

Preparing For Renovations

Linwood Gorham, Fairfax County Park Authority board member, welcomed everyone to the groundbreaking ceremony on Jan. 30 that launched the renovation of the baseball fields at McNaughton Park. All four existing fields will be demolished, along with the current buildings, to make way for new, state-of-the-art facilities.



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Mount Vernon District Supervisor Daniel G. Storck said that the ball field would now become an official part of the Fairfax County Park Authority. He offered his assistance with future fundraising efforts.



President of the Woodlawn Little League Dennis Dunn said that he is proud that there will be a field where both baseball and softball will be played. He let everyone know that there will be an All Star Tournament held at the park in 2017.



State Sen. Scott Surovell, spoke about growing up and playing baseball in the Mount Vernon area. He said that better fields will make the sport safer, for all to play, and that he is excited to see the renovations come to fruition.



Players, coaches, and special guests gathered to break ground for the new baseball fields at McNaughton Park.

Living in Fear

Combined Commissions for Women host human trafficking awareness event.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Thirty years ago, "Jen" was lured into a pornography ring and sexually abused by a man who initially pretended to be her friend.

"She lived in so much fear," said Elizabeth Scaife, director of training at Shared Hope International and keynote speaker at a Jan. 31 informational meeting about human trafficking. "He manipulated her, used her family, saying he was going to hurt them."

Scaife used Jen to illustrate the lifelong negative effects on victims of human trafficking. "They're trauma-bound," she said, "from living in the climate of fear that creates."

After defining human and sex trafficking for the audience — the act of forcing anyone to take part in a sex act for compensation — Scaife said that Fairfax County has ranked among the top areas in the United States in prosecuting gang-related trafficking.

The issue is widespread, and localized, but isn't particularly more acute in Fairfax than other localities, Scaife said. But it is being pursued more aggressively.

Scaife described four main ways people become victims of trafficking: being controlled by pimps, being turned out by their own family to provide income, a gang-controlled situation and runaway sex.

"When a young person is out on the streets, not having planned



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Keynote speaker Elizabeth Scaife, director of training at Shared Hope International, began an afternoon discussing human trafficking.

ahead, running from something," Scaife said, "nothing is free." A desperate boy or girl might meet someone willing to give them a place to sleep, in exchange for sex.

"They might buy a burger for [oral sex]."

Trafficking wouldn't exist without the demand, Scaife said. Ninety-nine percent of buyers are male, she said, "people with reckless disregard who don't care if it's a minor."

"Traffickers are all different, they live among us and can be anyone," Scaife added. "They prey on the vulnerability of kids in our

society." The progression of a pimp or pimping gang includes recruiting, grooming, breaking down, turning

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"They begin to buy into the lie that life doesn't matter and theirs doesn't mean much."

— Elizabeth Scaife, director of training, Shared Hope International

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Learning about Farming

Arcadia's veteran farmers-to-be report for first weekend training.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Clifton Hoffler is embarking on his third career. A resident of the Greenbelt, Md. area, Hoffler spent 21 years in the U.S. Army, serving in Iraq twice, before transitioning into government sales. In 16 months, he'll be a certified culinary chef.

Now, he said, "I'm doing what I love." Hoffler has been on a healthy cooking regimen for the past two years and dreams of starting his own farm in Maryland, supplying an adjoining cafe that he'll own, and then providing a healthy eating education to children in areas of poverty in Baltimore.

"I'm in the part of my life now where my drive is to give back, to be a better servant," Hoffler said. "I want to show a person they still have alternatives to get decent, quality food; then have more money to pay for for things like medical bills, and can prevent childhood obesity."

Hoffler grew up around farming in North Carolina. Now he's bringing it full circle and receiving training as part of the first class of 12 veteran farmers-to-be, a year-long program run through the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture based with a farm at Woodlawn Plantation in Mount Vernon.

The dozen trainees spent their first of 12 weekends in training touring the farm at Woodlawn, learning about off-season planting planning and cleaning and sharpening various farm tools, and touring family-owned Whitehall Farm in Clifton.

"What I was struck by was we didn't try to achieve any kind of mix of ages, races or cultures, but what we got was really rich mix of people," said Pam Hess, executive director for Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Arcadia Farm Manager Anita Adalja (left) shows the inaugural class of veteran farmers-in-training around the snow-covered grounds at Woodlawn Plantation during the group's first weekend session.

Hess gave several examples of the veterans' goals, including one man from Ghana who grew up in a farming family and whose parents pushed him into business. He became an American citizen, served in the U.S. military and now wants to get back to what he grew up always wanting to do: farm.

Another female veteran wants to receive training and then go back to her native Ohio and re-establish public school gardens like the ones she grew up with.

"I was godsmacked with how different everyone is, but how focused they all are," Hess said. "They're all are new to us, strangers to us. But we've created a program that's really filling a need. It was incredible to me."

Arcadia Farm Manager Anita Adalja of Washington, D.C. said her biggest takeaway from the weekend is also the diversity of interests and passions in the group, under the farming career umbrella. "We have folks who are interested in diversified vegetable farming, hops growing and metalsmithing, livestock and urban farming, and food access projects," she said.

"The variety is absolutely incredible and makes for a dynamic program with folks bringing so many different life experiences and skill sets to the table," added Adalja. "Their questions blew me away — these are

individuals who are committed to shaping our food system in a way that is sustainable, and are throwing themselves into it because they believe in their calling."

Laron Murrell of Woodbridge, an 11-year veteran of the U.S. Army and Army Reserves, was the first fellow who joined the program in fall 2015. He plans to eventually return to 55 acres of his family's land in Dover, N.C. and begin a vegetable farm.

Hess said Murrell recently visited Dover and checked out the property again. "He said he saw the place with new eyes," after his first few months with Arcadia. "He understood how important it is that he gets back there and does what he plans to do."

Murrell, Hoffler and the rest of the trainees had numerous questions at Whitehall Farm for owner Jeff Waters of Fairfax and his head grower Brian Yoder of Reston. While in the farm's market, Hoffler asked for advice about sourcing local produce and meat while keeping costs down, as well as software and hardware for handling point of sale.

"We can't hire a bunch of vets, but we can help these guys out," said Waters, owner of Whitehall Farm. "With our 10,000 words, maybe we give them something that can help them down the road."

Hess is convinced any obstacle or challenge these men and women face will be overcome.

"Vets are such hard workers, so disciplined, so focused," she said. "There's no one better to have in a room. At end of our weekend, they cleaned up, vacuumed, did the dishes. They're just a great group of people that can accomplish huge amounts, given the right direction."

For more information, visit www.arcadiafood.org and www.whitehall.farm.



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During their first of 12 weekends of training, members of the Arcadia Farm veterans farmers training program visited Whitehall Farm in Clifton on Jan. 31.



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Whitehall Farms head grower Brian Yoder of Reston speaks to the fresh crop of Arcadia Farm veteran farmers-in-training.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

PFC Chris Mamalis of the Mount Vernon District police station helped rescue a 9-year-old boy in his neighborhood who had fallen through the ice.

Officer Helps Freezing Child

PFC Chris Mamalis of the Mount Vernon District police station helped rescue a freezing nine-year-old boy from his neighborhood while off-duty on Jan. 21.

Mamalis first saw several children dragging someone while he was commuting to work. One of them recognized him and called for help. The boy had fallen into a creek that was close by, and was

almost unconscious and unresponsive, a release from the Police Department said.

Mamalis acted quickly to warm the boy in his vehicle, running the heater and putting some of his own dry clothing on him.

A rescue team took the boy to Inova Fairfax Hospital. His injuries were non-life-threatening.

— TIM PETERSON

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

DRIVING ON A REVOKED LICENSE/IDENTITY THEFT/ POSSESSION OF SCHEDULE I OR II DRUGS/ OPEN CONTAINER/ OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE/ARREST: 8900 block of Richmond Highway, Jan. 28, around 3 a.m. A patrol officer stopped a vehicle for traffic charges and an investigation revealed occupants were in possession of what appeared to be marijuana. Additionally, the officer discovered an open container of liquor inside the vehicle. Both suspects were taken into custody and transported to jail. A woman from Dumfries and a man from Woodbridge were charged with possession of a schedule I or II drug. The woman was additionally charged with obstruction of justice. The man was additionally charged with identity theft, possession of an open container while operating a vehicle and driving on a revoked license. He was also wanted on an outstanding warrant for an unrelated offense.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY: 4000 block of Main Street, Jan. 28, around 8:40 p.m. A 52-year-old man was the victim of an attempted robbery by three males. The suspects assaulted the victim and demanded his belongings. The victim refused then fled on foot. One suspect started to give chase but then all three ran in another direction. The victim did not require medical attention.

