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust. "Everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred based on gender identity or sexual orientation."

The proclamation "urges all residents to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance," said Foust.

Six students from McLean High School

and members of the GSA attended the ceremony.

"I suppose all I really have to say is thank you," Valdez said.

"TOO MANY individuals continue to encounter discrimination and mistreatment," said Foust. "Young people in particularly can find navigating sexual orientation very difficult and threatening during their teen years. That's why it's so important that we all join the fight against all discrimination."

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay referenced the May 7 School Board hearing, where the School Board added the words "gender identity" to its nondiscrimination policy.

"The School Board recently dealt with and grappled with a very touchy subject and I had the unfortunate opportunity of watching that entire public hearing and seeing some of the worst disrespect and hatred that still exists out there in our community," he said

"Many people have called this the civil rights movement of our era. Like all civil rights movement, it takes education, it takes advocacy if we are to make change happen," McKay said. "I'm proud of what our School Board did, I'm proud of people who came out to testify in support of it, I was disappointed in some of the things that were said that are just frankly untrue."

"This is a human rights issue, plain and simple. We are all different in different ways," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

One of the McLean students who is transgender, thanked the board for "everything that has happened this year."

Doug Hansen, a Fairfax County employee with Department of Planning and Zoning, stood in alliance with the McLean students, representing all county employees in the LGBT community. Tara Dwyer, the faculty advisor also stood in support of her students. "As a person who falls under this umbrella, we would have never ever been so welcomed when I was a teenager," she said.

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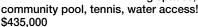
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News



Josh Brown, 44th District Delegate candidate, meets voter Jim Mackey at the Stratford Landing Precinct.



Candice Bennett, Democratic candidate for supervisor, meets voter Joe Conti, at the Stratford Landing Precinct.



Jack Dobbyn, Democratic candidate for Mt. Vernon Supevisor, greets voter Denise Lynch at the Westgate precinct.

Victors Emerge from Democratic Primary

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called this guy right here," Surovell added as he congratulated Krizek.

Krizek spent much of his speech thanking his family and staff. "A campaign is making bread," he said, "you need a lot of things to make it rise: number one is yeast, and that's love, I've got the love of these guys (he hugged his wife and daughter) and my parents.

"And you've gotta knead it, that's the hard work, the muscle," Krizek added. "We baked a heckuva loaf of bread, didn't we?"

In the delegate race for the 45th District, Mark Levine won the Democratic nomination with 27.8 percent of the vote. Levine and four other candidates ran to replace Del. Rob Krupicka, who resigned after the current legislative session. With a campaign financed by private individual donors and a \$70,000 personal loan, Levine said his campaign was a grassroots effort.

"We won because people invited me into their living rooms and we chatted," said Levine. "And now, we owe no one anything."

ON STORCK, Surovell said, "At the end of the day, people saw the results Dan Storck has delivered for the community," and referenced Mount Vernon schools that have opened, are scheduled to open and new artificial turf fields that have been completed or are scheduled — all under Storck's watch.

With just under 44 percent of the 5,995



Paul Krizek, unofficial winner of the Democratic primary, greets his wife Tracey Navratil and daughter Khloe Krizek at the joint campaign headquarters for Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) running for state senator, Dan Storck and Krizek.

votes cast in the Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County School Board member Storck eclipsed Planning Commissioner Tim Sargeant's roughly 40 percent. Sargeant had left a message for Storck "to congratulate him on a hard fought campaign. I want to thank the many people throughout the district who supported me. I can't thank them enough. This has been my first run for elected office and it ihas been quite an invigorating and encouraging experience. My campaign volunteers and supporters worked very hard and I am deeply grateful. I will return to my at-large role on the

Planning Commission and looked forward to continuing to work to the benefit of the District and the county."

Storck will face Republican businesswoman and activist Jane Gandee in the November election to replace Gerry Hyland and represent Mount Vernon on the Board of Supervisors.

"I want to thank Gerry Hyland for 28 years of service," Storck said a campaign event after the polls closed on Tuesday June 9. "His legacy will be very difficult to replace in the short term."

"There's a lot to get done, we got a great



paign headquarters to concede the race and congratulate him.

start here tonight," Storck continued. "Obviously funding schools fully, getting rail down Route 1, our environmental opportunities, building on our large tourist attraction — we need to get those moving more quickly."

Behind Storck and Sargeant were lifelong Mount Vernon resident, small business owner and appointee to the Human Services Council Jack Dobbyn with nearly 10 percent of the votes, and marketing and research firm owner Candice Bennett of Lorton with around 6 percent.

Reporters Gerald A. Fill and Vernon Miles also conributed to this story.



Democratic candidate for supervisor Dan Storck greets voters Ed and Linda Sinclair at the Huntington Precinct.



Democratic candidate for 44th District delegate Paul Krizek meets with campaign volunteer Sylvia Cikins at the Stratford Landing Precinct. Cikins is the widow of the late Mt. Vernon Supervisor Warren Cikins.



Democratic candidate for supervisor Tim Sargeant greets voter Margaret Keagle at the Hollin Hall Precinct.

CONGRATULATIONS



TO THE CLASS OF 2015

Graduates were accepted at the following schools:

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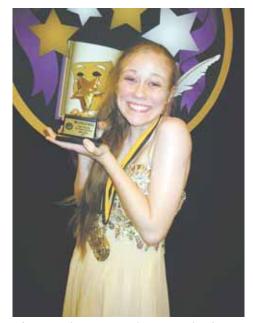


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Schools



The Comic Actress in a Musical went to Emma Norville for "Addams Family" at West Potomac High School.



