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The Aug. 7 program, honoring National Purple Heart Day, began with a musical concert by the U.S. Army Brass Quintet. The event was held in the Robert H. & Clarice Smith Auditorium at Mount Vernon.

National Purple Heart Day



Rob Shenk, senior vice president of visitors engagement, welcomed everyone to Mount Vernon and spoke of the history of the Purple Heart. He read the official proclamation signed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and a commendation sent by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.



Gen. George Washington and Sgt. Major Bryan Battaglia placed a wreath at the Purple Heart Monument. Both men greeted veterans and posed for pictures, before and after the ceremony.



Next to the Purple Heart Memorial, Col. Leo Filipowicz, senior vice commander of the Department of Virginia Military Order of the Purple Heart, greeted guests and spoke about the Purple Heart. The U.S. Armed Forces Color Guard stayed behind him and Taps was played, before the wreath-laying began.

Rights Restored

Secretary of the Commonwealth visits Bethlehem Baptist Church.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Fifteen years ago, Clifford Brooks III made a mistake. He was working in the automotive industry and accepted a gift of socks, ties, suits and gloves. The merchandise turned out to be stolen and valued at over \$200, the minimum for a felony charge in the Commonwealth of Virginia. "I never hurt, harmed or robbed anyone," said Brooks. "I was never behind bars, I've been married 20 years to one woman."

But the felony conviction took away many of Brooks' rights, including the right to vote.

"It's affected my life and that's the truth," he said.

Taking away felons' rights dates back to the 1904 Virginia Constitution, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) said at an Aug. 5 meeting at Bethlehem Baptist Church in the Gum Springs area of Alexandria.

A literacy test and poll tax were established in addition to felon voter disenfranchisement, Surovell explained, to target potential African-American voters. The disenfranchisement continues to be an issue, over 100 years later.

"The Route 1 corridor has a lot



Secretary of the Commonwealth Levar Stoney speaks about some of the opportunities and remaining obstacles when it comes to convicted felons having their rights restored in Virginia.

of folks struggling to make it and who have a felony conviction," Surovell said. "They end up trying to start getting on their feet on Route 1. Getting their rights restored, they feel like they have part of their life back."

"We live in a society where you ought to be able to pick your leaders," he added.

Surovell then introduced the Secretary of the Commonwealth Levar Stoney. Stoney told a personal story of his father, who "made some mistakes" and had his

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From left, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) and Secretary of the Commonwealth Levar Stoney listen while Bethlehem Baptist Church pastor Rev. Dr. Darrell White welcomes the public to a meeting about the restoration of voting rights.

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Schools Seek Public Input

Focusing on \$100 million shortfall.

With Fairfax County Public Schools facing a projected Fiscal Year 2017 budget shortfall of \$100 million, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Garza established a task force to look at programs or services that may be eliminated to reduce some of that deficit.

According to an update from the Aug. 7 online newsletter from Fairfax County, the 36-member task force has already met four times since June and discussed ideas for balancing the budget that came from a community online forum.

Among the four and a half pages of preliminary suggestions drawn from community input are eliminating athletics and varsity sports programs, downsizing the Advanced Academic Program, energy-saving measures such as shortening the period that athletic fields are lit, and not implementing the planned later school start times.

Though no decisions have been made, the newsletter announcement said more suggestions will be posted online this month for community members to explore and offer feedback.

The school system also announced a pair of community meetings where more information on the budget process, task force work and the online feedback tool will be provided. Those meetings include:

- ❖ Wednesday, Sep. 9, at South Lakes High School from 7 to 9 p.m.
- ❖ Saturday, Sep. 12, at Mount Vernon High School from 10 a.m. to noon.

Final suggestions from the task force are scheduled to go to the superintendent in October and be shared with the School Board in November. Garza will formally present her budget to the school board Jan. 7, 2016.

For more information on the Task Force and Fiscal Year 2017 budget, visit www.fcps.edu/savefcps.

— TIM PETERSON

Police Identify Homicide Victim

One day after Fairfax County Police reported finding the victim of an apparent homicide in Huntington Park, they identified the dead middle-aged man as Khalid Aboumalik, 42, with no permanent address in Fairfax County.

Aboumalik's dead body was found and reported by residents walking through the

area around 7 o'clock in the morning on Aug. 5. Police said he had "apparent wounds and significant trauma to the upper body."

An investigation is continuing, and the Office of the Medical Examiner has yet to announce a cause and manner of death in the case.

— TIM PETERSON

Geer Shooter Leaves Police

Adam Torres, the Fairfax County Police officer who fired the shot that killed Springfield resident John Geer in August 2013, is no longer with the department, police said Aug. 7.

"This is a personnel matter," the statement said.

Police spokesperson Lucy Caldwell would not elaborate on whether Torres was fired or quit, or on the nature of his work since being removed from field duty after the 2013 shooting.

Though no longer in the field, Torres had remained an employee of Fairfax County Police ever since the shooting, until the announcement of his leaving came.

The statement continues that Police Chief Edwin Roessler will have a further statement for the community once the members of a special grand jury — to decide if Torres committed a criminal action — has completed their work.

— TIM PETERSON

Chief Releases Information on Decade of Officer-Involved Shootings

Citizens can now explore summaries of Fairfax County police officer-involved shootings that occurred over the last 10 years.

On Aug. 11, Police Chief Col. Edwin Roessler released a web page of information through Fairfax County's website, including brief descriptions of what an officer-involved shooting is, what happens when an officer uses deadly force, the kind of training officers have and a hyperlinked table of shooting summaries organized by year and local police station. The brief summaries

do not include names of police officers involved in the shootings or of the subjects of the shootings.

The chart covers the years 2005-2015 and lists 37 total incidents. Of those, five subjects weren't injured, 16 were wounded and 16 died.

Clicking on the year at the top of the chart brings up a new page with summaries of the shootings for that year.

Clicking on the total number of shootings across the bottom of the chart opens a map showing where they took place. According

to the chart, there have been no officer-involved shootings in 2015.

Roessler stated his intent as: "Providing information regarding the Fairfax County Police Department's officer-involved shootings will help the community understand what officers encounter and the criminal and administrative investigative processes related to these events."

The shooting case charts include the Fairfax County Police Department case number, date of the incident, the location, number of officers involved, decision by the

Commonwealth's attorney as to any criminal liability for the officers, the outcome of any internal affairs investigation, the health status of the subject involved (wounded, deceased or no injury), a case summary and any related news releases.