BURGLARY: 2300 block of Fairview Ter. Jan. 27, 10:16 a.m. A resident reported that someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 4000 block of Buckman Road, Jan. 26. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY: 2300 block of Fairview Terrace, Jan. 26, 10:50 p.m. A resident reported that a known suspect entered the residence and assaulted her. Warrants have been obtained for the suspect. The investigation continues.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 6200 block of Richmond Hwy. Jan. 24, 2:43 a.m. Officers responded to an alarm at the Central Supermarket. Upon arrival, they noticed that the front door glass was broken and there were footprints in the snow, going toward Richmond Highway. A K9 team was summoned. They checked the interior of the business but no one was found. Cigarettes and phone cards were taken.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY: 6500 block of Backlick Rd. Jan. 22, 9:49 p.m. Officers responded to an alarm at The JW's and Friends Restaurant. They found that someone had forced their way into the business. The suspect was not located and nothing was reported to have been taken.

BURGLARY: 4900 block of Godfrey Ave. Jan. 22, 6:39 p.m. A resident reported that someone entered the residence and took property.

FEB. 1 LARCENIES
8800 block of Richmond Highway, property stolen from business
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise stolen from business
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise stolen from business
7700 block of Richmond Highway,

wallet stolen from business
7300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise stolen from business
5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace, property stolen from vehicle
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise stolen from business

STOLEN VEHICLES
6000 block of Richmond Highway, Dodge Caravan
5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace, BMW motorcycle

JAN. 29 LARCENIES
7500 block of Snowpea Court, property stolen from vehicle
5900 block of Chevell Court, property stolen from vehicle
7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise stolen from business
7400 block of Mount Vernon Square Center, merchandise stolen from business
6900 block of South Kings Highway, beer stolen from business

JAN. 28 LARCENIES
6400 block of Berkshire Dr. Cell phone taken from business.

STOLEN VEHICLES
3700 block of Shannons Green Way. 2015 Nissan Armada

JAN. 27 LARCENIES
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Pohick Church Pancake Supper Fundraiser. The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) will be sponsoring the Annual Pancake Supper from 5-7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for ages 13 and over, \$3 for ages 6-12, and free for children under 6 years old. All proceeds go toward the EYC Youth Retreat in the spring. For more information contact Rusty Booth at 703-339-6572 or rusty@Pohick.org. Pohick Church is located at 9301 Richmond Highway in Lorton, at the corner of U.S. 1 & Telegraph Road.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 10

Route 1 Corridor Affordable Housing. 10 a.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parker's Lane. Former Supervisor Gerry Hyland and the Acting Director of Housing Tom Flatnoor present a program on Affordable Housing in

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Kegs of Kerri's Cure Special Ale Sells Out Within Hours

Proceeds to support family of Kerri Rose.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Golden afternoon sun gleamed in through windows and lit up cold, grey cinder blocks, faces already beginning to blush after a beer or two, and lush flowers atop large barrels in memorial of Kerri Rose. Rose and her husband Matt, Mount Vernon residents, own Forge Brew Works in Lorton. In August of 2015, she was diagnosed with Stage IV stomach cancer. Kerri was also pregnant.

On Jan. 29, Forge and 19 other local craft breweries tapped kegs of Kerri's Cure, a Belgian Pale Ale brewed before she died as fundraiser to help cover her medical expenses, lost wages and travel to Pennsylvania for alternative treatment. She died before the beer was released; all proceeds from its sale will still go to her Go Fund Me page for medical expenses and an educational trust for Kerri and Matt's infant son Lance.

Kerri's Cure was the beer brainchild of Lorton-based Fair Winds Brewing Company CEO Casey Jones of Falls Church and Head Brewer Charlie Buettner of Burke.

Jones said Fair Winds and Forge both sold out of their three kegs of Kerri's Cure within three hours of tapping them. "It was a huge success in our minds," he said. "There was an incredible turnout, and incredible generosity."

The morning of Jan. 29, Matt Rose, his family and close friends held a closed service to remember Kerri. "He definitely feels like he got lifted up by the huge outpouring," Jones said, "and then the speed with which it moved. He was really excited by that."

Jones initially predicted sales of the beer to raise about \$25,000. After Friday, he thinks that number could go as high as \$30,000. As of going to press, Kerri's Go Fund Me page had raised \$57,188 of a goal of \$75,000, with donations from breweries continuing to come in.

At Forge the atmosphere was energetic and communal. "Like a proper Irish wake," Matt Rose said, holding his sleeping son Lance in his arms.

"To see Forge full of people, excited and drinking beer, it's heartbreaking that she can't see all this," said Katy Dyke, Kerri's younger sister who drove in from Middletown, Del. "This is exactly what she wanted."

Forge Head Brewer Rory Ricks was quick to remind people that Kerri wasn't just the wife of a brewer. "She's the one who built the brewery, she was a brewery owner, she's the reason Forge exists," he said. "Kerri was also one of the sweetest and most wonderful people I've ever met. She was giving and so strong, quietly strong."

One of Matt Rose's friends and neighbors



Mount Vernon's Matt Rose and his son Lance enjoy the comfort and company of friends and family at Forge Brew Works, the Lorton brewery Rose built with his late wife Kerri.

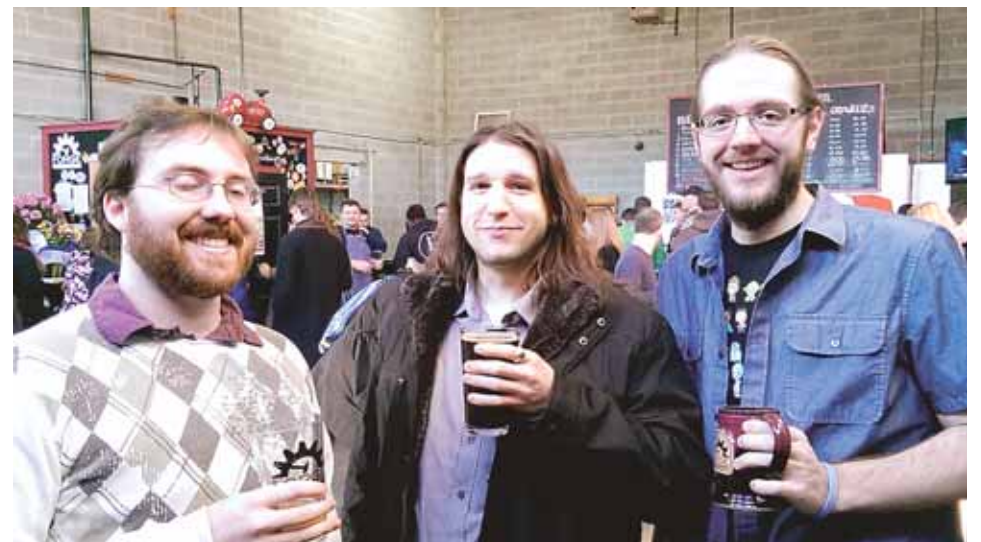
Josh Rolando attended the tapping in support of the Roses. "Matt's been so good," he said, "for a single father, whose wife was pregnant, with Stage IV cancer. He's done better than I think I ever would. He's throwing himself into things he knows: the brewery and his son."

Kerri and Matt Rose's son Lawrence "Lance" was born two months premature so she could begin chemotherapy. After that was unsuccessful, she began immunotherapy. Lance has been a healthy and otherwise normal baby.

"Kerri worked extremely hard," her sister Katy said. "She was always an over-



Forge Brew Works team members in Lorton tapped their kegs of Kerri's Cure Belgian Pale Ale Friday afternoon, Jan. 29.



From left, Andrew Whitby of Arlington, Thomas Sixten Hogdahl II of Alexandria and DJ Drummond of Fairfax came to Forge Brew Works to support Kerri's Cure.

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

achiever. We call Lance the overachieving baby."