The Sets Award went to "Addams Family" at West Potomac High School to (from left): Natalie Jurkowski, Ella Moore, and Elaina Phalen.



The Creativity Award went to "Richard III" at St. Stephens and St. Agnes School to Iona McLean and Mey McLean.

Cappies Gala Honors High School Theater

he 16th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 7 at The Kennedy Center. Of the 39 awards, winning the top prizes were Robinson Secondary School for the Best Play Award for "Neverwhere," and McLean High School for the Best Musical Award for "Big Fish." This year's Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

This year's show included 58 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, Manassas and Washington, D.C. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Bowns, the theatre arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

— Steve Hibbard



The Comic Actor in a Musical Award went to Joey Ledonio for "The Drowsy Chaperone" at Bishop Ireton High School.



The Orchestra Award went to Thomas Jefferson High School's Symphony Orchestra for "Fiddler on the Roof." From left are Maya Chung, Maddie Meyers, Charlene Franke, and Natalie Diaz.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Brooke Barwick has been named to the Champlain College (Burlington, VT) dean's list for the spring 2015 semester.

William Cassidy, Senior Editor, Trucking and Domestic Transportation for The Journal of Commerce, has been named a SUNY Oneonta Alumni of Distinction honoree. Cassidy is a 1984 graduate of SUNY Oneonta.

Moudran Kamara received dean's list recognition for the fall 2014 at University of Massachusetts Boston.

Alexander King has been named a 2015 Zoetis Veterinary Student Scholars Award recipients. He will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the animal

health company Zoetis and the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges.

Gregory Casey has graduated from Hampden-Sydney College (Farmville, Va.) with a degree in English.

Mariya Ilyas has been offered a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to teach in Turkev.

Nathan Oppman graduated from Bob Jones University (Greenville, S.C.).

Diane Lingenfelter was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at University of Maryland University College

Tanner Beck made dean's list for the spring semester at Hampden-Sydney College (Farmville, Va.). **Laura Magnan** made the spring 2015 dean's list at Belmont University (Nashville, Tenn.)

Timothy Makinen of West Potomac High School won first place in the Earth and Planetary Science category at the 2015 Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair.

Sam Hedenberg, yearbook adviser at Mount Vernon High School, won the Washington and Lee Young Adviser Award from the Virginia Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisers.

David M. Souliotis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with a military history concentration and English minor from Virginia Military Institute (Lexington, Va.). Souliotis' graduating honors include Army Commission and "With Distinction."

Ali L. Globus received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Virginia Military Institute (Lexington, Va.). Globus' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Robert Globus.

Alexandra L. Hastings received a Bachelor of Arts degree in modern languages and cultures from Virginia Military Institute (Lexington, Va.) with Army Commission honors. Hastings' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hastings Jr.

Thomas E. O'Connell received a Bachelor of Arts degree in modern languages and cultures from Virginia Military Institute (Lexington, Va.). O'Connell's honors include Army Commission and "With Distinction." O'Connell's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Patrick M. O'Connell.

Elizabeth Freeman has received

dean's list recognition at Southwestern College (Winfield, Kan.).

The following students have graduated from Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.): Melissa Christine Beaty graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. John Alfred Butchko graduated with a Bachelor of Science in computer science. Shannon Kay Frydenlund graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. Franklin Floyd Hyre graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. **Nathan Edward** Parker graduated with a Master of Architecture in architecture. Elizabeth Anne Patalita graduated with a Bachelor of Science in marketing.

Yohana Asfaha, Alexandria Ballard, Carla Benitez and Damba Koroma graduated from Mary Baldwin College (Stanten of Newspapers.com

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8720 Plymouth Road \$1,695,000 Brand New Home!

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9413 Brambly Lane \$899,000 Custom Home with Main Level Master Suite!

Custom home built by Wakefield Homes in 2010. Fabulous "new home" amenities

including high ceilings, open floor plan and energy conserving package Upgrades include: 4 luxury baths, 5 BR including two master suites, one on main level, hardwood floors, chef's kitchen and finished walk-out lower level. Many features the builder is utilizing in \$1.5+ homes!



8234 West Boulevard Dr

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Third Row L-R: Mary Margaret Lehmkuhler, Trinity Palacio, Thompson Eskew, Naomi Yared, Michael Miller, Mosey Kernan, Hayden Katz

Second Row L-R: Nora Stanko, Ellie Wilkie, Gretchen Roberts, Dakota Hunt, Bella Hubble, Caroline Coburn, Kyle Oshinowo

Front Row L-R: Harper Darden, Camille Ashkenazi, Mac McIntyre, Kendall Fronabarger, Scott Laane, Rachel Suleymanov, Charlie Stephenson,

Pete Coburn

We wish you all the best at the following High Schools: Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Episcopal High School, The Field School, Georgetown Visitation, The Heights, Lake Braddock High School, Madeira, Mercersburg Academy, National Cathedral School, Sidwell Friends School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Stuart Hall, T.C. Williams High School, Washington-Lee High School and West Potomac High School

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Entertainment

Working Inside Food Trucks

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BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE GAZETTE

ike Tokarz has pulled on his transparent plastic gloves and scoops out the second layer of the Pearl Special, a pint-size container layered with mac and cheese, baked beans and chopped pulled pork in the Rocklands Barbeque food truck kitchen. Aluminum pans sit on the counter filled with the day's food truck offerings already cooked and

IN THE tru
KITCHEN "alv

kept warm. Claudia Cruz, food truck coordinator, says they "always change up the menu. If we know there will be a lot

of kids, we bring out hot dogs sometimes."