The full release from the chief and embedded database are available online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/inside-fcpd/063015ois.htm>.

— TIM PETERSON



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Charles McCaffrey, Community Business Partnership, and Emily McMahan, The Capitol Post

Helping Veterans in Business

SFDC hosts business roundtable.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Assisting veterans, women, and minorities in starting, growing, and sustaining a small business was the focus the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation's (SFDC) 5th Business Roundtable Speaker Series on Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Springhill Suites Hotel on Richmond Highway.

The speakers were Charles McCaffrey, director, South Fairfax Small Business Development Center, and Emily McMahan of The Capitol Post.

McCaffrey is a 2012 graduate of George Mason University with an MBA in entrepreneurship. In 2011 he started his own management consulting company that assists organizations, small and large, public and private, in developing plans and strategies that promote creative and innovative growth ideas and business solutions. McCaffrey spent 12 years as a naval officer, and worked for 5 years as a Defense contractor.

McMahan holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and a Master of Business

Administration from the Darden School of Business from the University of Virginia. Her military experience includes combat deployments supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Noble Eagle. She also served in private business as a partner for a start-up technology firm serving the federal government. Each speaker explained the kind of assistance and advice they provided in business training, counseling, mentoring, and referrals for eligible veterans owning or considering starting a small business. This includes but is not limited to business plan preparation, one-on-one counseling, and networking opportunities in which veterans gather at peer group roundtables. They also provide for small business tax preparation, public speaking and presentation skills training, social media, franchising, small business certifications, and government contracting.

The approximately 30 attendees asked questions about the variety of services offered and how they could enroll in the various training programs discussed.

The next Business Roundtable discussion organized by SFDC will be on Franchising Your Business. It is scheduled for Sept. 3, 8:30-10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

Church Hosts Meeting on Rights Restoration

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rights taken away for a period of time.

"You wear that scarlet letter on your chest day in, day out," Stoney said, explaining having seen the embarrassment of being a convicted criminal and trying to find a way in society, including applying for jobs. "Am I going to check that box today?"

Virginia governors have been working towards making it more feasible for felons to have their rights restored for several years, but none have affected as many individuals as Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D), Stoney said.

Since taking office (and as of the presentation), Stoney said 9,350 individuals have had their rights restored. Of those, 71 percent have registered to vote.

Some of the policy changes under the McAuliffe administration that have helped increase that number include reclassifying drug convictions as non-violent, reducing the more serious crimes restoration of rights application from 13 pages to 1, developing a process that shows the restoration of rights on an individual's criminal record and removing court costs from the eligibility requirements.

A significant barrier that still remains, Stoney said, is "People who don't even know. You can get your rights back to vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia."

During his presentation, Stoney called



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Many members of the community came out to a restoration of rights update from Secretary of the Commonwealth Levar Stoney at Bethlehem Baptist Church in the Gum Springs area of Alexandria.

Brooks up to the stage and announced the man would have his rights restored on the spot. After Stoney read the proclamation from McAuliffe, he handed the paper to an emotional Brooks and the two embraced one another. In his brief remarks, Brooks mentioned his daughter who was in the audience with him, and his wife who

couldn't be there because she was shuttling his son from an activity.

"I'm about being good on the field and off the field," Brooks said. With his rights restored, Brooks intends to vote and be a more active member of society. "I will play the sport," he said figuratively, "I promise you that."



Clifford Brooks III of Prince William County (left) had his rights restored by a decree from Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D), read by Secretary of the Commonwealth Levar Stoney at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Gum Springs.



Former Board of Supervisors chairman Kate Hanley urged individuals with their voting rights restored to not only vote, but also volunteer to work as election officials at polling locations.

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Shop Marks 5th Anniversary

Customer service key for Richard Carroll.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Carol and Richard Lowy, co-owners of the retail gallery, Richard Carroll, are celebrating the fifth anniversary of managing their business in the Belle View Shopping Center. The shop sells a variety of women's designer clothes, handcrafted jewelry, necklaces, and gift items.

The couple have been married for 36 years. They have one son, Richard Leonard Lowy, a graduate of George Mason University.

Richard Lowy likes to see himself as the "godfather" of the personal touch retail gallery business and a true native of the Nation's Capitol. "I was born and raised in the Brentwood Village North East neighborhood in Washington, D.C. My parents and family were of modest means but were frugal and we were happy and enjoyed the friendship and safety of the neighborhood. It was my experience growing up there in which those neighbors and family friends involved in small business generally seemed to be better off and more independent than most others. That for me was a primary reason I gravitated toward small business at a very early age," he said.

Except for serving in the U.S. military, Richard Lowy has been involved in retail businesses for over 40 years, beginning with employment at the catalog company, W. Bell. He then moved to Hecht's as an assistant buyer for women's clothing. Demonstrating his willingness to take risks despite his lack of experience, one summer in his early years he opened up three small retail outlets beginning with a pierced ears earring business in a 8-foot by 10-foot booth on the Boardwalk at Ocean City.

"I knew absolutely nothing about the pierced ears earring business but discovered it was a terrific moneymaker and as I look back on those days I can't believe it today but I researched how to pierce ears and spent one summer actually doing that," Richard Lowy said.

Then in rapid succession he opened a variety store called "The Last Straw" in Rehoboth Beach, and on weekends another store also in Ocean City which he called, for lack of a better description, "an eclectic flea market."

"I barely broke even that summer but I learned a lot and since those early years I have become far more conservative and successful as a result of those lessons learned. Several years later I met Carol in my Arlington store," he said. She came in as a customer. "After dating her twice I told her we were going to get married. She thought I was crazy but eventually we did get married and it was the most important decision we ever made. She made and continues to make all the difference in the world in terms of our long-term happiness in life and our business success." At the time they met, Carol was working for Lockheed Corporation.

Upcoming Fall Collection

Aug. 23, 4-8 p.m. This event will introduce a new line of Murano Jewelry from Italy, a new Fall collection of clothes and gifts, a variety of discounted items, as well as refreshments.

The store is located at the corner of Belle View Boulevard and Fort Hunt Road. Store hours are Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

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Richard and Carol Lowy, owners of Richard Carroll.

What makes Richard Carroll different from other retail stores in the region?