Kerri's Go Fund Me page where she's posted about her experience is online at www.gofundme.com/daywalker.



When visitors and supporters of the special Kerri's Cure ale overwhelmed the Forge Brew Works taproom, the rest of the brewery was opened up to accommodate everyone.



A memorial set up in the taproom of Forge Brew Works celebrated the life of the brewery's owner Kerri Rose, who died from stomach cancer.

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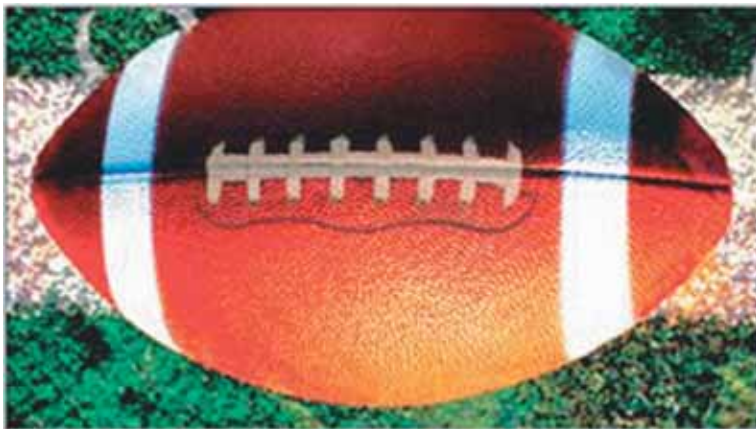
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THURSDAY/FEB. 11

Chamber of Commerce. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Col. Michelle D. Mitchell, Fort Belvoir Commander, will speak at the monthly Business Breakfast of Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. Supervisor Dan Storck will also be present to help renew the Community Covenant with Fort Belvoir. \$25 for Chamber members, \$35 for non-Chamber. Register at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org or call 703-360-6925.

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OPINION

Economic Development in Virginia

The General Assembly prides itself in providing a pro-business climate, but refuses infusion of more than \$3 billion annually.

Hundreds of bills before this year's General Assembly session focus on "business climate," providing incentives for businesses to locate and expand here, extending tax exemptions and tax credits, encouraging international trade, reducing regulation and many other approaches perceived as pro-business.

Previous years of robust economic growth have been fueled by federal spending in Northern Virginia, but now that growth has slowed due to reduced spending on defense, homeland security and other programs.

But ideology and partisan politics have led this otherwise pro-business state to ignore pleas from virtually every business group in the Commonwealth to adopt a policy that would result in more than \$3 billion in economic activity, add more than 30,000 jobs, make the overall population healthier, save the lives of many poor residents and pave the way for solving Virginia's mental health crisis.

Implementing Medicaid expansion in Vir-

ginia would provide a \$3.9 billion boost to the Virginia economy annually, according to an independent study commissioned by Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, and could support more than 30,000 additional jobs. (The multiplier effect results in economic benefits several times greater than the initial injection of funds.)

In no way should the decision on expanding Medicaid be left up to the General Assembly that is gerrymandered to favor ideologically driven members who oppose the Affordable Care Act for inconsistent reasons without regard to the wellbeing of the Commonwealth and its residents.

EDITORIAL

To quote the VHHA study: "Strengthening the existing Medicaid program and potentially extending coverage to an estimated 400,000 low-income adults has far reaching consequences that go well beyond what can be quantified in purely economic terms."

— MARY KIMM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Change Felony Status?

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, I pointed out that the two most important issues our representatives in Richmond should be concentrating on are education and transportation. Throughout the month of January, state Sen. Scott Surovell has had weekly columns in the Gazette in which he explains to readers his legislative agenda. I reviewed those columns, and did not find any mention of Senate Bill No. 23, for which Senator Surovell and his fellow senator and law partner Chap Petersen are two of the chief co-sponsors. This Bill proposes to increase the dollar threshold transforming a crime from a misdemeanor to a felony to \$500 from its current level of \$200.

Here is the list of crimes Senator Surovell proposes to remove from felony status unless the amount exceeds \$499: Conspiring to trespass or commit larceny; burning or destroying any other building or structure; burning or destroying personal property; grand larceny; larceny of animals; unauthorized use of animal, aircraft, vehicle or boat; concealing or taking possession of merchandise, altering price tags, transferring goods from one container to another; larceny with intent to sell or distribute and sale of stolen property; damaging or destroying research farm product; willfully destroying vessel; computer fraud; damage or trespass to public services or utilities; issuing bad checks; false statements to obtain property or credit; identity theft; obtaining or attempting to obtain utilities without payment; defrauding hotels, motels, campgrounds or boardinghouses; credit card fraud; fraudu-

lently applying for credit card; criminally receiving goods and services fraudulently obtained. Amazing!

I am aware that the \$200 threshold has been in place for a number of years. This does not excuse Senator Surovell from prioritizing such a proposal over the more important needs of our community. The reality of life in the criminal justice system is that many alleged crimes are plea bargained. Under the current laws, if someone steals your wallet and it has \$201 in it, the prosecutor can allege a felony which gives them leverage to negotiate a plea bargain more favorable to the citizens. Were Senator Surovell's proposal to be enacted into law, that same alleged criminal would start the plea bargaining process with only a potential misdemeanor. This drastically reduces the effectiveness of the plea bargaining process. Anyone can see that this proposal would make criminal activity less risky.

The Virginia Trial Lawyers Association contributed \$8,500 to Senator Surovell's campaign and \$6,000 to Senator Petersen's campaign. One wonders whether Senate Bill No. 23 is the

Another Opportunity To Talk About It

Super Bowl Sunday is Sunday, Feb. 7, and often more about the parties than the game. The parties have resulted in a measurable increase in impaired driving on that day.

During Super Bowl Sunday 2012, more than a third of traffic fatalities involved alcohol-impaired drivers according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"It's important to have a game-plan prior to kick-off and to beat this too often deadly opponent," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, president of the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), a local 34-year-old public-private partnership.

Plan to bring a designated driver. Plan to party where you can take public transportation. Plan to celebrate at home or someplace where you can spend the night. Plan to abstain. Plan to call a cab or Uber or Lyft and retrieve your car the next day if need be.

But don't miss the chance to talk to the members of your household and members of your social circle about the importance of keeping impaired drivers off the road.

— MARY KIMM

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repayment by the senators to the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Scott Surovell was among the first to urge Governor McDonnell to resign after allegations arose that he had engaged in a quid pro quo with a business owner that included over \$100,000 in gifts. That case is now on the docket of the U.S. Supreme Court. Perhaps Senators Surovell and Petersen should be similarly investigated for the possible quid pro quo identified above.

I note that the House of Delegates has a corresponding Bill on its docket, HB 396. The Legislative Information System reports that on Jan. 25 the House Subcommittee on Criminal Law recommended tabling the Bill which would prevent it from becoming law. Thank goodness the House of Delegates understood the danger to citizens of relaxing the felony threshold in Virginia. Why didn't the senators? And why hasn't Senator Surovell explained his sponsorship of this bill in the Gazette?

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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Legislation for Virginia's Indigenous Tribes

PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

Virginia's 11 state-recognized American Indian tribes played an important role in Virginia's history, specifically in the founding of European settlements at Jamestown. Without the early contributions of resources and knowledge that these tribes shared, settlements such as Jamestown would have failed.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, tribes lost, sold or were forcibly removed from their lands. The Pamunkey and Mattaponi are the only tribes still residing on portions their original lands. Too often, Virginia's American Indian tribes receive little acknowledgement for the hardships they faced or the contributions they made.

I am raising awareness about Virginia's indigenous tribes through two proposed

pieces of legislation. This legislation is particularly timely because the Pamunkey Indian Tribe became the first Virginia tribe extended Federal recognition earlier this week.

HB 144 designates the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as Indigenous Peoples' Day to raise awareness and provide recognition for Virginia's Native Americans.

COMMENTARY

The day before Thanksgiving is the day when the Pamunkey and Mattaponi tribes present deer to the Virginia governor as part of a 338 year tradition. Through consultation with tribal leaders in Virginia they chose that day to be formally established as Indigenous Peoples' Day. I am hopeful that this year we will be celebrating the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

HB 135 would have allowed members of



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State Del. Paul Krizek shows off clay pot from the Pamunkey Indian reservation to Kay Smith. A photo of Olympic Billy Mills, the first American and American Indian to win the 10,000 meters, hangs in the background.

dents — and imposed a negligible cost to the state. American Indians are one of the most underrepresented minorities in higher education. This incentive could attract talent and diversity to our Virginia schools.

