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Master Police Officer Joe Moore asks a driver if they know about the "Move Over" law.

Moving on 'Move Over'

Police crack down, educate about law protecting emergency roadside vehicles and drivers.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax County Master Police Officer Joe Moore's front and rear-mounted radar machines whistle and beep with varying frequency as cars barrel past on Interstate 66 around the Fairfax County Parkway.

He's sitting on the right-hand shoulder, parked, with his cruiser's emergency lights on. A dozen yards ahead of him, a Virginia State Trooper has a vehicle pulled over. A black sport utility vehicle blasts by in the closest lane going 64 miles per hour. The additional lanes were all clear. Moore guns the Chevrolet Impala and flags the driver down.

During his first chat with the driver, Moore says she claimed she didn't know what she did was illegal. On his second visit, after running her driver's license and plates, she changes her tune. "Everyone was doing it," Moore recapped. "Honesty is rare," he added, as he begins writing her a ticket.

Moore was partnered with the trooper for a multi-hour shift of "selective enforcement" of the "Move Over" law (looking for specific violations "but not turning a blind eye to other things," he said).

Virginia Code 46.2-921.1 requires drivers to either change lanes when approaching an emergency vehicle stopped on the highway with lights flash-

ing or, if there's no option to move over, "proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed for highway conditions."

The law first went into effect in 2002 and was amended in 2010 with the addition of highway maintenance and roadside assistance vehicles whose amber flashing lights differ from the blue and red of police cruisers.

Enforcement of the law hasn't been "prevalent" however, according to 2nd Lt. Jason Long, traffic safety section supervisor with the Fairfax County Police.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 138 law enforcement officers were struck and or killed on highways between 2003 and 2013.

"You would think with 13 years of a law being on books, people would know about it," Long said. "We don't want that to be the way people become aware of these laws."

To coincide with Virginia declaring June "Move Over Month," Fairfax County traffic police and Virginia State Police collaborated on an education and enforcement event Friday, May 29. Teams of police officers and troopers leapfrogged across major roadways including Routes 28, 50, 286 (Fairfax County Parkway), 267 (Dulles Toll Road) and Interstates 66, 495 and 95 for several hours in the late morn



Master Police Officer Joe Moore watches his radar while parked behind a Virginia State Trooper that has pulled over a driver.

Questioning Family Life Curriculum

Topics of gender identity and sexual orientation added.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

The Fairfax County School Board's May 7 meeting drew a passionate and boisterous crowd that filled the Luther Jackson Middle School auditorium and spilled out into the main lobby. That night the board voted in favor of adding "gender identity" to its nondiscrimination policy for students, employees and applicants for employment.

On June 25, the board may face a similar scene. It's scheduled to vote on proposed updates from the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee, including adding the topics of gender identity and sexual orientation, beginning in seventh grade Family Life Education, classes out of which parents may opt their students.

Other advertised changes include moving a portion of the curriculum from Family Life Education to students' health courses. This would be done to comply the Virginia Board of Education's recently revised health standards of learning for kindergarten through tenth grade.

According to Fairfax County Public Schools, the topics that would no longer be part of Family Life Education (and therefore no longer opt-out) are:

- ❖ Personal development (emotions/feelings, self-image, self-concept, personal characteristics, skills to work and play successfully in a community)
- ❖ Healthy relationships (includes conflict resolution skills)
- ❖ Respecting individual differences (disabilities, ethnicities, cultures)
- ❖ Mental health areas such as depression and suicide

The recommendations came up



Citizen Steven Mosley speaks at the June 11 school board meeting in opposition to proposed changes in the Family Life Education and health curriculums.

as new business at the school board's May 21 meeting. At the June 11 meeting, eight out of the 10 citizen speakers and one additional speaker on a prepared video addressed the recommendations. Each of those speakers opposed the proposed changes.

"How one identifies should not take the place of science and truth," said citizen Steven Mosley, who introduced himself as a "black, ordained, evangelical reverend" who works in higher education. "Here's the truth we need to hang on to: Man cannot determine his gender just like I can't determine my race. Both these things are gifts from God and affirmed by science."

Citizen Mary Beth Style said, "Fairfax County Public Schools have no expertise to teach lessons on the development of transgender identity."

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Wegmans director of restaurant operations Kathy Haines talks about the Spicy Tuna Martini (left) and Lemon Blueberry Trifle, on offer at The Pub.



Joe McCarthy of Fairfax Station, executive chef of The Pub at Wegmans in Alexandria, serves up Cucumber Roulades: ribbons of cucumber rolled with roasted tomato and feta cheese.



Wegmans vice president of media relations Jo Natale displays a large napkin dispenser in the Market Café area of the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans. The dispenser came from suggestions by store employees, rather than management.

New Wegmans Opens in Alexandria

Nearly 2,000 in line for June 14 opening morning.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

At any other Wegmans grocery store in Virginia, Woodbridge resident Braden Cheney's job wouldn't exist. A 2000 graduate of W.T. Woodson High School, Cheney is manager of The Pub, a full-service restaurant and bar operating within the store.

It's a first for any Wegmans outside of Pennsylvania, also the first with its kitchen in the back of the house.

"It's different from a typical restaurant," Cheney said. "The values — we listen to our employees and empower them to come up with new ideas, things I might miss."

Cheney, who's spent seven years with Wegmans including a role as manager of the Café in the Woodbridge location, gave the example of the large napkin dispensers found in the dining area. Employees came up with the idea, thinking it would be less wasteful for people to take what they need. The company went for it.

This new Wegmans in Alexandria opened its doors to customers Sunday, June 14 at 7 a.m.

According to Wegmans vice president of



Beer Battered Fish & "Chips" at The Pub in the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans is a tempura-battered haddock served with Tuscan herbed fries.

media relations Jo Natale, between 1,800 and 2,000 people were in line at the opening. Some of the first customers arrived at 3 a.m.

"The lines went in both directions from the front entrance and wrapped around both sides of the building," Natale said.

Though she wouldn't release specific figures, Natale it was a banner day: "In terms of sales, it was our biggest opening day ever, breaking the previous record of Northborough, Ma. in October 2011."

Spanning 126,000 square feet, the grocery store is more than just that. With 550 employees, it stands as a career launchpad opportunity for community members joining the family-owned company.

Stacie Henley of Manassas started as a cashier in the Syracuse location. A manager



Blackened, spiced mahi mahi lives at the heart of the Wegmans Pub restaurant take on Fish Tacos.

happened to come through her line and recruited her to the cheese department because of her "bubbly personality." Twenty years later, Henley is still with the company and managing Alexandria's vast cheese shop.

"Cheese is so versatile," she said. "For appetizers, entrees, there's so much. Not everyone can be experts, so we try to help."

There's also executive chef Joe McCarthy, a Fairfax Station resident, who serves up Cucumber Roulades in The Pub — ribbons of cucumber rolled with roasted tomato and feta cheese — that can be replicated with ingredients found in the grocery store.

With the globe-crossing variety of prepared food in the Market Café as well as The Pub, Wegmans becomes more of a total gastronomic experience.

With this model, the line between where to go to eat and where to go to prepare to eat is blurring.

"We're a dining destination as well," said Kathy Haines, Wegmans director of restaurant operations. "People eat and shop, shop and eat — some take a split shift. We're just giving them another option."

Aside from The Pub, this new Wegmans will feel familiar to anyone who's shopped a different location. Each layout is meant to be custom, though navigation through the departments of bakery, deli, dairy, produce, health and wellness, household items, seasonal items, dry goods, wine and beer is fairly consistent with other stores.