"It is unlikely there is any other neighborhood retail gallery store in the region where you can buy in the same store a one carat diamond, handcrafted jewelry, an ottoman, a lady's dress, a chess set, a lamp, a man's tie, a lady's handbag, cuff links, ladies' slippers," Richard Lowy said. "Furthermore, our approach to customer relations is definitely old school; a personal touch when you walk into our store that will make you feel right at home, whether you buy something or not. We are not a mall store or a big box store. I see us as a throwback to the small personal touch stores in past generations. Our customers' trust us to provide them with good value for the price they are paying."

The Lowy's special touch atmosphere includes their pet Rottweiler, Trooper, who is their constant companion at the store. According to the Lowy's, he is just a big teddy bear, and stays quietly in his large cage (he is 110 lbs according to Carol Lowy) at the back of the store.

Customers also enjoy fresh coffee and chilled bottled water. Customers who attend one of their periodic weekend sales events will be introduced to new sales items and offered discounts on many offerings. They also are treated to a buffet that includes smoked salmon, cheese, crackers, wine, and treats of all kinds. "Our customers leave the store with a smile, with or without something they purchase," Richard Lowy said. "But make no mistake, they will be back. The overwhelming majority of our customers are repeat ones; some coming from far away out of town."

One couple, Debbie and Norm Harrison recently made a 25-mile trip to the store from Maryland. "We have been coming to the Lowy's stores for many years because they care about people, Debbie Harrison said. "And we trust them to sell us quality merchandise at very reasonable prices." The Harrison's have been coming to the Lowy's various retail stores since 1992.

In celebrating their 5th anniversary at the Bellevue Shopping Center the Lowy's have announced that a new website will be up and running in November, in time for the holiday gift season. "We are confident that our website will excite a new generation of customers to our gallery as well as better inform our longstanding customers with easily accessible information on new lines of clothing, jewelry and gifts," Carol Lowy said.



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OPINION

‘Our Community Deserves Better’

Strongly worded recommendations for police on transparency and public trust; FCPD has miles to go.

Outrage over the shooting death of John Geer of Springfield on Aug. 29, 2013, by a Fairfax County Police officer led the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to form of the Ad Hoc Police Practice Review Commission, which began meeting in March 2015. The Communications Subcommittee was the first to give recommendations to the full commission, and the report pulled no punches.

“Communications in recent high-profile use-of-force and critical incident cases were mishandled, inadequate and untimely, leading to loss of public trust and questions about the legitimacy of police actions. ... Our community deserves better.”

“The failures in both communications and its Freedom of Information Act policies have created this crisis of confidence for FCPD. ... There must be significant change coming from the leadership of the county and the Fairfax County Police Department. No longer can they just pay lip service to the idea of transparency. Real change is needed – now. ...

“It is well past time for the Fairfax County Police Department to start providing timely, honest and effective communications with everything it does. We deserve nothing less. ...

“Constant ‘happy talk’ breeds suspicion, while being direct and clear about mistakes and failures as well as accomplishments results in increased credibility.”

The Communications Committee, led by former Fairfax County Public Information Of-

ficer Merni Fitzgerald, calls for: a culture change to favor releasing as much information as possible; policy change to encourage transparency and accountability by establishing a culture of disclosure; adopting a predisposition-to-disclose, with public records presumed to be public and exemptions strictly and narrowly construed.

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For example, the committee calls for: releasing the names of officers involved in any police shootings within one week; releasing video from body cameras, dashboard cameras and any other digital record of a police-involved shooting death immediately; a continuous process of information declassification for cases that are no longer active or are closed; releasing actual police reports, with redactions where necessary, rather than creating summary documents; providing unfettered access to blotter-type information to include a list of every incident and call with the basic who/what/when/where/how information.

The full report is eight pages, well-written and well worth reading.

CHANGE IN CULTURE is not coming automatically or easily to the Fairfax County Police Department. While the FCPD has released reams of information to the commission, that has not included much requested and needed information for the commission and its subcommittees to meet established scope of work.

For example, the Use of Force Subcommittee is tasked in its scope of work to “review

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(not investigate) recent use of force incidents (lethal and non-lethal) involving FCPD as well as review any existing data summarizing all FCPD use of force interactions, officer involved shootings resulting in death or injury, and in-custody deaths from 2005 to 2015.”

In May, the committee asked what documents and reports would be available and when.

The following response was posted in June: “The Chief of Police will post a synopsis and other information regarding the department’s officer involved shootings but will not be releasing any case reports, files or documents from the criminal or administrative case.”

That response does not reflect a culture of transparency.

But what’s worse is that on Aug. 10, just weeks before the subcommittee’s final recommendations are due to the full commission, the committee still has not received the synopsis promised, or even a list of officer-involved shootings resulting in death or injury, and in-custody deaths from 2005 to 2015.

FCPD Chief of Police Edwin Roessler is scheduled to present the synopses to the committee on Aug. 12. All commission and subcommittee meetings are open to the public, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/>

— MARY KIMM.

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Now Is Time To Unite for Education

BY JIM CORCORAN
PRESIDENT AND CEO

FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Recently, the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers ran advertisements in the Connection newspapers questioning the dedication of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the business community to the county’s education system.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Fairfax Board of Supervisors has worked tirelessly to support Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). In fact, approximately 70 percent of FCPS’ budget is unfairly shouldered by the county, which comes directly from residential and commercial taxes. From FY 1996-2014, contributions from the county quadrupled that of student growth. And this past April, the Board of Supervisors, in its FY2016 adopted budget, increased funding for FCPS for the fifth consecutive year, funding our schools at 99.8 percent of their advertised budget; bringing the total increase from FY2012 to FY2016 to \$240 million.

All the while, residents and businesses are being taxed by lawmakers in Richmond, with

little return in education dollars coming directly from the state to show for it.

The Fairfax Chamber has, for decades, supported the full funding of K-12 education throughout the entire Commonwealth. The Chamber believes that the future growth of the Northern Virginia economy, and consequently Virginia’s economy, depends on a significant investment in K-12 education. The Chamber has been a leading voice in Richmond, working hand and hand with the county, to thwart any attempt to cut the state’s contributions to FCPS.

Our work on behalf of FCPS extends beyond advocacy. Since 2010, the Fairfax Chamber has partnered with FCPS to establish the Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization allied with, but independent of, the county’s public school system.

Every two years, the Fairfax Chamber spearheads the School Bond Referendum committee ensuring there are appropriate dollars for the county’s education infrastructure to meet the needs of our growingly diverse community.