This small effort is quite literally the least we can do for our young American Indian students. Unfortunately, members of the

legislature disagreed and tabled the bill in full committee. However, there are no final victories and no final defeats. I intend to continue championing social justice causes for our native peoples.

I believe that role our American Indian tribes played, and continue to play, in shaping the history and culture of the Commonwealth deserves to be acknowledged and appreciated. I will be a vociferous champion of causes for a people that receive so little, and yet deserve so much.

Firearm Compromise, Equal Rights Amendment Passes

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



The third week of the General Assembly saw a major agreement emerge on firearm violence issues, and action on several of my bills.

Bills Moving Through

Three of my bills passed the full Senate this week. My resolution ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) passed on a bipartisan 21-19 vote. ERA remains five states short of ratification.

The Senate also passed my bill to give consumers a remedy when consumer finance companies fail to include language protecting consumers in their agreements, and prohibiting local governments from

requiring homeowners or condo association approval before granting a permit or license.

As trains, buses, bicycles and walking become more popular, many states have enacted "vulnerable user" laws — making it easier to convict vehicle drivers of a serious traffic offense when collisions occur with vulnerable users who are seriously injured.

My legislation will be studied this summer.

My legislation to require the State Board of Education to redesign 11th Grade English examinations for English language learners passed subcommittee. This will result in a fairer tests for students. This will also result in a more accurate accreditation analysis for schools with large language learner populations such as many schools in the Route 1 Corridor.

Firearm Deal

On Friday, Governor McAuliffe announced an agreement with conservative

legislators about firearms. Last month, Attorney General Mark Herring announced that he was revoking agreements to recognize out of state concealed weapon permits (CWP) in Virginia due to other state laws lacking the same protections we use in Virginia. The National Rifle Association reached out and offered to support prohibiting firearm possession by individuals subject to protective orders and requiring State Police presence at all gun shows to conduct voluntary background checks for firearms sellers without federal firearms licenses.

In return, the Governor agreed to sign legislation providing universal reciprocity for weapon permits between Virginia and other states.

While the agreement provides that reciprocity will not apply to Virginians whose permits have been revoked in Virginia, it is still incomplete. If enacted, a Virginians who cannot obtain a permit in Virginia after a

conviction for stalking, drunk driving, or inpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment will be able to obtain a Utah permit and legally carry a concealed gun, switchblade, machete, nun chuck, or throwing stars in Virginia.

While I would like to see reciprocity for Virginia permit holders, our Virginians' firearms safety rules should be up to the Virginia legislature and not delegated to the legislatures of states like Utah, Idaho or Alaska. The agreement is not acceptable to me and I will not support the compromise without tighter firearm violence protections.

This week will be busy — I have over a dozen bills up this week. Please complete my constituent survey at www.scottsurovell.org and email me at scott@scottsurovell.org if you have any feedback.

It is an honor to serve as your state senator.

COMMENTARY

Nondiscrimination Bills Pass State Senate

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)



As the snow thawed and the General Assembly went about its business last week, a number of developments occurred involving LGBT rights.

I am excited that both SB12, my bill prohibiting anti-LGBT discrimination in public employment, and Senator Jennifer Wexton's (D-Loudoun) bill SB67, prohibiting discriminatory housing practices, passed the Senate 25-15.

Six fair-minded Republicans joined Senate Democrats in passing these bills to promote fair hiring and housing practices that have been endorsed by business coalitions

and political advocacy groups alike. My bill SB10, which removes provisions in the Code of Virginia prohibiting same-sex marriage in light of the landmark US Supreme court decision Obergefell v. Hodges, was carried over to the 2017 session, awaiting the review of the Virginia Code Commission as to which changes will be necessary to comprehensively update the code to bring the current terms of "husband" and "wife" into alignment with this decision.

Four more of my bills passed the Senate this week and now await consideration by the House of Delegates.

They include SB373, which clarifies the scope of food that must be served at restaurants holding mixed-beverage licenses. Under current law, only restaurants that serve "full course meals with a single sub-

stantial entrée" can prepare cocktails. This does not reflect the current culinary diversity of the Commonwealth. For example, in Virginia, you can have oysters on the half shell; then enjoy pizza and salad, or head for sushi at another establishment and under current law you would have never consumed a single "substantial entrée" that would enable the restaurateur to serve spir-its.

My legislation, which passed the Senate unanimously, would allow an applicant for a license to serve any food, not just substantial entrees; simplifying the process for independent small business owners. After all, a restaurant menu should be prepared by a chef, not a lawyer.

My bill SB322 — which would end the practice of charging prison inmates exorbi-

tant phone rates to contact their families and loved ones — passed 37-2, while SB420, which simplifies the voter registration process for those who have had their rights restored, also passed 26-14.

I will be holding four Town Hall Meetings over the coming weeks and hope you can join me at one:

♦ **Lee District:** Saturday, Feb. 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Hayfield Elementary School – 7633 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria with Sen. Scott Surovell, Del. Mark Sickles and Del. Paul Krizek

♦ **Mt. Vernon:** Saturday, Feb. 20, 12:30-2 p.m.

Whitman Middle School – 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria with Sen. Scott Surovell and Del. Paul Krizek.

WELLBEING

Focusing on Children's Dental Health

Proper proper brushing, flossing and rinsing highlighted in February.

It's time to wage a war on sugar. That's the message that dental professionals are spreading this February, National Children's Dental Health Month. The theme of this year's observance, which is sponsored by the American Dental Association, is "Sugar Wars." Dental professionals are using the month to educate children and families about the role that eating healthy snacks, regular dental visits and proper brushing, flossing and rinsing play in good oral health.

The Northern Virginia Dental Society and local dental professionals will offer free screenings, treatments and education to local, underserved children as part of Give Kids A Smile Day on Friday, Feb. 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Medical Education Campus. The annual

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<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/pcs/hddental.htm>

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event happens on the first Friday in February. For more information, visit <http://www.vdaf.org/Give-Kids-A-Smile/give-kids-a-smile.html>.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

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MONDAY/FEB. 15

George Washington Birthday Service and Breakfast at Pohick

Church. 8 a.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, Pohick Chapter, will sponsor a breakfast following a commemorative service celebrating the birthday of George Washington. \$10 per person, \$25 per family group, with children under 12 free. Call the church office at 703-339-6572.

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ONGOING

“U-Street, the Musical.” Through Feb. 6, 7-9 p.m. at Richard Kauffman Auditorium–Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. U-Street, features 12 original songs and eight dance numbers, bringing light to the issue of homelessness in America. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.ustreetmusical.wordpress.com.

Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week. Through Feb. 7. More than 60 Alexandria restaurants offer a \$35 three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two. More than two dozen restaurants are also offering lunch deals at \$10, \$15 or \$20 per person in addition to the dinner specials. Visit www.alexandriarestaurantweek.com for more.

“Birds of a Feather.” Through Feb. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery–Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The artist focus on things that go together: ham and eggs, bride and groom, etc. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

George Washington Birthday Cherry Challenge. Through Feb. 11, various times and various locations around Alexandria. Celebrating George Washington’s Birthday, local restaurants offer dishes and beverages featuring cherries in the spirit of the old cherry tree tale. Visit any of the more than 50 participating restaurants during the contest and vote for your favorite cherry based items. The customer sampling the greatest number of competing items will receive the Frequent Cherry Diner Award. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.net/cherry-challenge.

“Fred Zafran and Danny Conant.” Through Feb. 14, gallery hours at the Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Danny Conant presents compositions inspired by a recent trip to Paris. Fred Zafran’s new work is an allegory of being, time and memory. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

“Mountains: Recent Paintings by Sue Grace.” Gallery hours, through Feb. 22 at Goodwin House Bailey’s Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St. Sue Grace’s paintings draw inspiration from the West Virginia Mountains and time she has spent there. These paintings represent her fascination with the representational, abstract, and figurative elements of painting. Free. Email Anthony Brock at abrock@goodwinhouse.org.