One area that is expanded relative to those other locations is the prepared pro-



Slow, slow-cooked caramelized white onions blended with ground turkey keep the Wegmans Pub GYRO Turkey Burger juicy beneath cucumber, tzatziki and fresh parsley.

duce counter in the store's midsection. "Every Wegmans starts with fresh produce," said Natale. "It really is our crown jewel. And prepared vegetables are big."

Customers at other locations can purchase pre-cut and washed produce, saving them from some of the more tedious and time-consuming aspects of cooking at home. Seeing this as a growing market, Alexandria devoted more real estate to this effort.

The Hilltop Village Center Wegmans is located at 7905 Hilltop Village Center Drive in Alexandria.

Normal operating hours after the June 14 opening will be Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. until midnight.

'Fill the Bus'

From Sunday, June 21 through Saturday, July 4, Wegmans Food Market stores will hold a two-week "Fill the Bus" food drive to support local food banks' increased summer needs. Customers are invited to help "Fill the Bus" by donating items that provide healthy meals for children when they do not have access to free or reduced-price meals at school.

Customer service desks at the 14 participating stores will post wish lists of non-perishable items that are intended to be nutritious and easy to prepare, like tuna fish, peanut butter, and canned soup. Products to donate will also be displayed by the registers and can be purchased at checkout and then placed in the "Fill the Bus" collection bin located by the front of the store.

Donations at the Alexandria store will be collected and transported to the Capital Area Food Bank.

Stacie Henley (right) of Manassas manages the cheese shop at the new Alexandria Wegmans.



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Gunston Hall staff archeologist David Shonyo of Woodbridge points to a current excavation looking at a servants' dumping area.



Don Ward of Franconia volunteers with the archaeology at Gunston Hall. He's holding an animal bone excavated from what's believed to have been a dumping area for servants of George Mason.

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON

New Gunston Hall Roof Completed

Approaching Gunston Hall in Mason Neck, the 18th-century plantation home of George Mason, its roof appears to gleam golden in the sunlight. The heavy slate tiles that previously topped the building where Mason may well have drafted the Virginia Declaration of Rights were recently replaced — not by gold, but Alaskan Red Cedar.

The wood shingles, which came from a mill in Washington State, are much closer to what Mason would have had on his roof, according to David S. DuVal, Gunston Hall director of marketing and public relations.

The slate tiles were added in the 1930s while the structure was still privately owned. Replacing them has been part of an “ongoing preservation and stewardship plan,” DuVal said.

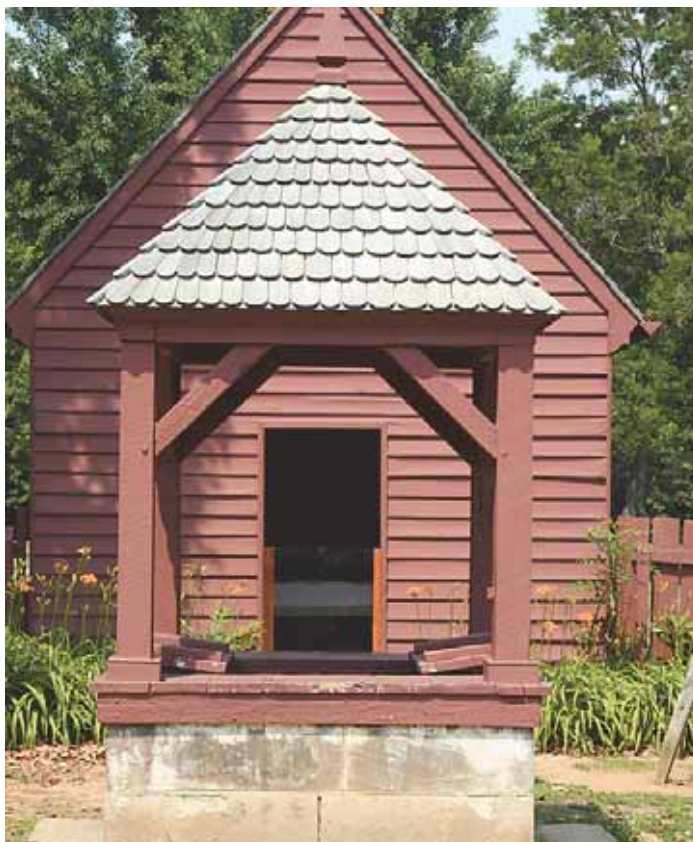
Gunston Hall would have sought funding for the roof, but an anonymous private donor stepped forward five years ago and offered to finance the project.

A renovation plan began a year ago, according to DuVal, with construction starting at the beginning of January this year. It was completed just a few weeks ago, in plenty of time to celebrate George Mason Day on June 13. Total cost of the project was \$389,000.

“It’s putting the house back more in time,” said Gunston Hall tour guide and Lorton native Rhonda Williams. “When you come, you’re stepping back in time. It’s peaceful here, and with the new roof it keeps it in a more authentic setting.”

In time, the vibrant cedar will weather to a brown-grey, similar to the slats seen on the outbuildings surrounding the main house. The roof is estimated to last around 50 years.

— TIM PETERSON



The fresh cedar of the new roof will eventually weather to match the other outbuildings on the Gunston Hall property.

CRIME REPORT

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

ROBBERY/RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM, 2600 block of Arlington Drive, June 12, 2:11 a.m. The victim was walking and was approached from behind by two men. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and demanded money. The suspects took property and began to flee. The victim yelled out for help and the suspect with the handgun discharged one round in the direction of the victim. The round did not hit the victim and the victim did not require medical attention. The suspect with the handgun was described as black, about 6 feet 2 inches tall, approximately 200 pounds, wearing a black shirt and black pants. The second suspect was described as black, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, approximately 150 pounds, and wearing a white shirt and blue pants.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY, 7900 block of Fort Hunt

Road, June 6, 1:08 p.m. An employee reported an unknown man walked into the business through an unsecured door. The man left immediately when he saw someone in the business. Nothing was taken.

LARCENIES

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6000 block of Dewey Drive, tools from vehicle.

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6600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

6700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

7800 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

8500 block of Southlawn Court, cash from vehicle.

3100 Sherwood Hall Lane, property from business.

STOLEN VEHICLES

4300 block of Cedar Lake Court, 2012 Hyundai Elantra.

4000 block of Buckman Road, 2013 Toyota Camry.

Curriculums

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“This religious belief that the soul is separate from the body and that man creates his own reality is not supported by science,” Style continued. “There is no agreement in the therapeutic world and certainly no agreement in society or even among the theorists who are fighting among themselves. Yet you are teaching it anyway. That is arrogant.”

Community review of the board action will continue until Friday, June 19, through the website www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml. The page contains frequently asked questions and answers from Fairfax County Public Schools, as well as contact information for Elizabeth Payne, health and physical education coordinator for the school system. Email comments can be sent to FLEcomments@fcps.edu.

Citizens may also request to speak at the upcoming meeting by either registering online at www.fcps.edu/schlbld/meetings/requestspeak.shtml or calling the School Board office at 571-423-1075 during normal business hours, beginning three days prior to the meeting. Ten spots are available and are filled on a first-come basis.

THE SCHOOL BOARD also recognized its outgoing, 44th student representative Harris LaTeef, a senior at Langley High School.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Garza followed the individual board members and summed up their effusive compliments of LaTeef’s work.

“You’re one of the most impressive young men I’ve ever been around: intelligent, articulate, calm under pressure and wise beyond your years,” Garza said. “Being the student voice on the board, you always added significant value to our work and reminded us why we’re doing this.”

In his remarks, LaTeef thanked the board for teaching him about “politics, education, human nature and the true meaning of serving one’s community.”