Additionally, the Fairfax Chamber has been recognized by the School Board for its years of dedicated partnership with Fairfax County

Public Schools.

And we promise that will not stop. We will continue to advocate for the needs of our schools. However, the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers is wrong to direct their frustration at the Board of Supervisors and the business community. The problem rests with Richmond.

Historically, the Local Composite Index (LCI) places Fairfax County at a disadvantage by not taking into account important factors such as the differential between county and city taxing authority, the impact of cost of living on a locality’s ability to pay staff, and the increased costs associated with providing services to growing limited English proficiency and special education populations.

For years, the Board of Supervisors, FCPS, and the Fairfax Chamber have called upon the General Assembly to provide FCPS their fair share of state education dollars. Our schools, our children, and our economy depend on it.

We must come together and work united towards a common good. A failure to address the problem of inadequate state funding for education will leave our schools and our children behind.

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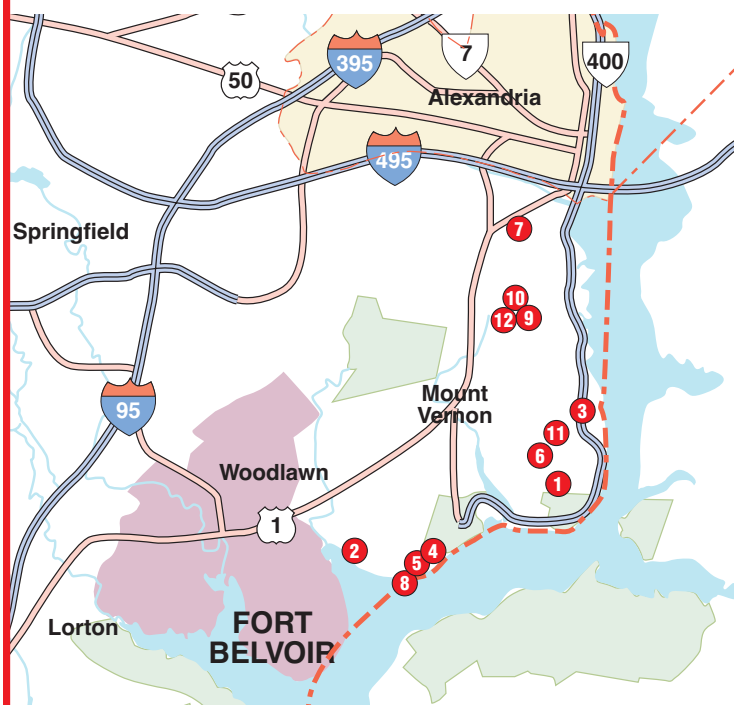
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Function Meets Beauty

Wheelchair accessible bathroom doesn't have to be utilitarian.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

After Curtis Brand was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and he could no longer climb stairs, he and his wife, Judith, had to make the difficult decision to sell their home in northwest Washington, D.C. They then purchased a two-bedroom, two-bathroom property on the 18th floor of Turnberry Tower in Arlington.

With amenities such as floor-to-ceiling glass windows, a European gourmet kitchen and marble bathrooms, the property offered the Brands luxury and could easily accommodate Curtis. It did need one modification, however: "There was a beautiful marble bathroom that I couldn't use," said Curtis. "We had to remodel it and replace fixtures that I could use."

After they purchased the property, the couple went on vacation to Florida. They left the project in the hands of Lanna Ali-Hassan, an interior designer with Glickman Design Build in Potomac, Md. "We cast our fate to the wind," said Judith. "We made the decision and put it in their hands."

The design team's task was to create an aesthetically appealing, accessible space and have it finished when the Brands returned. While they were able to relocate some of



Judith and Curtis Brand chose honed marble in neutral tones for their bathroom, which was designed by Glickman Design Build.

the existing features, including the medicine cabinet, base cabinets and sink, the space needed a major overhaul to achieve a design that is both elegant and accessible.

"We actually had to gut the entire bathroom," said Ali-Hassan. "We replaced polished marble with honed marble to elimi-

nate the slip factor. There are his-and-her side sinks that are completely different, but mesh together.

The crew also removed the existing bathtub and replaced it with a roll-in shower to accommodate Curtis Brand's wheelchair. There is also a traditional shower entrance.

In addition, the glass-enclosed shower includes a seat, marble flooring and walls, and a Schluter water membrane system.

Through an exchange of emails and texts, the Brands worked with the design team to choose materials and fixtures. "We chose them from pictures," said Judith. "She gave us a number of alternatives to look at."

The toilet was replaced with one that is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, and Ali-Hassan added as many grab bars as possible, making sure "to use fixtures that are dual functional like towel bars that are also grab bars. Even the toilet paper holder is a grab bar."

Other features include a waterfall countertop, giving the appearance of a continuous surface that blends from the top surface down the side, and a built-in cabinet and shelves. The team chose materials that fit into the condominium's existing design aesthetic.

The result is a bathroom that maintains the level of luxury and accessibility that the Brands desired. The space is safe, but still maintains a spa-like elegance of the original bathroom.

"We created a very functional bathroom for me as well as for my wife," said Curtis.

The bathroom was awarded the 2015 Chrysalis Award, which recognizes excellence in the remodeling industry.

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ENTERTAINMENT

In Between Patrick and Henry, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Await Killer ESP stays true to its roots while growing into its own.

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

Walk down the block on the southern side of King Street, between the “Routes 1” – that is, the block between Patrick and Henry streets – and before long you’ll come upon a sandwich board offering up a plethora of interesting options. “Stumptown Coffee,” it might say. Or “Dangerously Delicious pies.” Or “Vegan options!” Maybe it’ll tout a gelato flavor or an empanada.

Whatever the sign outside Killer ESP, 1012 King St., is offering, you’d do well to pop in, sit a spell, and have a taste. From rich, dark coffee to sweet and savory pies, this coffeehouse-café has an answer to your cravings.

The front door belies the embarrassment of caffeinated and edible riches that await you when you step into the shop. A gelato bar just inside the front door offers up a multitude of ice creams and sorbets. Make your way back to the counter and you’ll find all the coffee and tea concoctions you’ve dreamed of: Stumptown coffee, an array of espresso options, and more than 60 loose-leaf teas to choose from. (The shop actually hosts a “tea happy hour,” offering \$1 teas after 5 p.m. every day.) And the pies – the “P” in Killer ESP – are varied and delicious. They’re also selling like hotcakes



The staff at Killer ESP touts the day’s specials on a sandwich board.