“No Holds Barred.” Through Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is named for the “don’t hold back, just let go” approach artists Pamela Underhill and Rusty Lynn employ in their artmaking. Free. Visit www.convergence.org for more.

“Color and Shape.” Through Feb. 28, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The Associates Gallery (TAG) February exhibit features two painters – Jill Finsen and Barbara Muth. Both Finsen and Muth paint moments made vivid through color and shape. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

“Shake Loose.” Through March 6, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8



“First Date” by Barbara Muth (above), “Blue-Vased Blooms on Pink-Striped Table” by Jill Finsen

TAG Exhibit Explores ‘Color and Shape’

Two painters, Jill Finsen and Barbara Muth, paint moments made vivid through color and shape. In a newly-opened show, titled “Color and Shape,” the two use bold color and abstract designs. Admission to the Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory (located at 105 N. Union St.) is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. “Shake Loose” features music and lyrics by Thomas W. Jones II, William Hubbard and William Knowles. It features stories and songs from MetroStage productions including “Three Sistahs,” “Cool Papa’s Party,” “Ladies Swing the Blues” and more. Tickets \$55-60. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

Art Exhibit: “Partnerships.”

Through May 15, business hours at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. All artwork is available for purchase through Del Ray Artisans. Artists are donating 20 percent of the purchase price of sold pieces in an equal split between Del Ray Artisans and the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital’s charity of choice, Veterans Moving Forward. Free. Call 703-751-2022 for more.

“Who The Wounded Are.”

Through July 11 at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. “Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital” is about people who lived and worked at this site in Alexandria and their real life stories that inspired the PBS show, “Mercy Street.” Tickets are \$2-12. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History.

Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum’s Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more.

Alexandria’s Nurses & Hospitals

During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama “Mercy Street,” with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

Occupied City: Civil War

Alexandria Self-Guided Tour. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. learn about the real history behind the show “Mercy Street” on this self-guided walking tour, which features significant Civil War Alexandria sites all within walking distance of The Lyceum, which was seized and used as a hospital during the war. Tickets are \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue

lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

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. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Journey to Be Free: Alexandria Freedmen’s Cemetery. Through March, 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.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 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 and 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. **Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-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.

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame–USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

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 will the National Kidney Foundation

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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

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers 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 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.

THROUGH FEB. 14

Art League Patrons Show. Gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. This annual event features 600+ works of original fine art donated by Art League artists, Art League Faculty, and Torpedo Factory artists. The number of tickets sold matches the number of works donated. Prior to the drawing on Feb. 14, the show is on view online and in the Gallery, giving ticket-holders an opportunity to study the artwork and note their favorite pieces, so they'll be prepared to select from the available artwork when their names are drawn. Admission to the gallery is free, tickets for the drawing are \$200 for one work of art and one seat, \$250 for a couple's ticket which includes two seats and one work of art. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/patrons_show.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 4-7

"The Outsiders." 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. "The Outsiders" follows the story of Ponyboy Curtis, a teen from the poor side of town. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call 703-718-2585 or visit www.westpotomactheatre.org for more.

FEB. 4-MARCH 13

"Wings from Chains." Gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Artists consider the roles and responsibilities in society. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY/FEB. 5

"Wings from Chains" Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Celebrate the launch of this exhibit considering the roles of women in society. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.



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The George Washington Cherry Challenge invites patrons to visit more than 50 restaurants during the contest and vote for favorite cherry-based items. The challenge runs through Feb. 11. Pictured here: the winning entry from Evening Star Restaurant in the appetizer category in the Sixth Annual Cherry Challenge. It is a cherry, pistachio terrine with spinach compote. Participating restaurants are listed at www.washingtonbirthday.net/cherry-challenge.

"Trending: Contemporary Art Now!" Opening Reception. at the Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Celebrate this all-media exhibition featuring works by self-identifying women artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

Mardi Gras in Alexandria. 6-8:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Make a Mardi Gras mask with Metamorphosis Art and Enrichment Center or bring your own and participate in the evening's Mardi Gras parade. In advance, tickets are \$5 for residents, \$10 for nonresidents. At the door, tickets are \$10 for residents, \$15 for nonresidents. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac and register using class code 355203.01.

"Joshua." 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Blessed Sacrament music director John H. McCrary will conduct the Blessed Sacrament festival choir, along with an orchestra of professional DC-area musicians in Handel's oratorio, "Joshua." Featured soloists are Michelle Kunz and Joshua Hong, Washington National Opera, and Sally Mouzon and Phillip Pickens, San Francisco Opera. Free. Call 703-998-6100 ext. 103.

FEB. 5-28

"All aBoard." 7-9 p.m. at The Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Eight board members, Ron Blank, Michele Reday Cook, Kim S. Joy, Stephen Lally, Marlin Lord, Elizabeth Guerry Mead, Kathy Turner and Joan Woodill, display their work. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org/show.

SATURDAY/FEB. 6

Winter Warehouse Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Westin Alexandria-400 Courthouse Square. Each year, the Old Town Boutique District hosts a warehouse sale featuring designer clothing, shoes, jewelry, home furnishings, and more at up to 80 percent off retail. Admission to the sale is free. Visit www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com for more.

Preparing for a Ball. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Explore the tavern where famous balls like George Washington's Birthday Ball were held and practice the tasks involved in preparing for a ball. Includes an 18th century dance lesson and a craft to take home. The program begins each 45 minutes. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

John Carlyle Birthday Celebration. 12-4 p.m. at The Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate the birthday of Alexandria town founder John Carlyle with 18th-century dancing, live music, Scottish history and more. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

"The Green Family of Cabinetmakers." 1:30-3 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Learn how the Greens made their money and became a prominent Alexandria family. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1703.

Cissa Paz. 8-10 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Brazilian singer Cissa Paz will lead a concert of Brazilian Carnival dance music. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 7

Walking With Washington Tour. 2-3:30 p.m. starting at Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King St. Visit George Washington's hometown, historic Alexandria, and view some of the sites connected to the General, like where he filled his prescriptions or slept overnight before returning to Mount Vernon. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday.

Winter Warmer Tea. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 138 N. Royal St. Drink a special blend of tea or a cup of American Heritage Chocolate, eat period-inspired delicacies, with "Mrs. Martha Washington." During the tea, "Mrs. Washington" will be sharing stories from her life and visiting with each guest. Also take a tour at 2:15. Tea is

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MONDAY/FEB. 8

Partners in Art. 2-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Creatives gather to discuss art and exchange ideas. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.
Lecture: Women of Alexandria. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Women of Alexandria, from Antebellum to the 20th Century" will depict the effect of the Civil War on the lives of Alexandria's women before, during, and after the war. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

TUESDAY/FEB. 9

Interfaith Dinner. 6:30 p.m. at Beth El Synagogue, 3830 Seminary Road. Maureen Fiedler, founder and host of public radio's preeminent religious news magazine program, "Interfaith Voices," will be the keynote speaker at the Beth El Hebrew Congregation/Fairlington United Methodist Church Interfaith Dinner. Tickets are \$15. Email Ron Sturman at rgsturman@msn.com to RSVP.

Workshop: Vegetable Gardening. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Walter Reed Recreation Center, 2909 16th St. South, Arlington. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, (Arlington and Alexandria) present a workshop for the beginning vegetable gardener. Program will address best practices for site selection, soil requirements and soil improvement, as well as guidance on crop selection and planting schedules. Free. Call 703-228-6414.