A woman is outside reading today's menu on the side of the truck. She steps up to the window and motions for a paper and pencil so she can write down her order. Cruz

BARS BOO

Mike Tokarz looks out the back entrance of the tiny Rocklands Barbeque food truck kitchen where he shares the tiny space with Claudia Cruz.

pulls out a rack of baby-back pork ribs, spoons a small container full of collard greens and stacks a large chunk of plastic wrapped-cornbread on top. A man stops to ask about beef ribs. "I don't eat pork," he says. Cruz answers, "sometimes we have brisket or beef ribs, but not today." With only a cramped space to move around in, the selections offered in the food truck vary each day with Cruz and Tokarz bumping elbows as Cruz takes the orders and Tokarz dishes them up for customers.

Tokarz worked in the Rocklands catering department for four years and Cruz in the Rocklands restaurant for two years before coming to the food truck. She said the Rocklands food truck is "one of only five, I think, registered food trucks in Alexandria." They have a regular route of Monday, Saturday and Sunday at Port City Brewing Company, Tuesday at Duke Realty and

Thursday at Mark Center with Wednesday for private events. Today's favorite has been a pulled pork sandwich with coleslaw. "It is only 3 p.m. and we've already had over 200 customers, " Cruz says.

THE BIG SELLER today for The Big Cheese food truck is the Caprese with mozzarella, tomatoes, balsamic glaze and pesto on sourdough. Owner Patrick Rathbone says they have 25 different cheese sandwiches this year, all made with artisan cheeses, but they aren't all offered in the food truck at the same time. They are made in the kitchen rented from Logan Sausage Company located three doors down from Port City Brewing Company on Wheeler. Then each sandwich is grilled fresh in the food truck kitchen for the customer.

Today's choices include the exotic lemon-fig spread with chevre on multi-grain bread and Thrilled Cheese, the chipotle cheddar with jalapeños and guacamole on sourdough bread. This is the personal favorite of Andre Elllis, also in the food



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/GAZETTE PACKET

Claudia Cruz, Rocklands Barbecue food truck coordinator, hands over an order of baby-back ribs with a container of collard greens and a chunk of cornbread to a customer waiting outside of the food truck.

truck kitchen. "I like something a little hot," he says. Piles of wrapped, already assembled sandwiches are stacked on the counter beside the grill. Rathbone said the artisanal cheeses come from International Gourmet Foods, Coastal Sun Belt, and a dairy in Vermont. Rathbone flips over a slightly browned sandwich with cheese oozing out the edge and places a grill weight on top. "Helps it to cook faster," he says.

Rathbone owns two food trucks and this one is the travelling truck. "We're going to the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in Tennessee on Sunday. "We'll be taking 4,500 sandwiches in a refrigerated compartment. But," he said, "We'll keep these grilled cheese sandwiches simple. They want something they can get their head around." Ellis has been cooking in restaurants for 20 years and joined Rathbone in April. Rathbone says he bought the food truck Dec. 10, 2010 when "it was a good time to buy a food truck but today there are so many that a new one doesn't even get noticed." He says after managing restaurants for a number of years he had been planning to buy one, but a food truck was more affordable. "It's better than



Andre Ellis finishes up a Thrilled Cheese sandwich, his favorite with chipotle cheddar, jalapeños and guacamole on sourdough in the Big Cheese food truck kitchen. He says, "I like it a little hot."

Calendar

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

ONGOING

"Living Yesterday Today." Through June 14 at various times at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St. "Living Yesterday Today" is an exhibit featuring photography by Sandy LeBrun-Evans following 150th Civil War Reenactments. Free to attend. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

www.torpedofactory.org.

"The Letters." Through June 14 at various times at MetroStage. "The Letters" is a study of 1930s Soviet Union suppression of the work of

prominent artists under Stalin's rule. \$50-55. Visit www.metrostage.org/index.html for showing times, directions, and to buy tickets.

"Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists." Through June 28, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Find watermedia floral and landscape paintings. Free to visit gallery. www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Cat Adoption Promotion. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. The Animal Welfare League will be holding a "Class of 2015" Cat Adoption promotion. Select cats (typically, cats who have been at the shelter longer than four months, senior cats, etc.), will have fees waived for the month of June. Email clindsey@alexandriaanimals.org or call 703-746-4774.

"Boundaries & Borders." During gallery hours through July at the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Artists were inspired the "outsider's perspective" for this exhibit. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Art
Class Exhibit. Through July 28,
Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m.;
Saturday 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 7
a.m.-6 p.m. at Saint Elmo's Coffee
Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. View
drawings and paintings done by the
senior art class. Free. Visit http://
stelmoscoffeepub.com.

Cool Yoga. Every Wednesday through Sept. 4, 6:30–7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Participate in group yoga sessions taught by Prasada Yoga's Maureen Clyne and enjoy refreshments provided by St. Elmo's Coffee Pub and other local eateries. Suitable for all levels. Bring mat, towel and water. Free. Call 703-671-

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

Through Sept. 26 at various time. Leaves from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Baseball fans can avoid heavy traffic and cruise along the Potomac to Nationals Park. Tickets are \$20 one-way and \$25 round-trip. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/baseball-boat.php.

"Under the Summer Sun." Through Sept. 27 during gallery hours.

Doggy Happy Hour. Tuesdays through Oct. at 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Enjoy discounted drinks and treats with one's dog. Free. Visit www.jackson20.com/ buzzevents_events.php.

Water Taxi to the National Mall.
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Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophia*, while stopping view

some of the area's most popular attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. For children under 12, tickets are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/.