PHOTOS BY HOPE NELSON

Killer ESP’s storefront on King St.

offering pops and other sweet frozen snacks alongside the customary creamy treats.

Another addition to the menu: A variety of smoothies. “Real fruit smoothies,” Shelton clarified. “We’re not going to have any concentrated juices.”

But the mainstays within Killer ESP – namely, the Espresso, Sorbet, and Pie – aren’t going anywhere any time soon. And as exciting as the new additions sound, the coffeehouse’s neighbors should be thrilled about what’s staying the same, too.

– the shop sells 90 pies a week.

Certainly, Killer ESP offers plenty for the grab-and-go set. But the seating areas – both near the back of the coffeehouse as well as in a little space outside – offer a comfortable place to read a book, get some work done, or simply people-watch for a while. A motley mix of sofas, tables, and chairs allow customers to relax without

feeling rushed.

Killer ESP, which just celebrated its fourth birthday, boasts a large percentage of regulars – two-thirds, owner Rob Shelton says.

And so does the menu, Shelton says. Up first: Kombucha on tap. Within the next few weeks, Shelton aims to offer regular cold-brew, nitro cold-brew, and regular versions of the fermented tea on taps at the counter to cater to customers’ desires. And he’s not planning on stopping there.

“We’re really focusing on making lots of really good changes, upgrading a lot of the products,” Shelton said. “We’re going to bring some different coffees in, some more single-origin espresso.” He’s also preparing to launch a redesign of the gelato counter,

If You Go

Killer ESP

Address: 1012 King St., Alexandria

Hours: 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Top seller: “The top seller over the summer is a single scoop of gelato,” Shelton says.

Up next: Shelton is pursuing a second storefront on Capitol Hill. “We’ve put some offers in ... it’s just a matter of time to make that work out.”

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Leigh Merrill: “Cloud Seeding.” Through Aug. 30, during gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Texas-based artist Leigh Merrill shows photography and

video in her solo exhibition Cloud Seeding. Merrill’s work examines the construction of desire, fiction and beauty in urban landscapes by digitally compositing thousands of images and videos into imaginary spaces. Admission is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show. Through Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Studio 18. View parade-themed artwork. Admission is free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 717-359-7724.

Cool Yoga. Wednesdays through Sept. 2, 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.

“Fields.” Through Sept. 6, during gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Abstract Artists David Carlson and Pat Goslee make art based on their interests in spiritual exploration and energy

fields. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Special Family Museum Tours. Saturdays through Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Flexible tours and hands-on activities provide a deeper experience into the social and political life of Alexandria in the 18th and 19th centuries. Tickets are \$5 for adults (\$4 with AAA card), \$3 children ages 5-12, and children ages 4 and under as well as Alexandria Public School and Blue Star families receive free admission. Coupons accepted. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Through Sept. 26 at various times. 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, Monday-Thursday, \$28 roundtrip Friday-Sunday. Visit <http://www.potomacriverboatco.com>.

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.

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 Sophie*, 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/.

Mount Vernon in 3-D: Then & Now. Through Nov. 20 during regular operating hours at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visitors will have the chance to travel back in time, and in 3-D, to see how the estate appeared more than 100 years ago through a special photography exhibition. The exhibition is included in the regular admission fee of \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$9 for youth and free for children younger than 5. To view the historic stereoview images as well as the modern 3-D anaglyphs, visit www.mountvernon.org/3D.

“Not-So-Modern” Jazz Quartet Performance. Thursdays through Dec. 31, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Not So Modern Jazz Music plays music from the glory days of

traditional jazz, including tunes from traditional Dixieland and the Swing era. Free. Visit www.stelmosc coffeepub.com for more.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, 119 S Royal St. View a French film in the company of friends or a date. Free to attend. No RSVP necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Journey to Be Free: Alexandria Freedmen’s Cemetery. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen’s Cemetery, its rediscovery and how the new Contrabands and Freedmen’s Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-4356.

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1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

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 value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for more.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W 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. 12 p.m. 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 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.alexandriarchaeology.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-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 at 621 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit www.tinydancers.com.

Art League Summer Camps. Art Camps run Monday to Friday through 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.

THURSDAY/AUG. 13

Art Exhibition Reception. 6-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Texas-based artist Leigh Merrill will be hosting a reception and Q&A at her photography and video solo exhibition Cloud Seeding. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.com for more.

Dog Days of Summer. 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Adoptable dogs and pet care information will be available at this Second Thursday Art Night, also featuring dog-based art, gallery exhibits and one-man band Alex W. Young. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Opening Reception: "Scapes" and "Taking Shape." 6:30- 8 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, 105 N Union St. Meet the artists. Refreshments will be served. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org.

Second Thursday Live: "Love Notes." 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This show explores the highs and lows of marriage with Ellouise Schoettler. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Preservation Hall Jazz Band. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Listen to traditional New Orleans-style jazz by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. Tickets are \$35. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 14

Austin Ellis Performance. 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Artist Austin Ellis will perform. Free. Visit theblackwallhitch.com.

Titan Takeover Teen Night. 7-10 p.m. at Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W Reed Ave. Featuring foods, events and giveaways. Free; food and raffle tickets are available for purchase. Recommended for teens. Text "Titan" to 30644 or email kim.hurley@alexandriava.gov by Aug. 12 to attend.

Dry Branch Fire Squad and Lou Reid & Carolina. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Music by Dry Branch Fire Squad and Lou Reid Carolina. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Dixie Boys Melody Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Community Church, 6731 Beulah St. See the Dixie Boys Melody perform. Free. Visit www.mountcalvary.cc or call 703-971-0165.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 14-16

The Complete Works of Shakespeare. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the

Lee District Amphitheater 6601 Telegraph Road. Matinee times on Saturday and Sunday are at 2:30 p.m. Watch all 37 Shakespeare plays performed by three actors with a comedy twist. Admission is \$10. Mature audiences only are requested due to language. Visit www.100minutesofshakespeare.eventbrite.com for tickets.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 15-16

Trunk Show: Candace Edgerley. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. An artist hosts a meet-and-greet, and displays scarves inspired by a recent trip to India. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/event/trunk-show-candace-edgerley/ or call 703-836-5807.