FEB. 10-MARCH 13

"A Salute to Primary Colors." 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 9 p.m. on second Thursday of each month. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents primary colors in all forms including as gifts, jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 11

Birthnight Ball Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Birthnight Ball on Feb. 13, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. Tickets are \$12 per class or \$30 for the entire series. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 12

Mount Vernon Chocolate Dinner. 6:30-10 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Find a four-course meal in celebration of Valentine's Day featuring peppercorn crusted steak and triple chocolate cheesecake. Tickets are \$125 each. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 13

Beyond the Battlefield Walking Tour. 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama "Mercy Street" in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Birthnight Banquet and Ball. 5:30-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Attend a recreation

of a celebration of Washington's Birthday. The evening includes an 18th-century banquet, English country dancing, dessert collation, character re-enactors, and General and Mrs. George Washington. Tickets are \$125, \$150 for dinner in the same room as the "Washingtons" and \$250 for a spot at the same table. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 13-14

Presidents Day Weekend Celebration. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Join "General Washington" for a sample of "hoecakes swimming in butter and honey," mingle with costumed characters from George Washington's world, take part in Mount Vernon's largest-ever 18th-century dancing demonstration with costumed characters on the Bowling Green, and more. This event is included in admission: adults, \$20; children ages 6-11, \$10; and children under 5 are admitted free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.
"The Dramatic." 8 p.m. on Saturday at Rachel M. Schlesinger Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, 3 p.m. on Sunday at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs love duets from "La Bohème" and "Madame Butterfly" by Giacomo Puccini, Respighi's "Pines of Rome," Vivaldi's "Double Cello Concerto" and selections from "The Godfather." Tickets are \$5-80. Visit www.alexsym.org for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 14

George Washington Classic. 8 a.m. at the US Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Participate in the 10K race or the 2K Fun run. Registration is \$10 for fun run, \$40 for 10K. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday.
Revolutionary War Reenactment. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day including a Revolutionary War skirmish between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/GWbday.
Parade Day Open Houses. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., and the Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Find a collection of herbs and botanicals at the Apothecary museum, see leath water buckets and hand-drawn fire engines at the friendship firehouse, and more. Free. Visit www.historicalexandria.org for more.

Music in the Gallery: The Navy Concert Band. 2 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Navy Band Chamber Music Series features musicians from the U.S. Navy Band. This chamber music recital will feature traditional and modern music for woodwinds and brass. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

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Adulteration of Chocolate Tasting. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn

more about 18th century tavern beverages and American Heritage Chocolate. Find multiple courses of beverage, chocolate, and food pairings. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

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Lenten Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Celebrate the season of Lenten. The evensong will feature romantic music by British composers Ley, Stanford, Walford Davies, Walmisley. Free. Call 703-549-3312 for more.

MONDAY/FEB. 15

Presidents Day Celebration. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Participate in a dance demonstration, take a photo in front of the Lansdowne portrait, and more. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.
Washington's Birthday: Breakfast & Meeting. 9-10:30 a.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Sponsored by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, this annual tradition at the Hotel Monaco features "George Washington's" first appearance of the day, plus an address by U.S. Rep. Don Beyer, the awarding of the Ben Lynt Award and breakfast. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.friendshipfire.net or call 703-751-6416.

Wreath Laying Ceremony. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax St. Colonial military and civilians honor the soldiers of the Revolution. Free. Call 703-549-6670 for more.

FEB. 10-26

"Space Bop." Various times at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Space Bop" features Christylez Bacon in a show engaging children ages 0-2 in an exploration of celestial life. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org/space-bop for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 16

Homeschool Day: Washington's Ball. 1-2:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In honor of George Washington's actual birthday on Feb. 22, learn how the citizens of Alexandria would celebrate his birthday in the late 1790s. Admission is \$8 for children, free for adults. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

"What You Need to Know About Adoption Searches Through the Generations." 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. JonMarie Pearson, Susan Palma and Don Palma talk about adoption records through time and give tips on finding family in this free talk sponsored by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

Workshop: Vegetable Gardening.

ENTERTAINMENT



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On Saturday, Feb. 6, the public is invited to celebrate the founder of Alexandria, John Carlyle's birthday at his historic mansion. Festivities will include 18th-century dancing, live music, Scottish history, a birthday treat and more. Admission to this event is free. The Carlyle House Historic Park is located at 121 N. Fairfax St. Visit www.novaparks.com.



7-8:30 p.m. at the Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, (Arlington and Alexandria) present a workshop for the beginning vegetable gardener. Program will address best practices for site selection, soil requirements and soil improvement, as well as guidance on crop selection and planting schedules. Free. Call 703-228-6414.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 17

Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Callie Stapp is the Curator of Collections for the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Gadsby's Tavern Museum, both owned and operated by the City of Alexandria. She will speak about how the apothecary shop was used in the 1800s until it closed in 1933. Free. Call 703-360-4979 for more.

THURSDAY/FEB. 18

Marshall Tucker Band. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon

Ave. Southern rock band performs. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/FEB. 19

Harlem Renaissance Fair. 6-11 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College-Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little Turnpike, Annandale. The event will include performances by Thad Wilson's Jazz Orchestra, featuring vocalist Sharón Clark. During the musical performances, dancers will demonstrate dance steps of the era. Actor and poet David Mills will also present a one-man play based on the life and poetry of Langston Hughes. Tickets are \$20-50. Visit www.nvcc.edu for more.

SATURDAY/FEB. 20

GenreCon5: Who Dunnit Best? 2-4 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 10 and up are invited to wear their best detective outfit and participate in sleuth trivia,

games, and more. Free. Call 703-746-1751 for more.

Workshop: Vegetable Gardening. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, (Arlington and Alexandria) present a workshop for the beginning vegetable gardener. Program will address best practices for site selection, soil requirements and soil improvement, as well as guidance on crop selection and planting schedules. Free. Call 703-228-6414.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 20-21

Tea with Martha Washington. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. 18th century tea includes the museum's special blend of tea, pound cake, dried fruit, and assortment of cookies. Also learn how Martha Washington might entertain guests. Tickets are \$25 each, \$20 for groups of six or more. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

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The Bishop Ireton High School Swim and Dive Team is conducting monthly collection drives for UCM's Food Pantry during its 2015-2016 season. Above, Swim Team Captain Emma Klein at UCM is making a delivery of tuna, rice, and other staples on the Friday morning before the blizzard hits. For information about donations to UCM's food program, visit www.ucmagency.org.



Drew Fuller



Bob Wachter

Chorus Has New Director

A local men's barbershop chorus will be led by a new director when they perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. The Harmony Heritage Singers will be conducted by Drew Fuller, appointed in January to succeed Bob Wachter, who had

directed the group since its founding in 1996. Wachter will continue as director emeritus and coach.

Fuller, who was formerly associate director, has been a member of the chorus for five years. He has also been a member of the prize-winning Alexandria Harmonizers since 2000.

Support Santa Claus Yacht Club

River Bend Bistro & Wine Bar is announcing a Super Bowl fundraiser event Sunday, Feb. 7 for the Santa Claus Yacht Club, a charitable organization that provides assistance to children in Alexandria through providing food, uniforms, and gifts.

The unlimited buffet will consist of a bacon dip, Caesar salad, hot dogs, chili, chicken wings, potato skins, BBQ, and cookies and

sweets. Guests will also be able to watch the Super Bowl on two big-screen TVs, and there will also be a silent auction, 50/50, and cash bar.

Tickets are \$50 including tax and gratuity, and \$25 of the cost is tax deductible. Guests must make a reservation to attend, and the Bistro will be closed for the event. Call 703-347-7545 or visit www.riverbendbistro.com for more.

Skydiver Wins Gold at Championships

West Potomac High School graduate Trevor Woods won a gold medal last month at the 2015 U.S. Parachute Association National Collegiate Parachuting Championships, held at the Florida Skydiving Center in Lake Wales. Woods is a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

The competition drew more than 100 collegiate skydivers from around the country to compete for the title of national champion in four skydiving disciplines: Formation Skydiving, Vertical Formation Skydiving, Sport Accuracy and Classic Accuracy.

Woods and his team WP Calvin and Hobbs won gold in the 2-way formation skydiving event. In formation skydiving, the team leaps



Trevor Woods (left) and Calvin Nguyen

from an aircraft more than two miles above the ground and then races against the clock to form prescribed geometric formations in freefall before opening their

parachutes.

Woods is a sophomore majoring in systems engineering. He has completed more than 100 skydives.



Seeking To Reduce Gun Violence

About 30 members and friends of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church lobbied state representatives in Richmond for stronger state gun laws on Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Jan. 18. The church advocates for measures that prevent the indiscriminate purchase of firearms for the use of violence against people who live in the United States; provide safe havens for people to report threatening behavior; provide federal funding to study the causes of gun violence; and support universal background checks for purchase of firearms.



Block Advisors Opens

A ribbon cutting and grand opening for Block Advisors, 7584 Telegraph Road, was held Thursday, Jan. 14, by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. Block Advisors provides tax preparation and planning for individuals, small businesses including partnerships and corporations. It also specializes in estates and trusts, bookkeeping, and payroll services. Office Manager John Tagliamento is a Master Tax Advisor and retired IRS agent. Block Tax Advisors are available to meet year-round and provide personal service.