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

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Vernon has joined Thomas
Jefferson's Monticello and James
Madison's Montpelier to expand the
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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

www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon-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-

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 takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, 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.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered will the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tiny Dancers 2015 Summer

Camps. Each session includes daily instruction in ballet, a snack, fine motor exercise through a themerelated craft and a favorite story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception for family and friends. Tiny Dancers is a program designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The Alexandria studio is located at 621 S. Washington St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit www.tinydancers.com for more.

Art League Summer Camps. Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open. Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June

22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options. Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/ art_camp for more.

2015 Youth Summer Art Camp. July 20-25 or July 27-31 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Youth ages 8-14 spend one week creating art and learning creative techniques, followed by a one-day gallery show. All art supplies, lunch, and snacks are provided. \$300 per child.

Scholarships are available. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/

Grown-Ups Art Camp. June 29-July 17 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Adult art instruction including 37 workshops and events. Classes range from working with resin to polymer clay; from creating a monotype or paper masterpiece to learning how to tango. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Summer of Smiles. The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available. Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts computer, chess, enrichment, nature, adventure, Out of School Time (residents only) and classic camps. The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Register online or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at www.alexandriava.gov/ Recreation. Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Registration and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

Tavern Toddlers. Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern or call 703-746-4242.

JUNE 4-JULY 19

"Saturate." Gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

JUNE 5-28

"Building Bridges." gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2701 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery will unveil an exhibit that is the result of a partnership with Six Degrees Consortium. Free to attend. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14 AND 28

Cook For Your Pet. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Pet Sage, 2391 S. Dove St. and Southern Kitchens, 2350 Duke St. Take a three-part course on cooking for your cat or dog. Each session is \$25, or \$60 for all three. Visit www.petsage.com.

JUNE 9-JULY 9

"Art Uniting People" Exhibit.

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on the 2nd floor hallway at Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St. The exhibit is designed to raise awareness about the stigma faced by those with mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual disabilities. Admission is free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 10-12

French Tall Ship Hermione Tours.

11 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at the Alexandria Marina. Explore Hermione, an exact replica of the ship that brought the Marquis de Lafayette to George Washington with news of full French aid in 1780. turning the tide of the American Revolution. Tickets are free, but are limited. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/ calendar-of-events/hermoine-inalexandria to learn how to get

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

Armchair Travel with Conne

Rubenstein. 10:00 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center 1500 Shenandoah Road. armchair travel to Costa Rica with Conne Rubenstein. Travel by bus, raft, kayak and zipline through this beautiful paradise of Ecotourism. Home and school visits and a coffee plantation round out this fascinating journey. Free and open to the public. Contact 703-765 -4573 for more.

The ASO Garden Party. 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cauley Deringer, 1198 Janneys Lane. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra celebrates their annual garden party with a jazz theme. Individual tickets are \$150. Visit www.alexsym.org.

The Manhattan Transfer. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jazz ensemble will perform. Tickets are \$59.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

"Lunch Break Power Hour." 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. This event features a live DJ, express fitness classes, healthy food cooking demonstrations, chair massages, yoga and more. Email katherine.carraway@alexandriava.gov

or call 703-746-3855. **Target Gallery Reception.** 6-8 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center Target Gallery, 105 N Union St. View "Borders & Boundaries" exhibit. The exhibit contains work inspired by the theme of the outsider's perspective and features 20 works in a variety of media, including video, photography, pastels, and human hair. Additionally, attendees can participate in a gallery talk with exhibit Juror Clint Mansell. Free. Visit http://torpedofactory.org/

partners/target-gallery/ for more. **Teenage Hero: Marquis de Lafayette Lecture.** 7:30-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Harlow Giles Unger has been a frequent speaker at Mount Vernon and on radio and television. Tickets are \$10. See www.shop.alexandriava.gov/

Events.aspx or call 703-746-4994. THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 11-13

"Next to Normal." 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Beyond the Page Theatre at West Potomac High School presents a performance of the rock musical by Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey. General admission tickets are \$12. Prime seat tickets are \$30. \$18 of every prime seat ticket purchased will support WPHS students participating in the Scottish Fringe Festival in Edinburgh this August. Visit westpotomactheatre.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 12-13 Wine and Dine on George

Washington's Lawn. 6-9 p.m. at 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. George Washington's Mount Vernon invites visitors to sip wine and taste local and historic culinary fare while watching the sunset at the Mount Vernon Estate. Admission is \$20 per person. See mountvernon.org/summerescape.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

Opening Reception of "Art Uniting

People" 6-7:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Hall. 301 King St. A celebration of recovery, creativity and mental health-the focus of the new exhibit. Free. The public is welcome. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.





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Entertainment

Blackwall Hitch Opens in Alexandria

The Blackwall Hitch restaurants are named for a type of nautical knot used by immigrants that sailed out of London's Blackwall Port in the 1860s. They would dock in Maryland and Virginia.

"We thought we would build our restaurants along the same line that the ships that came in," said Susan Parker, Blackwall Hitch's director of marketing. The restaurant just opened its second location in Old Town inside of what used to the Torpedo Factory food court. The other location is in Annapolis.

Expect American cuisine with influences from the Chesapeake Bay. Prawn roasted with Old Bay butter, crispy soft-shelled crab served with tabbouleh, an oyster bar, and more, are all locally-sourced when appropriate. A new specialty cocktail menu was introduced shortly before the opening of the Alexandria location featuring "The Dirty Hitch," which includes tabasco and bleu cheese in it ingredients and a seasonal sangria.

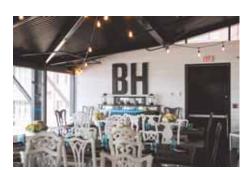
The décor is meant to convey an upscale look with a casual, nautical twist, said codesigners Bobbi Nock and Tammy Ray. The 10,000-square-feet, two-level location has

been outfitted with quartz flooring in the foyer, cedarwrapped walls, reclaimed and restored tables and chairs, antique elements and replica Edison lighting.