SATURDAY/AUG. 15

Behind the Scenes: Curator's Tour at Carlyle House. 10-11 a.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Experience a private tour of the museum and learn about the history of John Carlyle from curator Helen Wirka. Tickets are \$20. To reserve a spot, visit www.nvrpa.org or call 703-549-2997.

Kitten Shower. 1:30-4:30 p.m. at King Street Cats, 25 Dove St. Meet, pet and play with cats and kittens up for adoption to help kick off the King Street Cats' Purrloosa adoption events, refreshments will be served. Free to attend. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org/info/events.

Sly45 Performance. 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch Alexandria 5 Cameron St. Sly45 is a Baltimore-based band that plays songs from the '50s and '60s. Free. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'If You Believe'

Broadway concert to benefit cancer research.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Move over Julius Erving. There's another "Dr. J" in town: international recording artist Negleatha Johnson, who hopes to slam dunk a benefit concert Aug. 16 following her sister's diagnosis of a rare and aggressive cancer.

"One of my older sisters was diagnosed just this past February with leiomyosarcoma, a rare and aggressive cancer that has changed us all," said Johnson, a soloist with the Alfred Street Baptist Church choir. "After her fourth or fifth chemotherapy treatment, it was determined that the chemo had been of no effect and the cancer had spread. I knew then that I wanted to allow this concert to shed light on and to help raise support for sarcoma cancers."

Known as "Dr.J" for using music as medicine, Johnson uses her voice to spread the message of hope, healing and restoration — the three areas of focus for her work with Life Waters Ministries, the ministry she and her husband co-founded 20 years ago.

"My life in full-time ministry has allowed me to see the heart of many people," Johnson said. "Week after week, I hear about the difficult challenges that so many are going through. The music that I sing is meant to bring hope to the listener and the songs that I've chosen for the Aug. 16 concert are from Broadway musicals that will shed hope on life's challenges. Songs like 'The Impossible Dream' from Man of La Mancha — no one listens to that song and leaves with feelings of defeat."

With a theme of "If You Believe," the concert will be held at The Waterford in Springfield and

Alfred Street Baptist Church choir soloist Negleatha Johnson will present a benefit concert on Aug. 16.



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will feature a buffet dinner in addition to the concert. All proceeds will benefit the Sarcoma Alliance.

Joining Johnson on stage will be jazz vocalist Janine Gilbert-Carter, who was a featured performer at the 2014 Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival.

"I love the calming, yet assured nature of Janine's voice and thought that it would be so very nice to have her join me in sharing some inspirational songs from Broadway musicals," Johnson said. "We're doing fresh arrangements of many of the songs which will convey just how gospel and jazz meet on Broadway."

Marshall Keys, who has played with such notables as Stevie Wonder, will join the duo on saxophone, with Gerry Gillespie on keys, Ross Smith on bass, Greg Carter on Drums, Kenny Kohlhas on guitar and Romera Wyatt on percussion.

The concert will feature songs from "The Wiz," "West Side Story," "Porgy and Bess," "Fiddler on the Roof" and others. Doors open at 5 p.m. at The Waterford, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Tickets are \$60 per person and include the buffet dinner and concert. Visit www.negleatha-johnson.com.

Drawing. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 Quaker Lane. Attend a ladies-only blind contour drawing session. Supplies are provided with the \$45 fee. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

Marine Chamber Orchestra Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. at The Schlesinger Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra continues its summer concert series. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

Tank. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Come enjoy some R&B and soul from the singer, songwriter and producer Tank. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 16

Medical Musical Group. 3 p.m. at the Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. The Medical Musical Group, an ensemble of doctors, nurses, and medical students, will be performing. There will be a pre-concert beginning at 3 p.m., concert at 4 p.m. Tickets required. Call 800-965-9324 or visit www.medicalmusical.org.

B.B. King Tribute. 6 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Blue's artists perform B.B. King's music in a tribute concert. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Tickets start at

\$30. Purchase at www.thecarlyleclub.com.

Edwin McCain (Trio) with Jenn Grinels. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The rock and indie rock artist, Edwin McCain performs. Tickets are \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

MONDAY/AUG. 17

Dance Class: The Art of Ballroom Dance. 7-7:45 p.m. practice and 7:45-8:30 p.m. dance, at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Come with or without a partner to learn several classic dance styles from Gary Stephans. Admission is \$15. Email garystephans@me.com or call 703-505-5998 for details.

AUG. 18-SEPT. 18

International Guild of Realism 10th Annual International Juried Exhibition. During gallery hours at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. The International Guild of Realism is dedicated to the advancement of realism in fine art. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.principlegallery.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 18

"Mayors, Merchants, and Maladies" Event. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500

Shenandoah Road. Callie Stapp, the Curator of Collections for the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Gadsby's Tavern Museum, will discuss 18th century pharmacy records. Sponsored by The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Free. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org/.

Southern Tier Beer Dinner. 7-10 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Attend a dinner accompanied by beers from Southern Tier Brewing Company. Tickets are \$65. Visit www.unionstreetpublichouse.com.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 19-20

Colonial Market & Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Engage in arts and crafts and participate in the festivities. Free- \$17, depending on age. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 19

Nick Tierra Performance. 5 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Rock artist, Nick Tierra, will be performing. Free. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 20

Scott Fallon Performance. 5 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Acoustic artist, Scott

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Fallon, will be performing. Free. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

Visiting Artist Program: Marcel Deolazo and Sol Hill. 5 p.m. at studio 333 and 316 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Hear from artists who are participating in the Visiting Artist Program at the Torpedo Factory. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Chris Stapleton-In The Flex Stage. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$20. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 21-30

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week. Neighborhood restaurants offer specials and deals for customers. Prices and times vary. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 21

Whiskey Tasting and Dinner. 6:30-9:45 p.m. at the Distillery & Gristmill, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn how whiskey was made in colonial times and taste whiskey paired with a dinner. Tickets are \$125 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org/calendar.