He also offered the public some commentary from his perspective. “Though they may seem divided at times,” he said, “each has the same goal, to make Fairfax County Public Schools a great school system to send your kids to each and every morning.”

LaTeef’s final thoughts were directed back at the School Board members: “Keep fighting the good fight,” he said. “Don’t let petty politics or gamesmanship distract you from why you are here, and that is to focus on the future.”

After graduating, LaTeef plans to attend the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

Citizen Mary Beth Style speaks at the June 11 school board meeting, referring to the Family Life Education curriculum changes regarding identity and sexuality as a “warped worldview.”



News

Sharing about Alzheimer's

Author discusses caregiving.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

At the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, author Meryl Comer discussed her book, "Slow Dancing with a Stranger: Lost and Found in the Age of Alzheimer's," a personal memoir, recounting her last 20 years as a caregiver, first for her husband and now for her mother, both with Alzheimer's disease. Following her June 9 presentation, she conducted a Town Hall-type meeting, answering questions and discussing issues and problems she encountered.

The event was sponsored by the Insight Memory Care Center, AARP, The Goodwin House, and the Reconnections Advisory Council. Reconnections is a local club for retired business and professional men with mild to moderate memory problems that meets each Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Aldersgate Church, located at the corner of Collingwood and Fort Hunt roads. The weekly event is sponsored by the Insight Memory Care Center, a

For Help

If residents have friends or family in the area who would benefit from membership in Reconnections, contact Christi Clark, Insight Memory Care Center, at 703-204-4664, or Virginia Martin at 703-329-1538.



Author Meryl Comer, on the left, is with Reconnections Mount Vernon Advisory Council members, Virginia Hodgkinson and Virginia Martin, after discussing with attendees her memoir "Slow Dancing with a Stranger: Lost and Found in the Age of Alzheimer's."

nonprofit service organization located in Fairfax, Virginia. A professional facilitator is provided for each session of socialization and stimulation for the participants.

A typical session includes: arrival coffee; topic of the day discussion which participants prepare reports the previous week; an invited outside speaker or performer; lunch; and mental and physical games and exercises. Retired business and professional men such as members of Mount Vernon At Home, Don Peterson and Ross Hunt, serve as volunteer assistants. A fee is charged; however, scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the fee.

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ME & MY DAD

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Anthony is a very busy and active 2-year old who loves to play. Relaxing with Daddy, Peter Armenti, in the backyard hammock is sometimes the only way to get him to settle down. This photo was taken right before the start of his second birthday party. He was so excited that it was the only time all day that he sat still.



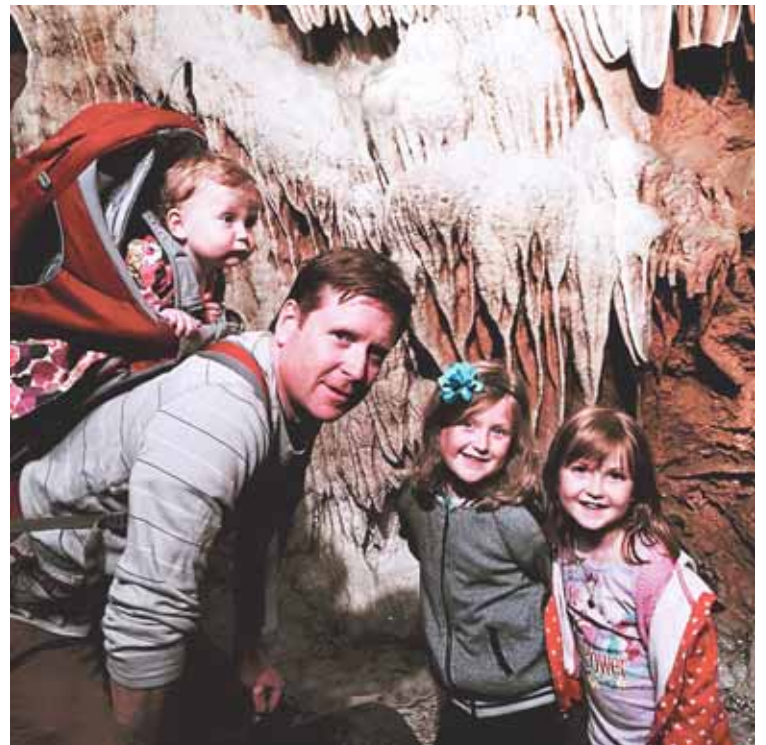
John Knapp of Alexandria's Hollin Hall Village and den leader of Den 8, with his two sons, Benjamin, 7 and Tyler, 4 along with their friend and neighbor, Elektra, 6. The photo was taken in Fall 2014 before Benjamin's first Tiger Scout den meeting.



Stephen G. Fill, native of Mount Vernon, graduate of St. Stephen's High School and the College of William & Mary, with son Stephen Patrick, 8 months old.



Cohen, 4 , and his dad, Christian Echeverry at Cohen's 4th birthday celebration which consisted of backyard BBQ, pool and slip-n-slide.



George Goodno and his daughters, Maeve, 1, Ellie, 7, and Annabelle, 5, are exploring caves at Shenandoah Caverns on June 7.



Kyle Holtzman, surrounded by our children and his Mom on his recent birthday: from left are Sophia, Jude, Phyllis, Kyle, Kyle Jr. and Lily.



Kyle Holtzman with Jude and Kyle Jr. at one of the recent Wizard's playoff games.



John Versaggi (father), Will (son) age 5 and Reeves (daughter) age 9 last July at their grandparents house at Lake Norman in North Carolina.



Elizabeth Rees, Maya (5), Dylan (8), Holden Hoofnagle, Sophia (11) (students at Fort Hunt Elementary) at a Nationals Game in May 2015.

ME & MY DAD



The Vernons: Scott, father Jerry, Ann, Emily, Michael and Lauren Warchol, and Hal having too much fun in Costa Rica. Great to have a dad that takes us places!



John Rives and his daughter Eliza-beth celebrate her Sweet 16th Birthday at National Harbor on June 6, 2015.

For Michael Warchol: Winter, spring, summer or fall, we love playing with you best of all! Love, Will and Katia



Charlie Zdebski is so proud of his daughter for graduating Penn State.



Walter Clarke and daughter, Kameron Clarke (freshman at West Potomac) and Clayton Clarke (6th grader at Fort Hunt Elementary) enjoy one of their favorite pastimes of watching local lacrosse and baseball sporting events. This particular night they are watching our goddaughter's lacrosse team progress to the regional championship.



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OPINION

Where Is Ray Morrogh?

To the Editor:

Natasha McKenna, a 37-year-old African-American mother of a young daughter, while a prisoner in the Fairfax County jail, was shot at least four times with taser stun guns by sheriff's deputies. She rapidly lost consciousness and five days later died. At the time of the incident, it was reported she was shackled with a hood covering her head. The 5 foot 130-pound woman's death raises questions. How much fight could have been in her to resist six sheriff's deputies assigned to an elite squad specializing in dealing with a woman diagnosed with mental illness? Was it necessary use of force? Was there no other tactical option available?

The next question: Why has Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond Morrogh remained silent regarding this incident? Will this be a repeat of the John Geer shooting death by a Fairfax County police officer? Geer was shot and killed on Aug. 29, 2013 while standing in the doorway of his Springfield home with his hands held above his head when the police officer without justification or provocation shot Geer resulting in his death. Commonwealth's Attorney Morrogh remained silent for 18 months until a few weeks ago he referred the matter to a grand jury. Many citizens in Fairfax County are asking: Why the wait? Is this dereliction of duty or malfeasance or prosecutorial misconduct?

As an elected official, the citizens of Fairfax County must remember this when Morrogh seeks re-election as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County. In the interest of justice, many feel Morrogh does not deserve to remain in office.