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Panelists and experts leading sessions regarding human trafficking included (from left) Louise Shelley, Ph.D, a George Mason University professor; Just Ask Prevention Project President Beth Saunders; Fairfax County Public Schools K-12 Coordinator for Health, Family Life and Physical Education Elizabeth Payne, Ed.D.; and Detective Bill Woolf with the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force.

Elizabeth Scaife shows a slide of human and sex trafficking victims, demonstrating that in general victims can be any age or race.

Event Raises Awareness of Local Human Trafficking

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out and control.

"They begin to buy into the lie that life doesn't matter and theirs doesn't mean much," said Scaife.

Detective Bill Woolf with the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force has given numerous such talks around Fairfax County, raising awareness of trafficking. Woolf was one of four expert panelists who spoke at the event after Scaife.

At a forum held at West Springfield High School in February 2015, Woolf said in 2014, his office saw 156 leads in Northern Virginia, often with multiple victims. In that same time, they identified more than 261 victims and recovered 108.

On Sunday, Woolf said one of the biggest threats in the trafficking world right now is social media and the access people have to information.

"It comes with a price," he said, giving the example that traffickers can use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other platforms as a mechanism to scouting potential victims. "We must be responsible for what we allow our children to have access to," said Woolf.

Woolf then gave the recent example of a 14-year-old girl who was approached by a 20-something man and after talking for a



Residents came to the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax for a multi-hour seminar on what human trafficking is and how to get involved with prevention and detection and taking action.

while, the two became friends on Facebook. The detective was able to talk with the girl and encouraged her to attend a presentation of the Just Ask Prevention Program. The girl determined she was being recruited for trafficking and turned her Facebook account over to Woolf.

Woolf, as the girl, set up a meeting with the man. He was arrested and is now serving time in a federal prison.

"It's so important that we talk about this," Woolf said. "Talking to her, she had no idea

what trafficking was before going to the presentation. Just to give them the knowledge, the tools to prevent this," is huge, he said.

Fairfax County Public Schools K-12 Coordinator for Health, Family Life and Physical Education Elizabeth Payne, Ed.D. agreed with Woolf. "What's not working is silence," she said. "We have to get that conversation to the forefront and put a name on it."

Payne is optimistic that more attention is being paid to human trafficking around Vir-

ginia. "We are taking the veil away," she said.

Just Ask Prevention Project President Beth Saunders echoed, "We're starting to break down the barriers of what this is." Part of that is just understanding the scope of the problem, that it isn't just happening in conflict zones, overseas. "The localization of this is mind-bending," she said.

Just Ask is a local non-profit working to raise awareness of teen sex trafficking and prevent criminals from taking more victims.

After the panel introductions, the seminar broke out into more detailed discussions of the involvement of laws and law enforcement, schools and business and the international scope of the problem.

The event was sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for Women, the Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women, the City of Fairfax Commission for Women and the Fairfax County Commission for Women.

The 24/7 National Human Trafficking Hotline Number is 1-888-373-7888 or you can text "HELP" between 3-11 p.m. to 233733 (Be Free). For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw or justaskprevention.com.

SPORTS

Spartans Present Majors with Pick-Your-Poison Outlook

West Springfield makes eight 3-points in win over MV.

By JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

When facing West Springfield for the first time this season, Mount Vernon head coach Lou Golden approached the Spartans' size advantage by having the Majors play man defense and double-team in the post.

The result: 14 points for 6-foot-4 Spartan forward Brock Vaughn, 12 points for 6-foot-9 forward Lewis Djonkam, according to stats from allmetsports.com, and a 24-point West Springfield victory on Jan. 8.

On Tuesday, Mount Vernon hosted West Springfield to open the second half of the Conference 7 schedule. This time, Golden had the Majors playing a zone defense in hopes of limiting paint touches for the Spartan post players.

The strategy proved effective in slowing down Djonkam and Vaughn at the offensive end as the duo combined for just eight points — all by Djonkam. However, the cost of packing defenders in the paint was providing West Springfield with open looks from the perimeter and, oh, how the Spartans capitalized.

West Springfield knocked down eight 3-pointers, including seven in the first half, and the Spartans cruised to a 62-39 victory on Feb. 2 at Mount Vernon High School.

"We know that they're very big, so last time we manned up and tried to make it more difficult to get it into the post and we doubled in the post," Golden said. "I think the last time we played them, Lewis probably had [12], Brock had [14], and they totally killed us from the inside. So our approach this game was to zone up, make it harder to get it into the



Mount Vernon senior Kirby Ruff shoots against West Springfield on Tuesday.



Mount Vernon senior Hameed Oyedele finished with seven points during the Majors' loss to West Springfield on Tuesday.

post, and I thought from that aspect, we did a very good job [with] that. Brock and Lewis got frustrated. We did a good job and made it very difficult for them to get it.

"Unfortunately, they were hitting every single ... [3-point shot]."

Mount Vernon led 7-4 midway through the first quarter, but West Springfield guard Andrew Storr knocked down a pair of 3-pointers, giving the Spartans a lead they would hold for the final 28 minutes of the contest.

"We've got a lot of shooters on our team," said Storr, who finished with six points. "Everyone's ready to just fire one up."

Junior guard Kyle Pack made West Springfield's seventh 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the first half, giving the Spartans a 31-16 halftime advantage.

"It's definitely like a pick your poison," Golden said. "They're definitely a very hard matchup."

It was the first game back for both teams after a snowstorm caused Fairfax County Public Schools to cancel classes and athletic events for more than a week. Neither team had played since Jan. 19.

"Coming off a break, it was a great strategy," West Springfield head coach Durmia Marshall said about Mount Vernon playing zone. "Kids haven't been able to get in a gym for seven days; they haven't been shooting the ball. It was a great idea, I just think the kids focused and made the shots."

The victory improved West Springfield's record to 14-1, including 8-0 against Conference 7 opponents. Every other team in the conference has at least three losses.

"We take pride in it," Djonkam said about having an undefeated conference record. "We love it."

Mount Vernon fell to 6-9 overall and 2-6 in the conference. The Majors have dropped four of their last five after a four-game win streak that included an 87-79 victory over Lake Braddock on Jan. 5.

Nine different Majors scored at least two points against West Springfield, not one scored more than seven.

Senior forward Kirby Ruff and senior guard Hameed Oyedele each scored seven points for Mount Vernon. Senior forward Timothy Edwards finished with six points and sophomore guard Josiah Jimboy had five.

"[Ruff's] confidence has been lacking," Golden said. "I was expecting him to be a key player this year and he really hadn't done too much until the past few games. His



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Mount Vernon senior Timothy Edwards goes up for a shot against West Springfield on Tuesday.

confidence is growing and I think part of it [is] he's a senior and he knows his days are kind of dwindling down and so now he's going out there playing with more passion, knowing his days are numbered, so he's coming with it. I'm hoping that will trigger some type of effect for the rest of the team, knowing that the season is coming to an end. It's now or never."

Golden praised the effort of sophomore James Gibson, who came up from the JV.

"He's one of those high-energy, tough defensive guys," Golden said, "and I thought, defensively, he did an excellent job out there when we [played man defense]."

West Springfield junior Riley Welch made one 3-pointer and finished

with eight points. Sophomore Gabriel Kier and Pack each made two 3s and scored eight points.

Senior Spencer Askew also knocked down a 3-pointer. Senior Andrew Johnson finished with seven points.

"It opens the middle a lot more," Djonkam said about the Spartans making perimeter shots. "When they hit shots, we win."

West Springfield hosted Annandale on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Spartans will host T.C. Williams at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5.

Mount Vernon faced South County on Wednesday. The Majors will travel to face West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.



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Principal Alex Case came out to support the West Potomac Swim and Dive team at the Patriot District Conference Championship, held as a one-day timed finals Jan. 30 at Lee District RECenter.

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OBITUARY



Buxton-Donald Clarke Casey, 77, died in his home in Buxton on Friday evening, January 29, 2016.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Louise (Holbert) Casey and his four children: Jean-Louise (Casey) Dixon and her husband David of Buxton; John D. Casey and his wife Kimberly of Carlsbad, CA; Michael C. Casey and his wife Ansley of Manteo, NC; and Eilyn Clare Casey of Kill Devil Hills, NC.