Bruce Givens Performance. 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Acoustic artist Bruce Givens will be performing. Free. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

Anthony David. 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. R&B singer-songwriter Anthony David performs live, joined by special guest Zo! and Carmen Rodgers. Tickets start at \$35. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. For tickets, visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

Libby Wiebel Performance. 8-10 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Libby Wiebel is a folk singer and songwriter who uses the guitar and piano to tell the stories of her travels. Free to attend. Visit www.stelmoscoffeepub.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 22

Elephant Appreciation Day. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Learn about the dwindling elephant population and how to protect it. Also find a demonstration of elephant dung paper-making, an EQ (Elephant Quotient) test for adults, an elephant quiz for children, an elephant tattoo parlor, elephant themed refreshments and more. Visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com

3rd Annual Artist Materials

Market. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Sell, buy, and swap gently used art supplies, tools, materials, and more. There are approximately 20 tables available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserve your table for \$25 at eventbrite.com before Aug. 19.

Tom Walker Performance. 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Musician Tom Walker will be performing. Free. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

Dan Berry Band Performance. 8-10 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Singer-songwriter Dan Berry will perform with his band. Free to attend. Visit www.stelmoscoffeepub.com.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

Tony Martirano Performance. 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Artist Tony Martirano will be performing. Free. Visit

www.theblackwallhitch.com.

AUG. 26-NOV. 20

Young at Art Juried Art Show.

Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Artists 55 and older can contribute their artwork for the exhibition. On Thursday, Aug. 20, artists can bring their work to the Durant Center from 10 a.m.-noon to be registered and displayed. Artists must fill out a Entry and Artist/Lender Agreement and pay an entry fee of \$20 for up to three works of art, \$5 for any additional pieces. Entry forms can be found at www.seniorservicesalex.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

Port City Beer Dinner at Wildfire.

6:30-9 p.m. at Wildfire, 2001 International Drive, McLean. Four courses will be paired with Alexandria's Port City Beers. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 27

FACE It You Can Paint: Paint Your Own Flower Garden.

10-11:30 a.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. Learn simple brush techniques to create garden paintings. \$45 for 1 adult/1 child and \$15 for additional children. Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com.

Tim Cretella Performance. 5 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Singer-songwriter, Tim Cretella, will be performing. Free. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 28

FACE It You Can Paint: Paint Your Own Flower Garden.

3:30-5 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. Learn simple brush techniques to create garden paintings. \$45 for 1 adult/1 child and \$15 for additional children. Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com to register.

Red Wine Diaries Performance. 7 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch-Alexandria, 5 Cameron St. Acoustic band, Red Wine Diaries, will be performing. Free. Visit theblackwallhitch.com.

AUG. 31-OCT. 18

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show: "What I Did On My Summer Vacation."

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McCool To Be Inducted in VHSL Hall of Fame

Former Mount Vernon coach led Majors to state championship.

BY JOSH BELANGER
THE GAZETTE

At a well-attended birthday celebration for Don McCool in Fairfax this year, the talk amongst the crowd of family, friends, assistant coaches and former players to McCool was, "Why is Don not in the Hall of Fame?"

Rich Lyons, a good friend of McCool, took it into his own hands to get McCool elected. He made a booklet of McCool's career and his accomplishments over his 27-year head coaching career and over 25 years assisting throughout the region. This fall, McCool will finally be inducted.

With an overall record of 431-134 at five different high schools, including two state titles, seven region titles, 10 district championships and being named the Virginia High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1989, McCool produced what proved to be Hall of Fame-worthy credentials.

McCool started his coaching career at Prince George High School in 1959. Two years later, McCool would win his first state title at Prince George with a 68-55 victory over Midlothian.

From there, McCool became the head coach at Falls Church for three seasons before establishing himself as the head coach at West Springfield from 1967 to 1975. McCool won three Northern Region championships and took the Spartans to two state finals. In 1972, the Spartans fell short to Hopewell High School in the state final and in 1974, lost to Moses Malone and Peters-

burg High School in the state final by two points.

McCool left West Springfield in 1975 and became the head coach at Hayfield until 1978, when he was named the head coach at Mount Vernon.

McCool's legacy as a basketball coach started with his first state title in 1961, but his legacy of his leadership and character began in the following season.

In 1979, McCool and Mount Vernon became the first basketball team in Fairfax County to start five black players. Mount Vernon would win the state title that year, getting revenge against Petersburg in the state semifinals and overcoming Maury High School 73-72 in the final for the school's first and only state championship.

"Don's teams won with effort, commitment and aggressiveness," said Brian Metress, current Lake Braddock head coach and assistant of McCool at Mount Vernon. "They played fast and they never came out of press [defense]."

Mount Vernon's tallest player that year was Darryl Williams, who stood 6 feet 2. Petersburg was led by four players taller than 6-4, including future NBA player Mark West, who was 6 feet 10.

Petersburg was also 25-0.

McCool's strategy was based on former UNC head coach Dean Smith's four-corner style. With no post player, the Majors spread teams out and pressed the other team the entire length of the court. McCool would annually attend Tar Hill practices at Chapel Hill. Smith mentioned McCool by name in his book, "A Coach's Life," admiring how McCool and a number of Northern Virginia

coaches would learn from his practices and be able to equate success in their own programs.

McCool would coach at Mount Vernon for the next nine seasons. In 1988, he retired from head coaching at the age of 53. From there, he would assist a number of former assistant coaches of his own, now head coaches of high school programs. One of those coaches was Metress.

"I don't know any coaches who have done that," said Metress. "He was one of the most decorated head coaches in the area for 25-plus years and then he went on and helped his former assistant coaches for over 20 years. He turned into the greatest assistant coach ever."

McCool was known for assembling strong staffs and surrounding himself with great basketball minds. His coaching tree branches to all areas of the Northern Region and throughout the state. Metress, Rich Lyons, Jim Warren, Todd Crowley and Charlie Thompson are just some of the coaches that have come from McCool's coaching tree that have experienced success. "He's not the best golfer, but he is one hell of a basketball coach," said Warren.

Warren coached with McCool at West Springfield and led the Spartans to the state semifinals in 1991. Warren's teams had the same characteristics of McCool's teams: quick and tough.

McCool believed in his hard-nosed, fast-paced style and would have his guys show it to him in practice.

"It was all about defense," said Warren. "He was very demanding of his players and he got guys to buy into his philosophy."



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Don McCool and wife Joy.

"He would have guys play one-on-one full court to 11," said Metress. "There is nowhere to hide in those games and you have to be tougher than the other guy."

McCool is now retired, officially, from basketball in Virginia and resides with his wife, Joy, in Eatonton, Ga. He will be inducted into the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame on Oct. 14 in Charlottesville with six others, including NBA player Alonzo Mourning.