Nicholas R. Beltrante

Executive Director
Citizens Coalition for Police
Accountability, Inc.

Passing The Baton

To the Editor:

Last week, Dan Storck won the Democratic nomination for Mount Vernon District supervisor. Dan has been my partner serving Mount Vernon residents on the School Board for the last 12 years. He has fought every day over that time to improve the quality of our schools, build new ones like the South County High School, Laurel Hill Elementary School and South County Middle School as well as expand current facilities to meet future needs. Dan's adroit business sense, as a small business owner, has helped to streamline the Fairfax County School Board budget, where as chairman of the School Board and as chairman of the Smart Savings Task Force, Dan found and made millions of dollars of reductions making the school system more efficient. At the same time, Dan has expanded Advanced Placement centers and Head Start programs among many other accomplishments he will share with you over the coming months.

Over the last 28 years we have transformed the Richmond Highway corridor, improved our schools, strengthened our public safety organizations, saved Mount Vernon Hospital, and protected and improved our neighborhoods. Dan Storck is ready to take the baton and keep running at full speed from day one to continue to make our lives better. Dan ran a strong, grassroots campaign and feels as I do, that citizens determine what is best for them and what government should do for them.

I encourage all Mount Vernon residents to rally behind him, support his vision for the future of to carry him forward to victory in November.

Dan has my enthusiastic and full support to be your next Mount Vernon District supervisor.

Gerry Hyland
Mount Vernon
District Supervisor



The Bearce Brothers Lemonade Stand

Who Could Resist?

To the Editor:

The big day had finally arrived. My two boys were about to experience their first day owning a small business, the Bearce Brothers Lemonade Stand. Leading up to the grand opening, we talked to them about needing a business plan, how they would have costs of goods sold which needed to be recouped, and how they needed a marketing plan.

We explained differentiation and the need to set themselves apart from the rest. They decided real fresh squeezed lemonade would be a great selling feature. We suggested they dress up and wear ties because after all they were business men and besides who could resist buying lemonade from boys in ties?

Apparently a lot of people car after car drove by, some slowed to look, others just rolled on by. Our hearts began to sink, could it be that we are so caught up in the hamster wheel of running errands and getting groceries we can't spare a minute to patronize a lemonade stand and make a kids day? As another car slowed and waved

without stopping, we decided that waving to a kid running a lemonade stand is like bouncing a tennis ball in front of a Labrador and then not throwing it.

Finally our faith in humanity began to be restored. It started with a neighbor, then two, then three, a few social media blasts from Mom and Dad brought some friends by, and then finally real customers, actual strangers, a couple riding bikes, a woman with a 17-year-old daughter who said it felt like just yesterday that she was helping her daughter sell lemonade, an older couple who bought four glasses for no apparent reason other than to boost the sale.

A woman stopped and told my boys that she had seen many lemonade stands but never one run by better dressed proprietors and that was her reason to stop, which made us beam.

So here is the opinion part, this summer none of us has an excuse to not stop at a lemonade stand run by children. It takes under a minute, will make their day and it will restore some faith in mankind for their parents.

Stephen Bearce
Alexandria

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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 non-profit 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 info@mountvernonathome.org to learn more. Visit www.mountvernonathome.org for

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

❖ The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteer English and Spanish-speaking social companions, a volunteer pianist, and front desk volunteer.

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

❖ 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/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/, email or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov or 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 711, or 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

St. James Episcopal Church is seeking donations for the Second Hand Rose Boutique Bake Sale and Yard Sale. Donate jewelry purses, toys, sporting goods, etc. at the church's 5614 Old Mill Road location. Call 703-780-3081 before donation drop-off.

Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly-Caregiving with Family and Friends." Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/

Band musicians are invited to join the **Mount Vernon Community Band**. Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School band room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. There are no auditions. The Mount Vernon Community Band is a nonprofit community service organization that has performed in the Mount Vernon area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or www.mvbands.com.

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*"Somebody's down to their last dime
Somebody's running out of time
Not too far from here
Somebody's got nowhere else to go
Somebody needs a little hope
Not too far from here"*

BY MARY PADEN

The song "Not too Far from Here" by Steven Siler and Ty Lacy goes on to say "Help me Lord not to turn away from pain. Help me not to rest while those around me weep."

This song inspired a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church in late 2009 to make an anonymous donation of \$250,000 to establish an endowment fund to help those in need within 25 miles of the church located at Fort Hunt Road and Collingwood Road.

Over the past five years, interest from the fund and subsequent donations has made a difference in the lives of more than 300 of Aldersgate's neighbors in need through the distribution of over \$190,000. In 2014, the Not Too Far From Here (NTFFH) Fund provided about \$92,000 to help 135 local people with emergencies or issues that fall between the cracks of larger agencies.

The donor remains anonymous with only the chair of the Aldersgate Endowment Committee, Roger Amole, knowing his identity.

The Aldersgate Endowment Committee



Aldersgate United Methodist Church Endowment Committee, seated around table from left: Suzanne Dalch, Joe Tompkins, John Martin, Gary Bradshaw, Win Lindley, Mary Ann Robertson, Lew Ashley, and Roger Amole, chair.

meets regularly to consider referrals and requests from congregation members and local nonprofit charities; it says it can respond in a couple days to an urgent need.

This fund is unique in many ways. It is substantial and thus able to actually help a number of people; it is governed by a single-page document; it covers gaps left by state and county human services agencies; and it is highly flexible, unbound by a myriad of qualification rules that can so frustrate clients of state and county agencies.

The one-page of directions bestowed by the donor stipulates that the funds be spent locally, that they assist with essential needs

such as medical care, housing, food, and clothing, as well as mental health care, and that they help people and groups who have been overlooked, like the forgotten people identified in the song.

Although many private and government programs help individuals who have fallen on hard times, they don't have the resources or flexibility to help in every situation. This gap is where the NTFFH Fund steps in. The Aldersgate Endowment Committee seeks out hard cases where someone has "fallen through the cracks" and has nowhere else to turn.

Those helped have been members of

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Rising Hope Mission Church, and Wesley United Methodist Church, as well as some referred by other charitable organizations including New Hope Housing and United Community Ministries. Religious affiliation is not a criteria.

Of the \$92,000 spent in 2014, housing and medical expenses were most the pressing need. Nearly 50 percent of NTFFH funds were spent on rent, security deposits, and other housing-related costs.

Medical and dental expenses, prescriptions and other health needs, accounted for the next largest category, 34 percent. The fund has also paid for transportation-related expenses, including vehicle repairs, car insurance, and driver's license fees (4 percent) and for emergency debt assistance (5 percent).

Recipients remain anonymous, but a few stories of people helped, provided by the endowment committee.

The committee provided one of the many notes of

thanks: "(We) are so very grateful to the church for the help it has provided. No question you have helped us stay in our home while I mend. In the future if there is anything we can do please just ask. In (all my) years I've come to know that words of compassion are healing, but actions and meeting needs are the foundation of a Godly life. Again our many thanks."

Endowment committee members urge others to help neighbors in need. If funds are needed, contact the church office at 703-765-6555 for consideration. Requests submitted are followed-up confidentially by a member of the committee.

Keeping People in Their Homes

The Aldersgate Methodist Church Not Too Far From Here (NTFFH) Fund has helped a number of people and families stay in their homes during difficult times. Here are some of their stories from the Aldersgate Endowment Committee.

❖ A single mom and her son had been living in a shelter. The mom's pay, along with government assistance, enabled her to meet expenses in temporary housing pending assignment to permanent housing. However, she became sick and missed several days' work that resulted in getting behind in her rent. The NTFFH fund was able to pay her rent. This assistance prevented the mother and her son from being evicted and having to return to the homeless shelter.