Born and raised in Johnson, Nebraska, the son of D. Clarke Casey and Lois (Carle) Casey, he was a longtime resident of Alexandria, Virginia until his retirement to Buxton in 2006.

Mr. Casey attended the University of Nebraska, graduating in 1961 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. In 1964 he earned his Law Degree from the University of Nebraska as well. He earned his LLM in Patent Law from George Washington University in Washington, DC in 1966. He met his wife Louise in Lincoln where they were married. In 1964, he joined the JAG Corps of the U.S. Army until his honorable discharge in 1969 as a Captain. He served in the Pentagon for his entire military career.

Mr. Casey practiced patent law in Washington, D. C. and Alexandria, Virginia for his entire career. He was active in local politics, serving on the Alexandria, Virginia City Council for three terms from 1977 to 1986. He retired from private practice in 2006. He was a member of the Beverly Hills United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

During his later years Mr. Casey's two passions were his gardening and his grandchildren. Mr. Casey is survived by eleven grandchildren: Jacob, Noah and Jonah Dixon of Buxton; Connor and Nora Casey of Carlsbad, CA; Fletcher, Wallace and Bryson Casey of Manteo, NC and Hayden Harper and Oliver and Elliott Barker of Kill Devil Hills, NC.

He volunteered at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras, NC. He was also active in the Cape Hatteras Masonic Lodge 698, serving as Master of the chapter at the time of his death.

A memorial will be held on Wednesday, February 3 at 3:00 pm at St. Johns United Methodist Church in Avon, North Carolina. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Hatteras Island Youth Education Fund at PO Box 750, Avon, NC 27915.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Gallop Funeral Services in Nags Head and expressions of condolences are welcome at www.gallopfuneralservices.com.

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Dateline: Hanover, NH

Alison McCallum May, age 85, died peacefully at home in Hanover, New Hampshire, on January 30, 2016, surrounded by family.

Born July 13, 1930 to James Dow McCallum, a professor of English at Dartmouth College, and Margaret Beck McCallum, Alison was raised in Hanover. She graduated from Vassar College in 1952, with a major in Economics.

In 1954, she married Donald H. May. While raising their four children, she was actively involved in community affairs in Alexandria, Virginia. She worked with the NAACP, the National Conference for Community and Justice, and the ACLU in their efforts to overcome the racial unrest of the 1960s. In subsequent years, she served on the Alexandria School Board and was a driving force in the desegregation of that school system. She was a successful stockbroker and financial planner before retiring with Don to Norwich, Vermont in 1994.

Alison remained loyal to Vassar and chaired several reunions. In Norwich, she worked tirelessly as chair of the Board of Trustees of the Norwich Public Library, spearheading a major capital campaign for the library's expansion. She served on the town's Finance Committee, and the Norwich Selectboard, including several years as its chair. She was an active member of the Norwich Women's Club. For many years, she enthusiastically maintained their town directory.

In 1996, Alison and Don co-founded the Salikenni Scholarship Fund, a non-profit organization that supports and mentors students in the rural village of Salikenni in The Gambia in West Africa. She was particularly proud of the program's efforts to educate girls.

She was a role model to many for her volunteerism, leadership, and active community participation. She was admired for her dedication and determination to better the world around her.

Alison was a passionate gardener and enjoyed sharing this love with passersby, often adding a good story or some political advice along the way. Her gardens in Norwich, Prince Edward Island, and Alexandria were admired by many.

She is survived by her husband, Don, and the families of their four children: Anne and Henry Hart (Chestertown, MD), Steve and Liza May (Bonita Springs, FL), Dave May and Katherine Kiluk (Hingham, MA), Libby May and Eoghan Mahony (Santa Monica, CA). She also leaves seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and her sister Anne McCallum von Maltzahn (Halifax, NS).

To view an online memorial and or send a message of condolence, please visit www.rand-wilson.com

A memorial service will be held at St. Barnabas Church, Norwich, VT, on February 22, 2016 at 11 a.m. Alison was buried in a private family service on February 2nd at Pine Knolls Cemetery in Hanover.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Salikenni Scholarship Fund (www.salikenni.org) or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rand-Wilson Funeral Home of Hanover, NH.

OBITUARY



Emily Preadable Corbin of Stratford Landing in Alexandria, Va., died peacefully on January 30, 2016, in her home of over 50 years. She was surrounded by loved ones, music, prayers and many tender touches and whispers of love. Family came from as far as France, Japan and The Netherlands.

Emily was born in Washington D.C. at Sibley Hospital on September 25, 1929. She attended Elliot and Bryan schools and graduated from Eastern High School. She worked for President Eisenhower in the Women's Division, traveled the world with the International Monetary Fund and was a skilled asset to the Arent Fox law firm. After retirement, she continued a life full of friends, family, travel adventures and an eloquent humanity.

She spent hours at the Boys Club as a youth, was a charter member of the Stratford Women's Club and served as recording secretary. Her favorite things in life were bridge, music, traveling and tennis. Most family and friends have an oil painting or two hanging on a wall painted by Emily. She loved watching sports on and said "sports were the only true, unbiased thing on T.V." Her intelligence and quick wit made her fascinating and a great joke teller.

She is survived by her four daughters and one son, Catherine McGinn Ahmad (John), John Alan Corbin (Claudie) of France, Robin E. Kelly (Mike), Tracy Edith Corbin and Erin E. Buhrman (Rob). She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, by her sister, Catherine Thames and many dear friends. She was predeceased in death by her husband, John R. Corbin in 1986 and grandson, Neil David Kelly in 2013.

She was unselfish and generous and a beautiful influence on all that were fortunate to have known her. And like one daughter said, "she was our rock".

She donated her body to the Georgetown University Department of Medical Science.

In lieu of flowers, please made a donation to a charity of your choice.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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.

OBITUARY



Carolyn Carter Chandler, born April 22, 1949 in Altus, Oklahoma, passed away on January 30, 2016 in Austin, Texas.

Carolyn received her Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and her Master's in Social Work from the University of Tennessee at Nashville. Carolyn worked as a social worker in Alabama before becoming a stay-at-home mom while raising her two sons in Alexandria, Virginia. She pursued real estate investing with her beloved husband Roy in the early 2000's and managed several rental properties during that time. She loved spending time with her family and became a grandmother in 2014.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Roy A. Chandler, Jr., who passed away unexpectedly in September 2014.

Following Roy's death, Carolyn moved to Austin from her home in Virginia to be near family while battling Alzheimer's disease.

She is survived by her sons, Carter Chandler of Denver and Ryan Chandler of Austin, daughters-in-law Rachel Hartgen and Kristin Chandler, and grandson Hayes Chandler. Her father-in-law Roy A. Chandler, Sr, her sisters-in-law Somer McElyea and Judy Callahan, brother-in-law Corey Chandler, nephew Brandon Browning, and niece Kelly Putman, all of Alabama.

A memorial service will be held Saturday February 6, 2016 at 10:30 am at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home at 2620 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. A page in her honor has been setup at: act.alz.org/goto/CarolynChandler.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home South Congress, 2620 S. Congress, Austin, TX 512/442-1446. You may view memorials at www.wcfish.com



ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-02-01

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide **Teaching Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired**.

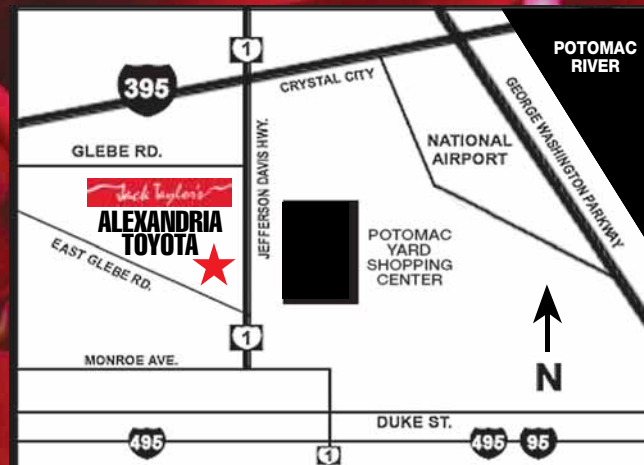
Sealed Proposals with the notation **RFP# 16-02-01 Teaching Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired** will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, February 11, 2015. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>

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