"He should have been inducted a long time ago," said Warren. "But it's nice to see Don now get the recognition he deserves for all he did in this area."

Wolverines Looking To Improve Under 2nd-Year Coach

Quarterback Ellis, receiver Burch lead West Potomac offense.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The 2014 season was yet another year of transition for the West Potomac football program.

First-year head coach Jeremiah Ross was the team's third coach in four years and the Wolverines had to learn a fourth different offense in as many seasons. The quarterback position was unsettled, with two players rotating during the season, and West Potomac finished the campaign with a 4-6 record, including a 1-5 mark against Conference 7 opponents.

Nine months later, Ross is back for a second season as head coach and the Wolverines are hoping familiarity will lead to an increase in victories.

"Just kids knowing what they're doing," Ross said when asked about the differences between a coach's second season with a program and his first. "[It is the] second year in a row of guys running the same of-



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Rising junior quarterback Mark Ellis was a second-team All-Conference 7 selection last season.



Rising senior receiver CJ Burch is one of West Potomac's top offensive threats.

fense. We've tweaked our defense, but overall, same stuff.

The consistency of everything, I think, is the biggest part."

Rising junior Mark Ellis was one of the quarterbacks who saw playing time last year.

While he wasn't able to settle into a comfort zone, he completed 52 percent of his passes for 990 yards and nine touchdowns in seven games, earning second-team All-Conference 7 honors. This year, the 6-foot-4 left-hander enters the season as the unquestioned starter and said he has a better grasp on the Wolverines' no-huddle spread offense.

"I would start a game, then they would have [then-senior] Preston [Jones] start a game, so you couldn't really get it down," Ellis said.

"But now that I'm getting all first-team reps, we're really repping stuff out and

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hopefully come scrimmage time, come game time, it will be really clean.”

Ross said he expects Ellis to run the offense more efficiently and make sound decisions. The coach also said Ellis has the tools to play college football.

“I expect him to have a great season,” Ross said, “[and to] lead our team, lead our offense ...”

Ellis’ top returning target is rising senior CJ Burch, a first-team all-conference selection at receiver last season. Burch (6-2, 4.4-second 40) hauled in 42 receptions for 729 yards and six touchdowns as a junior and figures to once again be a difference maker.

“He’s pretty special,” Ross said.

Burch said he prefers to play with one quarterback, rather than a rotation.

“I kind of like [having] one quarterback,” Burch said.

“When they’re switching back and forth, a certain quarterback throws a certain way, and another throws a certain way. Mark gets it there.”

Rising sophomore Daiimon Cleveland will see carries at running back. Rising senior Grant Monson will be a pass-catching threat at tight end.

Ross, a former three-year starter at right tackle for Fresno State University, said eight players could see time on the offensive line. Rising senior tackles Tay Diggs and Jordan Burgess are the leaders of the group.

“They’ve just been great throughout the whole offseason,” Ross said. “They’re there all the time, smiles on their faces, working hard, doing a great job.”

On defense, West Potomac makes the move from a 4-3 to a 3-4. Rising senior Horace Johnson was a second-team all-conference selection at defensive end last season, but moved to outside linebacker this season with the switch from an even to an odd front.

“I really feel like, at that backer position, we’re utilizing everything that he can do well,” Ross said, “whether it’s rushing the passer, putting pressure on a run or getting out in the flat in the passing game, whatever it may be”

Johnson said he likes the move.

“I’m really enjoying the 3-4 and [being] an outside linebacker,” Johnson said. “It’s more of a hybrid [position]. I felt kind of limited on the D-line. It helps me help my team more, rather than just standing on the line and rushing the quarterback and doing what I’m limited to.”

Ross said Johnson, rising senior linebacker Kreshawn Dikes and rising senior defensive back Okrah Opoku are the leaders of the defense.

Diggs and Burgess are the defensive ends.

West Potomac will host a scrimmage against Lee at 6 p.m. on Aug. 21 and will travel to Robinson for a scrimmage on Aug. 27. The Wolverines will open the regular season with a road game against Langley at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3. West Potomac’s first home game is Sept. 11 against Edison.

The Wolverines host rival Mount Vernon on Nov. 6.

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OBITUARY
Vivian Virginia Hewett (Bumgardner)
Beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Vivian Virginia Hewett (Bumgardner), passed away August 10, 2015.
Vivian was born on January 27, 1931, in Gastonia, NC. She was the Administrator at Woodbine Nursing Home for over 30 years and was a member of Aldersgate Methodist Church. Vivian served her country as an Army nurse in Germany and at the Walter Reed Medical Cntr.

She is survived by her two sons: Gary J. and his wife Patty, and William E. Hewett Jr, her grandson, Ryan L. Frederick and his wife Tara, her sister Shirley Moore and her family. Charitable donations in her name can be made to Aldersgate Methodist Church or the Walter Reed Society (WRS).

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OBITUARY
GEOFF BALD
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The Final EA and FONSI are being made available to the public and Federal, and local government agencies for review. Comments are due no later than August 28, 2015. Please send all written comments and inquiries to Mr. Paul Gyamfi, Regional Environmental Planner, Office of Planning and Design Quality, Public Buildings Service -NCR, U.S. General Services Administration, 301 7th Street, SW, Room 4004, Washington, DC 20407 or by email at paul.gyamfi@gsa.gov.

A copy of both the Final EA and FONSI is available for public review at the following locations: Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22304; and Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150 or via the internet at: www.gsa.gov/ncrnpa

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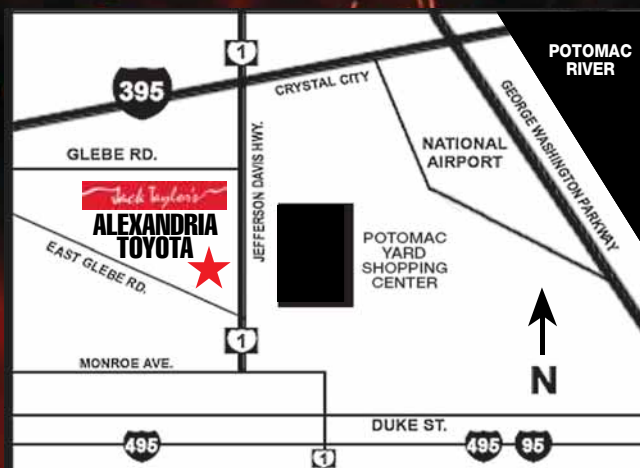
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