❖ A young mother and her children were living with her grandmother but had to move out after the grandmother died. They hoped to find affordable housing. When this young woman came to us she was on the verge of giving up her struggle to make ends meet. The funds provided by NTFFH allowed her to buy essential items for her family and cover incidental costs needed to find a new job.

❖ On a Friday, a panicked young woman called the church because she was days away from being evicted from her apartment. This young woman had custody of her little sister because her mother died during the sister's birth. The young woman had just started a new job but hadn't been paid yet and needed help to "get over the hump." The NTFFH Fund was able to fund part of her rent, which prevented them from being evicted the following Monday.

❖ A local man, after serving a long prison term, was living in the Kennedy Shelter on Route 1. He received rental assistance from Opportunities, Alternatives, & Resources (OAR), a local program that helps former inmates. However, he lost his job and needed assistance with his portion of the subsidized rent. After coordinating with his case manager, the NTFFH Fund paid the rent required to allow him to remain self-sufficient.

❖ A grandmother and granddaughter were in desperate need of funds to prevent them from being evicted. The grandmother had cancer but still tried to work and her granddaughter also works when she is not in school. However, because the grandmother was unable to work during her cancer treatment, they fell behind on the rent. The NTFFH assistance paid the rent, allowing the granddaughter to stay in school and graduate. Now, she will be able to better support herself and her grandmother.

Helping with Medical Costs

The Aldersgate Methodist Church NTFFH fund has provided assistance to defray medical expenses other costs related to illness that can overwhelm a low-income family.

❖ A local family was in serious need of help to deal with expenses when told their daughter required an organ transplant. The daughter's condition fluctuates as she becomes strong enough to be placed on the active list to receive a transplant. The NTFFH fund helps the family while the daughter undergoes extensive medical care in preparation for a lifesaving transplant operation.

❖ A family took into their care a girl who had been living with her mother and stepfather because the mother suffered from drug addiction and the stepdad from post-traumatic stress disorder. The girl had serious medical conditions and was without health insurance. With the help of this family she was able to get coverage through the Affordable Health Care Program. However, before her policy became effective, she required hospitalization. The amount due was well beyond the means of the family. The NTFFH fund assisted this family in paying the medical bill.

❖ A woman in a local assisted living facility recently needed help. She lives frugally on her Social Security income, but has serious, multiple health issues. When she became unable to walk without assistance, she was required to move into another unit at her facility. Her rent was increased and she required frequent assistance that resulted in extra fees. The NTFFH Fund was able to pay the bill she owed to help her through the transition while she arranged to cover her increased rent.

❖ A mother who had cancer surgery, was unable to work for several months while undergoing treatment. Because she was out of work for nearly six months and relying solely on her husband's income, their bills piled up. They pursued other avenues for assistance but were denied. The NTFFH fund was able to help this family meet its essential needs during this period of crisis.

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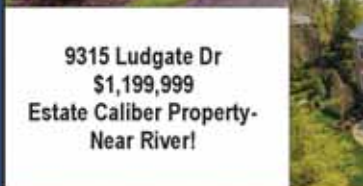
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YouthQuest Runs ThinkLink Experts say 3D printing can open a world of imagination and critical thinking.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Adonis Gonzales had always wanted to become a master electrician, but when he was asked to leave high school at 16 because of a poor attendance record, his prospects looked bleak. He enrolled in Freestate ChALLNge Academy, a tuition-free program that offers 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts an opportunity to earn a GED and learn a trade. A 3D printing technology class that Gonzales took through the program proved to be eye-opening.

"When I first went into the class, I saw the computers and printer and thought that it was going to be too hard," said Gonzales. "But then the instructor said that if we could imagine something, then we can create it. The first thing I made was a heart with my daughter's name on it." The class was part of an initiative called 3D ThinkLink, a program designed to teach critical thinking and problem solving skills through 3D design and printing. The class was run by YouthQuest, a Chantilly-based nonprofit that provides at-risk youth with educational scholarships to pursue their college or vocational aspirations.

Linda Mann, Ph.D., one of the



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organization's founders, believes young children can benefit from ThinkLink because the lessons and life skills learned extend beyond technology. The class will be offered as part of a camp this summer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County.

"I discovered that we could use 3D printing to teach critical thinking and problem solving to the kids we served," said Mann. "Many of the kids hadn't learned to think critically or to problem solve. They'd learned that failure was a way of life, but with 3D printing, they learn that failure isn't the end, it's the beginning."

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB staffers agree,

A variety of summer camp activities are offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. 3D printing will be a new activity this summer.

saying ThinkLink will inspire students.

"It will be an excellent opportunity for the youth here, who sometimes are in difficult living situations, to see that if they work hard and put in effort, they can have a bright future," said Chris Roberts, science, technology, education and math (STEM) regional director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. "I think the students will be excited. It will be inspirational and have activities that will lead them to think more about what they can do in their future and what the future will bring." "It will reinforce their existing STEM skills, but we hope it will boost their self-confidence," said Wonhee Kang, D.Min., senior director, Fairfax County Region, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. "They

Details

The group hopes to raise \$8,000 to publish an introductory 3D design and printing curriculum for students of all ages. The campaign will end July 1 at noon. Visit www.youthquestfoundation.org.

To learn about the Culmore Boys & Girls Club summer camps, visit www.bgcgw.org/culmore.

can imagine something and then see their idea turn into reality. That will really give their self-confidence a boost."

Gonzales said troubleshooting was an unexpected skill he acquired during the class. "They showed us that you can create anything that comes to your mind," he said. "If one of us had a problem, then we brainstormed as a group on how to do it differently."

Learning to solve problems like that, work through difficulties and simply dream, are basic but foreign concepts to many disadvantaged children. Mann hopes that changes this summer.

"It is important for them to see that they can make a difference in the real world," said Mann. "They could be brilliant scientists or teachers or whatever they want to be," she said. "For people who have succeeded, it's important to give back. That's what keeps our community. It's important to make a difference with the skills and talents that we have."

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Good Restaurants Make Good Neighbors

Once bereft of eateries, Carlyle community now boasts embarrassment of riches.

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

For years, the Carlyle community has been more than a 9-to-5 business district. While condos and apartments have been full for more than half a decade, the restaurant population has been slow to catch up. In a neighborhood that was once dominated primarily by sandwich shops and other lunchtime eateries, some more substantial dining spots have emerged, and they're certainly worth a visit.

Pasara Thai, 2051 Jamieson Ave., Alexandria

Tucked away off the main artery of Dulany Street, situated on the corner of Englehardt Lane, Pasara has been in the neighborhood for nearly a decade. The restaurant, which now sports four locations, was launched 15 years ago in Kingstowne (where the original location still operates) by Pasara Kongubol, who continues to be a major player in the restaurant.

She loves to cook and wanted to share

her passion with other people," said her daughter, co-owner Tulip Kongubol. Now Pasara Kongubol spends her days as the "quality control" agent for the restaurant, ensuring each dish emerges from the kitchen at a high caliber.

Visit the restaurant on nearly any weekday and you'll find a packed house bustling with activity; while the evenings are quieter, you and your dining companions will certainly not be alone in the building. And at both lunch and dinner, you'll find a steady stream of diners coming and going from the bar area — not just to order drinks, but to pick up their call-in orders as well.

Pasara excels in bringing Thai cuisine's complex flavors to your table. Whereas some Thai restaurants' offerings can be rather one-note,

Details

Pasara Thai

Address: 2051 Jamieson Ave., Alexandria
Hours: 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday;
11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday.

Top seller: Pad Thai.