Blackwall Hitch is located at 5 Cameron St., and

is open 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Monday- Wednesday, 11 a.m.- 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 10 a.m.-12 a.m. on Sunday. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

— Sarai Johnson



The new **Blackwall** Hitch location is 10,000square-feet with two levels and a bar on each floor. It is located at 5 Cameron St. inside of the old Torpedo **Factory food** court.



Photos by Connor Ortman



SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the parking lot of Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike. Free to attend. See www.lincolniaumc.org.

George Mason Day. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Commemorate the June 1776 ratification of Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights by joining the color guard in procession to Mason's tomb for a wreath laying, and more. Free. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

Civil War Camp Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & History Site, 4301 W Braddock Road. Watch Civil war re-enactors perform drills and demonstrations. Suggested donation \$2 per adult and families \$5. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard.

Balsamic Vinegar Tasting Party.
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road.
Learn the history of balsamic vinegar and how to determine genuine balsamic vinegar from fake vinegars. Admission is \$30. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The family dog is welcome to join in on an hour-long cruise through the Alexandria Seaport. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Dogs ride free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/canine-cruise.php.

Arts and Crafts Fair. 3-8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Shop for handmade crafts and view art created by local artists. Free. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/thingsto-do/summer-in-alexandria/.

Billy Joe Shaver. 7 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave.

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Lafayette Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Dance to revolutionary-era music and taste traditional sweets. Tickets are \$45 and reservations are required. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/ GadsbysTavern.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Adult Dance Class. 11:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jane Franklin offers a free 30-minute minidance class at The Athenaeum. Everyone welcome. No need for specific attire, but come dressed to move; chat and refreshments after. Free. Call 703-933-1111.

Book Talk. 2 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ron Goldfarb discusses his two new works, "Courtship, a novel of Life, Love and the Law" and "After Snowden: Privacy, Secrecy, and Security in the Information Age." Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Meet the Artists. 5:30-7 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet students in the Senior Citizens Art Class at a reception and view their work. Free Call Alice Kale at 703-683-3988.

Envisioned Strings Concert. 7-9 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Temple Memorial Theatre, 101 Callahan Drive. Enjoy different genres of music played on string instruments. Tickets are \$15-\$35. Visit www.envisionedstrings.com.

Stephane Wrembel presents
DJANGO A GOGO. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall 3701, Mount Vernon Ave. French-born guitarist/composer Stephane Wrembel brings the latest edition of his homage to gypsy jazz legend Django Reinhardt to The Birchmere. See www.stephanewrembel.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 15

Soul Line Dancing Class. 6-7 p.m. at Ladrey High Rise - Community Room, 300 Wythe St. Learn how to line dance with an experienced instructor. Visit www.acps.k12.va.us.

Open House Scheduled for **Interested Master Gardener Trainees.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. VCE Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia have scheduled an open house for people interested in participating in this fall's training program. Those planning to attend should send an email to the VCE Horticulture Help Desk at

JUNE 16-JULY 25

mgarlalex@vt.edu.

"Magical, Mystical Animals." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at The Potomac

Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Studio 18. Artists will display art inspired by childhood stories and mythical creatures. Admission is free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com

TUESDAY/JUNE 16

Meet the Author. 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Photographer, Ian Temple Roberts shares his book "Hidden In Plain Sight – Moments of Beauty." Over years of wandering through fine art galleries, English churches and stately countryside homes. Ian Roberts shares what inspired his book. Free. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

FamilySearch and Genealogy. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Learn what FamilySearch offers in Carol Petranek's talk: "The Treasure Chest Known As FamilySearch." The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will sponsor this free event. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

The Bodyguard's Account: The **Assassination of Abraham Lincoln.** 7-8 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Author and historian Bob O'Connor will be speaking about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln from the viewpoint of his bodyguard Ward Hill Lamon. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

"Look What a Wonder." 7 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A fictionalized gospel folk opera based on The Denmark Vesey Slave Conspiracy of 1822. Written and composed by Walter Robinson. Free. RSVP by calling 703-746-4356.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Heels & Wheels. 5-7 p.m. at Land Rover Alexandria, 2712 Duke St. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce hosts an educational event with games, music and more. Tickets are \$20 for member, \$35 for nonmembers. Visit www.alexchamber.com.

Summer Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. Relax in Carlyle's gardens and listen to jazz ensembles and performances. Free. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/ carlyle_house_historic_park. Witness to War & Reunion. 7:30

p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and its aftermath. "Remembering the Civil War," by Caroline Janney, Purdue University. \$5. Seating is lim

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Annual Golf Classic. 7 a.m. and teetimes beginning at 9 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course, 8450 Beulah St. #2920, Fort Belvoir. All proceeds go to the Military Order of the Purple Heart as we support our fellow wounded veterans and their families. Open to all. Contact 703-283-9698 or mophgolf@jsheainc.com.

"Under a Summer Sun" Art **Exhibit Reception and Artist Talk.** 12-7 p.m. at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. Enjoy a reception and "Three Minutes with Three Artists" with the artists of the "Under a Summer Sun" exhibit. Also visit the animals at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more

Third Friday Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. This community dance will feature the Mount Vernon Swing Band Live, conducted by Owen Hammett. \$4 at the door. Open to the public. Call

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

703-765-4573 for more.

Container Gardening and Composting in Small Spaces

Program. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (Arlington/Alexandria) will present a program on container gardening and composting in small spaces. The segment on container gardening will focus on how to select the right pots and plants, prepare for planting, and keep plants healthy and happy. The program is free and open to the public. Sign up online at mgnv.org.