Staff pick: The wild pork. "I think the name might scare people," co-owner Tulip Kongubol laughs.

the flavors coming out of Pasara's kitchen are rich and complex. Take their rama chicken and rama jae (tofu) entrées, for instance. The deep, rich flavor of the peanut curry sauce brings forth a nutty note, certainly, but also a spicy undertone that adds just a hint of kick to the dish.

"Nowadays, people love spicy food," she said, noting that the majority of her customers now request their meals

on the hotter side, whereas even a decade ago the orders came into the kitchen much milder. Further, more customers are requesting one of the restaurant's traditional spice trays to accompany their meals — whereas

several years ago the restaurant, made do with five such trays, now it keeps 15 on hand for customer orders.

Of course, any Thai restaurant worth its curry has to bring a decent pad Thai to the table, and Pasara sails over this benchmark as well. The noodles are smooth, the sauce is silky, and the vegetables and proteins are abundant throughout the dish. The result is a customer favorite, Tulip Kongubol says. "We use fresh tamarind sauce," which puts the dish over the top, she added.

Given its location on the first floor of an office building, it would be easy to write off Pasara as a workday quick-lunch spot and not much else. But to do so would be an error; no matter the time nor the day, Pasara has grown into a Carlyle mainstay, and for good reason. And Tulip Kongubol says she's happy that Pasara has grown up with the community.

"Come by to try our authentic Thai food," she says.

Noteworthy

Pasara certainly isn't the only game in town. Other notable eateries worth your



Pasara's rama jae has a deep, rich flavor from its peanut curry sauce.

time and hard-earned dollars include:

❖ **Pho 33, 540 John Carlyle St.** Despite its name, this Vietnamese restaurant offers much more than pho. From vermicelli-noodle and rice dishes to banh mi sandwiches, Pho 33 has quickly become a mainstay for both the lunchtime rush and dinnertime diners. And though its menu is much broader than simply pho, Pho 33 certainly offers a wide array of brothy goodness, from chicken pho to the more exotic selections of pork ears and beef tongue to a vegetarian pho option as well.

❖ **Sweet Fire Donna's, 510 John Carlyle St.** Barbecue has made its way to Carlyle, and the neighbors have responded. Pulled-pork sandwiches, platters teeming with meat and cornbread, and even some salads for lighter fare — this eatery has Carolina barbecue covered. Pop in at lunchtime or after work — they're open till well after dinnertime every night of the week.

❖ **The Trademark, 2080 Jamieson Ave.** OK, OK — it's easy to dismiss a hotel restaurant. But since the Trademark's grand reopening a couple of years ago, it has undergone a resurgence of sorts, emerging from its dormancy with a renewed menu and vigor. Enjoy a flight of beer or a specialty cocktail to pair with your bacon candy or burger, or try a homemade "smoothie invention" to accompany your omelet or shrimp and grits for brunch.

Hope Nelson also writes for and operates The Kitchen Recessionista blog, which can be found at www.kitchenrecessionista.com.



Pasara's pad Thai is one of the restaurant's top sellers, co-owner Tulip Kongubol says.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

"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/parks/greenspring.

"Building Bridges." Through June 28 during 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.

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@alexandrianimals.org or call 703-746-4774.

"Art Uniting People" Exhibit. Through July 9, 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.

"Saturate." Through July 19 during gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

"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.

"Magical, Mystical Animals." Through July 25, 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.

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>.

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Cool Yoga. Wednesdays 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 703-671-2000.

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.

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. 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.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria-a \$26 added value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for more.

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

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find

out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

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 with 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 theme-related craft and a story with dress-



'Cool Yoga' Returns to Del Ray

Free outdoor yoga has returned to Del Ray for a third year. Maureen Clyne of Prasada Yoga will be teaching all-levels Vinyasa-style yoga at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. through Sept. 2. After class, refreshments will be available. Visit www.prasadyoga.com.

up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception. Tiny Dancers is designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The studio is located at 621 S. Washington St., 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.

2015 Youth Summer Art Camp.

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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/ArtCamp.

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.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-

12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

Community Yoga. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit www.532yoga.com.

Tween Yoga. Thursdays, May 28-July 16. 4-5 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. 532Yoga uses yoga to help tweens develop greater self-confidence. The workshop fee is \$125 or \$20 for drop-in classes. Visit www.532yoga.com.

Drawing and Painting Lab for Teens. Wednesdays, June 24-July 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Teens ages 13-17 may explore techniques including concepts of shape, line, texture and color blending. The fee is \$77 for four 2-

hour lessons. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

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 to celebrate African American Music Appreciation Month. Free. Visit www.carlylehouse.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Annual Golf Classic. 7 a.m. and tee-times 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 703-765-4573 for more.

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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/parks/greenspring.

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 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 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/.

TUESDAY/JUNE 23

Disability Awareness Awards. 5:30 p.m. at Vola Lawson Lobby City Hall, 301 King St. The Alexandria Chambers of Commerce honors leaders working to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Contact mike.hatfield@alexandria.va.gov or 703-746-3148.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

Cooking Class with Mamma. 4-6 p.m. at EVOO at Mamma's Market, 7609 Fordson Road. Learn to make meals on the Mamma's Kitchen menu including spinach salad, greek potato salad, grilled watermelon and more. \$55 per person. Call 703-660-6300 to reserve and purchase class.

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/Altars.

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 mgmv.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. Take part by listening to women's stories and learning about their businesses and projects. Also help welcome Florence Navarro, EPI's new Executive Director and Chief Empowerment Officer. Free. Visit <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Youre-Invited-to-EWI-s-Entrepreneur-Fellowship-for-Women-Graduation.html?oid=1101407869059&aid=DP5KG3SMb4> for information and to register.

SUNDAY/JUNE 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.

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-sarong-brunch.simpletix.com/Event/23185/ Rock-Your-Sarong-Brunch to buy tickets.

Downton Abbey Tea Program. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Discover whether Downton Abbey's depiction of life in the 18th century provides true historical insight or historical fiction. The program will be followed by a traditional English afternoon tea. Admission is \$32. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Grand Re-Opening Celebration. 2-4 p.m. at Old Town Ace Hardware, 809 S. Washington St. Reception with snacks and sweet treats, demonstrations and a meet and greet with the new store owners, managers, and staff at Old Town Ace. The first 100 guests at the reception will receive a free gift. Free. RSVP to Courtney Belew at Party@acehardwaredc.com or 703-566-7040. Visit www.acehardwaredc.com for more.

Jazz at Meade. 4-6 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N Alfred St. Listen to jazz singer Anita King and her quartet. Entry with a \$15 donation. Visit www.meadechurch.org or call 703-549-1334 or email jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org for more.

Brandy Clark Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/events/brandy-clark/ for tickets.

TUESDAY/JUNE 30

Concert in the Garden. 7-8 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. "Banjo Man" Frank Cassel will perform bluegrass and folk music. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.



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Protecting Emergency Roadside Vehicles and Drivers

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ing and early afternoon.

While one officer was stopped with another vehicle (pulled over for speeding, missing registration stickers, etc.) on the side of the road, the second officer would park with lights flashing to their rear and watch radar for vehicles speeding past. Once they pursued someone in violation of the Move Over law, the two would switch places.

Generally when a car is pulled over, there isn't another officer hanging around to enforce the law. However, the state and county police were able to staff this event to facilitate both enforcing and educating the public.

Over the course of the event, Fairfax County officers issued 34 summonses and eight warnings, 13 of which were for viola-

tion of the Move Over law.

Virginia State Police handed out 160 summonses: 69 for the Move Over law, six for reckless driving and 27 for speeding.

Of the individuals Moore pulled over, three said they didn't know about the law. Long said this type of anecdotal evidence is really the only way they have of measuring the success of efforts like the selective enforcement blitz.

"Everyone knows speeding is a traffic violation — they don't say, 'Oh, I didn't know I couldn't speed,'" Long said, adding that they want "to see at least the law is in people's minds."

Moore will testify in July about his results and perceptions of the day's event. In the mean time, he's anxious to try smaller versions of the same leapfrog approach on different days of the week and at different times to see how it will affect the results.



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Master Police Officer Joe Moore approaches the driver's side of a vehicle while the radar system his police cruiser registers the speed of cars passing directly next to the shoulder.



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Musician Scholarships

West Potomac Choir Boosters awarded an Ernest Johnson Choral Musician Scholarship to Jessica Niles for \$1,000 and a Choral Citizen Scholarship Award to Bernard Kluskens, for \$500. Flanking the recipients are West Potomac Administrator Sal Olivo and Choral Director Kye-Won Kopko. In the fall, Niles will attend The Juilliard School to study vocal performance and Kluskens will attend Michigan Tech, to study engineering.

O'Meara Awarded Communications Scholarship

West Potomac High School senior, Margaret O'Meara, received The Steve and Renie Guback Scholarship of \$5,000, which is awarded annually to a student focusing on a major or minor in communications including, but not limited to, the fields of journalism, broadcasting, and public relations. Recipients of the scholarship are required to perform 150 hours of volunteer service at Greenspring's Channel 6 television studio, learning a variety of skills. Margaret will begin the internship this summer and will major in Communication Studies at Virginia Tech in the fall.

The Steve and Renie Guback Scholarship is one of Greenspring's donor-designated endowed scholarships. The award was presented to Margaret by Steve Guback on Wednesday, May 27, at Greenspring's annual Scholars Awards Ceremony. More than 300 attendees, including friends, family, community donors and local school officials, attended the ceremony.

Steve Guback is an award-winning sportswriter with the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal, the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch and the Washington (D.C.) Evening Star where for 20 years he covered all sports, but chiefly



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Margaret O'Meara with Steve Guback, receives the Guback Scholarship.

the Washington Redskins and NCAA basketball. He became a resident of Greenspring in 2009 where he produces Talking Sports and Armchair Traveler programs for Channel 6 (TV studio).

Renie Guback was a native of Stateville (N.C.) and came to the Washington, D.C. area in 1951. Upon her retirement from Capitol Hill in 1985, she became a longtime secretary at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. She died on March 6, 2009. Prior to her death, they funded the construction of a multi-purpose activities room at Aldersgate.

UCM Receives \$50,000 Gift

Jarrell S. Mitchell, Col. USAF (Ret), donated \$50,000 to United Community Ministries (UCM) to establish The Patricia R. Mitchell Children's Enrichment Opportunities (CEO) Initiative, as a tribute to his late wife Patricia R. Mitchell.

Patricia Mitchell was a registered nurse, but her passion was helping children. Her nursing career began in Alaska where she supplemented her professional support to the native communities by also focusing on the children. She taught, nurtured, helped, and guided children throughout the state and even started a Girl Scout organization for native children. Jarrell Mitchell served in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years and lived with his family in the UCM service area for many of those years. His last tour of duty was at the Pentagon as chief of the Engineering Division. He retired in 1987 and then worked as a consultant to the cities of Miami; Seoul, South Korea; Atlanta; and the Metropolitan Washington Aviation Authority, in support of the design and construction of their airport development programs.

He and his wife resided in the Mount Vernon area of Alexandria until her death in 2011, after which he permanently relocated to Sun-City Center, Fla. T

Jarrell Mitchell served on the UCM board of directors from 2002 to 2007.

The Patricia R. Mitchell CEO Initiative



Patricia R. Mitchell

supports the following UCM children's programs:

❖ **Healthy Families Fairfax:** Beginning with prenatal services, the Healthy Families Fairfax home visiting program successfully prevents

child abuse and neglect through an evidence-based curriculum that helps at-risk families meet immediate needs, offers emotional support to help new parents cope with the stresses of parenting a newborn, teaches basic parenting skills, models positive parenting, and links families to medical providers to ensure that immunizations and well-care visits are on schedule.

❖ **UCM Early Learning Center:** Operating since 1986, the UCM Early Learning Center provides early care and learning for up to 82 infant through kindergarten-aged children.

❖ **Youth Development:** Elementary and middle school students without access to affordable after-school programs are welcomed at UCM's two community centers and in the Forward Steps program.



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On Duty

Lt. j.g. Nicole Gailliot, from Mount Vernon, stands watch as officer of the deck on the bridge of USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) on June 2. Jason Dunham, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer homeported in Norfolk, is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe.

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac
Athletic Awards

Several West Potomac athletes were honored for their accomplishments during the 2014-15 season.

Jamie Sara (basketball, baseball) and Zshana Lee (cheerleading, lacrosse) received the Ft. Hunt Sportsmen John C. Frey Athlete of the Year Awards for boys' and girls' team sports. Joshua Carter (football, wrestling) and Cassidy Bayer (swimming) won for individual sports. Christopher Cheng (basketball, tennis) and Jayne Orleans (swimming, softball) won Ft. Hunt Sportsmen Sports Man and Sports Woman of the Year.

Ahmad Sasso (boys' soccer) received Head Coach of the Year and Scott Nelson (baseball) was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

Nicolas Cucinotta (boys' soccer) and Megan Jackson (softball) were recognized as spring sport scholar athletes.

All-State
Track Honors

The West Potomac 4x400 relay team of Glenn Rushing, Cullen O'Boyle, Gunnar Cukor & Lozie Goolsby earned all-state honors, placing fifth at the 6A state track meet in Newport News. Goolsby also placed seventh in the 800. Goolsby set the WPHS record in the 800.

All-Conference,
All-Region Honors

The boys' tennis doubles team of Aiden Kiernan and Joe Leonard went undefeated this season and earned first-team All-Conference 7 and first-team All-6A North region Honors.

West Potomac girls' soccer coach Ed Thomas and softball coach Craig Maniglia were each named Conference 7 Coach of the Year in their respective sports.

West Potomac
Rifle Team in
Championship Match

The West Potomac rifle team finished seventh in the 2015 National Rifle Association

3-Position Air Rifle National Championship Match, Scholastic Team Division.

This is the team's second top-10 finish and a one-place improvement from last year. The team members were seniors Jack Apperson and Andy Knight, and sophomores Dominic Mancini and Grayson Wheeler.

West Potomac
Football to Compete
In 7-on-7

The West Potomac football team will compete in the 7on7 University "Bulldog Classic" passing tournament on Sunday, June 21 at Westfield High School.

Check in is at 9 a.m., pool play starts at 10 a.m. and the single-elimination tournament starts at 1:30 p.m.

Twenty-four teams will compete in the event, including Conference 7 opponents Lake Braddock and West Springfield.

Westfield, Chantilly, Hayfield and Langley will each have two teams at the event.

The 7on7 University Never Give Up #26 National Championship will be held July 10-11 at Oakton High School.

The event will be held in honor of Faith Boone, who died of heart disease in 2004 at the age of 3, and former Oakton football player Packy Purcell, who died of colon cancer in 2013 at the age of 26. All proceeds from the 7on7 University Never Give Up Foundation National Championship will go to the Never Give Up #26 Foundation to raise money for Jill's House, a "respite resort" for children ages 6 to 17 with intellectual and physical disabilities, located in McLean, and the Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center.

Donations can be made to <http://www.nevergiveup26.com/donate—contact-us.html>.