Soroptimist Event. 11:30 a.m. at Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Soroptimist International of Alexandria is hosting a lunch, tea, and fashion show event. Art by Suhail Mir will also be on sale. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship funds. Tickets are \$36. Contact Norma Gyovai at ngyovai@moving.org.

Sherry Tasting Party. 4-6 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Spanish wines will be paired with cold tapas dishes. Admission is \$44 per person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Wine on the Water. 6 p.m. in front of the seaport center, Thompson's Alley. Join the Alexandria Seaport Foundation for its annual wine tasting event. Held on the Old Town waterfront, this event is a casual, but lively event, featuring steel drums, a silent auction and wine and food. The event will be held in front of the





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Entertainment

floating Seaport Center, between the Chart House and Founders Park. Tour the Seaport Center and see where the apprentices work to change their lives through the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's programs. Tickets are \$55 before June 15 and \$65 after that. See http:// www.brownpapertickets.com/ event/1664140.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Fathers gain free access to some of Alexandria's most prominent museums. Free for fathers only. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/ summer-in-alexandria/.

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Civil War Kids Drill Day. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. Children ages 9-12 can learn more about the daily life of the Civil War soldier. The cost per child is \$25, which includes a Civil War kepi hat and snack Registration is suggested, space is limited. Call Fort Ward Museum to register at 703-746-4848. The program will be cancelled if it rains.

"Building Altars" Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Del Ray Artisans gallery at Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Create altars from small tins and recycled items. Instructor: Lori K. Gordon. \$80 for members and \$95 for non-members not including a \$20 supply fee. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Food & Wine Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Taste food from local restaurants and sample Virginia wines while listening to live music. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriafoodandwine.com

THURSDAY-MONDAY/JUNE 25-29,

Choral Festival International Summer

Celebration. Various times and dates at 319 Cameron St. This event features professional and community choirs. See www.classicalmovements.com

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Ikebana Flower Design Workshop. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the fundamentals of the Japanese art of flower arrangement. The workshop is \$35 plus a \$25 supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Program on Water Wise Gardening. 10:30

a.m.-12 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington 22206. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (Arlington/ Alexandria) will present a program on water wise gardening. The program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested at mgnv.org. Call 703-228-6414.

Family Fun: Make a Patriot Garden. 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children may decorate a red, white and blue container garden in time for the Fourth of July. The program cost is \$12. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Entrepreneur Fellowship for Women

Graduation. 2-4 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring. Celebrate the accomplishments of this year's graduates of the Entrepreneur Fellowship for Women program with Alexandria-based Empowered Women International. Also help welcome Florence Navarro, EPI's new Executive Director and Chief Empowerment Officer. Free. Visit http://myemail.constantcontact.com/You-re-Invited-to-EWI-s-Entrepreneur-Fellowship-for-Women-Graduation-.html?soid=1101407869059&aid=tDP5KG3SVb4.

SUNDAY/JUNE 28

Sarong Brunch. 11 a.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Learn different ways to "rock" a sarong and partake in a light brunch and mimosas. Tickets are \$24 and include a rayon sarong from Bali. Customers can also upgrade to a sarong from Bangladesh or Ghana. Visit www.rock-your-sarongbrunch.simpletix.com/ Event/23185/Rock-Your-



GALLERYS

"Me and My Dad"

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Fairfax County Police Honor Volunteers

Men and women gave 53,630 hours of volunteer time to police force.

he Fairfax County Police Department held its Volunteer Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 15, at the Fairfax County Government Center, honoring men and women who gave a total of 53,630 hours of volunteer time to the county.

The program honored Auxiliary Police Officers (APO), Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), and members of the Chaplains Unit.

— STEVE HIBBARD

Lopez Is Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year

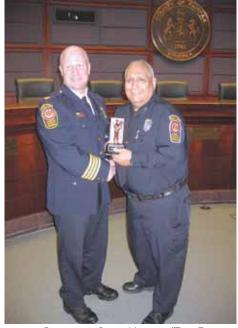
APO Juan "Rick" Lopez of the Mount Vernon District Station received the 2014 Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year Award. It recognizes the APO whose outstanding contributions support the overall mission of the Auxiliary Police Officer Program. Lopez has been with the Fairfax County Police Department since May 2006 and has regularly contributed between 40 to 60 hours per month. As Mount Vernon's lead APO, Lopez is responsible for scheduling and coordinating the various activities of the seven APOs assigned to the station, maintaining



Chief of Police Col. Edwin Roessler Jr. presents the Certificate of Appreciation to VIPS Wouter "Van" Vanderwal of the Mount Vernon District Station.

Vanderwal and Brodie Win Certificate of Appreciation

VIPS Wouter "Van" Wanderwal of the Mount Vernon District Station and APO Donald Brodie of the West Springfield District Station were awarded Certificates of Appreciation after contributing to the volunteer programs' success.



Photos by Steve Hibbard/The Gazette

Chief of Police Col. Edwin Roessler Jr. presents the Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year award to APO Juan "Rick" Lopez of the Mt. Vernon District Station.

communications with the station APOs, other lead APOs, and the station commanders, as well as patrolling with both A and B side squads.

In 2014, Lopez completed 804 hours of volunteer service by assisting on calls for service related to domestic violence, victims of shootings, narcotics, traffic hazards, vehicle stops, larcenies, stabbings, animal cases, front desk coverage, as well as translating Spanish for officers and citizens. Lopez was involved in DWI Checkpoints, CAC meetings, school activities, the Law Ride, National Night Out, various neighborhood activities, and assisting the station training officer. Throughout this time, Lopez continued his fulltime career with the Defense Department.