Summer Field
Hockey Training

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

For dates and times go to www.academyinternational.net or call 1-888-529-3827.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Naif A. Alsagr has earned a Master of Business Administration degree with a major in finance from the University of Scranton (Scranton, Pa.).

Kathryn L. Adzima has earned a Master of Science degree with a major in educational administration from the University of Scranton (Scranton, Pa.).

James H. Webber has earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree in international relations and Spanish from William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.).

Nicholas Campbell, a junior majoring in civil engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester, Mass.), returns from an intensive research project "Green Space Design for a River Daylighting Pilot Project."

Monica Vroomen of Longwood University (Farmville, Va.) will study at the University of Oxford this summer in a fellowship sponsored by the English-Speaking Union of the United States.

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COURTESY WDCGA

Mount Vernon Country Club recently won the 2015 Women's District of Columbia Golf Association team championship. The members who played in the final match on May 28 include Candy Clary, Joan Gardner, Linda DiVall, Debbis Simpson, Susan Podolsky, and Shawn McCullough.

Local Team Wins Championship

Mount Vernon Country Club won the 2015 Women's District of Columbia Golf Association team championship. Thirty-five teams were seeded this year into five divisions, and Mount Vernon won for the second straight year in the top-seeded Division I.

Kim Franks was the team's captain, and her regular teammates included Katie Cox, Linda DiVall, Joan Gardner, Susan Podolsky and Debbie Simpson. Since all the players have day jobs, two substitutes, Candy Clary

and Shawn McCullough, regularly filled in.

The team played six matches during April and May, and the last and decisive match was on May 28.

"This was a great team win as we had super subs who kept us in contention," DiVall said. "We could not have successfully defended our championship without them."

The club's latest WDCGA team championship is the 12th in the past 16 years.

Belle Haven Country Club's team placed second in the WDCGA's Division II.

Rockwell Receives Softball Honors

Bishop Ireton softball player Erin Rockwell finished her 2015 high school softball season with honors at the annual Bishop Ireton High School Sports Banquet held at the Alexandria Hilton Mark Center.

Rockwell was named Bishop Ireton varsity softball MVP for the 2015 season.

The MVP award for the Cardinals was the icing on the cake to a strong season as Rockwell was also selected for All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference first-team honors, and VISAA all-state first-team honors.

Rockwell, a sophomore transfer student to Bishop Ireton this year, earned first-team All-Conference 13 and second-team All-5A North region honors as a pitcher during her freshman season at Mount Vernon High School. In 2014, she helped lead the Majors to their first 19-win season in many years and batted .361 for the season.

This season, with the Cardinals, Rockwell improved her batting average to .398 and logged a personal best 156 strikeouts in the WCAC.

"E-Rock," as she is known by her teammates, plays travel ball as a pitcher and

shortstop with the Mount Vernon Magic 18U Elite. Her pitching coaches are Guy DeZarn and Karen Walker.



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Bishop Ireton's Erin Rockwell earned first-team all-WCAC honors in 2015

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Robert O. Francke, 89, died June 6, 2015 from advanced Parkinson's disease in the Paul Spring Retirement Community, Alexandria, VA. Bob, born in Brooklyn, NY, had 5 brothers and sisters. He spent the majority of his life living in the New York area and had a varied career. He spent a few years as an investment analyst on Wall Street, owned several businesses including a candy store and retired from teaching at BOCES on Long Island, NY. His interests were varied from fishing and boating to building his own home with his brother but most of all he enjoyed interacting with people. He was also very active in the Catholic parishes in the towns in which he lived his entire life.

He married his childhood sweetheart Catherine in 1993 and lived in Riverhead, NY for several years before moving to Alexandria, VA nine years ago. He is survived by his step-sons Francis, Peter, Eddie, and Tommy, his sister Elizabeth, numerous nieces and nephews, and devoted friends. Predeceased by his cherished siblings Arlene, Joan, Henry, and Adrienne.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Charles J. O'Shea Funeral Home, Wantagh, NY. www.osheafuneral.com
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Title: Request for Proposals No. 00000528, Home Based Personal Care and Home Maker Services for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities

Closing Date and Time: August 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

The City will hold a Non-Mandatory pre-proposal conference. Date, time and location: July 7, 2015, 10:00 AM prevailing local time at 100 N. Pitt Street, Suite 301, Purchasing Conference Room, Alexandria, VA 22314. For general inquiries contact Cynthia Davis, Contract Specialist at 703.746.3921.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

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Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

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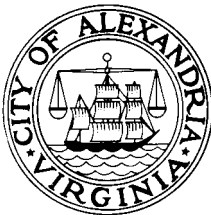
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SOLICITING INTEREST IN FORMING RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD AT US ARMY GARRISON FORT BELVOIR

In accordance with 10 USC §2705 and Department of Defense (DoD) / Army policy, US Army Garrison Fort Belvoir is inviting public involvement by community members in the decision-making process, including project prioritization, for Fort Belvoir's environmental restoration program. Environmental restoration is a planned and focused cleanup of contamination associated with past DoD activities to ensure threats to public health and the environment are mitigated or eliminated. The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is a stakeholder group that regularly meets to discuss environmental restoration at a specific property that is either currently or was formerly owned by DoD, and where DoD oversees the restoration process. RABs enable people interested in the cleanup to exchange information with regulators, the installation, and the community.

Environmental restoration program efforts at Fort Belvoir include investigation and remediation of Military Munitions Response Sites, Solid Waste Management Units, petroleum remediation, and various other past releases of contamination to the environment.

Community members interested in establishing and serving on a RAB are asked to contact Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, Directorate of Public Works, Chief, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, at imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil, 703-806-3193, or 9430 Jackson Loop, Building 1442, Suite 200, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116. If enough interest is generated Fort Belvoir will form a RAB and provide information on membership and responsibilities.



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Doris "Dee" Glover will be buried beside her late husband Jerry at Arlington National Cemetery on Wed/June 24th. For info about the memorial service, burial, and reception after, contact DeVol Funeral Home at devoldc@comcanst.net.

Dee died at Sibley Hospital on October 13, 2014. Born Doris Speer in 1920 in London, England, she worked for the East India Company, and during WWII for the Aeronautical Inspection Division inspecting rivets on the RAF's "Spitfire" aircraft. She lost her parents and her home in the "Blitz" to the first V-2 bomb that hit London.

Shortly after, she met her life mate, then Lt. Jerry Glover (US Army Air Corps) in Maidstone and came to the US as a "war bride" in 1946. They lived many places, but settled on Quay Street in Old Town Alexandria, VA in 1970.

Dee loved gardening, long walks along the river and painting. She lived at the Grand Oaks in Washington, DC since 2010, where she was an absolute model of aging gracefully.

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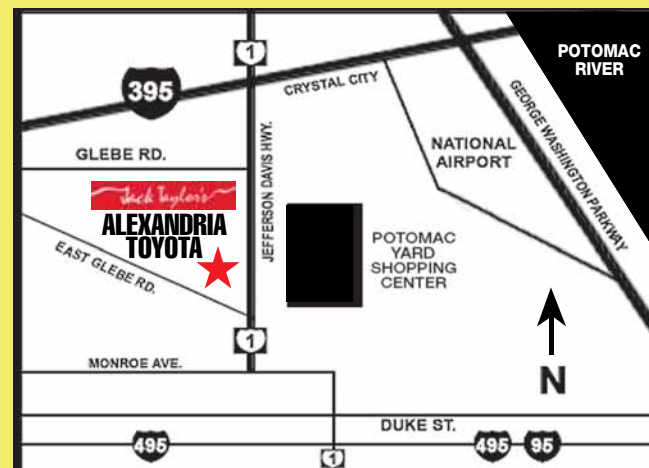
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