VIPS Service Hours Awards — Through December 2014

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6,000 Service Hours — VIPS John Sherburne

8,000 Service Hours — VIPS Tracey Ryan 10,000 Service Hours — VIPS David Welch

12,000 Service Hours — VIPS John Bauer

Shaver Is Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year — Patrol

APO Keith Shaver of the Mount Vernon District Station received the Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year award for Patrol. It recognizes the outstanding contributions of the APO who supports special events and the patrol function. Shaver has been with Fairfax County since 2003. Since retiring from his civilian job two years ago, he has regularly worked 40 hours or more per month mainly assisting patrol officers. Shaver put in over 400 hours of service in 2014.

Examples of Shaver's patrol duties include in-progress calls for fights, persons who were intoxicated, or assaults. Many times, Shaver was one of the first officers on scene, to include one call from an officer in pursuit of a stolen vehicle where the PIT maneuver was utilized. The officer held the suspect at gunpoint until Shaver arrived on scene as back up to assist with the arrest. During another incident, he assisted in sub-

Meritorious Group Award

The Meritorious Group Award for a significant contribution to a department project is awarded to the following VIPS assigned to the Criminal Justice Academy/Professional Development Center. These volunteers supported all aspects of the academy by completing data entry, lobby detail to check IDs and answer questions, filing paperwork, assisting in promotion processes and in the registration process of the STILE Conference, which had over 150 incumbents in attendance. Without their hours of commitment, the academy could not have successfully completed its mission.

- ❖ VIPS Ruth Bedell
- ❖ VIPS Keith Kalinowski
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Crime Report

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

ROBBERY, 8600 block of Village Square, June 8, 2:38 p.m. A pizza delivery driver was making a delivery and was approached by two men. One of the suspects displayed a knife to the driver and demanded money. The suspects assaulted the victim, took cash and fled on foot. The victim did not require medical attention. The suspects were described as two black males with their faces covered with a mask or bandana.

BURGLARY, 7100 block of Richmond Highway, June 8. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

INDECENT EXPOSURE, 8200 block of Rich-



Chief of Police Col. Edwin Roessler Jr. presents the Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year — Patrol award to APO Keith Shaver of the Mt. Vernon District Station.

duing a suspect who was resisting arrest and had become violent. Shaver was physically assaulted by the suspect who, as a result, was convicted of felony assault on a law enforcement officer.

Other duties include marking out on disabled vehicles, handling parking complaints, assisting at DWI checkpoints and traffic control at local 5K races. Shaver also participates in the annual Fairfax County Fair.

Points of Light Foundation President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

This year's Call to Service-Lifetime Awardees have achieved a minimum of 4,000 hours of volunteer service over the course of their lifetimes and they join the esteemed group of past VIPS, APO, and Chaplain recipients.

- ❖ APO Ron Bertoia
- ❖ APO Forrest Houston
- ❖ APO Richard Majauskas
- ❖ APO John (Ed) Pouncey
- ❖ VIPS Hung Nguyen
- ❖ VIPS Wouter "Van" Vanderwal

mond Highway, June 5, 6:30 p.m. A woman was standing when a man driving through the parking lot exposed himself. The suspect was described as a white male driving an older unknown model vehicle.

BURGLARY, 6100 block of Stegen Drive, June 3. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 3100 block of Furman Lane, June 3. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

MALTREAT ANIMAL, 300 block of Doeg Indian Court, June 2. An Animal Control Officer responded for the report of a dog that was stabbed. The owner was charged with felony animal cruelty. The dog died as a result of the injuries.

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Colorful blooms can help create an elegant summer landscape.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL Hydrangeas are a low-maintenance, flowering shrub.

Trending in the Garden

Local landscape architects offer suggestions for updating.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Gazette

s summer gets underway, so does time spent outside. The American Society of Landscape Architects recently released the results of its 2015 Residential Landscape Architecture Survey, a list of trends in outdoor design that yields a bounty of backyard design ideas. From adding a pond to planting a garden, local landscape gurus explain how these trends can be used to transform an outdoor space into a favorite escape.

The top landscape and garden elements include native plants, vegetable gardens and low-maintenance landscapes. "Since native trees and shrubs are meant to grow here, they're easier to take care of and they're lower maintenance," said Janet Darab of Cravens Nursery in Fairfax.

"I think there is an increased awareness of the benefit in planting native," said Patrick Lawver of Nature By Design in Alexandria. "If you are planting natives, they should be able to maintain themselves. If they are planted in the right area and planted correctly, you don't have to water them once they get established, so you won't have to rely on water that much."

Dogwoods, redbuds and magnolias are native trees that Lawver says are among the most popular in the Washington, D.C., region. Iris, milkweed and butterfly weed are some of the most popular native flowers. "A lot of people are liking butterfly weed because it's great for attracting monarch butterflies."

Experts also recommend amateur gardeners think

about what type of plants are appropriate for their yards. "For example, if someone has a small backyard garden, there are some plants that grow aggressively that we don't recommend because you'd have to constantly cut them back to keep them under control," said Lawver. "There are some plants that grow better if you have wet soil and some that do better in dryer soil. The bottom line is that they're all low maintenance as long as you're planting them into the right situation."

Raised garden beds are also popular. "One of the advantages of raised beds is that they discourage critters like rabbits from getting in and digging stuff," said Lawver. "Raised beds often hold moisture really so well there is not as much maintenance with the plant."

Among the most popular outdoor design elements, as reported in the American Society of Landscape Architects survey, are fire pits and fireplaces, lighting and grills. One pavilion, built by Rill Architects for a Potomac, Md., home, incorporates the three elements and can serve as inspiration for those who want to create an outdoor oasis.

The space was created as a place to enjoy nature while relishing the comforts of home. "[It] creates a seamless transition between the house and yard," said James F. Rill, AIA of Rill Architects.

A ceiling fan cools the space during warm weather and a stone fireplace warms it when the temperature drops. A mahogany pergola hovers above the terrace. Outdoor chairs, along with low walls that are made of stone, provide seating for entertaining. The floor of the pavilion is made of flagstone.

The pavilion offers of view of the home's English garden, including a pond and walking bridge, and its terrace overlooks a saltwater pool. A gatehouse connects the updated rear porch to the expanded garage. "Now the outbuildings offer an oasis to enjoy nature from both inside and outside the home," said Rill.



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One of the top landscaping trends is an interest in native plants.



The 2015 Residential Landscape Architecture Survey can offer inspiration for creating an elegant summer outdoor space.







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Spring Sports Banquet

West Potomac High School recently held its spring sports banquet. From left are (first row): Megan Jackson; Kylie Bostick; Maura Finn; Elizabeth Wood; Zshana Lee; Maxine Clifford, Glenn Rushing; (second row) Lozie Goolsby; Christopher Cheng; James Sara and Cullen O'Boyle.



FCPS Women in Sports Awards

Each year, Fairfax County **Public Schools honors female** athletes and coaches of female sports. Each FCPS high school submits nominations and the winners were announced at the awards ceremony on May 31 at Oakton High School. This year, West Potomac High School had two of its three nominees win the coveted FCPS Women in Sports Awards. Jayne Orleans (swim, softball) won the Donna de Varona Spirit of Sport Award. Winter and spring track coach Dena

McCraith won Coach of the Year. Maxine Clifford (volleyball, swim, lacrosse) was nominated for Sports Woman of the Year. From left are Alex Case, principal; Dena McCraith, coach; Maxine Clifford, athlete; Jayne Orleans, athlete; and Aaron Helmick, DSA.

Sports Briefs ——

Ft. Belvoir Golf Course To Host Event

Ft. Belvoir Golf Course will host the Military Order of the Purple Heart Golf Classic on June 19.

The Classic is a four-some, captain's choice scramble format. Breakfast is at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Fees include breakfast, greens fees, carts, lunch, and awards and prizes.

For questions, contact Gordon Sumner at 703-836-8732 or events coordinator Jessica Shea at 703-245-4635.

Summer Field Hockey Training Available

The Academy International Coaches will be running field hockey camps this summer in the following locations: Herndon High School, Annandale High School, Yorktown High School and Long Bridge Park in Arlington.

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Fairfax County Youth Football Registration Open

Across Northern Virginia, registration is now open for boys and girls ages 7 to 16 to register for fall football with their local clubs

Founded in 1966, FCYFL is the largest independent football league in Virginia. It serves the Northern Virginia region and is composed of 22 youth football programs from Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties and Alexandria city. All programs run on a not-for-profit basis. This past season FCYFL fielded over 300 teams, 1,200 coaches and more than 6,000 players.

Links to all participating clubs are available on the league's website, www.fcyfl.org.

FCYFL has a mandatory player participation rule. This means all youths who are enrolled must play in every game.

The league makes this rule a point of emphasis, and any coach who fails to comply is subject to a variety of sanctions including suspension.

Whitman Teacher Honored

ugenio Fischer Sanchez, who teaches Spanish at Whitman Middle School, is one of two teachers honored with the 2015 Victoria D. de Sanchez Northern Virginia Hispanic Teacher of the Year Award.

Fischer Sanchez, a Florida native, teaches Spanish for fluent speakers, coordinates International Night and Hispanic Heritage Month, co-directs the Men of Vision and Purpose group, and is a Parents as Educational Partners teacher at Mount Vernon High School. He is praised for getting to know his students beyond the classroom and his dedication toward them, and for serving as a mentor to them.

In the Northern Virginia Hispanic community, Fischer Sanchez is known as a volunteer at local churches and mentor to



other educators. He invites Hispanic professionals to visit his classroom, speak to his students, and inspire them.

Fischer Sanchez earned his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Miami

and a master's in education from Nova Southeastern University. The award is given by the Victoria D. de Sanchez Endowment at Marymount University to recognize and encourage teachers who have demonstrated exemplary results working with area Hispanic students. The endowment was established by the Hispanic Youth Foundation of Northern Virginia, which was created by a group of Hispanic business owners.



At the Game

Tiger Cubs from Pack 1503 celebrate with the Mount Vernon High School Varsity soccer team following a game at MVHS in April. The Tiger Cubs spoke to Coach Tony Garza before the game to learn about the sport and then cheered on the team during their victory over South County High School.

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David Endicott Bolte (89), Col. (ret.)

Passed away peacefully on Monday, June 1, 2015 of Ft. Belvoir, VA. Loving husband of Mary Lee Bolte; father of Benjamin Bolte (Cassandra), John Bolte (Holly), Damara Gailliot (Michael) and Kathryn Bolte (Nathan Walz); brother of 2; grandfather of 11. West Point Class of '49. Dave was son of Gen. Charles L. and Adelaide Poore Bolte and Brother of Philip L. (USMA '50) of Huntsville AL and Damara Bolte of Leesburg VA. Hill School (PA) alum, infantryman (1949-1977), leader, fighter, linguist, servant, historian, athlete, story-teller, and example of honesty, strength, pride, and honor. A Memorial Service will be held at The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods, 9140 Belvoir Woods Pkwy, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, on June 9 at 11am. Inurnment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on a later date. Please view and sign the family guestbook at www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

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